

Social practice theory (SPT) reading group agenda 2015

Venue: Fig Tree Room, Room 3, Level 3, Building 15, RMIT University City Campus (Centre for Urban Research).

Date: Wednesdays starting 18 Feb

Time: 11am-12:30pm (participants are welcome to BYO lunch)

Conveners: Cecily Maller & Yolande Strengers

February	Thoughts on PBES Thinking Notes
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Key reading: Foulds, C. and Jensen, C.L. (Eds.) Practices, the Built Environment and Sustainability – A Thinking Note Collection. Cambridge, Copenhagen, London: GSI, DIST, BSA CCSG: http://www.cdист.dk/digitalAssets/1/1423_pbes_thinking_note_collection.pdf

March	Body monitoring practices
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Guest Facilitator: Professor Sarah Pink, RMIT University

Key reading: Pantzar, M & Ruckenstein, M 2014, 'The heart of everyday analytics: emotional, material and practical extensions in self-tracking market', Consumption Markets & Culture, vol. 18, no. 1, pp. 92-109.

Additional reading: Mustonen, V & Pantzar, M 2013, Tracking social rhythms of the heart: from dataism to art, vol. 3, 2013.

Shove, E, Pantzar, M & Watson, M 2012, The dynamics of social practice: everyday life and how it changes, SAGE, London (Chapter 6)

April	TBC
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Guest Facilitator: Line Valdorff Madsen, Aalborg University

May	Foodmaking as a practice
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Guest facilitator: Dr Sian Supski, Monash University

Key reading: Heldke, L. (1992) 'Foodmaking as a thoughtful practice' Heldke, L. & Curtin, D. Cooking, Eating, Thinking: Transformative Philosophies of Food.

Additional Readings: Pink, S. (2012) 'Beyond doing the dishes: Putting kitchen practices in place', in Pink, S. Situating Everyday Life

June	Objects and materiality in social practices
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Key reading: Nicolini, D, Mengis, J & Swan, J 2012, 'Understanding the Role of Objects in Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration', *Organization Science*, vol. 23, no. 3, pp. 612-29.

Additional readings: Reckwitz, A 2002, 'The status of the 'material' in theories of culture. From 'social structure' to 'artefacts'', *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, vol. 32, no. 2, pp. 195-217.

Schatzki, T 2010, 'Materiality and Social Life', *Nature and Culture*, vol. 5, no. 2, pp. 123-49.

Strengers, Y & Maller, C 2012, 'Materialising energy and water resources in everyday practices: Insights for securing supply systems', *Global Environmental Change*, vol. 22, no. 3, pp. 754-63.

July	Governing practices: Multi-level perspective and theories of practice
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Guest facilitator: TBC

Key Reading: Hargreaves, T, Longhurst, N & Seyfang, G 2013, 'Up, down, round and round: connecting regimes and practices in innovation for sustainability', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 45, no. 2, pp. 402-20.

Additional readings: Rauschmayer, F, Bauler, T & Schöpke, N 2015, 'Towards a thick understanding of sustainability transitions — Linking transition management, capabilities and social practices', *Ecological Economics*, vol. 109, no. 0, pp. 211-21.

Shove, E & Walker, G 2007, 'Commentary: CAUTION! Transitions ahead: politics, practice, and sustainable transition management', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 39, pp. 763-70.

Shove, E & Walker, G 2010, 'Governing transitions in the sustainability of everyday life', *Research Policy*, vol. 39, pp. 471-6.

Shove, E, Walker, G & Brown, S 2014, 'Transnational Transitions: The Diffusion and Integration of Mechanical Cooling', *Urban Studies*, vol. 51 no. 7, pp. 1506–1519

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.

August	Health and social practices
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Key Reading: Blue, S, Shove, E, Carmona, C & Kelly, MP 2014, 'Theories of practice and public health: understanding (un)healthy practices', *Critical Public Health*, pp. 1-15.

Additional Readings: Maller, C. (2015). 'Understanding health through social practices: performance and materiality in everyday life.' *Sociology of Health and Illness*, (published online 21st January 2015), Vol 37 (1): 52-66.

September	Know-how and embodied knowledge
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Key reading: Wallenborn, G & Wilhite, H 2014, 'Rethinking embodied knowledge and household consumption', *Energy Research & Social Science*, vol. 1, no. 0, pp. 56-64.

Additional readings: Royston, S 2014, 'Dragon-breath and snow-melt: Know-how, experience and heat flows in the home', *Energy Research & Social Science*, vol. 2, no. 0, pp. 148-58.

Maller, C & Strengers, Y 2013, 'The global migration of everyday life: Investigating the practice memories of Australian migrants', *Geoforum*, vol. 44, pp. 243-52.

Wills, WJ, Meah, A, Dickinson, AM & Short, F 2015, 'I don't think I ever had food poisoning'. A practice-based approach to understanding foodborne disease that originates in the home', *Appetite*, vol. 85, no. 0, pp. 118-25.

October	How does practice theory understand 'need'?
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Guest facilitator: Dr Andrew Glover, RMIT University

Key reading: Walker, G, Shove, E & Brown, S 2014, 'How does air conditioning become 'needed'? A case study of routes, rationales and dynamics', *Energy Research & Social Science*, vol. 4, no. 0, pp. 1-9.

Additional readings: Berker, T 2013, "'In the morning I just need a long, hot shower": a sociological exploration of energy sensibilities in Norwegian bathrooms', *Sustainability: science, practice & policy*, no. 1.

Wilk, RR 2001, 'Toward an archaeology of needs', in MB Schiffer (ed.), *Anthropological perspectives on technology*, University of New Mexico Press, Arizona [USA].

Wilk, RR 2002, 'Consumption, human needs, and global environmental change', *Global Environmental Change*, vol. 12, pp. 5-13.

November	Reflective action and agency
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Guest Facilitator: Dr Tony Wilson (TBC), RMIT University

Key reading: Yanow, D & Tsoukas, H 2009, 'What is Reflection-In-Action? A Phenomenological Account', *Journal of Management Studies*, vol. 46, no. 8, pp. 1339-64.

December	Where theories of practice might go next
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Key reading: 'Demanding ideas: where theories of practice might go next. A collection of working papers by Stanley Blue, Allison Hui, Mikko Jalas, Lenneke Kuijer, Janine Morley, Hilmar Schäfer, Theodore Schatzki, Elizabeth Shove, Nicola Spurling, Matt Watson. 18-20 June 2014, Windemere,

UK, <http://www.demand.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Demanding-Ideas-Working-Paper-compilation-ES-for-web.pdf>