



## Re:Locations: Navigating Visions of the Asia-Pacific

Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
East Common Room Hart House  
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Deadline for abstract submission: **Sept 9th, 2019**

*The transnational dimension of cultural transformation –migration, diaspora, displacement, relocation—makes the process of cultural translation a complex form of signification.*

—Homi Bhabha, The Location of Culture

Through the lens of “navigation” and “relocation,” this symposium will contribute to knowledge about Asian and Pacific contexts, and the Asia-Pacific world, by investigating the important role of transit, mobilities and encounters in the history of art and visual culture. Transformations and translations that are the result of transnational flows and intercultural exchanges continually force us to reassess fixed geographic and disciplinary boundaries. We encourage submissions from graduate and post-doctoral students whose interdisciplinary approaches contribute to interpretations of art, representation and visual culture from antiquity to the present.

Potential paper topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Ocean as Cultural Landscape
- Transnationalism and its impact on local traditions
- Visual cultures of nationalism, independence, and globalization
- Seafaring, maritime and navigation technologies
- Mapping, positionality and geographical representation
- Migrations and utopias
- Shared or interactive cultural histories between Asia and the Pacific Islands
- Categorizations and definitions of Asia-Pacific geographies and identities
- Art as a response to the colonial legacy in the Asia-Pacific
- Culture and historical memory
- Technology and new forms of visual culture

Presentations should be 15 minutes in length and will be followed by a question and answer session for each presentation. Selected presentations will be chosen for publication in *Re:Locations* - Journal of the Asia Pacific World. Housed by the Asian Institute at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, this journal seeks to bridge disciplinary and geographical divides to foster dialogue among a wide range of scholars interested in the Asia-Pacific.

Please submit an abstract (.doc/.docx/.pdf) of no more than 300 words to the Re:Locations symposium committee at [relocationsjournal@gmail.com](mailto:relocationsjournal@gmail.com) by **Friday, September 9, 2019** at 5:00 pm EST. Participants will be notified before October 2019.

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