

CLASSICS IN SPATIAL THEORY

PhD course within the Swedish National Program for Research Education in Human Geography, 7,5 ECTS

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Course Organizers

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Syllabus

The present course offers advanced knowledge of spatial theories by examining key/classical texts on the subject. It is broadly structured along three major conceptions of space: (1) *Spatial Science*, (2) *Humanist*, and (3) *Relational* conceptions of space. The course offers a (philosophical) history of conceptions of space as laid out by key protagonists. As such, the course is not only a journey through canonical notions of space but also a mapping of the geographies of the disciplinary canon as well. The course consists of readings of a selection of classical (canonical) texts, combined with parallel thematic lectures and seminars addressing the three key themes and related sub-themes. In addition to a final paper which will be presented in a course paper seminar.

Preliminary Schedule

Module 1: January 28-29, 2021

Venue: Karlstad University

Theme: *Spatial Science*

28th of January, 10-12

28th of January, 13-16

Lecture: Richard Ek

Literature Seminar: Text *Geography and Geographers* 7th edition chapters 1-4; Gould "Geography 1957-1977: The Augean Period" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* Vol. 69, No. 1, Special Issue: Seventy-Five Years of American Geography (Mar., 1979), pp. 139-151.
Dinner: *Bishops Arms* 18:00 (own expense)

29th of January, 10-12

Lecture: TBA

Module 2: 22-23 March 2021

Venue: Lund University

Theme: *Humanistic geography and Phenomenological Conceptions of Space*

22nd of March, 10-12

22nd of March, 13-16

Lecture: Tomas Germundsson

Literature Seminar. Text: Seamon, D *A Geography of the Life World* (ca 160 pages);
Dinner: TBA (own expense)

23rd of March 10-12

Literature Seminar. Text: *Geography and Geographers* 7th edition chapter 5; Yi-Fu Tuan, *Space and place: the perspectives of experience*.

Module 3: 24-25 May 2021,

Venue: Karlstad University

Theme: Critical Conceptions of Space

24th of May, 10-12

24th of May, 13-16

25th of May

Lecture: Mekonnen Tesfahuney

Literature Seminar: Text: Lefebvre, H (1991) *The Production of Space* (ca 450 pages);

Presentation & Discussion of Synopsis for the Course Paper

NB: Anne Buttimer's *Geography and the Human Spirit* will be used as a general reference guide

How to apply

Send an email to Mekonnen Tesfahuney (mete@kau.se) no later than 15 December 2020.

Course Literature (preliminary)

Bachelard, Gaston (2014/1958) *The Poetics of Space*. New Edition. London: Penguin Books (ca 150 pages)

Buttimer, Anne (1993). *Geography and the human spirit*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press

Casey, Edward (2013) *The Fate of Place. A Philosophical History*. Berkley: University of California Press (ca 400 pages)

Lefebvre, Henri (1991/1974) *The Production of Space*. London: Blackwell (ca 360 pages)

Gould "Geography 1957-1977: The Augean Period *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* Vol. 69, No. 1, Special Issue: Seventy-Five Years of American Geography (Mar., 1979), pp. 139-151 (13 pages)

Harvey, David (2004) *SPACE AS A KEY WORD* Paper for Marx and Philosophy Conference, 29 May 2004, Institute of Education, London

Johnston, R. J. & Sidaway, J (2017) *Geography and Geographers: Anglo-American Human Geography since 1945*. London Edward Arnold. 5th edition (ca 425 sidor)

Massey, Doreen (1994) *A Global sense of Place* (ca 200 pages)

Massey, Doreen (1999) *Power Geometries of Space-Time*. Heidelberg (ca 80 pages)

Olwig, Kenneth R. (2002): The Duplicity of Space: Germanic 'Raum' and Swedish 'Rum' in English Language Geographical Discourse. *Geografiska Annaler* 84B (1): 29-45.

Seamon, David (1979/2015) *A Geography of the Life World*. Routledge(ca 230 sidor)

Tuan, Yi-Fu (2001): *Space and place: the perspectives of experience*. University of Minnesota Press (235 sidor)

Reference Literature

- Burton, Ian (1963) "The Quantitative Revolution and Human Geography" *Canadian Geographer*, VII, 4 (12 pages)
- Blunt, A. & Rose, G. eds. (1994) *Writing Women & Space. Colonial & Postcolonial Geographies*. New York: Guilford Press
- Crampton, Jeremy & Elden, Stuart eds. (2007) *Space, Knowledge & Power*. Aldershot: Ashgate (250 pages)
- Crang, Michael & Thrift Nigel ed. (2000) *Thinking Space*. London: Routledge (ca 100 pages)
- de Certeau, Michel (1984) *The Practice of Everyday Life*. Berkeley: University of California Press (ca 250 pages)
- Deleuze, Gilles & Guattari, Felix (1987) *A Thousand Plateaus. Capitalism & Schizophrenia*. (chapters 1, 3, 7, 12, 14)
- Elden, Stuart ed. (2012) *Sloterdijk Now*. Cambridge: Polity
- Foucault, Michel (1986/1967) "Of Other Spaces" *Diacritics* Spring, (6 pages)
- Harvey, David (1969) *Explanation in Geography*. London: Arnold (ca 250 pages)
- Malpas, Jeff (2006) *Heidegger & The Thinking of Place. Explorations in the Topology of Being*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press
- Olwig, Kenneth (2002): *Landscape, Nature and the Body Politic: From Britain's Renaissance to America's New World*. Madison, University of Wisconsin Press.
- Ord & Bild* (1998) *På Plats*. Nr. 3 [Special Issues on Place]
- Ponty, Merleau (2002/1962) *Phenomenology of Perception* New York: Routledge
- Pred, Allan (1984): Place as historically contingent process: structuration and the time-geography of becoming places. *Annals Ass. Am. Geogr.*, vol. 74, s. 279-297.
- Teveson, A & Upstone, S (2011) *Postcolonial Space. The Politics of Place in Contemporary Culture*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan
- Res Publica* (1999) Farlig Geografi. Nr. 41-42
- Said, Edward (2000) *Out of Place*. London: Granta
- Tuan, Yi-Fu (1990) *Topophilia*. New York: Columbia University Press