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16:39:01 From Joanna Wilk : Pleasure to help!
16:41:07 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : I will probably disrupt the flow of the conversation, but so be it. I want to introduce a comparative perspective, which is not intended as a rebuff at all, but a knowing (intimately so) observation on the poetics of space. How space is re-arranged in a locality when a gypsy community enters its premises.
16:48:45 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : I grew up in a Northern Greek village that would receive gypsy communities every summer (late August) during the annunciation festival. They would spread across public parks and take over the space of everyday local societies. From the perspective of the locals that would be a non-negotiable and intrusive act of spatial (and architectural) re-arrangement of the locality's rhythms. Being young and naïve, I would follow this spatial intrusion as an event that would not last for longer than a couple of weeks. But is it not interesting that what our speaker discussed as 'displacement' at large has its counterpoint when approached by the locality's perspective. The 'festival' gypsies were Gyftoi - literally, Egyptians, entering an intimate communal space to wreak havoc. To undo categories, ghettoised understanding of belonging.
16:52:35 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : I am reading Janina Bauman's memoirs again in this argument. The question Bryan terms 'being human', not in extremis. But it always about the borders and what is considered to be the extreme :-)
16:53:42 From Sarah S : Two great reflections, providing a view that is not always communicated clearly. As a criminologist, my research is around Roma trust and confidence in statutory services, with (naturally) culture, history and marginalisation being central themes. Taking a co-produced approach with Roma communities in West Yorkshire, terminology has been a central discussion point, with Roma wanting the 'GRT' label to be separated, so that the distinctiveness of each community can be understood. Whilst broad challenges face the three communities, reasons why and solutions to, need different responses. However, community members do interchangeble use Roma/Gypsy with pride, for some Roma, Gypsy is a negative term that reinforces historic trauma or blurbs boundaries with communities that may travel. Finally, speaking with young Roma - 12 years plus - a common response to Who are Roma? has been 'to be the most hated person in the world...' Highlighting how history is repeating not learnt from
16:55:51 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : No need to respond to this now or at all. I just thought I should voice it anyway.
17:00:51 From Stuart Petch : Again, this isn't a point for discussion now - but on displacement and connection: Appleby Horse Fair is a significant annual event for connection for GRT people to this day. Even this year police and councils worked to further disrupt the stopping places available to travelling people, and places to rest their horses on their long journeys to Cumbria. Road sides verges deliberately dug up, or blocked with stones, or filled with wooden piles driven into the grass to prevent people from stopping roadside on their trips. The deliberate displacement continues... like travelling and nomadism amongst some people but not others is not always acceptable. 😔

17:01:34 From Sinead D : Reacted to "Again, this isn't a ..." with 💯
17:01:37 From Bauman Institute : Reacted to "Again, this isn't a ..." with 💯
17:01:38 From syan gallagher : and when laws continue to criminalise life on the road what are you supposed to do? Where are you supposed to stay? You either assimilate and move into the council housing your are forced into or you meet systemic racism and hatred and violence.
17:01:43 From Natalie Kopytko she/her : I was thinking about a comparison with Indigenous communities as well. I was listening to a First Nations speaker who explained it very well. "We don't think of land in terms of ownership but a relationship. We don't say we own our land because that would be weird...like saying you own your cousin"
17:02:02 From Sinead D : Reacted to "and when laws contin..." with 💯
17:03:18 From Sarah S : Gypsy, Roma and Travellers come together via a flag, due to the lack of a 'home' country, with Romani code influencing believes and actions
17:03:23 From Stuart Petch : Just to add, the University of Leeds now has a 'GTRSB into Higher Education' Working Group, with a new internal website area to explore here: Celebrating our Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showmen and Boater communities. People may be interested in the work and joining the group, supporting Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller people in their ambitions to study and develop their careers 😊
17:03:52 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "and when laws continue to criminalise life on the road what are you supposed to do? Where are you supposed to stay? You either assimilate and move into the council housing your are forced into or you meet systemic racism and hatred and violence." with 👍
17:04:14 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Hm. My intervention is not intended as a critique of gypsy mobility or their humanity. It is more about a neglected approach to mindfulness - that we have a chat out of time and space (literally). I am a historian by education and an antiracist. But not happy with set discussions of displacement.
17:04:18 From Sinead D : Reacted to "Just to add, the Uni..." with 💚
17:04:41 From syan gallagher : I also think people are much more happy for people to be somewhere if they are gaining - people are happy when the fair comes to town, but not happy if 'their' laybys are full the week before!
17:05:53 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Reacted to "Just to add, the Uni..." with 💚
17:05:56 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "Gypsy, Roma and Travellers come together via a flag, due to the lack of a 'home' country, with Romani code influencing believes and actions" with 👍
17:06:41 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Replying to "Gypsy, Roma and Trav..."

