

## **PIU44162 and PIU44164 | Philosophy of Place**

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<b>Credits:</b>	<b>PIU44162 (10 ECTS) and PIU44164 (5 ECTS)</b>
<b>Contact Hours:</b>	<b>11 x 2-hour seminars; 4 supervision hours; 174 hours of independent study</b>
<b>Pre-requisite:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Hilary Term</b>
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### **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:

Adams, Paul, Hoelscher, Steven, and Till, Karen, eds. (2001) *Textures of Place: Exploring Humanist Geographies*. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press.

Anderson, Ben, and Harrison, Paul, eds. (2010) *Taking-Place: Non-representational Theories and Geography*. Farnham, Ashgate.

Aristotle. (1970). *Aristotle's Physics. Books 1 & 2*. Oxford: Clarendon P.,

Augé, Marc (1995) *Non-Places: Introduction to an Anthropology of Supermodernity*. London, Verso.

Bachelard, G. (2014). *The poetics of space*. Penguin.

Berthold-Bond, Daniel (2000) The ethics of "place": Reflections on bioregionalism. *Environmental Ethics* 22(1), 5–24.

Buttimer, Anne, and Seamon, David, eds. (1980) *The Human Experience of Space and Place*. London, Croom Helm.

Casati, R., & Varzi, A. C. (1996). The structure of spatial localization. *Philosophical Studies: An International Journal for Philosophy in the Analytic Tradition*, 82(2), 205-239.

Casey, Edward (1993) *Getting Back into Place: Toward a Renewed Understanding of the Place-World*. Bloomington, Indiana University Press.

Casey, Edward (1996) How to get from space to place in a fairly short stretch of time, in *Senses of Place*, ed. S. Feld and K. Baso. Santa Fe, School of American Research, pp. 14–51.

Casey, Edward (1998) *The Fate of Place: A Philosophical History*. Berkeley, University of California Press.

Casey, Edward (2005) *Representing Place: Landscape Painting and Maps*. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press."

Cresswell, T. (2014). *Place: An introduction*. John Wiley & Sons.

Cresswell, Tim (1996) *In Place/Out of Place: Geography, Ideology and Transgression*. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press.

Cresswell, Tim (2002) Theorising place, in *Mobilizing Place, Placing Mobility: The Politics of Representation in a Globalized World*, ed. Ginette Verstraete and Tim Cresswell. Amsterdam, Rodopi, pp. 11–32.

Cresswell, Tim (2008) Place: Encountering geography as philosophy. *Geography* 93(3), 132–139.

Cresswell, Tim (2013) Place, in *Introducing Human Geographies*, ed. Paul Cloke, Philip Crang, and Mark Goodwin. London, Routledge, pp. 249–261.

Cresswell, Tim (2014) Place, in *The SAGE Handbook of Human Geography*, volume 1, ed. Roger Lee et al. London, Sage, pp. 7–25.

Dovey, Kim (2010) *Becoming Places: Urbanism/Architecture/Identity/Power*. London, Routledge.

Feld, Steven, and Basso, Keith, eds. (1997) *Senses of Place*. Washington DC, School of American Research Press.

Harvey, David (1993) From space to place and back again, in *Mapping the Futures*, ed. Jon Bird, Barry Curtis, Tim Putnam, George Robertson, and Lisa Tickner. London, Routledge, pp. 3–29.

Holloway, Lewis, and Hubbard, Philip (2000) *People and Place: The Extraordinary Geographies of Everyday Life*. Upper Saddle River, NJ, Prentice Hall.

Hubbard, Philip, and Kitchin, Rob, eds. (2010) *Key Thinkers on Space and Place*, 2nd edition. London, Sage.

Low, Setha, and Lawrence-Zuniga, Denise, eds. (2002) *The Anthropology of Space and Place: A Reader*. Oxford, Blackwell.

Malpas, J. (2017). Placing understanding/understanding place. *Sophia*, 56(3), 379–391.

Malpas, J. E. (2012) Putting space in place: Philosophical topography and relational geography. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 30(2), 226–242.

Malpas, Jeff E. (1999) *Place and Experience: A Philosophical Topography*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Malpas, Jeff E. (2006) *Heidegger's Topology: Being, Place, World*. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press.

Manzo, Lynne C., and Devine-Wright, Patrick, eds. (2013) *Place Attachment: Advances in Theory, Methods and Applications*. London, Routledge.

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

Massey, Doreen (2005) *For Space*. London, Sage.

Norberg-Schulz, Christian (1980) *Genius Loci: Towards a Phenomenology of Architecture*. London, Academy Editions.

Relph, E. (2015). Place and connection. *The Intelligence of Place: Topographies and Poetics*, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 177–204.

Relph, Edward (1976) *Place and Placelessness*. London, Pion.

Seamon, D. (1980) Body–subject, time–space routines, and place-ballets, in *The Human Experience of Space and Place*, ed. A. Buttimer and D. Seamon. London, Croom Helm, 148–165.

Seamon, David (1979) *Geography of the Lifeworld: Movement, Rest and Encounter*. New York, St. Martin's Press.

Thrift, Nigel (1999) Steps to an ecology of place, in *Human Geography Today*, ed. Doreen B. Massey, John Allen, and P. Sarre. Cambridge, Polity, pp. 295–322.

Trigg, D. (2012). *The memory of place: A phenomenology of the uncanny*. Ohio University Press

Tuan, Yi-Fu (1974) Space and place: Humanistic perspective. *Progress in Human Geography* 6, 211–252.

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.