

DR. LUCAS POHL

CURRICULUM VITAE

Current Activity

since 03/2023

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Geography, Humboldt University of Berlin

Previous Activities

02/2024 – 04/2024

Hallsworth Visiting Professor, University of Manchester

04/2022 – 02/2023

Postdoctoral Researcher, HafenCity University Hamburg

01/2022 - 03/2022

Guest Lecturer, Department of Geography, Humboldt University of Berlin

10/2020 - 03/2022

Grant Holder Manager, COST Action (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), Georg-Simmel-Zentrum für Metropolenforschung, Humboldt University of Berlin

01/2020 - 12/2021

Postdoctoral Researcher, SFB 1265 Re-figuration of Spaces, Technical University of Berlin

01/2020 - 12/2021

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Geography, Humboldt University of Berlin

05/2015 - 12/2019

Doctorate, Institute for Human Geography, Goethe University Frankfurt

11/2013 - 11/2015

Research Assistant, CITY Institute, York University, Toronto

08/2013 - 11/2013

Visiting Scholar, CITY Institute, York University, Toronto

Academic education

- 05/2015 - 06/2020 Doctor of Geography (Dr. Phil.), Department of Human Geography, Goethe University Frankfurt (dissertation submitted: 05/12/2019, grade: magna cum laude, oral defense: 08/06/2020, grade: summa cum laude)
- 10/2012 - 03/2015 Master of Arts (Geographien der Globalisierung: Märkte und Metropolen), Department of Human Geography, Goethe University Frankfurt, grade: 1.1

Research projects

- since 04/2022 “Sinking cities: Urban political environments in the age of sea level rise”, independent research project, associated with DFG-funded Research Training Group “Urban future-making”, led by Prof. Dr. Monika Grubbauer
- 10/2020 - 03/2022 “Dynamics of placemaking and digitization in Europe’s cities”, EU COST Action CA18204, led by Dr. Heike Oevermann
- 01/2020 - 12/2021 “Geographical Imaginations of Security and Insecurity”, sub-project in the Collaborative Research Center “Re-figuration of Spaces”, led by Prof. Dr. Ilse Helbrecht
- 05/2015 - 12/2019 “Rem(a)inders of loss: A psychoanalytic geography of ruins”, doctoral project, supervised by Prof. Dr. Susanne Heeg and Prof. Dr. Paul Kingsbury
- 11/2013 - 11/2015 “Suburban identities in the global city between competition and cooperation: Toronto and Frankfurt”, SSHRC project, led by Prof. Dr. Ute Lehrer

Academic self-administration

since 03/2023

Module Coordinator of the main excursions, Department of Geography, Humboldt University of Berlin

07/2022

Member of the Master selection committee, Urban Planning, HafenCity University Hamburg

11/2021

Member of the Commission, Geographical Imaginations II, Department of Geography, Department of Cultural and Social Geography, Humboldt University of Berlin

10/2018

Participation in the re-accreditation of the Bachelor's/Master's degree programme, Department of Human Geography, Goethe University Frankfurt

Scholarships and awards

05/2019 - 12/2019

Doctoral Scholarship, Fazit Foundation

05/2016 - 05/2019

Doctoral scholarship, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

05/2012 - 05/2015

Student scholarship, German National Academic Foundation

08/2012 Ideas competition at Goethe University Frankfurt

03/2012 Best Bachelor Thesis, Goethe University Frankfurt

Memberships

since 11/2022 “Klimakrise & Gesellschaftliche Transformation” working group

since 11/2022 “Verband der Geographen an deutschen Hochschulen”

since 10/2022 “Stadtzukünfte” working group

since 04/2022 Associate member of the Research Training Group “Urban future-making”, HafenCity University Hamburg

since 03/2022 Editorial board of the journal “Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society”

since 03/2022 Fellowship of the Royal Geographical Society

since 06/2021

“Research Committee 21” (RC21)

since 03/2021

“Georg Simmel Center for Metropolitan Research”

since 03/2021

Scientific Advisory Board of the “International Journal of Psychoanalysis and Education: Subject, Action & Society”

