

Social practice theory (SPT) reading group agenda 2014

Venue: Fig Tree Room, Room 3, Level 3, Building 15, RMIT University City Campus (Centre for Urban Research). If venue is locked, ring (03) 99259928

Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month, except for February 4th

Time: 12:30-2pm (participants are welcome to BYO lunch)

Conveners: Yolande Strengers & Cecily Maller

February 4th	Back to the ABC Debate
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Key reading

Boldero, JM & Binder, G 2013, 'Commentary: Can psychological and practice theory approaches to environmental sustainability be integrated?', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 45, no. 11, pp. 2535-8.

Additional readings

These readings trace the history of this debate which we have been following in this reading group for several years. Highly recommended if you are a new member to the group.

- Shove, E 2010, 'Beyond the ABC: climate change policy and theories of social change', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 42, pp. 1273-85.
- Whitmarsh, L, O'Neill, S & Lorenzoni, I 2011, 'Commentary: Climate change or social change? Debate within, amongst, and beyond disciplines', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, pp. 258-61.
- Shove 2011, 'Commentary: On the different between chalk and cheese - a response to Whitmarsh et al's comments on "Beyond the ABC: climate change policy and theories of social change"', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, pp. 262-4.
- Wilson, C & Chatterton, T 2011, 'Commentary: Multiple models to inform climate change policy: a pragmatic response to the 'beyond the ABC' debate', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, no. 12, pp. 2781-7.

March 11th	Value, economisation and practices
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Guest Facilitator: Ruth Lane, Monash University

Key reading:

Caliskan, K. and Callon, M. 2009. Economization, part 1: shifting attention from the economy towards processes of economization, *Economy and Society*, 38(3): 369-398.

Additional reading:

- Caliskan, K. and Callon, M. 2010. Economization, part 2: a research programme for the study of markets, *Economy and Society*, 39(1): 1-32.

April 8th	Governing Practices
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Key reading

Watson, M 2012, 'How theories of practice can inform transition to a decarbonised transport system', *Journal of Transport Geography*, vol. 24, no. 0, pp. 488-96.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0966692312000889>

Additional readings:

- Paterson, M & Strippel, J 2010, 'My Space: governing individuals' carbon emissions', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 28, pp. 341-62.
- Shove, E & Walker, G 2010, 'Governing transitions in the sustainability of everyday life', *Research Policy*, vol. 39, pp. 471-6.
- Spaargaren, G 2011, 'Theories of practices: Agency, technology, and culture: Exploring the relevance of practice theories for the governance of sustainable consumption practices in the new world-order', *Global Environmental Change*, vol. 21, no. 3, pp. 813-22.

May 13th	Sociality/ social relationships
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Guest Facilitator: TBC

Key reading:

Postill, J. forthcoming (2013) Fields as dynamic clusters of practices, games and socialities. In Amit (ed.)

Sociality: An Anthropological Interrogation. Oxford and New York: Berghahn.

Additional reading:

- Amit V. and Rapport, N. 2002 *The trouble with community : anthropological reflections on movement, identity and collectivity*, Pluto Press, London.
- Pink, S 2008, 'Re-thinking Contemporary Activism: From Community to Emplaced Sociality', *Ethnos*, vol. 73, no. 2, pp. 163-88.

June 10th	Practices of knowing
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Key reading

Law, J 2009, 'Seeing Like a Survey', *Cultural Sociology*, vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 239-56.

Additional readings

- Law, J & Lien, M 2012, 'Slippery: Field Notes on Empirical Ontology', *Social Studies of Science*.
- Lien, ME & Law, J 2011, "'Emergent Aliens": On salmon, nature, and their enactment', *Ethnos*, vol. 76, no. 1, pp. 65-87.

July 8th	The history of practice theory
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Key Reading:

Nicolini, D. (2012) The rediscovery of practice: Marx, Heidegger, and Wittgenstein, Section 2.3 In: *Practice Theory, Work, and Organization: An Introduction*. Oxford: OUP, pp. 29-43.

Additional readings

- Reckwitz A. (2002) Toward a theory of social practices: a development in culturalist theorizing. *Journal of Social Theory* 5: 243-263.
- Schatzki TR. (1997) Practices and actions: a Wittgensteinian critique of Bourdieu and Giddens. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 27: 283-308.

August 12th	Lifestyles and practices
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Guest Facilitator: Tania Lewis, RMIT University

Key Reading:

Lewis, T. (in press) 'One city block at a time': Researching and cultivating green transformations, *Int Journal of cultural studies*

Additional Readings:

- Lewis T (2008) Transforming citizens: green politics and ethical consumption on lifestyle television. *Continuum* 2: 227-240.
- Barr, S, Shaw, G & Coles, T 2011, 'Sustainable lifestyles: sites, practices, and policy', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, no. 12, pp. 3011-29.
- Spaargaren, G 2003, 'Sustainable consumption: a theoretical and environmental policy perspective', *Society & Natural Resources*, vol. 16, no. 8, pp. 687-701.

September 9th	Weather and the environment in practice
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Key reading:

Ingold, T & Kurttila, T 2000, 'Perceiving the Environment in Finnish Lapland', *Body & Society*, vol. 6, no. 3-4, pp. 183-96.

Additional readings:

- de Vet, E 2013, 'Exploring weather-related experiences and practices: examining methodological approaches', *Area*, pp. n/a-n/a.
- Rantala, O, Valtonen, A & Markuksela, V 2011, 'Materializing tourist weather: ethnography on weather-wise wilderness guiding practices', *Journal of Material Culture*, vol. 16, no. 3, pp. 285-300.

October 14th	TBA
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November 11th	Practices and spatiality
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Guest facilitator: Sarah Pink, RMIT University

Key reading:

Everts, J, Lahr-Kurten & Watson, M 2011, 'Practice Matters! Geographical inquiry and theories of practice', *Erdkunde*, vol. 65, no. 4, pp. 323-34.

Additional Readings:

- Pink S. (2012) *Situating Everyday Life*, London: SAGE.
- TBC

December 9th	Christmas gifting practices
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Key reading:

Farbotko, C & Head, L 2013, 'Gifts, sustainable consumption and giving up green anxieties at Christmas', *Geoforum*, vol. 50, no. 0, pp. 88-96.

No additional readings this month.