



BOOK LAUNCH

7 June 2024

1-5pm

MS Teams &
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Domesticity Under Siege:

Threatened Spaces of the Modern Home

Bloomsbury Press

Catalyst conversations towards **conference 2025**





Domesticity Under Siege Book Launch

7th June 2024, 1-5pm

Domesticity Under Siege: Threatened Spaces of the Modern Home

Bloomsbury Publishing

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Dr. Georgina Downey, Terry Meade, and Prof. Mark Taylor

Contributors:

Prof. Annmarie Adams, James F. Kerestes, Prof. Hannah Lewi,
Judit Pusztaszeri, Dr. Kai-Uwe Werbeck

Book Launch Chairs:

Dr. Elisa Lega
Dr. Tanya Southcott
Vanessa Norwood

Programme

The Book Launch of Domesticity Under Siege is a prelude to the planned International Conference under the same title 'Domesticity Under Siege' from 1-3rd April 2025 hosted at the University of Brighton. This conference aims to advance the book's subject and explore further aspects related to the topic aiming to conclude in a Volume 2 publication.

Discussion in the book launch will focus on ways to extend the current four core themes into the conference's seven proposed directions:

- 1 Domesticity under invasion, by human agents and by microbes, animals and insects
- 2 Domesticity and the threat of wars and disaster
- 3 Domesticity and the uncanny
- 4 Domesticity and the effects of climate change
- 5 Domesticity and gender
- 6 Domesticity and the notion of care
- 7 Domesticity and the threat of new technologies

Alongside Domesticity Under Siege, we will celebrate the launch of another two books, by academic colleagues from Architecture. There will be simultaneous sessions to discuss each book in detail (from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) concluding with a joint discussion of all three books opened by the Vice-Chancellor of the university from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

Urban Food Mapping: Making Visible the Edible City

<https://www.routledge.com/Urban-Food-Mapping-Making-Visible-the-Edible-City/Bohn-Tomkins/p/book/9781032402819>

Editors: Prof. Andre Viljoen, Dr. Katrin Bohn and Dr. Mikey Tomkins

The Pedagogies of Re-Use: The International School of Re-Construction

<https://www.routledge.com/The-Pedagogies-of-Re-Use-The-International-School-of-Re-Construction/Baker-Brown-Brooker/p/book/9781032650623>

Editors: Duncan Baker-Brown and Graham Brooker

**Domesticity Under Siege
Book Launch is a Hybrid Event.**

Online Platform: MS Teams

In-person Venue:
1:00-4:00 pm

G5, Ground Floor, University of
Brighton, Mithras House, Lewes
Road, Brighton. BN2 4AT

Venue for joint Book Launch

Discussion:
4:00-5:00 pm

Hellerup Stairs, 2nd Floor,
University of Brighton, Mithras
House, Lewes Road, Brighton,
BN2 4AT

 [Link to Location Map](#)

Arrival

1:00-1:30 pm

Introduction

1:30-2:00 pm

1:30-1:45

Chairs' Introduction to book and chapters

Dr. Elisa Lega and Dr. Tanya Southcott

1:45-2:00

Tribute to Prof. Mark Taylor

Dr. Gini Lee, Dr. Georgina Downey, Terry Meade

We open with a discussion of the book's contents, asking why the home may not be safe. Do we ever have control of the domestic? The home under siege questions the possibility of such authority. Threats can affect in unexpected ways and places. Reconfiguration of the domestic environment, often a response to menace, undermines relationships between functional space and unanticipated, non-programmable activities raising the question, is control associated with orderliness or could chaos, alienation, and anxiety bring agency?

Chapters

2:00-2:40 pm

SECTION ONE: Microbes, Animals and Insects

2:00-2:05 pm

Miasmatical Fears // **Prof. Anmarie Adams**

2:05-2:10 pm

Domesticity and Fear: Insects and Creepy Crawlies

// **Dr. Georgina Downey, Terry Meade**

SECTION TWO: Human Agents – Burrowing, Hoarding, Concealing, Undermining

2:10-2:15 pm

The Domestic Screen // **Terry Meade**

2:15-2:20 pm

Hoarding Disorder, Schwitters' Merzbau and its Conflict with Domesticity // **Judit Pusztaszeri**

SECTION THREE: Wars and Disasters as Agents

2:20-2:25 pm

Under Siege: The Wartime Home in British Art of the London Blitz // **Dr. Georgina Downey**

2:25-2:30 pm

Searching for (a) Home in the Rubble: The Heimkehrer-Flâneur in Wolfgang Staudte's Die Mörder sind unter uns // **Dr. Kai-Uwe Werbeck**

SECTION FOUR: Hauntings, Eeriness and the Uncanny

2:30-2:35 pm

I Have Ended up Like the House, Pretending to be Myself: Uncanny Heritage House Museums // **Prof. Hannah Lewi**

2:35-2:40 pm

Suburban Horror Story // **James F. Kerestes**

Responses and directions towards conference

2:40-3:40 pm

The final discussion, chaired by Dr. Elisa Lega and Dr. Tanya Southcott, welcomes responses, and recommendations towards the Domesticity Under Siege International Conference in April 2025 and future publication.

Celebratory launch of the three books

Chair Vanessa Norwood

4:00-5:00 pm

A joint launch and discussion of all three books opened by the Vice-Chancellor of University of Brighton.