

PLATIAL'19 Symposium on Platial Information Science *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Place*

University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, 5–6 September 2019

People “live” and constitute places every day through recurrent practices and experience. Our everyday lives, however, are complex, and so are places. In contrast to abstract space, the way people experience places includes a range of aspects like physical setting, meaning, and emotional attachment. This inherent complexity requires researchers to investigate the concept of place from a variety of viewpoints. The formal representation of place—a major goal in GIScience related to place—is no exception and can only be successfully addressed if we consider geographical, psychological, anthropological, sociological, cognitive, and other perspectives.

So far, however, interdisciplinary cooperation on the topic of place has been rare. Geographers have developed a rich conceptual understanding of holistic places, psychologists and cognitive scientists deal with the more individual aspects of perception and conceptualisation, and GIScience scholars are focussing on formalising and conceptualising place-based GIS largely capitalising on a wealth of viewpoints. Research on place has not yet been carried out on a larger scale beyond the boundaries of those different domains. In view of the complexity described above, interdisciplinary approaches are desirable and will presumably lead to a better understanding of the concept of place than to consider it monodisciplinarily.

The motto of this year’s symposium is therefore interdisciplinarity. We hope to bring together place-based researchers from different disciplines to discuss the current state of platial research. In particular, we welcome submissions of papers on the following topics:

- Which approaches of place representation exist in various disciplines?
- How can existing theoretical approaches of platial representation from different disciplines be integrated towards a unified notion of place?
- How can we move forward the integration of platial information with GIS?
- What might be a suitable strategy for addressing the subjectivity inherent to platial information?
- What are the roles of uncertainty and fuzziness in a place-based theory of geographical information?
- In which ways can places be visualised, in particular at multiple scales?

- Which novel perspectives (e.g., with respect to academic progress, practical applications, methodological frameworks) does place-based analysis provide?
- How can we demonstrate the practical usefulness of place-based information by means of examples and in comparison to spatial information?
- (Further topics are welcome if they fit the overall theme of this symposium.)

Apart from discussing the above topics, it is our particular goal to establish an interdisciplinary dialogue involving geographers, social scientists, computer scientists, and other related scholars.

We are delighted to announce two excellent keynote speakers!

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Important dates

3 May 2019	Call for short papers opens
19 July 2019	Submission deadline for short papers
5–6 September 2019	PLATIAL'19 Symposium

How to contribute

We are seeking high-quality contributions on the topics proposed. Therefore, we want your work to be visible and sustainably citable long-term after the symposium. All short paper contributions will be published online with individual DOIs as **ZENODO Symposium Proceedings**, an outlet funded by the European Commission to support publication of high-quality proceedings. Your papers should be prepared in adherence to the guidelines found in the Overleaf template (<http://bit.ly/2XUOLv6>). The anticipated length of the paper is 7–9 pages maximum length, including abstract, figures, and references. Submission of your paper (i.e. the PDF) should be done via EasyChair: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=platial19>. We will only approach you upon paper acceptance to ask for submission of all finalized files (including the compiled PDF, LaTeX source files, figures). All submissions will be reviewed double-blind by at least two members of the programme committee. Therefore, please prepare your documents in anonymized form (see instructions given in the template).

How to register

We offer three admission fee rates (covering also lunches, coffee breaks and the symposium dinner) depending on your status:

Full payers	170 GBP
PhD students	100 GBP
Bachelor/Master students	80 GBP

We will provide a receipt that you can use for your reimbursement.

Please note that the number of attendees is limited, and your participation depends on the availability of places. The registration procedure is outlined on the symposium homepage: <http://platial19.platialsience.net/participation>. Please note: We may be able to offer affordable on-campus accommodation very close to all symposium venues. This, however, is subject to availability.

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