Infrastructure Theory
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Books
Public Culture. Special issue on Infrastructures of the Urban. No 70

Writing Workshop Format
Each week we will all write one 200-300 word or two 100-200 word evocative/theoretical pieces inspired by the reading and developing aspects of a project. We will read them aloud and discuss. There will also be separate time devoted to discussing the reading.

1. 9/3 Introduction
Larkin, Brian. The Politics and Poetics of Infrastructure. (forthcoming Annual Reviews of Anthropology)
"Infrastructure: Introductory Commentary by AbdouMaliq Simone." Curated Collections, Cultural Anthropology Online, November 26, 2012,
http://production.culanth.org/curated_collections/11-infrastructure/discussions/12-infrastructure-introductory-commentary-by-abdoumaliq-simone
"Infrastructure: Commentary from Filip De Boeck." Curated Collections, Cultural Anthropology Online, November 26, 2012,
http://production.culanth.org/curated_collections/11-infrastructure/discussions/7-infrastructure-commentary-from-filip-de-boeck
"Infrastructure: Commentary from Nikhil Anand, Johnathan Bach, Julia Elyachar, and Daniel Mains." Curated Collections, Cultural Anthropology Online, November 26, 2012,

2. 9/10 Cultural Anthropology

4. 9/24. Mobilities

5. 10/1. Matter, the Real, the Infrastructural
Isabelle Stengers. Wondering about Materialism.
Manuel DeLanda. Emergence, Causality, Realism.
Hayden Lorimer. Scaring Crows.

6. 10/8. Sensory Infrastructure

7. 10/15. Speculative Ethnographies of Infrastructure

8. 10/22. Infrastructures of the Urban
*Public Culture*. Special issue on Infrastructures of the Urban. No 70 duke 978 0 8223 6788 8

8. 10/29. Insubstantial Rhythm, Liquidity. Luminosity
9. 11/5 Atmosphere/The Insubstantial
Bohme, Gernot. Atmosphere as the fundamental concept of a new aesthetics.

10. 11/12. Theory, Culture and Society

11. 11/19. Ethnography of Infrastructure


13. 12/3. Non-Representational Theory
Anderson, Ben and Paul Harrison. The promise of non-representational theory. In Taking Place. Eds Anderson and Harrison.
Vannini, Phillip. 2011. The techne of making a ferry: a non-representational approach to
passengers’ gathering taskscapes. Journal of Transport Geography. 19:1031-1036
Latham, Alan and Derek Mc Cormack. 2009. Thinking with images in non-representational

Recommended additional reading
Abram, D. The Spell of the Sensuous
Becoming Animal
Appel, Hannah. 2012. Walls and white elephants: Oil extraction, responsibility
Javier Auyero and Agustín Burbano de Lara. 2012. In harm’s way at the urban margins.
Ethnography. 13: 531-557.
Badiou, Alain. Logics of Worlds.
of the Spectacle. Lebanon: Dartmouth University Press.
Berlant, L. the commons
Bogost, Ian. Alien Phenomenology.
Bryant, Levi R., Nick Srnicek, and Graham Harman. 2011. The Speculative Turn:
Continental
Materialism and Realism. Melbourne: re.press.
Thesis Eleven no. 36:113-126.
——. 2006b. "Atmosphere as the Subject Matter of Architecture." In Natural History, edited by
Chen, Mel. Animacies.
Choy, Tim. Ecologies of Comparison.
infrastructure” became a security problem. The Politics of Securing the Homeland:
Critical Infrastructure, Risk and Securitisation:40–62.
Cool, Diana. New Materialisms.
Dalakoglou D and Harvey P. 2012. Roads and Anthropology: Ethnographic Perspectives
on Space, Time and (Im) Mobility. Mobilities 7(4)
Dalakoglou D. 2012. “The Road from Capitalism to Capitalism”: Infrastructures of
Dourish, Paul. Divining a Digital Future.
Where the Action is
Edensor, Tim. Geographies of Rhythm.
Edwards PN. 2003. Infrastructure and modernity: Force, time, and social organization in
the history of sociotechnical systems. Modernity and technology:185–225.


Helmreich, S. *Alien Ocean.*


____. *Lines: A Brief History.*

Ingold D, T and Howes, D. debate on the senses. 2011. *Social Anthropology*


Kaplan, Robert and Kaplan Ellen. *Hidden Harmonies: The life and times of the Pythagorean theorem.*


____. *S, M, L, XL.*

Larkin, Brian. *Signal and Noise: media, infrastructure and urban culture in Nigeria.*
_____ . Reassembling the Social.
Manning, Erin. Relationscapes.
_____ Always More than One: Individuation’s Dance
_____ Politics of Touch
McCullough, Malcolm. Ambient Commons.
_____ Digital Ground.
_____ Abstracting Craft.
Mollers, N. and Zachmann, K. 2012. Past and Present Energy Societies
Ogden, Laura. Swamplife: People, Gators and Mangroves Entangled in the Everglades.
Raffles, Hugh. Insectopedia.
_____ . In Amazonia.
Readies, DJ. Intimate Bureaucracies: A Manifesto.
Rodgers, Dennis and O’Neill, Bruce. Infrastructural violence: Introduction to the special
issue Ethnography 2012 13: 401-412


Schaberg, C. The Textual Life of Airports.


Sloterdijk, P. Bubbles.


Sterling, Bruce. Shaping Things.

_____ Tomorrow Now.


Thrift, N. Non-Representational Theory.


Ulmer, Gregory. Teletheory.

_____ Internet Invention: From Literacy to Electracy.
