

Politics, Philosophy and International Thought Research Group

Programme 2012-2013

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In the 2012-2013 academic year, PoPIT will continue its popular series on the “Philosophies of Space and Place” with a combination of classic readings as well as contemporary meditations on space and place. The planned meetings are:

*03 October 2012: Marxist Conceptions of Space Readings: Neil Smith’s (1984) *Uneven Development*

*24 October 2012: Martin Heidegger (1951) “Building, Dwelling, Thinking”, in *Poetry, Language, Thought*,

*14 November 2012: Henri Lefebvre (1974) *The Production of Space*,

*05 December 2012: Marc Augé (1995) *Non-Places: Introduction to an Anthropology of Supermodernity*

*13 February Readings on Stuart Elden in preparation for his visit

*21 February Guest Speaker: Stuart Elden will be giving a talk on 'Shakespearean Territories', and hold a special seminar.

During the spring semester, we will pursue a new series of readings and events that related to philosophies of space and to our previous series on “Philosophies of Time and Future”. We have planned three reading discussions, and have set aside two sessions in which we would like invite graduate students and staff to present on their work. We will decide when to hold the reading discussions depending on the availability of the presenters. The selected readings for these discussions are from:

*Bruno Latour, 1991, *We Have Never Been Modern*;

*Nigel Thrift, 2007, *Non-Representational Theory: Space, Politics, Affect*;

*Rob Walker, 2009, *After the Globe, Before the World*;