

# Night spaces: migration, culture and integration in Europe (NITE)

**Night Scenes conference, London, 23-24 April 2020**

**Night Roundtable, 1400h on 23 April 2020**

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ROUNDTABLE

UCL Urban Laboratory invites proposals from **doctoral candidates and recent masters graduates** to participate in a roundtable examining how night spaces have been imagined, produced, experienced and narrated in European cities by communities who have mobilized around particular migrant identities or histories. This roundtable will be part of the first conference, *Night Scenes*, linked to a three-year transdisciplinary research project exploring nocturnal public spaces in eight cities in the Netherlands, Ireland, UK, Germany, Denmark and Portugal. The conference will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 with confirmed speakers including Dr Robert Shaw, author of *The Nocturnal City*, Professor Judith Walkowitz, author of *Nights Out: Life in Cosmopolitan London*, Dr Sukhdev Sandhu, author of *Night Haunts: A Journey Through the London Night* and Professor Matthew Beaumont, author of *Nightwalking: a Nocturnal History of London*.

Authorities have historically wrestled with the issue of night-time control, and the hours after dark are often still perceived as harboring threats to public order and potential criminality. However, the current policy attention to night-time urban economies, exemplified by the creation of night mayors, indicates increasing interest in the potential of cities and culture at night. The roundtable and conference will set out to explore night-time urban settings in their complexity as sites of crisis and regeneration, memory and heritage, visibility and invisibility, community solidarity and growth.

Doctoral candidates and recent masters graduates who have evidence from arts and humanities disciplines to contribute to these discussions please **send a proposal, using the form provided, to [urbanlaboratory@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:urbanlaboratory@ucl.ac.uk) by Monday 13 January, 17.00 GMT**. In order to accommodate the maximum number of presenters, presentations should be kept to maximum 10-15 minutes. Proposals will be reviewed by the NITE research team. Proposals related to cities in the countries named above will be prioritised. We invite presentations in a variety of formats. **Themes might include:** the formality and informality of night-time venues, institutions and activities; visibilities and invisibilities at night; night-time labour and precarity; queering the night and queer migration; night-time spaces and migration or migrant identities in Aarhus, Amsterdam, Berlin, Cork, Galway, Lisbon, London, Rotterdam; how the state 'sees' migrant communities in cities; night cultures, belonging and community building and migrant identities, narratives, histories and migration.

**Conference updates will be posted at [www.ucl.ac.uk/urban-lab](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/urban-lab)**



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