since 03/2021

Management Committee in the COST project “Dynamics of placemaking and digitization in Europe’s cities”

since 05/2020

Editorial collective “sub\urban. zeitschrift für kritische stadtforschung”

since 10/2015

“Geographie und Gesellschaftstheorie” (spokesperson since 09/2023)

since 10/2012

“Politische Geographie” working group

since 10/2010

“Kritische Geographie” working group

Reviewer for journals and publishers

Antipode; Bloomsbury Academic; Capitalism Nature Socialism; Cultural Geographies; Dialogues in Human Geography; Distinktion: Journal for Social Theory; Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space; Environmental Humanities; Environmental Politics; Geographica Helvetica; Geography Compass; Housing Studies; Housing, Theory & Society; Political Geography; Progress in Human Geography; Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society; Routledge; Urban Geography; Urban Studies; Social and Cultural Geography; sub\urban

PUBLICATIONS

Journal papers

Pohl, L. (2023). What's the matter with the unconscious? *Dialogues in Human Geography*. <https://doi/10.1177/20438206231217562>.

Landau-Donnelly, F. & Pohl, L. (2023). Towards a post-foundational geography: Spaces of negativity, contingency and an-tagonism. *Progress in Human Geography*, 47(4), 481-499. <https://doi/10.1177/03091325231156928>.

Pohl, L. (2023). Geographies of the impossible. *Dialogues in Human Geography*. <https://doi/10.1177/20438206231177069>.

Pohl, L. & Swyngedouw, E. (2023). Enjoying climate change: Jouissance as a political factor. *Political Geography 101*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2022.102820>.

Pohl, L. & Swyngedouw, E. (2023). "What does not work in the world": The specter of Lacan in critical political thought. *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory* 24(1), 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1600910X.2021.1872667>.

Dobusskin, J., Genz, C., Helbrecht, I., Pohl, L. (2023). Geopolitical caesuras as time-space-anchors of ontological (in)security: The case of the fall of the Berlin Wall, *Geopolitics* 28, 392-415. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1912021>.

Pohl, L. (2022). Gebaute Umwelten als Objekte des Begehrens: Kommentar zu Jan Hutta und Nina Schuster „Infrastrukturen städtischer Intimität“. *sub\urban. zeitschrift für kritische stadtforschung* 10(2/3), 157-169. <https://doi.org/10.36900/suburban.v10i2/3.804>.

Helbrecht, I. & Pohl, L. (2022). Imaginäre Naturverhältnisse: Psychoanalytische Einsichten zur Herstellung ontologischer Sicherheit in Berlin, Vancouver und Singapur. *Geographica Helvetica* 77, 389-401. <https://doi.org/10.5194/gh-77-389-2022>.

Pohl, L. (2022). The empty city: COVID-19 and the apocalyptic imagination. *CITY: Analysis of Urban Change, Theory, Action* 26(4), 706-722. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13604813.2022.2081004>.

Dobusskin, J., Genz, C., Helbrecht, I., Pohl, L. (2022). Need for shelter, demand for housing, desire for home: a psychoanalytic reading of home-making in Vancouver, *Housing Studies* 37(9), 1650-1668. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02673037.2020.1857708>.

Helbrecht, I. & Pohl, L. (2022). The love of nature: Imaginary environments and the production of ontological security in postnatural times. *Geo: Geography and Environment* 9. [10.1002/geo2.106](https://doi.org/10.1002/geo2.106)

Helbrecht, I. & Pohl, L. (2022). Decentering the subject, psychoanalytically: Researching imaginary spacings through image-based interviews. *The Professional Geographer* 74(9), 540-548. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2021.2014909>.

Pohl, L. (2022). Aura of decay: Fetishizing ruins with Benjamin and Lacan. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 47(1), 153-166. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12481>.

Pohl, L. (2021). Ruins as pieces of the Real: Images of a post-apocalyptic present. *Geoforum* 127, 198-208. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.11.005>.

Pohl, L. (2021). The sublime object of Detroit. *Social & Cultural Geography* 22(8), 1063-1079. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2019.1683760>.

