

Opening Lecture
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Becoming a #PoeticAcademic: Dis/Locating the Writing Self in Urban Space Explorations

In this keynote, Dr. Landau-Donnelly traces the process of becoming a #PoeticAcademic. What started as a coping project in the first pandemic lockdown, which Friederike somewhat involuntarily spent in her small town childhood home, Friederike investigates the dislocating and sedimenting practices of writing in academia. The lecture will straddle a variety of artistic research-inspired projects in Sweden, Italy and Canada, searching for embodied ways to express, write and publish the unruly nature of empirical data. From these urban research projects, Friederike will offer some preliminary thoughts about a spatial theory in which dislocations and sedimentations shape urban spaces that emerge via mutually constitutive inclusions and exclusions.

Friederike Landau-Donnelly is an interdisciplinary, intersectional political theorist, urban sociologist and cultural geographer. She is currently a Visiting Professor for Cultural and Social Geography at Humboldt University of Berlin and working on a second monograph on conflictual museums. Friederike writes on artistic and affective activism, spatial politics, public art and contested cultural politics and policies. Among others, she co-edited Handbuch Kulturpolitik (Springer, 2024), Konfliktuelle Kulturpolitik (Springer, 2023), [Un]Grounding – Post-Foundational Geographies (transcript, 2021), as well as research zines. Friederike performs and publishes poetry as #PoeticAcademic:
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