

## Submission of abstracts

We welcome the submission of abstracts which address the themes above.

Abstracts of up to 150 words are due 20 June 2012.

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## AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON PLACE AND DISPLACEMENT

Wednesday 21 - Friday 23 November 2012

Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia



In the 21st Century, who are the displaced? At a time of mass mobility and global change can we still speak of place-bound identities; given current instabilities, can we still find meaning in “the community”?

Displacement turns our attention to issues of justice, citizenship and authority in relation to mobility but displacement also implies a connection to the place left behind. Maintaining cultural traditions and remembering identities emerge from a desire to connect with this other place. The displaced often live through hope of an eventual return.

We think of displacement as a consequence of forced mobility. At the same time we are surrounded by the immobile displaced - those stranded by the economic and political changes of recent decades and for whom familiar places exist in an unrecognisable form — as a historical context for disadvantage - antithetical to the place in memory. Is there any common ground, a *communitas*, to be shared between the immobile and the mobile displaced?

How ought we to respond to these matters; what are the research methods enabling us to understand such transitions at local, national and global scales? What obligation do institutions owe to the communities, the displaced and the place-bound, whom we make the subjects of our research? What responsibilities do we have for bearing witness (making an archive)?

We invite abstracts of papers, proposals for workshops, and symposia to address these questions.

### **Call for papers**

Opens 27 February 2012

150 word abstracts due 20th June 2012

Notification of Acceptance 17th August 2012

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## **THEMES:**

### **Identities**

- Memory, nostalgia and cultural critique
- Post-industrial inequalities in Melbourne’s West
- Theories of place, belonging, exclusion
- The politics and histories of identity
- Identities: hybridity and renewal
- Identities, tradition and new places

### **Communities**

- New ways of thinking about community, identity, locality
- Public space, community and authority in 21st century Melbourne
- Community theory, local and global communities
- Creating a community archive
- The challenge in building new communities for the western suburbs

### **The displaced**

- Citizenship, legal rights and the displaced
- Narratives of displacement, local and global
- Displacement and marginality: issues of social justice
- Displacement and recovered places
- Displacement, Dispossession, Disadvantage: tensions in social justice
- Beyond displacement: pluralism, difference, common ground