

# Peripato Telematikos

## Mapping Public Spaces



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Duration: 2 hours + discussion and walking. (total 3 hours)

One of the main objectives of this project is to allow the public, be they focus groups or otherwise, to create **representations of public spaces**. These 'representations' can be thought of as '**maps**' that articulate a perspective from the ground up, from the perspective of the people that use these spaces, and not from the planners and authorities that impose a supposed objective representation of place. This approach is informed by a discipline known as '**social cartography**'.

The mechanisms by which this will take place will draw on creative practises; more specifically **live art** (performance art) and **media art**.

Participants will have an opportunity to contribute to a **collaborative new media** work, mapping the precinct around the conference venue and will be asked to 'walk' this area and make use of a mobile phone (with image taking and MMS capabilities). The images are sent using MMS. The images (after being vetted for approval) are viewable immediately on a **public experimental website**, which allows limited manipulation of the spatial relationship of the images, allowing the construction over time of a montage or social map.

The workshop:

00:00 - > 01:00 **introduction - conceptual/technical background.**

visual art and the map

live art and walking

photography

media art – mobile phones, internet, software.

01:00 - > 01:30 **live art strategies for walking – exercise and mobile phone testing**

01:30 - > 02:30 **walk and image taking**

02:30 - > 03:00 **summary** - the web interface, where to from here?

The workshop will take place at VSMM 2007 conference on Sunday, 23 September 2007. I am able to provide some mobile phones for those wishing to participate but do not have access to a phone with picture taking capabilities. There are a limited number available, so these will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis. Otherwise, all that is required is a mobile phone with a camera and MMS sending capabilities.

**Interested in participating?**

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