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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON NIGHT STUDIES

ONLINE

7 - 9 OCTOBER 2026
LISBON

PROGRAMME



A GLOBAL
CONVERSATION
ON NIGHT

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09:00–09:15

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

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09:00 AM Lisbon

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ID 821 1261 2908 · Passcode 281804

S1 Music, ageing and nocturnal subcultures

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09:15 Sampling Sleeplessness: Sound as a catalyst for restless nights or a muse for sleep?

Marietta Kesting & Moon Lacroix

09:30 Nonconformity in Communities Around Tekno Music Night Festivities in Morocco: Gender Representations in Focus

Sofia Aourarh & Sana Benbelli

09:45 Still Inside the Beat? Ageing, Embodiment and (In)Visibility in Berlin’s Techno Scene

Guillaume Robin

10:00 Back to the Dance Floor – A qualitative study exploring the motivations and meanings of over 40s returning to electronic dance music events in the UK.

Jo Matthews

10:15–10:30

JOINT DISCUSSION

10:30–11:00

COFFEE / SCREEN BREAK

11:00–12:30

60 min + Q&A

KEYNOTE

Can You Borrow an Atmosphere? Cultural Extractivism and the Urban Night

Giacomo Bottà · University of Turku

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S2 Embodied and sensory approaches to the night

14:00 **Night as Method: Notes from a Cities Methodologies Course**

Giuseppe Tomasella

14:15 **The night sound, Healthcare workers' perception of sounds in a hospital setting**

Siham Karim & Sana Benbelli

14:30 **Articulating Thermal Dis/comfort and the Nocturnal**

Adam Eldridge

14:45 **The Estuary and the Crepuscular.**

Laura Denning

15:00–15:15

JOINT DISCUSSION

15:15–15:45

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S3 Unequal nights: care, vulnerability and exclusion

ZOOM 03:45 PM Lisbon [JOIN MEETING](#) ID 845 4994 1524 · Passcode 980603

15:45 **Confiscated Nightness: The carceral sky, celestial enclosure and abolitionist horizons at the EU's border**

Aila Spathopoulou

16:00 **“Endless Night”–Blanchotian Nocturnal Phenomenology, Urban Interstitiality, and Chronic Homelessness in Baltimore City**

Niraj Raju

16:15 **Childhoods After Dark: Memory, Care, and the Transformation of Sensibilities in Mexico City**

Yolanda Macías

16:30 **Women Night Workers Walking Through Fear: Safety Strategies in Mexico City**

Paola Thompson

16:45–17:00

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S4 Cultural imaginaries of night: art, literature and media

ZOOM 09:00 AM Lisbon [JOIN MEETING](#) ID 845 3106 2921 · Passcode 891212

09:00 The Aesthetics of Nocturnal Darkness through a Traditional Chinese Aesthetic Framework: Taking Song Dynasty Landscape Painting as an Example

Keyuan Zhang

09:15 Night, Madness, and Female Respectability in Eighteenth-Century London

Yihong Zhu

09:30 The Poetics of The Night in Picturebooks

İlgin Ververi Alaca & Şevval Karabulut

09:45 Exit Light: Night, Nightmares, and the Gothic in South of Midnight, Ghostwire: Tokyo, and Alice: Madness Returns

Joanne Mills

10:00–10:15

JOINT DISCUSSION

10:15–10:45

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S5 Creative, pedagogical and participatory methods after dark

ZOOM 10:45 AM Lisbon [JOIN MEETING](#) ID 880 8763 4459 · Passcode 692828

10:45 Weaving the Night: Encounters with Liminal Spaces

Hannah Dalgleish

11:00 Sahrawi Literature Under the Stars: A Didactic Proposal for Sensory Enjoyment

Jaime Puig Guisado

11:15 Redistributing the Dark: Creative Photography and Widening Access to International Dark Sky Parks

Helen McGhie

11:30 Digital, analogue, and the creative space in-between: a youth-led multi-method citizen science exploration of nature at night

