In recent years, one of the several turns that signified profound changes in academic research revolved around the multifaceted notion of “space.” The “spatial turn” was enabled, on the one hand, by the availability of advanced new technologies for spatial analysis, such as geographic information systems (GIS) software, and on the other, by the foregrounding of spatial thinking and interpretation in a wide range of fields within the humanities. Thus, with the spatial turn, spatial history emerged as an approach to understanding and writing the history of a nation with reference to the construction of landscape and material culture rather than families and events, and spatial humanities became a new hub of researchers concerned with spatial technology, history, and theory. In the School of Architecture and Built Environment (SABE), spatial studies is an emerging line of study that is bringing together research work in different disciplinary (architecture, landscape, and urbanism) and cultural contexts (Asia, Australia, India, and the Middle East). This emerging line of research will be the focus of a one-day symposium aimed at discussing the various frontiers in spatial thinking that SABE’s researchers are exploring.
SPATIAL STUDIES @ SABE

One-Day Symposium, 3 July 2015
Horace Lamb LT, 8:30am – 5:00pm

PROGRAM

8:30-9:15  Opening and Welcome / Tea & Coffee

9:15-10:00  Guest talk
Riccardo Vannucci, FAREstudio, Italy
Do we have Space?

10:00-11:30  Session 1: Spatial Thinking
James Curry, The University of Adelaide
Space and Materials
Julian Worrall, The University of Adelaide
Space and the Spectacle
Chloe Gill-Khan, The University of South Australia
Optical Illusion

11:30 -12:00  Tea & Coffee

12:00-1:00  Session 2: Spatial History
Philip Jones, South Australian Museum
Towards a Spatial History of Afghan Cameleers, in Marree and Across the Inland
Mizanur Rashid, Peter Scriver, Kathy Bartsch, The University of Adelaide, and Izhari Ismail
International Islamic University of Malaysia
Re-Tracing an Enigmatic Cultural Landscape: Spatial Strategies and Tactics

1:00-2:00  Lunch

2:00-3:00  Session 3: Spatial Encounters
Athanasios Lazarou, The University of Adelaide
Realpolitik and the Event: Politics, Space, and Protest in crisis-Athens
Julie Nichols, The University of South Australia
Baiturrahmon: Encountering the Intercultural

3:00-4:00  Session 4: Spatial Narratives
Jade Riddle, The University of Adelaide
Spatial Narratives of Grub Street
Perri Sparnon, The University of Adelaide
“Space” and the Spatial Turn

4:00-5:00  Concluding Discussion / Wine & Cheese