

**Association of Critical Heritage Studies**  
Inaugural Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 5-8, 2012**The Re/theorisation of Heritage Studies'**

The inaugural conference of the *Association of Critical Heritage Studies* will be held at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, in June 2012. The *Association of Critical Heritage Studies*, to be launched at this conference, will establish in association with *International Journal of Heritage Studies* (IJHS) an extensive network of heritage scholars across the globe in order to debate and discuss cutting-edge research in the field of heritage studies. We see Heritage Studies as emerging from diverse disciplinary fields, in particular public history, memory studies, museology, cultural heritage, tourism studies, architecture and planning, conservation, as well as cultural geography, sociology, cultural studies and policy, anthropology, archaeology and ethnomusicology, artistic research and artistic practices, and encourage people working in those areas to submit papers or propose sessions/workshops that address the inter-disciplinary nature of Heritage Studies.

This conference will develop current theoretical debates to make sense of the nature and meaning of heritage. As such, we invite submissions from people working within the 'broad church' of the current flowering of contemporary heritage studies.

Papers should encourage cross cutting thinking and should not be afraid to try to theorise what heritage studies is and where it should go. They should be underpinned by an active move away from site- and artefact-based definitions of heritage in a traditional sense and should pursue instead a range of methodologies and questions aiming at interdisciplinarity stemming from social science, scholarly traditions, natural science, and also areas such as artistic practices and the performing arts.

Examples on conference subthemes are:

- Critical heritage theory;
- Issues of representation;
- Heritage and non-representational theory;
- The politics of affect and a consideration of emotion and the senses;
- Memory and identity work of communities, nations and other interests in relation to heritage;
- The utilisation of heritage discourses in debates over multiculturalism/nationalism/globalisation;
- Heritage, power and recognition;
- Heritage and human rights;
- The exploration of methodologies for mapping and exploring the social and cultural consequences of heritage;
- Intangible heritage and its implications for re-theorising heritage;
- Non-Western challenges to dominant Western heritage concepts and characterisation of non-Western appreciations of heritage;
- Work on digital heritage that goes beyond technical treatments of archiving and embraces a range of social media and other forms of interactivity.
- The performative nature of heritage – theorising craft, art, and creativity as discourses in heritage;
- Theorising and redefining heritage practices – the merging of discourses;
- Re-thinking conservation science – the blending of creative discourse into social and natural sciences
- The performative nature of heritage – artistic practices, artistic research and theorizing perspectives in dialogue.

Preliminary key note speakers are (*to be expanded*):  
**Sharon MacDonald**, University of Manchester (tbc)  
**Laurajane Smith**, Australian National University  
**Tom Selwyn**, University of London

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**Abstract submission**

Submissions are encouraged for sessions and individual papers (20 minute duration). Submissions are also encouraged for workshops, panel discussions and performances.

Deadline for abstracts on sessions, workshops and panel discussions: ***December 31, 2011.***

Deadline for individual abstracts on papers or performances: ***January 31 2011.***

Selected papers and/or sessions could be published in IJHS

*Abstracts should be sent to:*

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**Scientific committee** (*to be expanded*)

Annie Clarke (Australia), Rodney Harrison (UK), David Harvey (UK), Emma Waterton, (Australia), Steve Watson (UK) Ola Wetterberg (Sweden).

**Fees**

Registration fee 300 USD / 210 Euro per person.

Students and participants from non-OECD countries, 120 Euro per person.

Fees include lunches, coffee breaks and conference documentation.

Conference dinner 30 Euro (Preliminary)

**Venue**

Conference centre Wallenberg, University of Gothenburg

<http://www.konfoservice.adm.gu.se/english/conferencevenues/confwall>

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**Accomodation**

A large number of hotels are available in Göteborg. The ones presented here have been informed about the conference. We advice all to make their own reservations.

**150-170 Euro per night**

Hotel Flora  
Grönsakstorget 2, 411 17 Göteborg  
[info@hotelflora.se](mailto:info@hotelflora.se), web: <http://www.hotelflora.se>

**105-150 Euro per night**

Hotel Riverton  
Stora Badhusgatan 26, 411 21 Göteborg  
[riverton@riverton.se](mailto:riverton@riverton.se), web: <http://www.riverton.se>

Hotel Lilton  
Föreningsgatan 9, 411 27 Göteborg  
[info@lilton.se](mailto:info@lilton.se), web: <http://www.lilton.se>

**70-85 Euro per night**

Aprikosen Bed & Breakfast  
Muraregatan 5, 411 28 Göteborg  
[info@aprikosenbab.se](mailto:info@aprikosenbab.se), web: <http://www.aprikosenbab.se/eng>

Ibis Göteborg City Hotel  
Gullbergs Strandgata 15b, 411 04 Göteborg  
[info@ibis-goteborg-city.com](mailto:info@ibis-goteborg-city.com),  
web: <http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-2896-ibis-goteborg-city/index.shtml>

Hotel Vasa  
Viktoriagatan 6, 411 25 Göteborg  
[info@hotelvasa.se](mailto:info@hotelvasa.se), web: <http://www.hotelvasa.se>

**20-50 Euro per night**

Slottsskogens Hostel  
Vegagatan 21, 413 11 Göteborg  
[mail@sov.nu](mailto:mail@sov.nu), web: <http://www.sov.nu>

Hostelling International Stigbergsliden  
Stigbergsliden 10, 414 63 Göteborg  
[vandrarhem.stigbergsliden@telia.com](mailto:vandrarhem.stigbergsliden@telia.com), web: <http://www.hostel-göthenburg.com>

Göteborgs Vandrarhem  
Mölnålsvägen 23, 412 63 Göteborg  
[info@goteborgsvandrarhem.se](mailto:info@goteborgsvandrarhem.se), web: <http://www.goteborgsvandrarhem.se>

Hotel Vasa  
Viktoriagatan 6, 411 25 Göteborg  
[info@hotelvasa.se](mailto:info@hotelvasa.se), web: <http://www.hotelvasa.se>  
(3-bed room: c. 115 Euro/room; 4-bed room: c. 130 Euro/room)

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Tentative layout of program structure

Tuesday June 5		Wednesday June 6		Thursday June 7		Friday June 8	
9 a.m.	Registration	9 a.m.	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	
		10.30 a.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break	
11.30 a.m.	Welcome address	11 a.m.	Key note	Key note	Key note	Key note	
11.45 a.m.	Key note	12 noon	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12.30 p.m.	Lunch						
1.30 p.m.	Presentations	1 p.m.	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	
3 p.m.	Break	3 p.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break	
4 p.m.	Presentations	4 p.m.	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	Round table conclusion	
						Ending of conference	

Evening	Social activity	Evening	Social activity	Social activity
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**Presentationslots**

Could be single or parallel sessions for presentations of papers (c. 30 min each including discussion);  
or workshops;  
or performances

**Key notes**

One key note every day.  
Estimated time is 40-45 minutes plus time for discussion.

**Round table conclusion**

Key notes plus some people discuss conference outcome