

## ABSTRACT

The study and intercultural comparison of topoi, places and spaces are of great importance for intercultural philosophy:

(i) Intercultural thinking itself can be described as topographical, building on the stronger turn to space in philosophy in the second half of the 20th century.

(ii) Differently designed places and spaces can open up new and non-textual accesses to other cultural life-worlds.

(i) While in the first half of the twentieth century European philosophy tended to focus on reflections on time and temporality, the transition to the second half of the 20th century was accompanied by increasing attention to the relevance of topos and spatiality. The process of decentralisation is an important counterpart to the cultural turn. If the homogeneously imagined and measurable space is the signum of modernity and its idea of globality, we are currently experiencing a return to a multiplicity of situated forms of life and lived spaces. This is strongly debated in anthropology and in relation to critiques of the nature-culture divide in literature and science and in technology studies, feminist theory and critical posthumanism. However, these approaches often lack an eye for the historical depth and intellectual-historical significance of the respective spaces, including the homogeneously imagined space of modernity. This underlines the importance of an interdisciplinary exchange on these issues.

(ii) Images and works of art, as well as architecture and even landscapes, provide a unique access to cultural traditions and their thinking. Watsuji's famous study of climatic influences on humanity is an early example of this, but it has also been shown in relation to art and architecture (most recently by Descola in his *Les formes du visible*). However, the relational structure of spaces and places to cultural traditions also becomes relevant in the other direction. This is most obvious in relation to environmental issues. In environmental studies, non-Western approaches are becoming increasingly relevant. This is true in relation to the recognition of Amerindian epistemologies mentioned above, but it is also true in relation to African epistemologies, which offer inspiring alternative ways of thinking. In addition, eco-phenomenology, rhizomatic and nomadic thinking and religious studies contribute to the discussion of lived spaces.

However, these different strands of thought have rarely been brought together and made fruitful for intercultural philosophy. This is what we want to do with our conference.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The conference will take place in-person at Tübingen University. However, online participation via ZOOM will be possible as well:
- Please register for free via [info@cof.uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:info@cof.uni-tuebingen.de). You will receive the invitation link a few days prior to the conference. The link allows you to participate in all sessions.
- All indicated times of the program below refer to Central European Time.

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# “TOPOI, PLACES, AND SPACES IN AN INTERCULTURAL PERSPECTIVE”

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Keynotes by

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## THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024

Location: Alte Aula | Moderation: Niels Weidtmann (University of Tübingen)

09:00 - 09:45	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Conference</b> by Niels Weidtmann, President of SIP/GIP (University of Tübingen)
09:50 - 10:50	<b>Kwok-ying Lau</b> (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) <i>Differential Spaces and their Intercultural Significance: Considered from Geographic, Linguistic, Pictorial and Ethnographic Aspects</i>
10:55 - 11:55	<b>Natalie Depraz</b> (Université de Paris-Nanterre/Archives Husserl) <i>The Surprise of Nature</i>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Rita Segato</b> (Universidade de Brasília/Princeton University) <i>Race and Place: We Are Walking Particles of a Landscape</i>

## FRIDAY, 10 MAY 2024

Location: Alte Aula | Moderation: Ibrahima Ndiaye (University of Tübingen)

9:00 - 10:00	<b>Ikechukwu Anthony Kanu</b> (Veritas University Abuja) <i>The Value of Space in Igbo Eco-Spirituality</i>
10:15 - 11:15	<b>Anke Graness</b> (University of Hildesheim) <i>Where is Africa? – The Challenges of ‘Place’ For a Global Historiography of Philosophy</i>
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Workineh Kelbessa Golga</b> (University of Addis Ababa) <i>The Significance of Real Ecological Change</i>

## SATURDAY, 11 MAY 2024

Location: Alte Aula | Moderation: Evrim Kutlu (University of Cologne)

09:00 - 10:00	<b>Ali Asghar Mosleh</b> (Allameh Tabataba’i University Teheran) <i>Human in Quest of Home: From “Dao” to Today’s “Homelessness”</i>
10:15 - 11:15	<b>Tao DuFour</b> (University of Cambridge) <i>Generative Landscapes: Notes on a Phenomenology of Environmentalty</i>
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Jaroslava Vydrová</b> (Trnava University) <i>The Place of Man in the World in the Perspective of Marginocentricity</i>

