Module Outline:

In this module we will be exploring the philosophy of place. We will look at work coming from analytic philosophy and from phenomenology but also at work from other disciplines such as geography, anthropology, and environmental psychology. The module is strongly interdisciplinary. Throughout the course, we will approach from a philosophical standpoint existing research in a variety of disciplines, teasing out the arguments and counterarguments of alternative views on the nature of place.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Understand the main positions to the theorising of place
- Learn how to employ philosophical methods when evaluating work in other disciplines (with a special emphasis on philosophy of geography)

- Develop a sense of how philosophical methods can be employed to find common ground in interdisciplinary research

**Recommended Reading List**

The present reading list is intended as a strong indicator. A definitive reading list will be finalized and advertised at the beginning of the teaching semester:


Massey, Doreen (1994) Space, Place and Gender. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press.


Tuan, Yi-Fu (1977) Space and Place: The Perspective of Experience. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press.

**Assessment:**

The basis for the assessment of this module will consist of one written essay of 3000 words. Students must attach a cover sheet to all Philosophy essays.

The word count includes footnotes but it does not include the bibliography. Essays that go over the limit will be liable for a 5 mark deduction.

Students may request an extension by contacting the MPhil Coordinator.