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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

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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*

Michel de Certeau. *Practice of Everyday Life* Vol 1.

Bernard Faure. 1987a. "Space and Place in Chinese Religious Traditions."

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David Harvey, *The Condition of Postmodernity*

J.Z. Smith, *To Take Place*

Yi-Fu Tuan, *Space and Place: The Perspective of Experience*

Lefebvre, Henri. 1991. *The Production of Space*. Donald Nicholson-Smith, trans.

Oxford: Blackwell. (SYLL)

Merleau-Ponty, Maurice. "Space" and "The Spatiality of One's Body." In

Phenomenology of Perception.

Built spaces, architecture and environs

Erwin Panofsky, *Gothic Architecture and Scholasticism*. Archabbey Publications, St. Vincent's Abbey, Latrobe PA, 1951, 200.

Robert Pogue Harrison, *Gardens*

David Jaspers, *The Sacred Desert*

Rem Koolhaas, *Delirious New York*

Otto von Simson, *The Gothic Cathedral* (1962)

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*

Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism*, 1983.

Jurgen Habermas, *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere*.

Peter van der Veer and Lehmann, eds, *Nation and Religion*

Ramaswamy, Sumathi. *Goddness and the Nation: Mapping Mother India*

Globalization and transnationalisms

Arjun Appadurai, *Globalization*

Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony: The World System A.D. 1250-1350*
William MacNeill, *Plagues and People*
Joseph Nye and Robert Keohane, "Transnational Relations and World Politics," *International Organization* 1971.
Sassen, Saskia. *Globalization and its Discontents*
Manuel Vasquez and Marie Marquardt, *Globalizing the Sacred: Religion Across the Americas*

Pilgrimage

Ann Feldhaus, *Connected Places: Religion, Pilgrimage, and Geographical Imagination in India* (Palgrave 2003).
Haberman, David *Journey through the Twelve Forests: An Encounter with Krishna* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1994)
Gold, Ann Grodznis *Fruitful Journeys: The Ways of Rajasthani Pilgrims* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988).
Victor Turner, "The Center out There: Pilgrim's Goal" *History of Religions* 1973.

Contested places, Made Places, Vanishing places

Marc Augue, *Non-places*
Svetlana Boym, *The Future of Nostalgia*.
Renato Rosaldo, "Ideology, Place and People without Culture," *Cultural Anthropology* 1988.
Ramaswamy, *Lost Land of Lemuria*
Marilyn Ivy, *Discourses of the Vanishing: Modernity, Phantasm, Japan*
Shepardson, Christine. *Controlling Contested Spaces*
Van der Veer, Peter. "Somnath and Ayodhya: Eternal Shrines, Contested Histories." (SYLL)
Foucault, Michel. "Of Other Spaces, Heterotopias" *Architecture, Mouvement, Continuïte*
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*
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," *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies* 1991.
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"
Lawrence Buell, *The Environmental Imagination: Thoreau, Nature Writing, and the Formation of American Culture*, Harvard University Press (1995)
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"

Kerwin Lee Klein, *Frontiers of Historical Imagination: Narrating the European Conquest of Native America, 1890-1990*.

Edward Said, *Orientalism*.

Bakhtin, Mikhail. "Forms of Time and of the Chronotope in the Novel."

Foucault, Michel. "Stultifera Navis" in *Madness and Civilization*