Space, Place and Society is a Group of PhD students at EGIS, Heriot Watt University. The group was created in 2014 with the intention of sharing research knowledge, ideas and problems among PhD students who have got space, place and people at the core of their research.

We set up monthly topics (from general common interests such as Methodology, Publication, Communication to more specific themes such as Place-making, Wellbeing or Social Exclusion). We meet weekly to discuss those topics in an informal-relaxing way over lunch. Every month we also invite external speakers, watch films and present our own work in order to foster further debate. We share links, news, conferences and call of papers through our blog.

Our weekly Wednesday meetings have been open to all PhD students. Students have shared their ideas for monthly topics, events or activities. We have also created a blog http://spacegroup.passle.net.

Space Group course 3- 2016/17

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<td>19th April 2017</td>
<td>Open Talk Series: “A place for pedagogy and play” Speaker: Matluba Khan</td>
<td>Matluba’s talk will focus on the ‘affordances’ of the designed school ground for children’s formal and informal learning activities. It will also highlight how the teachers discovered affordances in different landscape elements that influenced their teaching practices.</td>
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<td>26th April 2017</td>
<td>Space+Place+Society welcome to new students.</td>
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<td>03rd May 2017</td>
<td>Open Talk Series: “Commodifying urban space. The clash of promises and everyday life.” Speaker: Bilge Serin</td>
<td>The talk focuses on the case of branded housing projects in Istanbul, Turkey as a particular version of housing enclaves and discusses their recent emergence in this locality regarding the projects’ development processes, discursive formation and spatial practices.</td>
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<td>17th May 2017</td>
<td>Film Session: “Equal by Design” By Peg Rawes and Beth Lord</td>
<td>A documentary film about equality, wellbeing and the UK housing crisis. The film shows how seventeenth-century Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza’s theories of wellbeing and equality can be used to</td>
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24th May 2017 | Round-table Series: “The Power Struggle over Urban Space: Spatial Violence and (In)Justice” | This session aims to discuss the contemporary power struggle over geography through practices of the spatial (symbolic or physical) violence and spatial (in)justices. The tensions created by attempts of controlling over urban space and its production practices will particularly be focused.

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Space Group course 2- 2015/16

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<td>16th September 2015</td>
<td>Inaugural Space Group Cinema Night</td>
<td>Documentary Film “The Price We Pay” about the dark history of big-business tax avoidance, which has seen multinationals depriving governments of trillions of dollars in tax revenues by harboring profits in offshore havens.</td>
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<td>07th October 2015</td>
<td>Welcome to new members</td>
<td>Provisional calendar of activities and topics.</td>
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<td>22nd October 2015</td>
<td>Social gathering</td>
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<td><strong>NOVEMBER: Month of SOCIAL EXCLUSION</strong></td>
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<td>25th November 2015</td>
<td>Seminar by Tim Packer</td>
<td>Seminar on his experience as council officer for Children and Families, and the work done at Craygroyston High School.</td>
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**DECEMBER: Month of HOUSING CRISIS IN THE UK**

| 02nd December 2015 | Seminar by Adam Stephenson | Adam presented his PhD Research. |
| 03rd December 2015 | Space group Christmas Social | |
| 15th December 2015 | Space group programme discussion | |

**FEBRUARY: Month of PLANNING, PLACE MAKING AND WELLBEING**
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<td>Documentary film session</td>
<td>Documentary film &quot;Si se puede&quot; about anti-eviction platform in Spain.</td>
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<td>10th February 2016</td>
<td>Seminar by Ian Wight PhD MCIP (Ret'd) Senior Scholar,</td>
<td>A conversation around 'place, place-making and planning.' Exploring space-place transformation and great place-making.</td>
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<td>City Planning, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba,</td>
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<td>17th February 2016</td>
<td>Seminar by Jenny Wood</td>
<td>Breakdown of the planning system in Scotland.</td>
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<td>24th February 2016</td>
<td>Seminar at ESALA</td>
<td>&quot;Where does design begin?&quot;</td>
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<td>2nd March 2016</td>
<td>Seminar by Natasa Colic</td>
<td>An overview of her PhD &quot;Examining the changing role of the public interest in planning practice in Belgrade, Serbia&quot;.</td>
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**JUNE: Month of COMMUNICATION in RESEARCH**

