

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pittsburgh Continental Philosophy Conference:  
**(un)commons: theory and public space**  
25-26 September 2015

*Call for Papers and Works*

**Abstracts and proposals due 15 July 2015**

Pittsburgh, PA

**Plenary Addresses:**

Fred Evans (Duquesne University)  
The Partially Examined Life (<http://www.partiallyexaminedlife.com/>)  
more TBA

The *Pittsburgh Continental Philosophy Network* is pleased to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pittsburgh Continental Philosophy Conference, “(un)commons: theory and public space.” Devoted to a critical examination of the public sphere, the conference is seeking papers and artworks that deal with philosophy, criticism, and analysis *of* public space, as well as those which deal with philosophy, criticism, and analysis *in* public space.

Towards the end of interdisciplinary collaboration, this conference invites contributions from a range of disciplines including philosophy, architecture, geography, psychology, religious studies, communication, rhetoric, and sociology, among others. Additionally, we strongly encourage artists and performers whose work deals with the notion of the “public” or the “common” to submit samples or descriptions of works in any medium—visual, musical, performance, installation, etc. We will accept paper and panel proposals on any topic relevant to continental philosophy, and particularly encourage those that seek to cross the bounds between multiple disciplines.

Additionally, since the conference will be joined by a live recording of an episode of “The Partially Examined Life” (<http://www.partiallyexaminedlife.com/>), we strongly encourage those whose work deals with the “new media”—including podcasts, blogs, youtube, etc.—to join us.

Areas of interest include, but are certainly not limited to:

- Phenomenology of public space
- Deconstruction of the “commons”
- “Doing philosophy” in public
- The psychology or psychoanalysis of space
- Critical disability studies and public space
- Technology and the public (e.g. podcasts/blogs)
- Embodiment and space
- Queer theory and orientation
- Communication and rhetoric in public space
- The racialization of public space
- The ethics of the commons
- Ecological analysis of public space
- The politics of the commons
- Critical geography and architecture

**Information about the Conference and Network can be found at:**

<http://www.pittsburghphilosophy.com>

**Submission Information:**

- *15 July 2015: Papers, works, and panel proposal submission deadline.*
- 1 Aug. 2015: Notification of acceptance.
- Include: name, academic affiliation, contact information, and a/v requirements.  
(note: proposals by non-academic applicants are encouraged)
- 500 word limit for abstracts.
- For panels, include individual paper abstracts, as well as a panel abstract.
- For works, include an abstract that briefly describes the project, as well as any supporting material (pictures, video, etc.) that might be helpful.
- Final presentations should be 20 minutes and should also allot 10 minutes for questions and discussion (30 minutes total per presentation).

Paper and panel proposals should be sent as an attached MS Word document or PDF file to:  
[pittsburghphilosophy@gmail.com](mailto:pittsburghphilosophy@gmail.com)

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