



First Call for Abstracts

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON 'PLACE AND DISPLACEMENT'

Victoria University,
City Campus,
MELBOURNE, 21st - 23rd NOVEMBER 2012

Who are the displaced in the 21st century and how is displacement understood? At a time of mass mobility and global change can we still speak of place-bound identities? This conference provides a unique opportunity to discuss these questions and to debate the different and unstable meanings given to place and displacement.

The conference aims to provide a forum for scholars, students, artists and community activists to discuss new ways of thinking about place and community. For instance, displacement may not always be a consequence of forced mobility. We are surrounded by the immobile displaced, those stranded by the economic and political changes of recent decades and for whom familiar places exist but often in an unrecognisable form. Displacement also implies a connection to the place left behind. The role memory plays in the process of identification with place and community will also be a focus of this conference.

The conference will provide the opportunity for a range of research approaches and aims to attract students, emerging scholars, established researchers and those active in relevant non-government and government agencies. Papers based around performance or visual arts projects are also welcome.

The conference is organised by the *Community, Identity and Displacement Research Network*. The network is based in the School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Faculty of Arts, Education and Human Development at Victoria University.

See: http://communityidentity.com.au/?page_id=655

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Ms Paola Balla, Artist, Educator and Arts Worker, Museum Victoria & Victoria University
- Dr Tony Birch, University of Melbourne
- Dr Ray Madden, La Trobe University
- Professor Kevin McDonald, Victoria University
- Professor Christina Montiel, Ateneo de Manila University

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: We are inviting those who are interested to submit abstracts for this conference. Abstracts of up to 150 words are due **20 June 2012**. Please email abstracts to CIDRNConference@vu.edu.au and put the following details in the email subject line: (your surname) PLACEDISP-ABST. Include the contact details for all authors after the abstract (name, address, email and institutional affiliation). For the corresponding author please include a mobile phone number. Please attach the abstract in a MS word document.

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