Daniel Bos & Rebecca Collins

11:45–12:00

JOINT DISCUSSION

12:00–14:30

LUNCH / NETWORKING / SCREEN BREAK

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12:00–14:30

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S6 Ecologies of darkness and artificial light

ZOOM 02:30 PM Lisbon [JOIN MEETING](#) ID 850 9587 4431 · Passcode 927264

14:30 We do it in the dark! Sustainable practices for coastal coexistence

Érica Moura, Marianna Farina, Chiara Roncari, Roberta Teti, Giuseppe Piccolo, Fulvio Maffucci, Sandra Hochscheid, and Chiara Carucci

14:45 “Seeing Like a Turtle”: Rethinking Light Pollution and Night

Sara Pritchard

15:00 Luminous Hybris and the Right to Darkness: Rethinking the 24-Hour Urban Lifestyle in Bogotá (Colombia)

Juan-Felipe Montealegre

15:15–15:45

JOINT DISCUSSION

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S7

Governing safer nights: noise, security and contested safety

ZOOM

09:00 AM Lisbon

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09:00

Right to Noise: Sound Governance and Spatial Exclusion in the Nocturnal City

Charlie White

09:15

“Feeling free is feeling safe”: Safety as contested performance in Antwerp’s nightlife spaces

Eva De Smedt, Yana Avramova & Zanouka Bonfilio

09:30

Safer Club Nights: The Double Bind. Security Agents and Safety-Awareness Workers in Parisian and Berliner Techno Clubs

Leïla Prud’homme

09:45–10:15

EXTENDED JOINT DISCUSSION

10:15–10:45

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S8 Heritage, tourism and the illuminated nocturnal city

ZOOM 10:45 AM Lisbon [JOIN MEETING](#) ID 822 0017 6760 · Passcode 681143

10:45 The museumification of London nightlife: a King’s Cross Central case study

Nina O’Reilly

11:00 After dark in rural China: Illuminated spaces, tourist practices, and social interactions

Qianfei Su & Thomas Thurnell-Read

11:15 Festivalisation in a new light: characteristics and objectives of light art festivals in Germany

Jochen Burger

11:30 Perceiving Historic Urban Texture through Darkness and Lighting Conditions: The Süleymaniye-Vefa Corridor Case

Ece Kicali

11:45–12:00

JOINT DISCUSSION

12:00–14:30

LUNCH / NETWORKING / SCREEN BREAK

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S9 Nocturnal infrastructures, mobility and urban change

ZOOM 02:30 PM Lisbon [JOIN MEETING](#) ID 854 6812 2769 · Passcode 978601

14:30 **Legitimacy and Stigma in Heritage Nightlife: Moral Hierarchies of Nocturnality in Valparaíso, Chile**

Jorge Ulloa-Martínez

14:45 **“When The Working Day Is Done, Girls Just Wanna Have Fun”: Taking Nighttime Leisure Travel (and Its Gendered Dimensions) Seriously**

Raelene Ina Bianchi, Louise M. Dy & Gregory Newmark

15:00 **Waiting for the Night: Covid and the Erosion of Night time Business Hours**

Theresa Goldbach

15:15–15:30

JOINT DISCUSSION

S10 Politics of the Urban Night: Regulation, Infrastructure and Autonomy

ZOOM 03:30 PM Lisbon [JOIN MEETING](#) ID 854 6260 4856 · Passcode 123795

15:30 **Nocturnal Infrastructures and Music Scenes**

Alejandro Mercado-Celis

15:45 **Who Owns the Night? Nightlife Regulation and the Struggle for Autonomy in Lisbon**

João Ervedosa, Manuel Garcia-Ruiz, Jordi Nofre

16:00 **After the Last Drink: Regulating the Night and Reconfiguring Nocturnal Centralities**

Chiara De Dominicis, Manuel Garcia-Ruiz

16:15–16:30

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Closing Remarks