

Call for papers – 14 February 2022

Thinking space beyond the binary: critical feminist and queer approaches

Studies on space predominantly focus on applying dual and opposed categories to structure knowledge and understanding of human relations and practices. A production of space that fails to capture a myriad of minority and subaltern realities that challenge preconceived and prescriptive categories. Over the last decade, a growing literature of feminist and queer geographies has suggested to rethink the binary spatial categories that lock the understanding of territories in fixist and reductive models. In the vein of this approach, this session proposes to highlight queer and feminist critique that charts new paths for understanding space through hybridization and assemblage rather than in traditional categories. To this end, this session fosters a reflection on the epistemological and conceptual reformulation of the multiscale thematic couples that shape knowledge on space, including but not limited to: North/South, local/global, urban/rural, center/periphery, private/public.

Rethinking thematic binarism in research does not only imply theoretical standpoints but addresses the whole research process, including methodologies, data collection, writing and dissemination. To this end, this session welcomes papers based on scientific research, reflexive presentations, or various forms of empirical work. As epistemic frameworks vary and are addressed differently (but often complementarily) depending on research fields and contexts, speakers from different countries and academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. This session welcomes submissions in English with an attention to papers from the field of geography and related disciplines (sociology, anthropology, urbanism, and architecture).

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Submission process:

Paper proposals can be submitted **until March 27th, 2022**. Each proposal should include a title, an abstract (250 words), keywords (5 maximum) and a short bibliography (5 references maximum). Please submit your proposal by email to jeanhmakhoulta@gmail.com.

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