

JUST!

bodies, relationships, and rights in space

Symposium on Spatial Justice

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

4 - 5 - 6 May 2026

Università luav di Venezia

Palazzo Badoer, Venice

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JUST! is a transdisciplinary creative symposium that brings together researchers, practitioners, curators, and artists to explore the lively and contested field of spatial justice.

JUST! starts from situated and performative experiences of knowledge. JUST! seeks to rethink and expand the very notion of spatial justice, extending it into the socio-ecological sphere and recognising the rights of both human and more-than-human ecologies as integral to processes of territorial transformation. In this light, the call emphasises the relational dimension of justice, rooted in the interdependencies between bodies, environments, and social living structures. It challenges technocratic and individualised responses to the contemporary crisis, advocating instead for situated, non-hierarchical practices that open up new forms of shared rights based on cohabitation, negotiation, and care.

JUST! aims to be a peer open platform to share experiences, knowledge, theories, and questions towards a just space of coexistence. The transdisciplinary scope of the call highlights the sensitive and embodied dimensions of vital relations, drawing from urban and landscape studies, sound studies, environmental arts and humanities, political science, philosophy and the critical legal theory.

JUST! seeks to collect a variety of situated cases, experimental interpretations, and explorations of apocryphal literature.

JUST! welcomes contributions that explore a hybrid lexicon that legitimizes phenomena that are wild, minor, radical, queer, anarchic, weird, monstrous, decolonial, and that reveal counterpoints, cracks, sabotages, interstices, diversity...

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Following a peer-reviewed selection process for all open-call proposals, **JUST!** looks forward to presentations and performances by scholars and artists from different fields.

JUST! welcomes a variety of contributions that examine and focus on issues of (in)justice and inequalities.

JUST! looks for contributions that clarify and discuss which kind of justice is explored, which sort of injustice is contrasted, which fair and equal practices are fostered, and which old and new rights are recognised.

Participants from Italy and around the world will present, debate, exhibit, and perform their personal views on spatial justice, grounded in their research, practices, and experiences, as proposed by **JUST!**.

JUST! expects both academic and artistic presentations.

Abstract submission is via the online form:
<https://forms.gle/qd3QZBeusj47NCt49>

- Maximum 300-word abstract
- 100-word bibliography
- 3 keywords
- 1 image (i.e. a map, a picture, a video frame, etc.; in 300 dpi .jpg format)
- A short bio (max 100 words per author)
- Optional: link to artwork

SYMPOSIUM FORMAT

JUST! symposium is intended as an open arena where bodies and thoughts can meet.

A series of performative workshops will facilitate connections between people, and keynote lectures will offer transdisciplinary insights on inequalities. Guest speakers and hosts will introduce debates and support the evolution of shared critical thinking through horizontal subsessions.

Proceedings will be published open access. For selected contributions, we will invite in-depth developments for international publication.

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

TIMELINE

28 February **EXTENDED!** 8 March

Deadline for abstracts submission

15 March

Notification for abstract acceptance and opening for conference registration

31 March

Registration for the conference deadline

4-5-6 May

JUST! symposium

30 September

Contribution submission for the proceedings

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The symposium is part of the activities promoted by the multidisciplinary working group of luav professors and researchers in the fields of urban planning, design, landscape architecture, performing arts, and law:
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