

17th Annual Mini-Conference on Critical Geography

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

November 5 – 6, 2010

This two-day conference aims to provide an inclusive venue for the broad discussion of themes in critical geography. While the conference was borne of geography, we welcome all interdisciplinary work that examines the geographies of critical social theory and progressive political praxis. In recent years, papers and panels have been presented on a broad array of topics, and possible topics for presentation could include:

- Gentrification & Urban Struggles
- Cities & Citizenship
- Migration, Transnationalism, & Post-Nationalism
- Post-Colonial Issues
- Critical Geopolitics and Imperialism
- The State, Security, and Surveillance
- Local Politics and Geographies
- Social Movements and Dissent
- The Right to the City
- Political Ecology, especially Urban Political Ecology
- GIS and Society
- Counter-mapping
- Urban Sustainability
- Interactions between Human and Physical Geographies
- D/development
- Critical Poverty Studies
- Peace Studies
- Violence and War
- Cultural Politics
- Marxian Studies
- Work and Labor
- The Geography of Financial Crisis
- Identity including Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality, (Dis)Ability, Age
- CyberSpaces and Virtual Geographies
- Space, Place, and Power
- Emotional Geographies and Geographies of Affect
- Neoliberalism(s) and contestation

This list of topics is not meant to be exhaustive. We encourage those interested in participating to explore any range of interests and to use the conference as an opportunity to expand their current research agenda, explore new theoretical landscapes, increase inter-disciplinary linkages, and/or receive feedback on works in progress.

Organization and Format:

The conference will begin on Friday, November 5, 2010. The opening evening will feature a keynote address by Mona Domosh, who is the Joan P. and Edward J. Foley, Jr. Professor of Geography at Dartmouth College. We also invite conference participants who can arrive earlier in the day to attend a Friday afternoon guest lecture, co-sponsored by the UW-Milwaukee Center for 21st Century Studies and Department of Geography, by Prof. Arun Saldanha of the Department of Geography at the University of Minnesota. The program on Saturday, November 6 will consist of paper sessions, panels, and round table discussions on topics in critical geography.

Paper Presentations

Paper presenters should submit a paper title along with other required information (see Submission of Abstracts below). Paper sessions will include three to four papers and a discussant or four to five papers without a discussant (generally twelve to fifteen minutes per paper, with time reserved at the end for discussion or after each paper per the chair's discretion).

Panels, Roundtables, and Other Group Discussions:

If you wish to organize a panel, roundtable, or an entirely different format for a group dialogue, please provide a title for your session and the contact information for all panelists/participants. Titles for individual contributions (if relevant) should also be provided. Group session organizers are responsible for the specific allocation of time and structure of the panel session. Please note that we reserve the right to add a panelist to previously organized panels if the topics fit.

Alternative Formats:

Because we wish to provide a forum for discussion of themes in and the nature of critical geography, interested participants should feel free to suggest ways of presenting their research, ideas, and art beyond formal the traditional confines of paper sessions. We shall attempt to accommodate performances, round tables, panels, and other communicative fora. If you are unsure about the practicability of a particular format, please contact us at critgeogmilwaukee@gmail.com. When submitting ideas for such sessions, please provide a detailed description of the format as well the contact information for all participants. Alternative format session organizers are responsible for the specific allocation of time and structure of the session.

Submission of Abstracts:

We invite you to submit abstracts or proposals for panels, roundtable discussions, or sessions with alternative formats by the deadline of ***August 16, 2010***. Abstracts or proposals should be 250-500 words in length, and we ask that you include a brief bio of each participant with contact information and any titles or affiliations you would like placed in the program. Please send your abstract or proposal to critgeogmilwaukee@gmail.com. If you would like to organize a themed paper session, please let us know - you can then issue your own CFP through appropriate mailing lists.

Further information on the conference, including accommodations, paper sessions, and tours/field trips, will be available at the conference web site. Please feel free to email the Critical Geography Conference Planning Committee at critgeogmilwaukee@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Information on hotels and accommodations coming soon!