Landau, F. & Pohl, L. (2023). Ruined museums: Exploring post-foundational spatiality. *ephemera: theory & politics in organization* 21(1), 197-228.

Pohl, L. (2020). Ruins of Gaia: Towards a feminine ontology of the Anthropocene. *Theory, Culture & Society* 37(6), 67-86. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0263276420934546>.

Pohl, L. (2020). Object-disoriented geographies: The Ghost Tower of Bangkok and the topology of anxiety. *cultural geographies* 27(1), 71-84. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474474019864984>.

Pohl, L. (2019). Das urbane Unbewusste: Psychoanalyse und kritische Stadtforschung. *sub\urban. zeitschrift für kritische stadtforschung* 7(3), 47-64. [10.36900/suburban.v7i3.544](https://doi.org/10.36900/suburban.v7i3.544).

Pohl, L. (2019). Hegel and the shadow of materialist geographies. *ACME - An International Journal for Critical Geographers* 18(2), 285-307. [Übersetzt ins Spanische in: Arvárez, Á., Vargas Muñoz, R., Gasic Klett, I. (Eds.) (2022). *Capital y dominación social. Hacia una crítica de la economía política del espacio*. Ediciones UAH: 121-159].

Pohl, L. (2018). Die unsterbliche Stadt: Das Unbehagen in den Wolkenkratzern von Detroit. *dérive* 70, 13-18.

Groth, S., Hebsaker, J., Pohl, L. (2017). Kunst des Gehens: Taktiken im Ort des Automobils. *sub\urban. zeitschrift für kritische stadtforschung* 5(1/2): 257-266.

Belina, B., Mullis, D., Petzold, T., Pohl, L., Schipper, S. (2016). Social Protest and its policing in the "Heart of the European Crisis Regime": The case of Blockupy in Frankfurt, Germany. *Political Geography* 55: 50-59. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2016.07.001>.

Edited works

Landau, F., Pohl & L., Roskamm, N. (2021). *[Un]Grounding: Post-foundational Geographies*. transcript.

Pohl, L. (2018). Themenheft – Detroit. *dérive 70*.

Dichtl, A., Lütgens, J., Pohl, L., Ruukonen-Engler, M. K., Schommer, D. (2015). *Turmgeschichten: Raumerfahrung und -aneignung im AfE-Turm*. Westfälisches Dampfboot.

Hecker, H., Petzold, T., Pohl, L., Schipper, S. (2012). *Wem gehört Frankfurt? Dokumentation des aktionistischen Kongresses vom März 2012*. Forum Humangeographie.

Chapters in edited volumes

Pohl, L., & Swyngedouw, E. (2023). Endgames: Enjoying crisis. In M. Wissenburg & A. Machin (Eds.), *Hand-book of Environmental Political Theory in the Anthropocene*. Elgar: forthcoming.

Pohl, L. & Tomšič, S. (2021). The catastrophic drive. In D. Specht & E. Harper (Eds.), *Imagining Apocalyptic Politics in the Anthropocene*. Routledge: 142-157.

Pohl, L. (2021). Rem(a)inders of loss: A Lacanian approach to new urban ruins. In C. O'Callaghan & C. Di Felicianantonio (Eds.), *The New Urban Ruins: Vacancy, Urban Politics, and International Experiments in the Post-Crisis City*. Policy Press: 21-34.

Pohl, L. & Swyngedouw, E. (2021). The World and the Real: Space and the political after Lacan. In F. Landau, L. Pohl & N. Roskamm (Eds.): *[Un]Grounding: Post-foundational Geographies*. transcript: 43-62.

Kingsbury, P. & Pohl, L. (2021). The most sublime geographer: Žižek with place, distance, and scale. In F. Landau, L. Pohl & N. Roskamm (Eds.), *[Un]Grounding: Post-foundational Geographies*. transcript: 197-216.

