

Spatial Refiguration: Dynamics, Challenges, and Conflicts

Third International Conference of the
Collaborative Research Centre
(SFB 1265) „Refiguration of Spaces“

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Virtual Conference

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OVERVIEW

Since 2018, the collaborative research centre SFB 1265 “Refiguration of Spaces” has brought together more than 60 researchers from the disciplines of sociology, architecture, urban planning, geography, media and communication studies. Following the central hypothesis of the SFB that the radical changes in socio-spatial orders which have emerged since the late 1960s require a new concept and theories beyond globalisation, the forthcoming international conference will invite renowned international scholars and a wide-ranging academic and transdisciplinary audience to discuss preliminary research outcomes. How can the concept of the refiguration of spaces help make conflictual transformation processes more tangible and enable a better understanding of the underlying dynamics which shape new conflicts and challenges? How do these conflicts manifest themselves in spatial knowledge, in new forms of digital communication and decision making, or in knowledge circuits, mobilities and flows across globally connected societies?

PROGRAMME

Sessions will take place virtually only. They address networks and digital aspects of the refiguration of spaces, the transformation of homemaking in current times, as well as conflicts in terms of politics, identities, and economy. We are looking forward to keynotes by Ulrich Brand, Robin Celikates, Nick Couldry, Keller Easterling, Walter Mignolo and Raquel Rolnik.

The conference programme is flanked by an engagement in transdisciplinary approaches to the refiguration of spaces. The first is related to the question of how to visualise refiguration and communicate it to a wider public. To achieve this goal, the researchers at the SFB 1265 are collaborating with artists and graphic designers. We will present the results of this process in a virtual exhibition and discuss with the artists what it means to express scientific knowledge visually. The second approach is a public discussion on the question of how far the refiguration of spaces relates to societal challenges and can inform current political processes.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

12:30-1:30 pm
CONFERENCE OPENING: Welcome
Johanna Hoerning / Philipp Misselwitz (SFB 1265)

Varieties of Refiguration
Martina Löw / Hubert Knoblauch (SFB 1265)

1:30-3:30 pm
SESSION 1: Networked Refiguration
Alexa Keinert / Barbara Pfetsch / Daniela Stoltenberg / Annie Waldherr / Jan-Peter Voß / Volkan Sayman / Talja Blokland / Robert Vief / Henrik Schultze / Daniela Krüger (SFB 1265) / Paula Nitschke (University of Augsburg)

SESSION 2: Digital Refiguration
Hubert Knoblauch / René Tuma / Gabriela Christmann / Martin Schinagl / Eric Lettkemann / Ingo Schulz-Schaeffer (SFB 1265)
Keynote - Nick Couldry (London School of Economics)

3:30-4:00 pm
VIRTUAL LOUNGE

4:00-6:00 pm
PLENARY DEBATE 1: Challenging Universalism - Whose Refiguration?

Keynote
Walter Mignolo (Duke University)
Refigurations of Universalism and Reconstitutions of the Pluriversal

Discussants: Silke Steets (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg) / Erik Swyngedouw (University of Manchester)
Chair: Johanna Hoerning (SFB 1265)

6:15-7:30 pm
EXHIBITION OPENING: Visualising the Refiguration of Space

Peter Behrbohm (independent artist)
Johanna Benz / Tiziana Beck (graphicrecording.cool)
Séverine Marguin (SFB 1265)

Chair: Philipp Misselwitz (SFB 1265)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

8:00-9:00 am
VIRTUAL LOUNGE

9:00-10:30 am
SESSION 3a: Homemaking Refigured I
Anna Steigemann / Ayham Dalal / Caroline Genz / Janina Dobruskin / Lucas Pohl / Ilse Helbrecht (SFB 1265)
Emma Power (Western Sydney University)

SESSION 4a: Conflictive Refiguration I - Politics
Sina Birkholz / Steffen Mau / Kristina Korte / Fabian Gülzau / Theresa Adenstedt (SFB 1265)
Fabio Santos (Freie Universität Berlin)

10:30-11:00 am
VIRTUAL LOUNGE

11:00am-12:30 pm
SESSION 3b Homemaking Refigured II
Ignacio Castillo Ulloa / Angela Million / Hannah Klug / Jörg Stollmann / Hannah Wolf (SFB 1265)

SESSION 4b: Conflictive Refiguration II - Identities
Jochen Kibel / Gunter Weidenhaus / Eva Korte / Stefanie Bürkle / Janin Walter (SFB 1265)
Silke Steets (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)

12:30-1:30 pm
VIRTUAL LOUNGE / LUNCH BREAK

1:30-3:30 pm
PLENARY DEBATE 2: Global spatial dynamics and interdependencies

Keynotes
Keller Easterling (Yale University)
Medium Design
Ulrich Brand (University of Vienna)
Spatial Refiguration of the Imperial Mode of Living: A Political Ecology Perspective in Times of Multiple Crisis

Discussant: Nina Gribat (BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg)
Chair: Philipp Misselwitz (SFB 1265)

3:30-4:00 pm
VIRTUAL LOUNGE

4:00-6:00 pm
SESSION 4c: Conflictive Refiguration III - Economy
Nina Baur / Linda Hering / Julia Fülling / Stefan Kirchner (SFB 1265)
Elke Schüßler (Johannes Kepler University Linz)

6:15-8:15 pm
PLENARY DEBATE 3: Refiguring Conflicts

Keynotes
Raquel Rolnik (University of São Paulo)
Methodologies for Housing Justice Research
Robin Celikates (Freie Universität Berlin)
Dialectics of (De-)Politicization. Refiguring the Demos 'from the Margins'

Discussant: Lisa Vollmer (Bauhaus-Universität Weimar)
Chair: Johanna Hoerning (SFB 1265)

8:15-8:30 pm
CONFERENCE CLOSING
Johanna Hoerning / Philipp Misselwitz (SFB 1265)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021 *POSTPONED*

1:00-3:30 pm
ROUNDTABLE: Refiguration as a Societal Challenge / Refiguration als gesellschaftliche Herausforderung)

** Postponed to an alternative date in November, more details to be announced shortly via the SFB website and newsletter.*