



Clockmaker on Colaba Causeway, Mumbai in 2017
(Image: Susanne Rau)

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Urban Co-Temporalities
Historical and Theoretical Approaches
21-23 February 2024 | Campus University of Erfurt

Urban Co-Temporalities

Historical and Theoretical Approaches

The conference focuses on multiple temporalities within an urban environment that appear to co-exist. It investigates the question of co-temporalities in the urban setting and asks whether such a concept could prove useful for analysing the connectivity between co-extensive spaces. In 2003, the related concept co-spatiality was introduced by the French geographer Jacques Lévy to describe space in terms of multiple layers. Lévy outlined a specific relation between spaces and the idea of interspatiality, a space of overlapping realities. Since then co-spatiality has received significant attention within the fields of social geography, spatial sociology, and the history of urban ways of life.

Within these same fields, a notion of co-temporalities has not yet been sufficiently theorized. The present conference aims to fill this gap by developing the idea of multiple strata or layers of temporalities co-existing, and contesting, within urban space. Co-temporalities are located; they must take place. The goal is therefore to seek an understanding of co-temporalities of pasts, presents and futures coexisting in a single urban space, and how different accounts of time and history occupy the same space.

The conference is jointly organised by the Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences "Religion & Urbanity" (FOR 2779) and the SpatioTemporality group at the University of Erfurt.

Conveners

Erfurter RaumZeit Forschung & KFG "Religion and Urbanity" (FOR 2779)

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

2:00-2:15 | Welcome Coffee & Introduction with **Susanne Rau** & **Katharina Waldner** (both Erfurt)

Panel: Urban Rhythms (Chair: **Sabine Schmolinsky**)

2:15-2:55 | **Robin Chang** (Aix-la-Chapelle): "A Multi-Level and Rhythmic Approach: Temporalities of Urban Regeneration"

3:00-3:40 | **Vera Henkelmann** (Eschweiler): "Rhythms of Light—Multiple Temporalities in Medieval Cities and Their Religious Implications"

4:15-6:00 | Guided tour with **Dr Karin Sczech**, municipal archaeologist and Appointee to the UNESCO World Heritage of Erfurt

Meeting point: Alte Synagoge (city centre)

7:00 | [Dinner \(city centre\)](#)

Thursday, 22 February 2024

Panel: Co-Rituality (Chair: **Jörg Rüpke**)

9:30-10:10 | **Ken Chitwood** (Berlin): "Encountering Berlin's Religio-city and Co-Rituality in Urbanised Space(s)"

10:10-10:50 | **Kristine Iara** (Rome): "Co-Spatiality, Co-Temporality, Co-Rituality in Late Antique Rome"

10:50-11:05 | [Coffee Break](#)

11:05-11:45 | **Beate Löffler** (Dortmund): "Asynchronicity in Urban Religions. Social Change and Spatial Permanence"

11:45-12:35 | **Harry O. Maier** (Vancouver): "Arrhythmia, Eurythmia, and Co-Temporalities of Urban Spatial Practice in Clement of Alexandria"

12:35-2:00 | [Lunch at Luftbad Nord](#)

Panel: Co-Spatialities & Co-Temporalities (Chair: **Aaron French**)

2:00-2:40 | **Anna-Katherina Rieger** (Graz): "Co-Temporal and Heterochron—The Archaeology of Various Temporalities in Shared Sacred Spaces of Roman Pompeii"

2:40-3:20 | **Federica Mirra** (Birmingham): "Overlapping Temporalities: Square Dancing and Contemporary Visual Arts in Kunming"

3:20-3:40 | [Coffee Break](#)

3:40-4:20 | **Fraya Frehse** (São Paulo) & **Nina Baur** (Berlin): "The Historicity of Interaction Patterns and the Reproduction of Urban Public Space: Street Food as Empirical Pretext"

4:20-5:00 | **Heiner Stahl** (Siegen): "Eating Ice Cream between 1780 and 1830: Urban Co-Temporalities, Courtly and Civic Cultures of Luxurious Food and Contested Gastronomical Spaces"

5:00-5:40 | **Joseph Kretzschmar** (Bremen/Erfurt): "Between 'Fish-Time' and Northern Renaissance: Co-Temporalities in the Bremen 'local timezone', 1400-1600"

7:00 | [Conference Dinner \(city centre\)](#)

Friday, 23 February 2024

Panel: Competing Histories (Chair: **Holt Meyer**)

9:30-10:10 | **Aimée Plukker** (Ithaca): "Rhythms of the Other": Urban Temporalities and Tourism in the Work of Henri Lefebvre "

10:10-10:50 | **Maryam Rahmani** (Leipzig): "Religious Sorrow & National Joy: Conflicting Rhythms of Commemoration in Post-Revolutionary Iran"

10:50-11:10 | [Coffee Break](#)

11:10-11:50 | **Paladia Ziss** (Birmingham): "Chronotopes of Communitality and Disconnection: How Temporality Shapes Local Relationships between Refugees and Longer-Term Residents in Turkey"

11:50-12:30 | **Marlis Arnhold** (Bonn): "Past, Present & the City as Imagined in the 3rd Century Marble Plan of Rome"

12:30-1:10 | **Christina Williamson** (Groningen): "Deep-Time Narratives and Co-Temporalities at Urban Sanctuaries in the Graeco-Roman World"

1:10 | [Final Discussion & Lunch at Luftbad Nord](#)

Venue

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