Spatial Refiguration: Dynamics, Challenges, and Conflicts

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

October 28-30, 2021
Virtual Conference
Hosted by Technische Universität Berlin

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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 Coudry, 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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<td><strong>12:30-1:30 pm</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Conference Opening</strong>&lt;br&gt;Welcome&lt;br&gt;Johanna Hoerning / Philipp Misselwitz (SFB 1265)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Refiguration of Space</strong>&lt;br&gt;Martina Löw / Hubert Knoblauch (SFB 1265)</td>
<td><strong>9:00-9:30 am</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Virtual Lounge</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>9:00-10:30 am</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Session 3a: Homemaking Refigured I</strong>&lt;br&gt;Anna Steigemann / Ayham Dalal / Caroline Genz / Janina Dobruskina / Lucas Pohl / Ilse Helbrecht (SFB 1265)&lt;br&gt;Emma Power (Western Sydney University)&lt;br&gt;<strong>10:30-11:00 am</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Virtual Lounge</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>11:00 am-12:30 pm</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Session 3b: Homemaking Refigured II</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ignacio Castillo Ulloa / Angela Million / Jona Schwerer / Anna Juliane Heinrich / Jörg Stollmann / Hannah Wolf (SFB 1265)&lt;br&gt;Silke Steets (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)</td>
<td><strong>1:00-3:30 pm</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Roundtable: Refiguration as a Societal Challenge</strong>&lt;br&gt;Public debate in German: Refiguration als gesellschaftliche Herausforderung&lt;br&gt;Moderation: Julia Vismann (Independent journalist)&lt;br&gt;<strong>3:30-4:00 pm</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Conference Closing</strong>&lt;br&gt;Johanna Hoerning / Philipp Misselwitz (SFB 1265)</td>
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<td><strong>9:00-9:30 am</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Plenary Debate 1: Refiguring Conflicts</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Keynotes</strong>&lt;br&gt;Raquel Rolnik (University of São Paulo)&lt;br&gt;Methodologies for Housing Justice Research&lt;br&gt;Roger Celikates (Freie Universität Berlin)&lt;br&gt;Dialectics of (De-)Politicization. Refiguring the Demos ‘from the Margins’&lt;br&gt;<strong>Discussant</strong>: Lisa Vollmer (Bauhaus-Universität Weimar)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair</strong>: Johanna Hoerning (SFB 1265)</td>
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### Plenary Debates

- **Keynotes**
  - Raquel Rolnik (University of São Paulo)
  - Walter Mignolo (Duke University)
  - Nick Couldry (London School of Economics)
  - Keller Easterling (Yale University)
  - Robin Celikates (Freie Universität Berlin)

### Keynote Topics

- Medium Design
- Spatial Refiguration of the Imperial Mode of Living: A Political Ecology Perspective in Times of Multiple Crisis
- Refigurations of Universalism and Reconstitutions of the Pluriversal

### Public Debate

- How far the refiguration of spaces relates to societal challenges and can inform current political processes.

### Visualising the Refiguration of Space

- Collaborating with artists and graphic designers to visualise refiguration.
- Exhibition and discussion on expressing scientific knowledge visually.

### Engaging in Transdisciplinary Approaches

- The first approach is related to visualising refiguration for a wider public.
- The second approach is a public discussion on societal challenges and political processes.

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