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ZONE: SPACE

While many (if not most) studies of religion take shape in a “place,” some essays, texts, and studies make place and space in various iterations a central project, interest, or trope. The readings in this list address a number of topics, including the relationship between culture and nature, nations, homelands, and other forms of political or religio-political formations, imagined and sacred spaces, the traversal of peoples across boundaries and on sacred journeys.

Classical iterations and general or programmatic statements
Homi Bhabha, Locations of Culture
Pierre Bourdieu, Outline of a Theory of Practice
Emile Durkheim, Elementary Forms of Religious Life
Mircea Eliade, The Sacred and the Profane.
Ed Casey, Getting back into place
David Harvey, The Condition of Postmodernity
J.Z. Smith, To Take Place
Yi-Fu Tuan, Space and Place: The Perspective of Experience

Built spaces, architecture and environs
Robert Pogue Harrison, Gardens
David Jaspers, The Sacred Desert
Rem Koolhaas, Delirious New York
Mark Taylor, Disfiguring
Robert Venturi, Learning from Las Vegas
Bachelard, Gaston. The Poetics of Space.
Foucault, Michel. “Panopticism” in Discipline and Punish

Nationalism and the Construction of Space
Talal Asad, “Religion, Nation State, Secularism” in Formations of the Secular
Benedict Anderson, Imagined Communities
Jurgen Habermas, The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere.
Peter van der Veer and Lehmann, eds, Nation and Religion
Ramaswamy, Sumathi. Godliness and the Nation: Mapping Mother India

Globalization and transnationalisms
Arjun Appadurai, Globalization

William MacNeill, *Plagues and People*


Sassen, Saskia. *Globalization and its Discontents*

Manuel Vasquez and Marie Marquardht, *Globalizing the Sacred: Religion Across the Americas*

**Pilgrimage**


**Contested places, Made Places, Vanishing places**

Marc Augue, *Non-places*


Ramaswamy, *Lost Land of Lemuria*

Marilyn Ivy, *Discourses of the Vanishing: Modernity, Phantasm, Japan*

Shepardson, Christine. *Controlling Contested Spaces*

Van der Veer, Peter. “Sonnath and Ayodhya: Eternal Shrines, Contested Histories.” (SYLL)

Foucault, Michel. “Of Other Spaces, Heterotopias” *Architecture, Mouvement, Continuite*

Herzfeld, Michael. *A Place in History: Social Monumental Time in a Cretan Town*

**Diaspora, migration and diffusion**

R Bulliett, *Conversion to Islam in the medieval period: an essay in quantitative history*

Bulliet, Richard W. *Islam: The View from the Edge*


Thomas Tweed, *Crossing and Dwelling*

Stephen Vertovec, “Religion and Diaspora”


Green, Nile. *Making Space*

Markovits, Claude and Pouchepadass. *Society and Circulation: Mobile and Itinerant Cultures in South Asia, 1750-1950*

**Nature and the “natural environment”**

Catherine Albanese, *Nature Religion in America*

William Cronon, “The Trouble with Wilderness”


Mitchell, WJT. *Landscape and Power*

Cosgrove, Denis. *Social Formation and Symbolic Landscape*
Spatial imaginaries, social imaginaries, and method
Akhil Gupta and James Ferguson, eds. *Culture, Power and Place: Explorations in Critical Anthropology.*
Cornelius Castoriadis, *The Imaginary Institution of Society.*
Thomas Gieryn, “Three Truth Spots,” and “A Space for Place in Sociology”
Bakhtin, Mikhail. “Forms of Time and of the Chronotope in the Novel.”
Foucault, Michel. “Stultifera Navis” in *Madness and Civilization*)