

# Philip E. Steinberg Lecture

From the Black Atlantic to the White Arctic: Alterity and Materiality in the Ocean Region

23 April 2018      13:15 – 15:00

Dragvoll Campus

Building 2, Level 5, Meeting Room 7



The [3R Oceans Project](#) is happy to invite you to a lecture followed by an informal discussion with Philip Steinberg, Professor of political geography at Durham University.

3R Oceans seeks to chart and analyze how cultural conditions underpin the use of the oceans and to investigate the relationships between the representations, resources and regulations of the high seas and the deep oceans. We approach this through an interdisciplinary effort that links the studies of aesthetical formations with their concomitant implications for legal and regulatory development across historical time and space.

Philip's research focuses on the historical, contemporary and imaginary projection of social power onto spaces whose geophysical and geographic characteristics make them resistant to state territorialization. These spaces include the world-ocean, the Arctic, and the universe of electronic communications. Within these spaces, Philip studies everything from artistic depictions to governance institutions to the lifeways of individuals who inhabit (or cross) their expanses. In addition to these major research themes, he frequently conducts research in complementary areas including urban planning politics; utopianism (especially as projected onto islands); critical theories of development and nature; and the links between art, cartography, visualisation, and representation.

Philip's publications include *The Social Construction of the Ocean* (Cambridge, 2001), *Managing the Infosphere: Governance, Technology, and Cultural Practice in Motion* (Temple, 2008), *Contesting the Arctic: Politics and Imaginaries in the Circumpolar North* (I.B. Tauris, 2014) and *Territory Beyond Terra* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018).

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See you there!