

PRACTICE THEORY GATHERING 2021

Online, 18th – 19th November 2021, 19:00 – 00:00 (CET)

Hosted by the Practice Theory Consortium (see: [Practice Theory at Lancaster](#))

PhD and Early Career Researchers in different countries and contexts are developing and conducting practice theoretically informed research. Until now there has not been a dedicated network through which this international group can connect to share and expand their ideas and research. To develop this network, a Practice Theory Consortium has been formed. The Consortium committee is organising a two day Practice Theory Gathering, which will take place in November 2021 and at a time that allows people from around the world to join. This event is designed to establish and foster new connections among practice theory-oriented researchers.

On the **18th of November** the gathering will start with a ‘curtain raising’ discussion of critical themes in practice theory and of their relevance for understanding social futures in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Participants will then take part in one of five conversations led by an established researcher influenced by and/or involved in shaping theories of practice. The five key themes include:

- Connections and edges
- Agency, competence, learning
- Objects, materiality, digitality
- Space
- Time

On the **18th**, there will also be an opportunity to meet the extended group of participants and academic leads during a more casual ‘coffee shop’ break out session.

The **19th of November** starts with a series of ‘virtual dinner parties’ and reading groups.

After dinner, there will be two types of parallel sessions. Some will focus on writing submitted by participants for comment and discussion by an experienced researcher and a panel of other readers. Alternatively, participants will have an opportunity to join a reading group and to discuss one or more already published papers/chapters. We aim to have authors attend these reading rooms.

If you want to submit some of your writing for review and comment you need to send a brief (no more than 250 word) abstract to practicetheorygathering2021@gmail.com by **July 31st**. We will invite longer pieces (but no more than 3000 words) based on these abstracts. These writings may relate to your current project, form part of a draft chapter, or be another piece of thought (it is up to you).

To cap things off, there will be a ‘curtain raising’ ceremony including a discussion of the Consortium’s plans for the future, and of opportunities to continue the conversation.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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18th November 19:00 – 00:00 (CET) (WARNING: the 19th in some places!)

Local Time(s)		Agenda
Lancaster	18:00 – 19:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Curtain raising</p> <p>Welcome and five mini presentations, made up of no more than five pictures, focused on one of the following five critical themes and social futures in the wake of COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections & Edges – <i>Elizabeth Shove and Ignas Bruder</i> • Agency, Competence & Learning – <i>Johanna Gessner and Ted Schatzki</i> • Objects, Materiality & Digitality – <i>Ignas Bruder and Torik Holmes</i> • Space – <i>Mona Feise-Nasr and Natalia Martini</i> • Time – <i>Stan Blue and Georg Rißler</i>
Berlin	19:00 – 20:00	
Lexington	13:00 – 14:00	
Los Angeles	10:00 – 11:00	
Sydney	5:00 – 06:00	
Johannesburg	20:00 – 21:00	
Moscow	21:00 – 22:00	
Tokyo	03:00 – 04:00	
Rio de Janeiro	15:00 – 16:00	
10 mins		Break time and Time to move...
Lancaster	19:10 – 20:40	<p style="text-align: center;">Group conversations</p> <p>Participants will choose to take part in one of the following conversations. An established researcher will get things going. Groups will discuss key research challenges and implications related to the group's main theme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections & Edges • Agency, Competence & Learning • Objects, Materiality & Digitality • Space • Time <p>In each room there will be a digital note pad to post and collect thoughts.</p>
Berlin	20:10 – 21:40	
Lexington	14:10 – 15:40	
Los Angeles	11:10 – 12:40	
Sydney	06:10 – 07:40	
Johannesburg	21:10 – 22:40	
Moscow	22:10 – 23:40	
Tokyo	04:10 – 05:40	
Rio de Janeiro	16:10 – 17:40	
10 mins		Break and time to move and get a drink
Lancaster	20:50 – 21:50	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee shops</p> <p>Participants will have an opportunity to get a drink, move around, and visit other rooms. 'These coffee shop' rooms will be limited to six members and will be hosted by the conversation leads from the previous session. If a room is full, find one that has space and join the conversation.</p>
Berlin	21:50 – 22:50	
Lexington	15:50 – 16:50	
Los Angeles	12:50 – 13:50	
Sydney	07:50 – 08:50	
Johannesburg	22:50 – 23:50	
Moscow	23:50 – 00:50	
Tokyo	05:50 – 6:50	
Rio de Janeiro	17:50 – 18:50	
Lancaster	21:50 – 23:00	<p style="text-align: center;">What's next? Tomorrow's agenda and the pub</p> <p>Back to the main room to briefly explain tomorrow's plan.</p> <p>The remaining time provides an opportunity to continue conversations in the smaller 'coffee shops', which now form pubs.</p>
Berlin	22:50 – 00:00	
Lexington	16:50 – 18:00	
Los Angeles	13:50 – 15:00	
Sydney	08:50 – 10:00	
Johannesburg	23:50 – 01:00	
Moscow	00:50 – 02:00	
Tokyo	06:30 – 08:00	
Rio de Janeiro	18:50 – 20:00	

19th November 20:00 – 00:00 (CET) (WARNING: the 20th in some places!)

Local Time(s)		Agenda
Lancaster	19:00 – 20:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual dinner parties</p> <p>Participants will be allocated a room to have dinner in with five other members of the gathering. These will be made up of people who were not grouped together on Day 1. Participants can bring what they want to eat. This may be a three course meal or a snack. To get the conversations going, participants will discuss a pre-circulated reading about food and eating.</p>
Berlin	20:00 – 21:00	
Lexington	14:00 – 15:00	
Los Angeles	11:00 – 12:00	
Sydney	06:00 – 07:00	
Johannesburg	21:00 – 23:00	
Moscow	22:00 – 23:00	
Tokyo	04:00 – 05:00	
Rio de Janeiro	16:00 – 17:00	
10 mins		Break and time to move...
Lancaster	20:10 – 22:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Writing, reading and discussion</p> <p><i>Two sessions will run simultaneously during this portion of the day.</i></p> <p>Session 1: Discussing shared work</p> <p>Those who opted to submit some writing will participate in a group session within which they will discuss the written contributions. These will be led by a relevant researcher. The contributions will be no longer than 3,000 words. These may be to do with a PhD project, form part of draft chapter, or be another piece of thought.</p> <p>Session 2: Discussing key readings</p> <p>For those who have not decided to submit a piece of writing, there will be a series of reading rooms within which key ideas and implications will be discussed.</p>
Berlin	21:10 – 23:15	
Lexington	15:10 – 17:15	
Los Angeles	12:10 – 14:15	
Sydney	07:10 – 9:15	
Johannesburg	22:10 – 00:15	
Moscow	23:10 – 01:15	
Tokyo	05:10 – 7.15	
Rio de Janeiro	17:10 – 19.15	
		5 mins
		Short break and time to move... Time to move... Time to move
Lancaster	22:20 – 23:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Capping things off</p> <p>Back in the main room, we will cap things off, gather feedback, and outline the Consortium's future plans and related opportunities.</p>
Berlin	23:20 – 00:00	
Lexington	17:20 – 18:00	
Los Angeles	14:20 – 15:00	
Sydney	9:20 – 10:00	
Johannesburg	00:20 – 01:00	
Moscow	01:20 – 02:00	
Tokyo	07:20 – 8:00	
Rio de Janeiro	19:20 – 20:00	