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14:30	<b>SECTION 1</b> <b>Dwelling, Belonging, and Phenomenology of Spatiality</b> mod. <b>Eveline Cioflec</b> (University of Sibiu)	<b>SECTION 2</b> <b>Knowledges of Ecology</b> mod. <b>Gabriele Osthoff-Münnix</b> (Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie)
14:35 - 15:15	<b>Thomas Bedorf</b> (University of Hagen) <i>From Space to Place – and Back. Situative Difference as a Concept for Political Phenomenology</i>	<b>Wallerand Bazin</b> (University of Oxford) <i>Thinking With Jacques Rancière towards a Politics of Landscape Transitions</i>
15:20 - 16:00	<b>Vanessa Schmitz</b> (University of Prague/Tübingen) <i>The Place(s) of Education. About the Sources of Our Human Existence From Its In-Between</i>	<b>Juliana Marín/Alberto Castrillón</b> (Universities of Antioquia Colombia and Toulouse/EHSS Paris) <i>Sensitive Inclusions</i>
16:05 - 16:45	<b>Marco Cavallaro</b> (University of Kaiserslautern) <i>“Like A Memory That Serves No Purpose”: Exploring Exile Experience through the Phenomenology of Displaced Habits</i>	<b>Thomas Schmaus</b> (Alanus University) <i>Bodily and Eco-spatial Situatedness According to Heinrich Rombach</i>
16:55 - 17:30	<b>Letizia Konderak</b> (University of Turin) <i>Plural Spaces, Plural Times. A Political Phenomenology of Places</i>	<b>Quentin Badaire</b> (PSL University/ENS Paris) <i>Global Multiculturalism vs Ecological Multiculturalism. Conceptualizing the Multiplicity of Spaces and Cultures in the Age of World Integrated Capitalism</i>

	Location: Room 605	Location: Tanzssaal
14:30	<b>SECTION 3</b> <b>Aesthetics, Architecture, and Landscapes</b> mod. <b>Lorena Grigoletto</b> (University of Tübingen/ University of Naples)	<b>SECTION 4</b> <b>Nomadic Thought, Imaginery Geography, Utopia and Dystopia</b> mod. <b>Dagmar Dotting</b> (Akademie für west-östlichen Dialog der Kulturen)
14:35 - 15:15	<b>Marie Saint Martin</b> (Paris-Sorbonne Nouvelle) <i>Revisiting Topoi of Ancient Greek Tragedy in an Intercultural Perspective: New Paradigms for the Contemporary Scene</i>	<b>Thorsten Botz-Bornstein</b> (Gulf University for Science and Technology, Kuwait) <i>What Kind of Space is “Networked” Space?</i>
15:20 - 16:00	<b>Neli Dobрева</b> (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) <i>What Care For? Place-Based Memories and Aesthetic Experience</i>	<b>Irene Breuer</b> (University of Wuppertal) <i>Spatial Heterotopias and Utopias in the Early Work of Jorge Luis Borges: Realised Fictions of Argentina’s Past</i>
16:05 - 16:45	<b>Pegah Zargar</b> (KU Leuven) <i>Discontinuous and Heterogenous Spatiality of Persian Miniatures</i>	<b>Lavinia Munteanu</b> (Graz University of Technology) <i>Space, Body and Power: The Deviant Heterotopia</i>
16:55 - 17:30	<b>Michaela Ott</b> (University of Fine Arts Hamburg) <i>Interspatial and -cultural Relations in Film</i>	<b>Markus Wirtz</b> (University of Cologne) <i>Noah’s Ark from the Future or: Is Planet Earth the Only Suitable Place for Humans and Post-Humans?</i>

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14:30	<b>SECTION 5</b> <b>Decoloniality and Global History</b> mod. <b>Anna Czajka-Cunico</b> (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyńskiego University Warsaw)	<b>SECTION 6</b> <b>Spaces and Places between East and West</b> mod. <b>Norihito Nakamura</b> (University of Tübingen/ Kyoto University)
14:35 - 15:15	<b>Anindya Purakayastha</b> (ILSR, Kolkata and Kazi Nazrul University) <i>Deterritorialized Epistemes: Sahajiya Critical Theory as Cross-cultural Philosophical Heterodox</i>	<b>Fabian Heubel</b> (Academia Sinica, Taipei) <i>The Space of Without (wú/無): Chinese Mountain-Water Painting and Daoist Aesthetics</i>
15:20 - 16:00	<b>Chibueze Udeani</b> (University of Würzburg) <i>Religious Places and Spatiality in Religion – A Cursory African Hermeneutical Outlook</i>	<b>Volkmar Mühleis</b> (LUCA School of Arts, Brussels) <i>Reverse Perspective in Intercultural Dimensions</i>
16:05 - 16:45	<b>Fernando Wirtz</b> (Kyoto University) <i>Homero M. Guglielmini’s Political Phenomenology of the Space</i>	<b>Yi-Huei Jiang</b> (University of Louvain) <i>Analogy, Categorization and Parallelism Between Muthos and Logos in Plato in “The Republic” and in Confucius in “Liji”</i>
16:55 - 17:30	<b>Piet Defraeye</b> (University of Alberta) <i>Trac(k)ing Patrice Lumumba</i>	<b>Krishna Kops</b> (Hochschule für Philosophie München) <i>U/topia ,Heimat’ (Home). The Concept of ,Heimat’ Beyond the Local?</i>

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18:00 - 19:00  
**Tim Ingold** (University of Aberdeen | ONLINE):  
*The Earth, the Sky and the Ground Between*

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18:00  
**Edward Casey** (State University of New York at Stony Brook | ONLINE):  
*From Land to Earth: Learning from Indigenous Peoples*

20:00  
*Meeting of GIP Members*

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18:00  
**Augustin Berque** (EHES Paris | ONLINE)  
*Both, Place and Time of Some Ereignis: The Contingency (baaisei 場合性) of the Japanese ba 場*

19:00  
*Closing Remarks by Abbed Kanoor*