

Here, There, and Somewhere in Between: Placing, Practicing, Configuring

10th and 11th November 2022

Eichstätt, Germany

Call for papers for the mid-term conference of the Graduiertenkolleg ‘Practicing Place’

The graduate school ‘Practicing Place: Socio-Cultural Practices and Epistemic Configurations’ at KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt researches the intersections, tensions, and dynamics of place and practice within a decidedly interdisciplinary collaboration. The local, national, and transnational flows that constitute our everyday are upheld not only by the interconnection of places but by uneven circulations and bounded exclusions: competing configurations of places present challenges to the taken-for-granted, and alternative materialities, mappings, narrations, temporalities, and discourses are a site of continuous struggle. The goal of the training group is to unpick the ‘how’ of places in relation to the situatedness of any and all practices.

In our midterm conference, we are turning the focus toward the dynamics of *placing* - the making, taking, knowing, writing, and doing of places. In other words, the conceptual emphasis is on the ‘-ing’, the gerund of place, the *practicing*. We will address these interactions and intersections with a keynote address by Tim Cresswell as well as a mix of roundtables, panel discussions, and artistic interventions. With an open format in mind, we encourage proposals in various formats to thematise the processes and configurations of placing, and welcome perspectives from the multiple disciplines that constitute our graduate school (American studies, architecture, art history, cultural studies, geography, literary studies, media studies, sociology) and beyond.

The conference will take place on the 10th and 11th of November 2022, hosted by the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, in Eichstätt Germany.

There will be a pre-conference programme on the 9th of November, most notably a guided walking tour and an informal dinner, to get to know each other and the place of Eichstätt.

The conference language is English. We plan subsequent publication(s).

With regard to the ongoing pandemic situation, we will respond as necessary, but intend for an in-person event.

Themes and topics for panels and presentations might include, but are not limited to:

- Moving through place(s)
- Writing/imag(in)ing (and) place(s)
- Waging war and peacebuilding/placing conflict
- Places of the Political/utopia and dystopia
- Workplace, labouring, and class
- Narrative, memories and imagined futures
- Methodologies in the study of placing
- Urbanity and the everyday
- Practicing places of conservation/environmental justice/sustainability
- Placing virtual worlds/digital placing
- Mapping and (b)ordering
- Migration and mobility
- (Dis)Placement

Please submit abstracts of no more than 250 words along with a short CV to gk-practicingplace@ku.de by **15th of June 2022**.

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