Dobrussskin, J., Genz, C., Helbrecht, I., Pohl, L. (2021). Ontological security, globalization and the geographical Imagination. In A. Million, C. Haid, I. Castillo Ulloa, N. Baur (Eds.), *Spatial Transformations: Kaleidoscopic Perspectives on the Refiguration of Spaces*. Routledge: 243-257.

Dobrussskin, J., Genz, C., Helbrecht, I., Pohl, L. (2021). Imaginationen der Globalisierung. In M. Löw, V. Sayman, J. Schwerer, H. Wolf (Eds.), *Am Ende der Globalisierung*. transcript: 307-336.

Pohl, L. (2021). Localizing the void: From material to immaterial materialism. In P. Kingsbury, A. Secor (Eds.), *A Place More Void*. University of Nebraska Press: 285-301.

Pohl, L. (2018). Architectural enjoyment: Lefebvre and Lacan. In I. Kapoor (Eds.), *Psychoanalysis and the Global*. University of Nebraska Press: 142-163.

Belina, B., Pohl, L., Petzold, T., Schipper, S. (2017). Blockupy fights back: Global city formation in Frankfurt am Main after the Financial Crisis. In X. Ren, R. Keil (Eds.), *The Globalizing Cities Reader*. Routledge.

Pohl, L. (2017). Imaginary politics of the branded city: Right-wing terrorism as a mediated object of stigmatization. In P. Kirkness, A. Tijé-Dra (Eds.), *Negative Neighbourhood Reputation and Place Attachment*. Routledge: 27-41.

Pohl, L. (2015). Wie ein toter Wal: Zur Sprengung des AfE-Turms und der Unmöglichkeit urbaner Monstrosität. In M.-K. Ruokonen-Engler, L. Pohl, A. Dichtl, J. Lütgens, D. Schommer (Eds.), *Turmgeschichten: Raumerfahrung und -aneignung im AfE-Turm*. Westfälisches Dampfboot: 144-159.

Pohl, L. & Vaessen, F. (2014). Die Möglichkeit von Irrelevanz: Zur stadtpolitischen Auseinandersetzung um selbst-verwaltete (Frei-)Räume am Beispiel des „Instituts für vergleichende Irrelevanz“ in Frankfurt am Main. In S. Heeg & M. Rosol (Eds.), *Gebaute Umwelt: Aktuelle stadtpolitische Konflikte in Frankfurt am Main und Offenbach*. Forum Humangeographie: 81-97 (with Franziska Vaessen).

Miscellaneous works

Hutta, J. S. & Pohl, L. (2023). Affect and geography. In B. Warf (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Springer: forthcoming.

Pohl, L. (2023). Psychoanalytic geographies. In L. Lees & D. Demeritt (Eds.), *Concise Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Cheltenham: Elgar: 307-311.

Pohl, L. (2023). Book review: Aleksandra Prica: Decay and Afterlife: Form, Time, and the Textuality of Ruins. *The German Quarterly*: 145-147.

Landau, F., Pohl, L., Roskamm, N. (2021). Introduction. In F. Landau, L. Pohl, N. Roskamm (Eds.), *[Un]Grounding: Post-foundational Geographies*. transcript: 9-40.

Pohl, L. (2020). Book review: Promises of the Political: Insurgent Cities in a Post-Political Environment by Erik Swyngedouw. *sub\urban. zeitschrift für kritische stadtforschung* 8(1/2): 287-292.

Pohl, L. (2020). Psychoanalysis. In A. Kobayashi (Eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Second Edition. Volume 11. Elsevier: 61-64.

Pohl, L. (2018). Book review: Curated Decay: Heritage beyond Saving von Caitlin DeSilvey. *Canadian Geographer* 62(4): e26-e27.

Pohl, L. (2018). Eine Stadt im Zerfall: Preface of special issue on Detroit. *dérive* 70: 4-5.

LECTURES AND PANELS

Translations

Žižek, S.: *Schrägsicht: Lacan mit Populärkultur – eine Einführung*. Neue Deutsch-Französische Jahrbücher.