Indeed. Having wrked on Orientalism in Europe, I can flag these categories as red!
17:07:21 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Reacted to "I was thinking about..." with 💚
17:07:41 From Toby Kunin : Replying to "Gypsy, Roma and Trav..."

Ken Lee and jan selling have written interesting work on links between Orientalism and Roma, especially the tradition of 'Gypsy Loreism'
17:08:03 From Haworth Towler : Is there a case for spaces that have been used as gathering sites to be classed as heritage sites and sites/events of cultural memory, to prevent cultural erasure? Traveller culture has permanence in rhythms of movement that are sometimes lost in discussions of mobility -

there's an 800 year old fair in South Leeds that's recently lost its site to a housing development
17:09:03 From Sinead D : Reacted to "Is there a case for ..." with 💯
17:09:08 From Toby Kunin : Replying to "Is there a case for ..."

there have been the beginnings of archaeological work ! Look up Romani Community Archeology. But much more work still to do definitely
17:09:19 From syan gallagher : Reacted to "Is there a case for ..." with 💚
17:09:23 From Haworth Towler : Reacted to "there have been th..." with 💚
17:09:24 From Toby Kunin : Replying to "Is there a case for ..."

focused on a site of forced assimilation in the New Forest
17:09:56 From Toby Kunin : Replying to "Is there a case for ..."

and Damian Le Bas's work on Stopping Places provides a more literary example
17:09:58 From Helen Finch (she/her) : Really interested on how this sits with Indigenous studies. This isn't my research area, but as a settled Irish person I'm aware of discourses that constantly seek to exclude Irish Travellers from the Irish people and nation, versus the claim that Travellers are an indigenous community with a long history within Ireland.
17:09:58 From Becky : John Henry Philips is the community archaeologist
17:10:02 From Haworth Towler : Reacted to "and Damian Le Bas'..." with 💚
17:10:10 From Haworth Towler : Reacted to "John Henry Philips..." with 💚
17:10:43 From Helen Finch (she/her) : Reacted to "Is there a case for ..." with 💚
17:10:52 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "Is there a case for spaces that have been used as gathering sites to be classed as heritage sites and sites/events of cultural memory, to prevent cultural erasure? Traveller culture has permanence in rhythms of movement that are sometimes lost in discussions of mobility - there's an 800 year old fair in South Leeds that's recently lost its site to a housing development" with 💚
17:11:07 From Sinead D : Reacted to "and Damian Le Bas's ..." with 💚
17:11:10 From syan gallagher : I read something about us being positioned at the bottom of a heirachy of oppression - too white to benefit from anti racist movements and too Gypsy to be part of the white powerful group
17:11:22 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "and Damian Le Bas's work on Stopping Places provides a more literary example" with 👍
17:11:30 From Sinead D : Reacted to "there have been the ..." with 💚
17:11:54 From Bauman Institute : Reacted to "and when laws contin..." with 💯
17:12:07 From Toby Kunin : Replying to "Is there a case for ..."

Romany Pride also, on a site somewhere in the north west if I remember correctly
17:12:08 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "I read something about us being positioned at the bottom of a heirachy of oppression - too white to benefit from anti racist movements and too Gypsy to be part of the white powerful group" with 😔
17:12:10 From Sarah S : Increasingly, younger Roma/Gypsy generations are having to question their identity because they are engaging in spaces that are deemed to be 'British', particularly during education, but at home or in

communities, exposed to more traditional practices. This often creates conflict around what identity is accepted in what circumstances.
17:12:31 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Replying to "I was thinking about..."

Wise. I can't elaborate but yes, yes, yes. Where I grew up was a settlement - of refugees from Asia Minor - identifying themselves as 'Greek'. One settled, they considered their homes as their own property. Add to this medley, just 30 mins away from that, there were real indigenous communities, who would be derived as uneducated.
17:12:46 From Sarah S : Replying to "Is there a case for ..."

