

The Cultures of the Suburbs International Research Network

Imagining the Suburbs

Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 June 2014

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- 9.30 – 12.00 Partners' Meeting [Queen's Room F]
- 11.00 – 1.00 Delegate registration and tea / coffee / light lunch [Queen's Margaret Room (MR) Foyer]
- 1.00 – 2.30 **Panel A: Architectural Spaces – Designing the Suburbs** [Queen's LT2] Chair: Paul Burton

Claire Dwyer, University College London: *Faith in Suburbia: Reimagining the suburban vernacular in religious architecture the case of St Thomas the Apostle and the Salaam Centre*

Andrew Porter, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL: *Suburbanstudio*

- 2.30 – 3.00 Tea/Coffee
- 3.00 – 4.30 Parallel Sessions:

Panel B: Children, Families and Elders [Queen's Room E] Chair: Antonia McKay

Martin Dines, Kingston University: *A Child in the Suburb*

Timotheus Vermeulen, Radboud University, Nijmegen, NL: *Betty Knows Best: subversion in 1950s sitcoms*

Briavel Holcomb, Rutgers University, USA: *Suburban social relationships in the material and virtual worlds*

Elizabeth Throesch, Community College of Allegheny County: *What Can We Learn from Teaching the Suburbs? Some Findings*

Panel C: Environment and Sustainability [Queen's Room D] Chair: Jo Gill

Dottie Ives Dewey, Westchester University, Pennsylvania, USA: *Imagining Climate Change: Place Making in Suburban Climate Adaptation Strategies*

Carol Hager, Bryn Mawr College: *Renewable Energy and the Reinvigoration of Bedroom Communities in the Black Forest Region of Germany*

Katie Williams, University of the West of England : *Re-visioning suburbs in response to agendas of resilience, climate change and sustainability*

4.45 – 5.45 **Panel D: Mapping the Urban / Suburban Landscape** [Queen's LT2] Chair: Katie Williams

Thomas Kohlwein, University of Vienna: *Off-Peak Travelcard: A Journey to Urban Literature outside the Centre*

Deborah Stevenson, University of Western Sydney (Parramatta): *Themes in the Conceptualization of Suburbia*

5.45 – 6.00 Comfort break, transfer to LT2

6.00 – 7.30 **Welcome and Keynote** (Roger Keil) Queens LT2

8.00 Dinner for residential delegates at Holland Hall

Optional self-funding dinner at Exeter restaurant for other delegates

Friday 20 June

7.00 – 8.30 Breakfast at Holland Hall for residential delegates

9.00 – 10.30 Parallel Sessions:

Panel E: Spaces, Edges and Thresholds [Queen's Room D] Chair: Ondine Park

David Kendall, Abbas Nokhasteh, Moustafa Traore, Nabil Ahmed (CUCR Goldsmiths): *Spaces, Edges and Thresholds: Artist Interventions into Private and Public Spaces inside and outside the Perimeter of Paris*

10.30 – 11.00 Tea/Coffee

11.00 – 12.30 Parallel Sessions:

Panel F: Visions of the Good Life [Queen's Room D] Chair: Briavel Holcomb

John Brown, University of Calgary: *Crystals of the Good Life: Analysing Historical Models of Suburban Development in Canada*

Paul Burton, Griffith University, Australia: *Behind the brochure: suburban realities in a future Australia*

Panel G: Living on the Edge [Queen's Room E] Chair: Mary Corcoran

Allan Cochrane, Open University, UK and **Bob Colenutt**, **Martin Field**, University of Northampton, UK: *Living on the Edge: Building Vulnerable Suburbs on the Edge of the South-East of England*

Christopher Niedt, Hofstra University, New York: *Racial Segregation in the U.S. Suburbs: How Different Scales Tell Different Stories*

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 3.00 **Plenary Panel: New Partnerships in Suburban Studies** (**Larry Levy**, National Center for Suburban Studies, Hofstra; **Robin Hutchinson**, The Community Brain; **Bridget Bennett**, Imagining the Place of Home, Leeds). [Queen's LT2]

3.00 – 3.30 Tea/Coffee

3.30 – 5.00 Parallel Sessions:

Panel H: Performance and Locality [Queen's Room D] Chair: Martin Dines

Dion Georgiou, Queen Mary University of London: *'An essentially Ilfordian event, representative of Ilford's life, amusement, business and enthusiasm': representing the suburb in the Ilford carnival, 1905-1914*

Mary Lester: *Imagining the Suburbs: The Theatre Royal, Stratford East, and suburban civic culture in West Ham, c1880-1920*

Cathy Turner, University of Exeter: *The Garden City Pantomime, 1910: 'The inhabitants of that remote and fantastic town keep holiday...'*

Panel I: Cold War Suburbs [Queen's Room E] Chair: TBC

Antonia Mackay, Oxford Brookes University: *Simulacra and Selves in Cold War Suburbia*

Janice Morphet, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL: *Bringing the Cold War to the suburbs: Re-locating the post-war conflict in Le Carre and Deighton*

Jarrad Keyes, Independent Researcher: *At the 'wavefront of the future': J.G. Ballard's Suburban Poetics*

5.30 – 7.00 **Drinks Reception**, poetry reading (by Andy Brown from his new book, *Exurbia*) and launch of special issue of *Riptide* "Imagining the Suburbs" [The Forum Street]

7.30 Gala Dinner [Reed Hall]

Optional self-funding dinner at Exeter restaurant for delegates who have not booked for the Gala Dinner.

Saturday 21 June

7.00 – 8.30 Breakfast at Holland Hall for residential delegates

9.00 – 10.30 Parallel Sessions:

Panel J: Suburban Growth and Social Policy [Queen's Room D] Chair: Allan Cochrane

Ian Abley, Architect and Organiser of the 250 New Towns Club: *Freeing Farmers and Builders to Build the Low Cost Suburbs People Want*

Ellen Avitts, Central Washington University, USA & **Stephanie Hallock** Harford Community College, USA (joint paper): *Democracy and the Suburbs: How the Suburbs Have Separated the American Political Process from Its Ideological Roots*

Panel K: Imagining suburban cultures of home and work [Queen's Room E] Chair: Paul Burton

Mary Corcoran, National University of Ireland, Maynooth: *Portrait of the artist as suburban interpreter: painting 'home' in Tallaght, Dublin*

Shuntaro Nozawa, University of Sheffield: *Imagination in Action: A Case of Hankyu Corporation and its Suburban Development in Japan, 1910-1939*

Ondine Park, University of Alberta, Canada : *Anaesthetic Figures of the Suburban Imaginary.*

10.30 – 11.00 Tea/Coffee/pastries

11.00 – 12.30 **Keynote and public reading:** Michael Rosen "Exiles and Natives: north-west London 1946-1969" [Queens LT2]

12.30 – 1.30 CLOSING ROUNDTABLE: Building a Legacy for the Network [Queen's LT2]