

**CFP: Space, place, and landscape in the history of communications,
a one-day symposium at the Weston Library, University of Oxford,
Tuesday 16 June 2015.**



Space, place, and landscape have a significant impact on communications, on the systems of communications that succeed as well as those that fail and on the heritage of communications systems. Recent scholarship in communications studies and the history of communications has focused on how modern electronic communications influence evolving concepts of time, space, and geography and the crucial role of communications in experiencing spatiality, temporality, spatiality and mobility.

At our one-day symposium, we wish to consider the inverse: the impact of space, place, and landscape upon communications systems and their heritage from 1700 to the present day. We also wish to consider communications systems in transit, how changing locations impact upon the transfer of communications knowledge and technology. We are especially interested in papers which take an interdisciplinary approach to the history of communications and use inventive methods for a broad exploration of history of communications.

Our symposium will be convened by **Professor Robert Fox**, Emeritus Professor of the History of Science, University of Oxford and **Professor Graeme Gooday**, Head of School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science and Professor of History of Science and Technology, University of Leeds.

Space, place, and landscape in history of communications will take place at the Weston Library in central Oxford on Tuesday 16 June 2015 from 10am to 4pm. Registration is free and we will have a small budget to cover speakers' travel expenses within the UK but participants are asked to cover their own accommodation costs as well as travel outside of the UK.

Our conference will be of interest to historians of science and technology, historical geographers, academic historians, archivists, social scientists, students, academics in communication studies, and other more generally interested in the history of communications and technology. We invite proposals for thirty-minute papers on the subject of space and place in communications.

Proposals of no more than 250 words, together with the name, institutional affiliation and a brief one-page CV of the speaker should be sent to Elizabeth Bruton at elizabeth.bruton@gmail.com. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 3 April 2015**.

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