Invitations to academic departments

2022: Denken in Ruinen, lecture at the Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning FH Erfurt, *at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Petra Wollenberg*, June 1 (Erfurt)

2021: Die Ruine als Ort des Verlusts: Psychoanalyse, Krise und Verfall, lecture at Geographi-sches Kolloquium, *at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Boris Michel*, November 25 (Halle)

2021: Geographische Imaginationen von Sicherheit und Unsicherheit im internationalen Vergleich, lecture at the Bonn Geographical Society, *at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Kathrin Hörschelmann*, June 31, with Janina Dobrusskin, (online)

2017: Die unsterbliche Stadt: Das Unbehagen in den Wolkenkratzern von Detroit, lecture in the seminar on planning theory at FH Erfurt, *at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Nikolai Roskamm*, November 13 (Erfurt)

2017: The Life of Dead Buildings: Exploring the Ghost Tower in Bangkok, Seminar of Goethe University Frankfurt and Chulalongkorn University Bangkok, *at the invitation of Dr. Petchpilai Lattanan*, February 24 (Bangkok)

2016: What is the “critical” in critical geography?, Arbeitskreis Kritische Geographie Heidelberg, *at the invitation of Dr. Simon Runkel*, May 24 (Heidelberg)

2016: Raum als paradoxes Objekt: Fragen und Probleme der Kritischen Geographie, lecture at Marburg University, *at the invitation of Ferdinand Stenglein*, January 6 (Marburg)

Presentations at conferences

2023: From apocalyptic anxieties to post-apocalyptic desires: Lessons from the climate crisis, *Apocalyptic Anxieties: 40th Anniversary Conference of the Institute for the Humanities*, October 28 (online)

2023: In defense of maladaptation and its emancipatory promises, *IGN International Research Conference*, with Erik Swyngedouw, September 14 (Vienna)

2023: Wasser ohne Ende: Zur Produktion abjekthafter Räume im Kontext des Meeresspiegelanstiegs, *Neue Kulturgeographie*, January 27 (Halle)

2022: Authors meet critics: The New Urban Ruins: Vacancy, Urban Politics and International Experiments in the Post-Crisis City, *RGS-IBG International Conference*, August 30 (online)

2022: Rethinking the (in)human in geography: Catastrophic drive and the rupture of climate change, *RGS-IBG International Conference*, August 31 (online)

2022: The courage of worldlessness: Fragments of an apocalyptic materialism, *Annual CAPAS Conference*, April 28 (Heidelberg)

2021: The discomfort in nature: Elements of a psychoanalytical geography of the climate crisis, *Geowoche*, October 8 (online)

2021: The lure of spatial identification: Researching spatial imaginaries through photo-elicitation, *RGS-IBG International Conference*, September 3 (online)

2021: “Drill, Baby, Drill” or “Flygskam”: Enjoying Climate Change, *International Degrowth Conference*, with Erik Swyngedouw, August 24 (online)

2021: From Need for Shelter to Desire for Home: A psychoanalytic reading on the role of housing for the constitution of ontological security, *RC21*, July 15 (online)

2020: Ruinous times: Geographies of the End of the World, *New Cultural Geography*, January 30 (Bonn).

2019: Geographies after Freud: The Spatial Thinking of Psychoanalysis, *German Congress of Geography (DKG)*, September 25 (Kiel)

2019: The Rotten Return of Nature: Ruination and Lacan's Formulas of Sexuation, *American Association of Geographers' Annual Meeting (AAG)*, April 3 (Washington DC)

2018: Zur Pornographie des Ruins: Plädoyer für eine Psychoanalyse der Dinge, *Neue Kulturgeographie*, January 26 (Freiburg)

2017: Art of Walking: Tactics in the Place of the Automobile, *German Congress of Geography (DKG)*, October 3 (Tübingen), with Jakob Hebsaker & Sören Groth

2017: Materialism in Ruins: From Materiality to Immateriality, *German Congress of Geography (DKG)*, September 30 (Tübingen)

2017: Unorte der Politik: Spuren einer Raumtheorie im Werk von Alain Badiou, *Autumn Conference 2017 of the DVPW section "Political Theory and History of Ideas"*, September 27 (Hanover)

