



Invitation for an *ephemera* workshop on:

The disjointedness of time: Ghostly matters in organization

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This *ephemera* workshop aims to discuss how the study of ghosts and ghostly matters in organizations can contribute to an understanding of what organization and organizing is. It will explore the disorderly, the unexplainable, the uncanny qualities of organizational life and attends to all the different sorts of ‘absent-presences’ that haunt, disrupt, distort, trouble, and bother the smooth functioning of work life. Additionally, it aims to learn about fissures between shiny futures and inadequate pasts and entanglements of hopes and fears in organizational life. It will direct attention to the work of hidden, sometimes even unspeakable forces and occurrences that may be little more than a trace or an elusively felt presence of something that should no longer be there, but yet affects organizational members and space. Inquiring into ghostly matters of organization also poses questions for research and methodology in organization studies.

The workshop is related to the call for papers for a special issue on ‘Ghostly matters in organization’ in *ephemera: theory and politics in organization*:
<http://www.ephemerajournal.org/content/ghostly-matters-organization>.

Confirmed speakers and preliminary program

9.00-9.30	Coffee and tea
9.30-10.00	Welcome
10.00-11.00	'Haunted or haunting data' Lisa Blackman, Goldsmiths, University of London.
11.15-12.15	'Ghosts of management' Monika Kostera, The Jagiennonian University, Cracow / University of Bradford and Jerzy Kociatkiewicz, University of Sheffield / SWPS, University of Social Sciences and Humanities.
12.15-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	'Local government chief executives' everyday hauntings: Towards a theory of organizational ghosts' Kevin Orr, University of St Andrews.
14.45-15.45	'The Ghosts Insurance. A project for haunted schools or: How to live in peace with your ghosts? ' Sibylle Peters, Theatre of Research / FUNDUS THEATER Hamburg
16.00-16.30	Concluding discussion
18.00 -	Drinks and dinner

Organization and contact

This *ephemera* workshop is hosted by the Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy and the Private-Public Platform at Copenhagen Business School. To participate please let Justine (jgp.mpp [at] cbs.dk) know that you would like to join. The venue is located at Copenhagen Business School and will be announced closer to the event.