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Various concepts of 'scapes' have been employed within the heritage discourse over the last decade. Stemming from an initial concern with the decontextualisation of heritage sites from their surroundings, more abstract notions of landscapes, including the inter-connections between natural, cultural, social and symbolic dimensions are being debated.

Interest in environs has furthered advances in landscape studies and in contextualizing heritage spatially. At the same time we see attempts at exploring heritage through the effects of space: heritage-scapes, city-scapes, and memorial-scapes.

Behind the vocabulary of 'scapes' lies a move towards a broader vision of the networks of meaning that create heritage, linking it with markers in both real and symbolic environments.

Is this suffix, this 'scape', an escape or does it reflect a change in how we understand heritage? Is the adoption of spatial terminology advancing how we learn or is it merely metaphorical? How is it attempting to develop conceptual and analytical terms that capture the dynamic between space and heritage? And will the new terminology be inclusive of cross-cultural concepts of space?

The 14th Annual Heritage Seminar invites you to send in abstracts for papers and presentations that address these issues. Please send proposals to Leanne Philpot (lp303@cam.ac.uk) or Calum Robertson (cgr23@cam.ac.uk) by March 1st 2013.

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