



# Fringe

URBAN NARRATIVES

**2023-2024 report**

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Dear FRINGE members,

Once again, before we take a break for the summer, we would like to provide you with an overview of our network's activities during this academic year.

### **Membership and Associated Groups**

Fringe Urban Narratives currently integrates 243 members from all over the world. We take this opportunity to greet newcomers into our network. Our activities are often organized in collaboration with several associated groups and networks. You can find our list of collaborators here:

<https://www.urbanfringes.com/related-groups>

### **Fringe Activities**

For the fourth year, the Fringe Reading Group has continued to bring together members of the academic community at all stages of their careers. For those of you who are not familiar with this group, in our sessions combine classic and contemporary articles and chapters from a variety of perspectives on the urban, including literature and cultural studies, anthropology, sociology, history and architecture. The group provides a relaxed environment for participants to refresh their theoretical knowledge and to stay in touch with international scholars from other disciplines.

<https://www.urbanfringes.com/fringe-reading-group>

This year we tried a different format, with a 2-day symposium (7 and 8 of March 2024). Our group managed to overcome the challenges of different time zones to engage in lively discussions about subterranean cities, indigenous perspectives on colonial capitals, the urban abject, feral cities, disabilities and loneliness in urban environments. Our readings included texts by David Pike, Coll Thrush, Adèle Nel, Silke Horstkotte and Nancy Pedri, Abida Younas and Kawthar Yasser Al Othman, and Olivia Laing, among others. In September, we will announce the dates for the next reading group symposium.



## Fringe Activities

### Conferences

As for in-person events, this has been a quieter year than usual. This is because we are preparing for two events in the upcoming academic year:

The symposium ***Rethinking Epiphany: Perspectives from the Fringes*** is organized by the the Narrare center for interdisciplinary narrative studies at Tampere University in collaboration with Fringe Urban Narratives. It will take place on September 13, at Tampere University, Finland. Final programme: [https://www.urbanfringes.com/files/ugd/03f723\\_8bf3e33de7094dd189b73318fc98ba0c.pdf](https://www.urbanfringes.com/files/ugd/03f723_8bf3e33de7094dd189b73318fc98ba0c.pdf)

The international conference ***Underground Imaginaries: Spaces In Between*** will take place at the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, Naples, Italy, on the 3-5 of April 2025. It is co-organized between Margins (Università della Calabria/ Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata), Fringe Urban Narratives (Universidad de Alcalá) and EROSS (Dublin City University).

You can check all relevant information on the conference website:

<https://spacesinbetween.jimdosite.com/>





## Fringe publications

This year, we launched a new book inspired by our inaugural conference *Urban (Im)mobilities and Borderland Narratives* (2021). Titled [\*Urban Mobilities in Literature and Art Activism\*](https://www.urbanfringes.com/publications), the volume is co-edited between Patricia García and Anna-Leena Toivanen, and published by Palgrave Macmillan. We have more publications in the pipeline, which you can explore here: <https://www.urbanfringes.com/publications>

## Related activities

We are always pleased to support activities organized by Fringe members. To minimize constant social media exposure, Fringe does not use social media platforms. All our network-related information is distributed through this mailing list and updated on our website. Here is a summary of the activities our members have organized this academic year.

CfP. Conference. [\*Queer \(Second\) Cities\*](#) (30-31 August 2023, online)

Online course. [\*Antropología y Arquitectura: intersticios entre la ciudad y lo urbano\*](#) (21 Nov-14 Dec, online)

CfP. Conference. [\*Experiencing Home: Domestic Architecture in Urban Writing\*](#) (22-23 Feb 2024, IIT Bhilai)

CfP. Symposium. [\*METAPHORS: Conceptualising Horizons of Meaning\*](#) (26-28 Feb 2024, Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

CfP. Symposium. [\*Nineteenth-Century Global Cities and Urban Worlds\*](#) (6-8 June 2024, Aix-Marseille University)

CfP Conference. [\*Marginalities/Marginalità\*](#) (9-11 Oct 2024, Tor Vergata University of Rome)

CfP. Conference. [\*Urban Mediations\*](#) (5-6 Dec 2024, Hong Kong)

We will be back in September. As usual, July and August will be quieter. In the meantime, we wish you a restful holiday season,

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