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<td>07th June 2016</td>
<td>Space group attend EGIS quiz</td>
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<td>08th June 2016</td>
<td>Seminar by Belén Butragueño Diaz-Guerra PhD, M.Arch. Lecturer in Graphic Arch. Ideation at ETS Architecture Madrid, UPM since 2007.</td>
<td>Communication skills for researchers: &quot;In an increasingly competitive and global market, researchers need to communicate their work effectively to an international audience. It is important to consider that any communicative act influence both speaker and receiver to the same extent. We need to catch the attention of the audience by creating a performative experience in which many agents are of vital importance: from the speaker attitude, to the graphic strategies of a presentation. A successful communication of a research might imply a significant progress in it.&quot;</td>
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**Space Group course 1- 2014/15**

The Space Group explore contemporary issues of urbanism, architecture, urban social policy, socio-spatial exclusion, wellbeing and third-space. Explorations are arranged by theme or strand. Current themes include ‘writing’ and dissemination.’

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<td>12 November 2014</td>
<td>Inaugural meeting of the fledgling Space group</td>
<td>Space group convene to establish network of like-minded scholars</td>
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<td>14th November 2014</td>
<td>Urban Age Governing Urban Futures</td>
<td>No sure if you managed to watch it?</td>
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<td>17th November 2014</td>
<td>Launched of Space Group blog</td>
<td>An open platform inside Passle aimed to share knowledge regarding our common research interests.</td>
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<td>26th November 2014</td>
<td>Presentation session</td>
<td>5 min. informal presentation of our research to the group</td>
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<td>November or December?</td>
<td>Discussion of Research</td>
<td>Mandy Nioi presents her research so far to the group. Penni Collings discusses her research with the group</td>
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<td>14th January 2015</td>
<td>Discussion of the plan for the semester</td>
<td>First meeting after Christmas break</td>
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<td>23 January 2015</td>
<td>Space group programme emerges</td>
<td>Space group agree to explore themes relating to methodology, writing and dissemination</td>
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<td>28 January 2015</td>
<td>Methodology strand opened</td>
<td>Something else was discussed first- was this Bilge's presentation? Jenny Wood gives talk on her experience of mapping exercises with children</td>
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<td>4th February 2015</td>
<td>Methods Discussion</td>
<td>Luca Brunelli discusses his proposed fieldwork strategy with the group for feedback.</td>
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<td><strong>MARCH: MONTH OF DISSEMINATION</strong></td>
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<td>4 March 2015</td>
<td>Launch of Space group round table series with Dr Harry Smith.</td>
<td>Harry Smith in conversation with PhD researchers. – “how to get published”. Part of dissemination theme.</td>
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<td>11th March 2015</td>
<td>Dissemination Discussion</td>
<td>Bilge presents her research in Pecha Kucha format</td>
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<td>18th March 2015</td>
<td>Dissemination: Publishing a paper</td>
<td>Jenny talked us about her experience while publishing a paper</td>
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<td>25 March 2015</td>
<td>Documentary film Session</td>
<td>Ecumenopolis-City Without Limits. Documentary film about urbanization in Istanbul, Turkey</td>
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<td><strong>April: Easter break</strong></td>
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<td>29 April 2015</td>
<td>Discussion about Writing</td>
<td>Organizing May agenda</td>
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<td>29 April</td>
<td>First Space group debut film club</td>
<td>Film club launches with drinks followed by Blade Runner at Edinburgh’s FilmHouse cinema</td>
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<td><strong>May: month of Writing</strong></td>
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<td>5 May 2015</td>
<td>Space group attend EGIS quiz</td>
<td>Space claim second place in annual pub quiz</td>
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<td>6 May 2015</td>
<td>Discussion Limitations while Writing</td>
<td>Open discussion</td>
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<td>13 May 2015</td>
<td><strong>Space Group presents: Dark Days</strong></td>
<td>As part of <em>dissemination</em> strand, Space group screen ‘Dark Days’ – “A cinematic portrait of the homeless population who live permanently in the underground tunnels of New York City”</td>
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<td>20 May 2015</td>
<td>Within the <em>writing</em> strand, Jenny Wood launches the Space group writing session pilot series</td>
<td>The writing session aims to create a mutually supportive time and space in which participants set a specific goal of writing.</td>
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<td>Continuation of Space group’s writing session pilot</td>
<td>Second event of writing session pilot series</td>
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<td>27 May 2015</td>
<td><strong>Space group round table:</strong> with Dr Beth Watts. Second event in round table series</td>
<td>To explore the <em>dissemination theme</em>, Dr Watts lead a discussion on research blogs</td>
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<td>3 June 2015</td>
<td>Third instalment of the Space group’s writing session pilot</td>
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<td>Space group propose ‘summer session’ at the Meadows</td>
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