



Join us for the Livingmaps Network Conference 2026 to map environmental justice and share ideas and practices, during two days of talks, workshops, guided walks and an exhibition of creative artworks and mapworks.

We bring together a diverse cast of researchers, artists and activists, all with a shared interest in how participatory map-making becomes a tool of resistance in struggles for climate, racial and social justice, reclaiming mapping as a practice through which more just and sustainable worlds are imagined and contested.

Venue

Senate House
Malet Street
London
WC1E 7HU

Please enter via the main entrance from Malet Street and follow signs for the conference.

Event space

The conference takes place in the Stewart Rooms at Senate House, which is fully accessible.

There is a lift from the main concourse to the conference space.

Toilets including Accessible Toilets are located in John Stewart House.

Wi-Fi

You can access the Wi-Fi via Eduroam or Senate House Guest Wi-Fi.

Food and drinks

Coffee, tea and water will be available in the conference foyer.

There is a café in the basement of Senate House which serves a range of hot dishes, sandwiches, snacks and drinks, and is fully accessible via a lift.

There are also several cafés near to Senate House.

Brown bag lunch + Film Screenings

Please bring lunch if you wish to attend our lunchtime film screenings on both days of the conference.

DAY 1: Thursday 25 June
Senate House, John Stewart Room 1

09:00–09:30 **Registration and Welcome**

09:30–10:45 **Keynote**
David Cross, University of the Arts London

10:45–11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00–11:15 **Presentation**
Chris Church, Community Environment Associates
Environmental Justice: An Activist Perspective: 35 years of Contested and Confused Concepts

11:15–12:40 **Panel 1: Feminist Cartographies**
Chair: **Barbara Brayshay**, Livingmaps Network

Zarina Ahmed
Why Women and Climate Change?

Helen Llyn
Putting Breast Cancer on the Map

Morag Rose
Beyond Paper Straws and Broken Dolls: Crip Mapping as Method, Movement and Dream

Alžběta Petrův
Flushed out from the data

12:40–13:30 **Brown bag lunch + Film Screening and discussion**

Savyasachi Anju Prabir
The mythical spirit protector walks along the periphery of the village each night to keep watch and protect the 'inside' from 'outside' exploitation. Savyasachi will discuss the theory and practice of radical mapmaking in India with a screening of his film, *Altodi Poltodi* ('This Shore, That Shore').

13:30–15:00 **Workshops**

Room 1

Saleha Sapra and Dr Tom Cowan

Through the lens of Raota: Whose Ecological Burden is it Anyway?

A film and presentation co-produced as part of the De Abadi: Villagers' Right to the City project, will use stills and narration from the Raota film, along with maps and survey findings created with the community, to build context, and highlight the futures that residents of Raota themselves imagine.

Room 2

Ahmed Adham, Tarek Teba, Carol Ekinsmyth, Sebastian Aedo

Spatial Elasticity: Mapping Episodic Return in Post-extractive Landscapes

This workshop begins with a simple question: when a place is declared finished, does it truly end? Introducing Spatial Elasticity as both concept and methodology, the session explores how landscapes shaped by extraction continue to exist beyond their apparent closure.

Birkbeck Immersive Learning Centre

Climate Change and Immersive Learning VR Session

This workshop will showcase a selection of immersive storytelling tools that highlight environmental issues through compelling visual means. A short distance from Senate House, the Centre is in the first floor library of the main Birkbeck building, Malet Street / Torrington Square, WC1E 7HX.

15:00–15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30–17:10

Room 1

Panel 2: Resource Justice Mapping

Chair: **Chris Church**, Community Environment Associates

Dr Philippa Lee Louey and Dr John Childs

Countermapping the Deep: A Rich Network of Seabed Relationships

Kremena Dimitrova and Dominic Davies

Power Grids: Mapping Community Energy through Comics Co-Creation

Leonor Amarilis Placido de Medeiros

Counter-mapping Labour, Power and Heritage in the São Domingos Mining Landscape

Mikiztli Sarapura Ortiz

Collaboratively Mapping Concurrent Extreme Heat and Power Grid Emergency Disparities in Santa Ana, CA with Local Community Residents

18:00–20:00

Exhibition viewing

Join us in the exhibition space for an evening of networking, drinks and snacks. Artworks and map works by:

Joseph Cook

Cristina Diamant

Kremena Dimitrova and Dominic Davies

Sofia Greaves

Leela Kechav

Jina Lee

Leago Madumo and Ahmed Adham

Steph Morris

Merrydith Russell and Matin Ahirad

DAY 2: Friday 26 June

Senate House, John Stewart Room 1

09:00–09:30

Welcome Introduction

09:30–10:45

Keynote

Daksha Patel

10:45–11:00

Coffee break

11:00–12:40

Panel 3: Just Mapping: Methodologies

Chair: **Jina Lee**, Livingmaps Network

Elisa T. Bertuzzo

Opacity as a Counter-Cartographic Approach in Fieldwork with Migrant Farmers

Maria Alvarez Maldova

CoMapeo: Co-designing a Mapping Tool with Indigenous People for Socioenvironmental Justice and Sovereignty

Blanche Cameron

UCL Citizen Science Map of Camden

Leticia Domingos

Making Visible the Invisible: Collaborative Mapping of Odour Pollution

Jon Corbett

What Cannot Be Mapped: Indigenous Data Sovereignty and the Ethics of Participation

- 12:40–13:30** **Brown bag lunch + Film Screening and discussion**
Lucas Lerche and Paulo Giannini
Da Ponte Para Cá ('From This Side of the Bridge') investigates the everyday struggles of low-income families in their processes of inhabiting Atlantic Forest environmental reserves of São Paulo's southern peripheries in their search for decent housing
- 13:30–15:30** **Guided walk**
Off-site
Blake Morris
Walking Without Transmitting Data: An Exploration of Data Centres and (In)visible Lines
Join a guided walk around Senate House to explore London's data centres and AI infrastructure. Inspired by projects like Dark Fibre Network we will trace invisible data routes and build cognitive maps to visualize the resources required to power the cloud and AI, without transmitting any data ourselves.
- 13:30–15:10** **Workshops**
- Room 1**
Barbara Brayshay and Jina Lee
Reimagining Solarpunk Futures
Join us for an afternoon of creativity, storytelling, and collective visioning to map justice, resilience, community strength, and reimagine a vision of collaborative, hopeful futures.
- Room 2**
Kimbal Bumstead
Unmapping Space: An Embodied Drawing Workshop
An artistic research project exploring the process of drawing as a tool to visualise embodied experience of spaces and places. This workshop explores how the visceral and tactile nature of mark-making can be used to describe a personal sense of place by exploring the complex relationships between our bodies and the physical/sonic environments we are in. Includes inside and outside activities.
- 15:10–15:30** **Coffee break**
- 15:30–17:10** **Panel 4: Countermapping History Reclaiming Place**
Chair: **David Cross**, University of the Arts London
- Peter van Dam**
Making a sense of place: The Contested Nature of the Lutkemeer Polder (1863–1970)
- Babak Fakhamzadeh**
Sins Beneath the Equator: Dutch Colonisation of Brazil
- Juscar Ndjounguep, Harrison Ajebe Nnoko, James Ayamba**
Living Maps and Decolonial Spatial Justice: Counter-Mapping Forest Frontiers in the Yabassi Key Biodiversity Area in Cameroon
- Juliana Mainard-Sardon, Innocent Abubakar and Isabella Rega**
Against Eroding Heritage: Community Countermapping in Ilha de Moçambique
- 17:10–17:30** **Closing remarks**