SPACE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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.

1. Classical iterations and general or programmatic statements

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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*
________________, *Representing Place*
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David Harvey, *The Condition of Postmodernity*
J.Z. Smith, *Map is not Territory.*
________________, *To Take Place*
Yi-Fu Tuan, *Space and Place: The Perspective of Experience*
Victor Turner, *Ritual Process*

2. Subtopics

Built spaces, architecture and environs

Robert Pogue Harrison, *Forests*
________________, *Gardens*
David Jaspers, *The Sacred Desert*
Rem Koolhaas, *Delirious New York*
Mark Taylor, *Disfiguring*
Robert Venturi, *Learning from Las Vegas*
Nationalism

Talal Asad, “Religion, Nation State, Secularism” in Formations of the Secular
Benedict Anderson, Imagined Communities
Jurgen Habermas, The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere.
Goldschmidt and Macalister, Race Nation, and Religion in the Americas
Peter van der Veer and Lehmann, eds, Nation and Religion

Globalization and transnationalisms

Arjun Appadurai, Globalization
Janet Abu-Lughod, Before European Hegemony: The World System A.D. 1250-1350
William MacNeill, Plagues and People
Sassen, Saskia. Globalization and its Discontents
Manuel Vasquez and Marie Marquardt, Globalizing the Sacred: Religion Across the Americas

Pilgrimage

Haberma, David Journey through the Twelve Forests: An Encounter with Krishna (New York: Oxford University Press, 1994)

Absence of place, vanishing places

Marc Augue, Non-places
Svetlana Boym, The Future of Nostalgia.
Ramaswamy, Lost Land of Lemuria
Marilyn Ivy, Discourses of the Vanishing: Modernity, Phantasm, Japan
**Diaspora, migration and diffusion**

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

Kong, L. Mapping ‘new’ geographies of religion: politics and poetics in modernity

*Progress in Human Geography.*

Thomas Tweed, *Crossing and Dwelling*

Stephen Vertovec, “Religion and Diaspora”

Khachig Tololyan, “The Nation State and its Others: In Lieu of a Preface,”


**Nature and the “natural environment”**

Catherine Albanese, *Nature Religion in America*

William Cronon, “The Trouble with Wilderness”


**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”


**Other topics:** Mapping and representations of space; urbanity and cosmopolitanism; private-public space