



**Content Seminar on Gender, Culture, and Space
With Prof. Hilda Heynen
25 May 2010**

Call for Abstracts

Submission deadline is 10 April, 2010

Abstracts should be submitted in English only

Content seminar of "Gender, culture, and space" will held on 25 May 2010 at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Prof. Dr. Hilda Heynen has been invited to attend the seminar and to give a public lecture. Hilde Heynen is a professor of architectural theory at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. Her research focuses on issues of modernity, modernism, and gender in architecture. More recently, she studied the intersection between architecture and gender studies, resulting in the volume *Negotiating Domesticity: Spatial Productions of Gender in Modern Architecture*, co-edited with Gülsüm Baydar (Routledge, 2005).

The seminar's main theme falls broadly into two areas; the first is about exploring the notion of how women experience the city in a different way than men, with a focus on the different constraints that affect women's way of using and appropriating public spaces, while the second area discusses in particular the way Arab Women in Western Societies experience the city, raising the question of what are the dominance structures that affect their spatial behaviors and practices within public spaces, even within their communities or/and within the whole society.

During the seminar; 10 approved papers will be presented and discussed. Doctoral students engaged in research on gender studies, gender planning, urban design, social cultural studies, or other related fields are encouraged to participate. The seminar will provide an excellent opportunity for the PhD students to get feedback on their ongoing research, and benefit from the informal comments and discussion from the experts and the participants.

General Policies

Interested PhD students should send their CV & 300-400 words abstract to mabbas@vub.ac.be before **10 April, 2010**. A maximum of 10 proposals will be accepted. All selected PhD students will be informed before **20 April, 2010**, and they have to present a short research paper, between 1500-2000 words, before **25 May, 2010**. Selected doctoral students registered with the doctoral school will receive 2 ECTS by submitting a paper and participating in the activity.

The content seminar is hosted by the VUB Doctoral School in the Humanities and is organized by Mokarram Abbas, COSMOPOLIS - City, Culture & Society in the framework of the UAB Urban Studies Network.

For more info; <http://www.vub.ac.be/phd/doctorschools/dsh/dsh22.html>