

Fourth International Conference on Emotional Geographies (1-3 July 2013) at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Feelings Inside: Emotional and embodied geographies of 'the bodily interior'

Session Organisers: Rachel Colls and Abi McNiven, Durham University, UK.

This call for papers is interested in the various ways in which the spatiality of 'the bodily interior' matters to emotional geographies research. In so doing, it provides the forum to bring together work that explicitly focuses on how we sense and feel the insides of our bodies as well that which draws attention to the ways that a logic of interior (and exterior) and inside (and outside) is of significance when considering the capacities with which 'emotions', 'affect' and 'feelings' are sensed, narrated, located, managed and can move. A focus on 'the interior' as a spatial register through which to make sense of our embodied and emotional worlds invites a consideration of a range of empirical and theoretical contexts. For example, this session is interested in drawing out the specificities of differentiated bodily interiors and processes, such as reproduction and the materialities of bodily substances; the discourses, techniques and practices that are used to interrogate our emotions, and our relationships with other bodies and specific spaces and places; and the range of conceptual and theoretical vocabularies which explicitly reproduce specific spatialities in order to understand the nature of 'affect' and 'emotion'.

The session organisers invite papers on the following topics/themes, but this list is not exhaustive:

Theoretical accounts of affect and emotion

Therapy and counselling techniques

Bodily organs, fluids and processes

Representations of bodily interiors

Reproduction and pregnancy loss

Organ Transplantation

Medical procedures and medicine

Alternative therapies

The 'bodily interior' in relation to the broader geography discipline and agendas

Methodological considerations in researching 'the bodily interior'

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 14th December 2012

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