The study and intercultural comparison of topoi, places and spaces are of great importance for intercultural philosophy:

(i) Intercultural thinking itself can be described as topographical, building on the stronger turn to space in philosophy in the second half of the 20th century.

(ii) Differently designed places and spaces can open up new and non-textual accesses to other cultural life-worlds.

(i) While in the first half of the twentieth century European philosophy tended to focus on reflections on time and temporality, the transition to the second half of the 20th century was accompanied by increasing attention to the relevance of topoi and spatiality. The process of decentralisation is an important counterpart to the cultural turn. If the homogeneously imagined and measurable space is the signum of modernity and its idea of globality, we are currently experiencing a return to a multiplicity of situated forms of life and lived spaces. This is strongly debated in anthropology and in relation to critiques of the nature-culture divide in literature and science and in technology studies, feminist theory and critical posthumanism. However, these approaches often lack an eye for the historical depth and intellectual-historical significance of the respective spaces, including the homogeneously imagined space of modernity. This underlines the importance of an interdisciplinary exchange on these issues.

(ii) Images and works of art, as well as architecture and even landscapes, provide a unique access to cultural traditions and their thinking. Watsuji’s famous study of climatic influences on humanity is an early example of this, but it has also been shown in relation to art and architecture (most recently by Descola in his Les forms du visible). However, the relational structure of spaces and places to cultural traditions also becomes relevant in the other direction. This is most obvious in relation to environmental issues. In environmental studies, non-Western approaches are becoming increasingly relevant. This is true in relation to the recognition of Amerindian epistemologies mentioned above, but it is also true in relation to African epistemologies, which offer inspiring alternative ways of thinking. In addition, eco-phenomenology, rhizomatic and nomadic thinking and religious studies contribute to the discussion of lived spaces.

However, these different strands of thought have rarely been brought together and made fruitful for intercultural philosophy. This is what we want to do with our conference.
THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024

Location: Alte Aula | Moderation: Niels Weidtmann (University of Tübingen)

14:30 - 15:15
SECTION 1
Dwelling, Belonging, and Phenomenology of Spatiality
mod. Eveline Ciorlec (University of Sibiu)

14:35 - 15:15
Thomas Bedorf (University of Hagen)
From Space to Place – and Back. Situative Difference as a Concept for Political Phenomenology

15:20 - 16:00
Vanessa Schmitz (University of Prague/Tübingen)
The Place(s) of Education. About the Sources of Our Human Existence From Its In-Between

16:05 - 16:45
Marco Cavallaro (University of Kaiserslautern)
“Like A Memory That Serves No Purpose”: Exploring Exile Experience through the Phenomenology of Displaced Habits

16:55 - 17:30
Letizia Konderak (University of Turin)
Plural Spaces, Plural Times. A Political Phenomenology of Places

Location: Room 605

14:30 - 15:15
SECTION 2
Knowledges of Ecology
mod. Gabriele Osthoff-Münnix (Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie)

14:35 - 15:15
Wallner Bäzinz (University of Oxford)
Thinking With Jacques Rancière towards a Politics of Landscape Transitions

15:20 - 16:00
Juliana Marín/Alberto Castriłlon (Universities of Antioquia Colombia and Toulouse/EHSS Paris)
Sensitive Inclusions

16:05 - 16:45
Quentin Badaire (PSL University/ENS Paris)
Global Multiculturalism vs Ecological Multiculturalism. Conceptualizing the Multiplicity of Spaces and Cultures in the Age of World Integrated Capitalism

FRIDAY, 10 MAY 2024

Location: Alte Aula | Moderation: Ibrahima Ndiaye (University of Tübingen)

9:00 - 10:00
SECTION 3
Aesthetics, Architecture, and Landscapes
mod. Lorena Grigoletto (University of Tübingen/University of Naples)

10:15 - 11:15
Marie Saint Martin (Paris-Sorbonne Nouvelle) Revisiting Topoi of Ancient Greek Tragedy in an Intercultural Perspective: New Paradigms for the Contemporary Scene

11:30 - 12:30
Lavinia Munteanu (Graz University of Technology)
Space, Body and Power: The Deviant Heterotopia

Location: Room 605

14:30 - 15:15
SECTION 4
Nomadic Thought, Imaginary Geography, Utopia and Dystopia
mod. Dagmar Dotting (Akademie für west-östlichen Dialog der Kulturen)

14:35 - 15:15
Irene Breuer (University of Wuppertal)
What Kind of Space is “Networked” Space?

15:20 - 16:00
Neil Dobreva (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
What Care For? Place-Based Memories and Aesthetic Experience

16:05 - 16:45
Pegah Zargar (KU Leuven)
Discontinuous and Heterogenious Spatiality of Persian Miniatures

16:55 - 17:30
Michaela Ott (University of Fine Arts Hamburg)
Interspatial and -cultural Relations in Film

Location: Tanzsaal

10:15 - 11:15
Anke Granes (University of Hildesheim)
Where Is Africa? – The Challenges of ‘Place’ For a Global Historiography of Philosophy

11:30 - 12:30
Workineh Kelbessa Goliga (University of Addis Ababa)
The Significance of Real Ecological Change

Location: Room 606

18:00 - 19:00
Edward Casey (State University of New York at Stony Brook | ONLINE): The Earth, the Sky and the Ground Between

Saturdays, 11 May 2024

Location: Alte Aula | Moderation: Evrim Kutlu (University of Cologne)

14:30 - 15:15
SECTION 5
Decoloniality and Global History
mod. Anna Czajka-Cunico (Cardinal Stefan Wyszynskiego University Warsaw)

14:35 - 15:15
Anindya Purakayastha (ILSR, Kolkata and Kazi Nazrul University)
Deteriorialized Epistememes: Sahajiyaa Critical Theory as Cross-cultural Philosophical Heterodox

15:20 - 16:00
Chibueze Udeani (University of Würzburg)
Religious Places and Spatiality in Religion – A Cursory African Hermeneutical Outlook

16:05 - 16:45
Fernando Wirtz (Kyoto University)
Homero M. Guglielmini’s Political Phenomenology of the Space

16:55 - 17:30
Piet Defraeye (University of Alberta)
Tracing Patrice Lumumba: The Place of Man in the World in the Perspective of Marginalcentrivity

Location: Room 605

18:00 - 19:00
Augustin Berque (EHESS Paris | ONLINE)
Both, Place and Time of Some Ereignis: The Contingency (baïseis·場合性) of the Japanese ba 場

Location: Room 606

18:00 - 19:00
Meeting of GIP Members

Location: Tanzsaal

18:00 - 19:00
Closing Remarks by Abbed Kanoor