2017: Localizing the Void: The in-existent foundation of materialist geographies, *American Association of Geographers' Annual Meeting (AAG)*, April 8 (Boston)

2017: Anomalies of the Vertical City: Ghostscrapers and the death drive of architecture, *Workshop: The New Urban Ruins: Vacancy and the Post-Crisis City*, organized by Cian O'Callaghan & Cesare Di Felicianantonio, March 2 (Dublin)

2016: No-thing is possible: Architecture, politics and urban decay, *4S/EASST*, March 30 (Barcelona)

2016: Locating the Impossible: Vacant ontologies and the space of the political, *Critical Political Economy Research Network CPERN*, May 27 (Ljubljana)

2016: Haunted Objects of the City: Postfoundational thought and the urban political, *American Association of Geographers' Annual Meeting (AAG)*, March 30 (San Francisco)

2016: The Production of Topologies: Lefebvre with Lacan, *New Cultural Geography*, January 30 (Graz)

2015: The building is alive! The building is dead! Visiting Detroit's most famous ruin with Jacques Lacan, *Junger Kongress für Geographie*, October 2 (Berlin)

2017: Materialism in Ruins: From Materiality to Immateriality, *German Congress of Geography (DKG)*, September 30 (Tübingen)

2015: Angsträume: Topologische Re-Produktionen der Angst in Anschluss an Lacan, *Summer School "Die Angst in der Philosophie, der Psychoanalyse und der Kultur"*, July 15 (Zurich).

2015: Ghostscrapper: A sketch of an obscure object of research, *Nachwuchsnetzwerk Stadt-Raum-Architektur*, May 30 (Weimar)

2014: Stigmatizing the place or placing the stigmatization? Fighting against territorial stigma and 'right-wing territories' in Germany, *RGS-IBG International Conference*, August 27 (London)

Organized events and moderated sessions

2023: *Apocalyptic Anxieties: 40th Anniversary Conference of the Institute for the Humanities*, October 28-30 (Vancouver), organized with Samir Gandesha & Hilda Fernadez

2023: Urban future-making: Raum-zeitliche Widersprüche in der Aushandlung städtischer Zukünfte, *German Congress of Geography (DKG)*, September 16 (Frankfurt), organized with Monika Grubbauer & Katharina Manderscheid

2023: Geographien des Tötens und Sterbenlassens, *German Congress of Geography (DKG)*, September 16 (Frankfurt), organized with Jan Simon Hutta

2023: Urbane Politische Ökologie in Zeiten sich überlappender Krisen, double session at the conference *Neue Kulturgeographie*, with Tino Petzold, January 27 (Halle)

2021: Society, Space and the Political. [Un]Grounding: Post-foundational Geographies, Booklaunch with Oliver Marchart & Erik Swyngedouw, November 8 (Berlin)

2021: Conflict and Space, workshop with Erik Swyngedouw, *SFB "Re-figuration of Spaces"*, November 4 (Berlin)

2019: Lacanian Landscapes, double session at the *American Association of Geographers' Annual Meeting (AAG)*, with Paul Kingsbury & Sarah Moore, April 3 (Washington DC)

2018: Detroit - Berlin: One Circle, HAU Hebbel am Ufer, May 30 - June 2 (Berlin)

2014: Stigmatizing the place or placing the stigmatization? Fighting against territorial stigma and 'right-wing territories' in Germany, *RGS-IBG International Conference*, August 27 (London)

2017: Psychoanalysis and the "Unbehagen" in Cultural Geography, lecture by Paul Kingsbury, Goethe University, December 18 (Frankfurt)

2017: What is Sex?, lecture by Alenka Zupančič, Goethe University, December 13 (Frankfurt)

2017: Machtlust: Psychoanalyse und Kapitalismuskritik, lecture by Samo Tomšič, Goethe University, November 21 (Frankfurt)

2017: Materialism of the Idea: Workshop on Alain Badiou's Logics of Worlds, Workshop with Frank Ruda, Goethe University, July 26-28 (Frankfurt)