

Spatializing the Missionary Encounter.

The Interaction between Missionary Work and Space in Colonial Settings.

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1. Practical information

Date	Wednesday evening 21 November until Saturday 24 November 2007
Venue	Arenberg Castle Katholieke Universiteit Leuven: Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning Kasteelpark Arenberg 51 3001 Heverlee (Leuven), Belgium
Directions	There is an easy connection by train (15') between Brussels Airport (www.brusselsairport.be) and Leuven. From there it is a 10 min. drive by cab to the hotel and workshop venue, or a bit longer by bus.
Scientific Committee	Jan De Maeyer (KADOC-K.U.Leuven), Bruno De Meulder (K.U.Leuven), Nicholas Bullock (University of Cambridge), Sabine Cornelis (Royal Museum of Central Africa), Johan Lagae (Ghent University), Bram Cleys (K.U.Leuven)
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2. Program

Wednesday 21 November 2007

- 18h-... Registration
- 20h Jan De Maeyer
Welcome address
- 20h10 Allen M. Howard (Rutgers University)
Opening Lecture: *The Spatiality of Sacred Spaces in Africa (1800-1960)*

Thursday 22 November 2007

Chair: Sabine Cornelis (Royal Museum for Central-Africa)

- 9h Bruno De Meulder (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
Introductory Lecture: The Concept of the Workshop

1. Universal Churches, Hybrid Architectures

- 9h30 Elisabeth Cameron (University of California)
Dueling Churches: Architectural Space as a Conjunction of Worlds
- 9h50 Alex Bremner (University of Edinburgh)
Narthex Redux: Reinventing Disciplinary Space in the Anglican Mission Field, 1847-1903
- 10h10 *Break*
- 10h30 Nicholas J. Bridger

Kevin Carroll and the Oye-Ekiti Workshop (1946-1954): A Legacy of Architectural Inculturation in Nigeria

10h50 Discussion

12h30 Lunch Break

Thursday 22 November 2007 – Afternoon Session
Chair: Jan De Maeyer (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

2. Local Agencies

- 14h Maina Chawla Singh (University of Delhi)
Gender, Space and Cross-Cultural Missionary Encounters: the Missionary Compound and the Women's Dispensary in Colonial India
- 14h20 Su-Lyn Seah (University of Cambridge)
Indian Hands in the British Empire. Developing a 'Correct' Ecclesiastical Architecture in India [preliminary title: on condition of confirmation]
- 14h40 Discussion
- 15h45 *Break*

3. Contested Territories

- 16h Christiane Rafidinarivo (University of La Réunion)
Missionary Architecture and Political Spatializing
- 16h20 Karina Hestad Skeie (University of Bergen)
Building a Christian Church. The Church-Building as a Missionizing Strategy in Nineteenth Century Highland Madagascar
- 16h40 Madia Thomson
A Settling Mission: James M. Thomson and the Establishment of the Mission School at Cape Palmas, Liberia
- 17h Discussion
- 18h30 End

Friday 23 November 2007 – Morning Session
Chair: Johan Lagae (Ghent University)

3. Contested Territories

- 9h30 Anne Folke Henningsen (University of Aarhus)
Promised Land. Moravian Mission Land Conflict in late 19th-Century South African Eastern Cape
- 9h50 Willem Boshoff (University of South Africa)
Spatial arrangements, rapprochement and animosity at Gerlachshoop and Thabantsho (1860-1864)

- 10h10 Break
- 10h30 Discussion
- 11h30 Olufunke Adeboye (University of Lagos)
From intramural sepulture to public cemeteries: the dynamics of mortuary politics in Ibadan, 1853-1960
- 11h50 Bram Cleys (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
Encountering the City. Missionaries and the Colonial City of Kananga (Belgian Congo, 1930-1960)
- 12h10 Discussion
- 13h Lunch Break

Friday 23 November 2007 – Afternoon Session

Chair: Nicholas Bullock (University of Cambridge)

- 14h30 Céline Frémaux (Université de Lille)
The cities of the Suez Canal, ground of the fights of influence of the religious missions (1859-1956)
- 14h50 Aleksandra Majstorac Kobiljski (City University of New York)
Learning to be Modern: Building and Remodeling of the Campus Space in Kyoto and Beirut 1871-1893
- 15h10 Break
- 15h30 Lawrence Braschi (School of Oriental and African Studies)
Civilizing Space in West China. The Impact of Missionary Educational Buildings in Sichuan, 1880-1937
- 15h50 Discussion
- 18h End

Saturday 24 November 2007 – Morning Session

Chair: Bruno De Meulder (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

- 9h15 Itohan Osayimwese (University of Michigan)
Missionaries as Makers and Reformers of German Colonial Architecture

4. Sacred Spaces: Localised and Imagined

- 9h35 Ndu Life Njoku (Imo State University)
The Missionary Factor and the Phenomenon of the Evil Forest in Colonial Nigeria: Understanding the Interaction between Missionary Work and Space in Igboland
- 9h55 Break
- 10h15 Discussion
- 11h15 Alexis B. Tengan (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
Spaces in Motion and Missionary Church Construction in Timeless Encountering Relations: The Cosmography of Church-Building in North-West Ghana
- 11h35 Maarten Onneweer (Universiteit Leiden)
Redeeming the Divine Blueprint. Mission and Allegory in East Ukamba, 1893-1905
- 11h55 Discussion
- 13h Lunch Break

Saturday 24 November 2007 – Afternoon Session

Chair: Jan De Maeyer (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), Bruno De Meulder (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

- 14h30 Final Discussion
- 16h30 End