

**Prospects and visions for future
research 'beyond globalisation':
encounters and responsibilities in
the North**

**Concluding key-note to the Northern
Encounters Conference**

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Structure of presentation



- **Beyond globalisation (Jørgen Ole)**
- **Encounters (Kirsten)**
- **Responsibilities and ethics (Kirsten)**
- **Examples of future research themes (Jørgen Ole)**

Beyond globalisation



- **Globalization from below ...challenging theories of globalisation**
- **'Practiced globalisation' – open to politics of making the world**
- **Specific ways of doing places, territoriality, encounters and mobility**
- **and politics of responsibility**

Massey, D. (2005) *for space*, London: Sage

**Massey, D. (2004) 'Geographies of Responsibility', *Geografiska Annaler* 86B (1): 5-18
- and the new London book!**

Some of forthcoming works from the Globalization from Below project

Bærenholdt, J.O. (2007) *Coping with Distances*, Oxford: Berghahn

Bærenholdt, J.O. and Granås, B. (eds) *Mobility and Place, Enacting Northern European Peripheries*, Aldershot: Ashgate – many authors present here!

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'Citizenship, Encounters and Place Enactment in the North'

Encounters



- **Place as encounters**
- **Boundaries as encounters**
- **Encountering the 'Other'**
- **Time-space mediation**
- **Technological mediation**

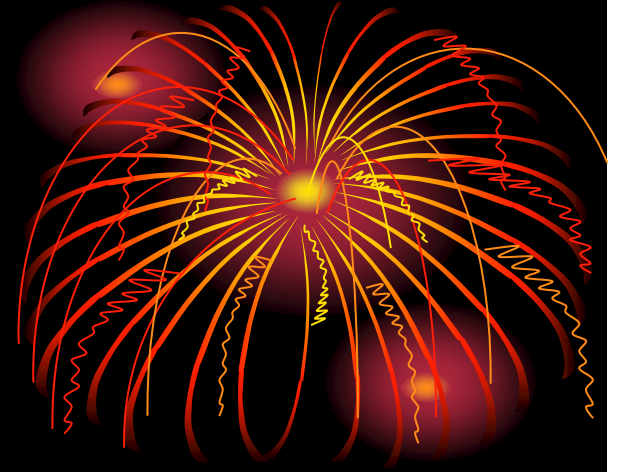
Responsibility and ethics



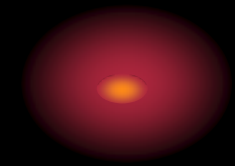
- **Ethic of justice / ethic of care**
- **Responsibility and connectivity: proximity/distance**
- **Responsibility and power**
- **Ethical encounters**

Examples of future research themes

(responsibilities for others...)



- **Coping with global warming**
- **Diversity *and* redistribution**
- **Re-inventing regional development**
- **Possibility of trans-border societies?**



Coping with global warming (A)



- **A1: How can everyday practices contributing to global warming (eg. transport powered by oil/gas) be changed?**
- **A2: How can international regimes regulating emissions be implemented – without reproducing global in-equalities?**
- **A3: How and why are the reference to global warming used to produce new myths, narratives and discourses?**

Diversity *and* redistribution

(B)

- **B1: How have responsibilities for others been practiced?**
- **B2: What is the relation between acknowledging the other and sharing with the other?**
- **B3: How come that politics of responsibility for the past can end up in paternalism?**



Re-inventing regional development (C)



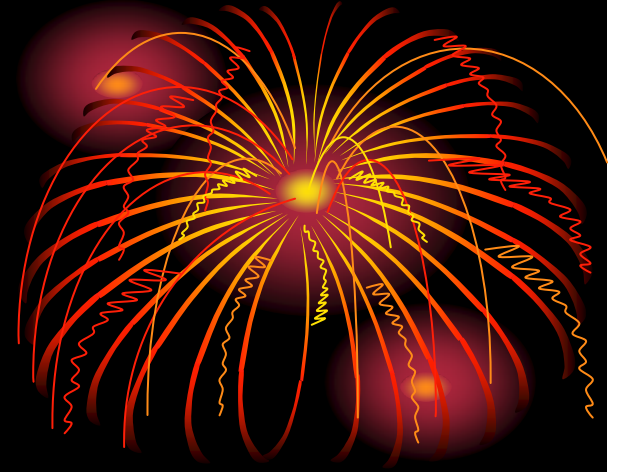
- **C1: What is the role of children and young people in regional development?**
- **C2: How does international migration contribute to the re-invention/enactment of places?**
- **C3: What are examples of regional policies that worked to redistribute?**

Possibility of trans-border societies? (D)



- **D1: What is the historical evidence in the North of societies across borders?**
- **D2: To what extend has various trans-border regions met expectations – and how are they reproduced and remade anyhow?**
- **D3: What is meant with the concept of society?**

Responsibility for use of knowledge



- **Political/'community' engagement – building new responses together with people**
- **The responsibilities for the consequences of the knowledge produced – also the unintended...**

