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Colonial imaginaries and the politics of Space, Place and Memory

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This panel explores entanglement of space and place with memory in colonial and decolonial politics. It explores how space/place interact in relation to both how past colonial practices are remembered and how contemporary colonial practices are intimately linked to discourses of the heritage of space/places. These memory politics of colonialism are extremely diverse from a reckoning with former brutality to memories of spaces/places which deny the coloniality of practices. The panel pulls together papers working on a diversity of contexts shaped by colonial forms of politics. Their explorations of the entanglement of space and place with memory are undertaken from different angles, examining both the discursive productions of memory and the significance of material remnants and ruins. However, all the papers speak to the ways in which memory and space/place are central to the formation of identities, the production of states and to the evolution of colonial imaginaries.

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