I think this is Manchester/Cheshire way
17:12:54 From Toby Kunin : Reacted to "I think this is Manc..." with 👍
17:12:54 From syan gallagher : Reacted to "Increasingly, younge..." with 💯
17:13:07 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Reacted to "Ken Lee and jan sell..." with 👍
17:13:35 From Haworth Towler : Reacted to "I read something a..." with 💯
17:13:57 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Replying to "Gypsy, Roma and Trav..."

That's a different story.. but equally interesting.
17:15:13 From syan gallagher : I used to work with a liason officer who said there was tenfold more opposition to traveller sites than to things like landfill sites that would actively pose health risks
17:15:16 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Replying to "I read something abo..."

There are NUMEROUS studies on racial hierarchies in Europe in refugee studies. Your comment resonates.
17:16:19 From Sarah S : Replying to "I read something abo..."

You can't be what you don't see
17:16:29 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Replying to "Increasingly, younge..."

Consider what happens with 'BrAsian' second and third generation groups. There is a direct comparison there.
17:17:08 From Toby Kunin : Replying to "I used to work with ..."

or worse - combining them! the recent report on health inequalities from sites by motorways and landfills etc makes for grim reading..
17:17:45 From syan gallagher : Replying to "I used to work with ..."

Yes I've read this - pretty well every site is on the 'margins' of society and in dangerous locations
17:18:06 From Sarah S : Replying to "Increasingly, younge..."

Within Bradford, other ethnic minority communities say that Roma/Gypsies will 'get there', it is just going to take another 30 to 40 years to be accepted into society...But is it?
17:18:47 From Stuart Petch : Replying to "I read something about us being positioned at the bottom of a heirachy of oppression - too white to benefit from anti racist movements and too Gypsy to be part of the white powerful group"

Interesting point there - there's power in numbers to advocate for yourselves. If you're always a minority in a minority it's hard to ever be heard. That's why Leeds GATE work is really valued in the local areas, I think: strength in numbers to advocate for action and support Home | Leeds Gypsy & Traveller Exchange (Leeds GATE)
17:19:23 From Sarah S : Reacted to "Interesting point th..." with 👍
17:19:28 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "You can't be what you don't see" with 👍
17:19:40 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "Interesting point there - there's power in numbers to advocate for yourselves. If you're always a minority in a minority it's hard to ever be heard. That's why Leeds GATE work is really valued in the local areas, I think: strength in numbers to advocate for action and support Home | Leeds Gypsy & Traveller Exchange (Leeds GATE)" with 👍
17:20:21 From Toby Kunin : I would love to raise the point Janina made that both Jack and Bryan quoted on Romani Professors and writers - given that is no longer the case (one only needs to look at ERIAC, Critical Romani Studies) what is our epistemic responsibility as non-community members? how do we deal with the ambivalences in the archive of ethical work that also reinforces prejudiced ideas?
17:20:36 From syan gallagher : Replying to "I read something abo..."

Yes definitely! I think there is also something about because not many people get to uni - people's voices are not respected in academic spaces because they aren't academically polished blah blah blah. I think social media is being a good platform for people to speak up using their own voices and to be heard
17:20:46 From Natalie Kopytko she/her : Reacted to "Wise. I can't elabor..." with 💙
17:20:47 From Toby Kunin : Reacted to "Yes definitely! I th..." with 👍
17:21:08 From syan gallagher : Reacted to "Interesting point th..." with 👍
17:21:17 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "Yes definitely! I think there is also something about because not many people get to uni - people's voices are not respected in academic spaces because they aren't academically polished blah blah blah. I think social media is being a good platform for people to speak up using their own voices and to be heard" with 👍
17:21:19 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : It is always about 'species sorting'... calling it 'racism' is also accurate!
17:21:41 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : Hence my reference to spatial re-arrangement
17:21:53 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : I have to go, sorry.,
17:22:04 From Claudia Sternberg : Stolpersteine
17:22:40 From Rodanthi Tzanelli : the session overran.. interesting conversations though
17:23:36 From Sarah S : Really enjoyed this conversation but need to go now. Lots of points to reflect on both personally and in terms of ongoing research.
17:24:11 From Sinead D : Replying to "I read something abo..."

