

Session title: Absent Presences and Present Absences: Spectral, spiritual, and therapeutic spaces in research

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This session explores emotional experiences that hover between presence and absence in a variety of broadly therapeutic contexts. Such experiences are often extraordinarily powerful, and often defy description let alone analysis. Papers in this session uses a variety of evocative approaches to circle around and between these absent presences and present absences, posing questions about methodologies for and limits of research in emotional geographies.

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