

Call for Papers – please circulate

Queer Space: Centres and Peripheries

University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

February 20-21, 2007

www.dab.uts.edu.au/conferences/queer_space/

Convened by the Centre for Social Theory and Design in the Faculty of Design Architecture and Building at UTS

Held in association with the conference 'Queer Asian Sites', to be held immediately subsequent on February 22-23 2007, also at UTS, and convened by the AsiaPacifiQueer Network and the UTS Centre for Trans/forming Cultures. See separate call for papers at <http://apq.anu.edu.au/qas/>

Deadline for abstracts: 31 August 2006

Keynote speakers:

Professor David Halperin

W. H. Auden Collegiate Professor of the History and Theory of Sexuality

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building

University of Technology, Sydney

Professor Robert Aldrich

Professor of European History and Chair of Department of History

The University of Sydney

Introduction:

Papers are sought on the subject of queer space. Drawing together scholars from a broad interdisciplinary field, the conference aims to encourage discussion of queer space conceived in its broadest sense, by scholars working in disciplines as diverse as architecture, history, urban geography, design, visual communication, cultural studies, and the social sciences.

Using the city of Sydney as one example, the conference opens to broader international approaches by proposing that, while in many spheres of world affairs Australia is seen as peripheral, in the already 'marginal' space of queer culture Sydney is a major international location, especially during events such as the Mardi Gras. Drawing upon this reversal of definitions of 'centre' and 'periphery', this conference asks what is central, and what is peripheral, to the study of queer space. It invites abstracts addressing the following themes:

- The nature and definition of queer space
- The scholarship of queer space
- The history of queer space
- Queer space and the city
- Queer space, the suburbs and beyond
- Queer 'ghettos' and 'queer cities'
- Queer history and memory in and of place
- Queer events and queer space
- Queer subcultures and queer space
- Queer tourism and queer destinations

- Queer public and private space

Unthemed papers are also welcome, as are proposals for entire themed panel sessions.

Please send a 300 word abstract plus 200 word biography – both included in the body of an email (not as attachments) – to queerspace@uts.edu.au by 31 August 2006. Include your name and institutional affiliation. Abstracts and full papers will be refereed through a double blind peer review process. Speakers should be prepared for a twenty-minute presentation followed by ten minutes of questions. The refereed papers will be published in conference proceedings. Details on registration fees and procedures will be made available on the conference website at www.dab.uts.edu.au/conferences/queer_space/

Summary of key dates:

July 2006	Call for Papers released
31 August 2006	Abstracts due
22 September 2006	Referee responses to abstracts
8 December 2006	Full papers due
19 January 2007	Referee responses to full papers
1 February 2007	Deadline for conference registration
20 - 21 February 2007	Conference
March 2007	Publication of papers

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