I've definitely noticed this too (as a brown immigrant) on the first half of what you said. The coloniality of it also is relevant. I was once at a talk by Kalwant Bhopal (back in 2016), and she was worried as a researcher that she wouldn't be someone GRT folk would be happy to speak to compared to her white co-researcher, but the families immediately told her they prefer to speak to her because they shared more. So it's really interesting how our communities have

that potential for solidarity, but these hierarchies are to maintain oppression and seems to be done so well (not for us, of course).
17:24:31 From Toby Kunin : Reacted to "I've definitely noti..." with 👍
17:24:34 From syan gallagher : Reacted to "I've definitely noti..." with 💙
17:24:42 From Sinead D : Reacted to "I would love to rais..." with 💙
17:24:51 From Natalie Kopytko she/her : Reacted to "Yes definitely! I th..." with 👍
17:24:52 From Sinead D : Removed a 💙 reaction from "I would love to rais..."
17:24:55 From Sinead D : Reacted to "I would love to rais..." with 💯
17:25:22 From Marta Wójtowicz (she/her) : Reacted to "Yes definitely! I th..." with 👍
17:25:24 From Natalie Kopytko she/her : Reacted to "I've definitely noti..." with 💙
17:27:04 From syan gallagher : It's hard when our oral traditions are so strong and archivists don't generally collect that (I know there are some recordings)
17:27:36 From Haworth Towler : Reacted to "It's hard when our..." with 💙
17:27:50 From Stuart Petch : Replying to "I read something about us being positioned at the bottom of a heirachy of oppression - too white to benefit from anti racist movements and too Gypsy to be part of the white powerful group"

Thank you so much Becky and Bryan and Jack and everyone for this - it's been a stimulating discussion, with much to think about and it's been really good to chat and connect and reflect
17:28:38 From Sinead D : Reacted to "I read something abo..." with 😔
17:28:53 From Sinead D : Reacted to "Yes definitely! I th..." with 💙
17:29:27 From Lauren Gower : Like “coloured” people in South Africa. Here too we have Abahlali baseMjondolo, landless people organised in socialist principles with over 100 000 members. They are the largest social group in the country who’ve been fighting about rights and access to land for many years. They organise with people from India, Brazil and other countries. Many leaders have been assassinated by the ANC here because of the threat they represent. Thank you for sharing your connecting work. It’s really critical to link up wherever we can.
17:29:41 From Stuart Petch : Replying to "I read something about us being positioned at the bottom of a heirachy of oppression - too white to benefit from anti racist movements and too Gypsy to be part of the white powerful group"

A recent positive blog here from one of our Leeds students who's reflected on her studies and time in education as a Traveller woman. it's a lovely read 🥹 Meet our graduates – Charlotte James | by Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds | Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds | Medium
17:30:15 From Stuart Petch : Reacted to "It's hard when our oral traditions are so strong and archivists don't generally collect that (I know there are some recordings)" with 💙
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Thank you for sharing your connecting work. It’s really critical to link up wherever we can." with 👍
17:30:48 From syan gallagher : Thank you so much, this has been great
17:31:05 From Natalie Kopytko she/her : Thanks so much. Fascinating and the solidarity is so needed
17:31:18 From Toby Kunin : thank you so much both of you !
17:31:35 From Stuart Petch : Thank you everyone 👍👏
17:31:40 From Ellie rose Amit : Thank you! Very informative.
17:31:45 From Vicky Blake : thank you so much - this was a wonderful session, and really appreciated it being so accessible via being online
17:31:47 From Sinead D : Thanks so much to all, for all the sharing in the chat and the speakers! <3
17:31:53 From Ellie rose Amit : Reacted to "thank you so much - ..." with 👍
17:32:42 From Haworth Towler : Could we please access the recording to listen back?
17:32:51 From Helen Finch (she/her) : This has been so wonderful. Thank you. I have learned so much.
17:32:56 From Haworth Towler : And thank you so mucn, very interesting!
17:34:24 From Haworth Towler : Thank you!
17:34:36 From Griselda Pollock : I was thinking of a deeper baimanistic sociological analysis of modernity and modernisation being precisely relevant for the cha;;edges moving peoples pose to. I am thinking about Homi Bhabha as well… who is inside and outside or on the edge
17:34:47 From Toby Kunin : Reacted to "I was thinking of a ..." with 👍
17:35:06 From Claudia Sternberg : Thank you very much for today. Very valuable.
17:35:08 From Stuart Petch : Thank you very much
17:35:11 From Joanna Wilk : Thank you All!
17:35:15 From James Brooks : Thanks, All