

Venue: Birmingham City Uinversity City Centre Campus, 5 Cardigan Street, Birmingham, B4 7BD, UK

Organising Committee: Dr Jieling Xiao, Birmingham City University, UK, Dr Victoria Lygum, Aalborg University, Denmark, Prof. Suzel Balez, Univ. Grenoble Alpes, France.

Day 1 Monday 14 December 2026

P350 Parkside Building

Pre-symposium Event
10:00-13:00

Association of Architectural Educators Forum on 'how to consider smells in Architectural design and education'. Organised by Dr Jieling Xiao, Birmingham City University and Victoria Farrow, De Montfort University. Please book a place here.

13:00-13:30 Symposium Registration

13:30-13:45 Symposium Welcome

13:45-14:30 Keynote talk: Beyond the Smell of Places: Towards a Smellscape Ecology.
Prof. Suzel Balez (Grenoble Alps Univesity, France)

14:30-15:30 Workshop: The Impact of Ancient Ecological Smellscapes on the Modern Built Environment
Nicholas Benjamin David Field (University College London, UK)

15:30-15:45 Break

Panel A: Olfactory heritage, memory and the transformation of place

Charied by Prof. Silvia Gullino

15:45-16:00 From leylandii to skiffle: smells, smell drawings & memories
Dr Kate McLean-MacKenzie (Artist and Designer, University of Kent, UK)

16:00-16:15 No Smell is an Island: Smellscaping the Treasure Exhibition at Runde Environmental Centre
Renata Pekowska (Technological University Dublin, Ireland) and Prof. Erik Fooladi (Volda University College, Norway)

16:15-16:30 Smellscape of heritage: A framework for the archive and exhibit of historic garden odours
Dr Yiwei Chen (South China Agricultural University, China)

16:30-16:45 Reconstructing an Island's Smellscape: "Botanical Forest" as an Olfactory Trace of Storm Ciarán
Lucille Lefrang (Independent perfumer, Grenoble Alps University, France)

16:45-17:15 Panel Dicussion

Exhibition Private View
17:30-19:00

Designing Scented Spaces at Parkside Gallery in partnership with RIBA West Midlands. Location: Parkside Building Ground Floor.

Symposium Dinner
19:30-10:00

The dinner will be at the Botanist Birmingham for the 2-course Christmas menu (Optional and self-funded). Location: 12 Bridge St, Birmingham,B1 2JR, UK

Day 2 Tuesday 15 December 2026

CST006-007 STEAMhouse

8:30 -9:00 Symposium Registration

09:00-9:45 Keynote talk: Who Gets to Decide What the City Smells Like? Smellscape Ecology, Sensory Justice and Spatial Governance
Dr Anette Stenslund (Roskilde University, Denmark)

Panel B: Mapping, Measuring and Monitoring Smellscape Ecology

Chaired by Prof. Suzel Balez

09:45-10:00 From sensors to senses: personal air pollution exposure and the sense of smell in everyday urban life
Aleksandra Reichert (Licensed psychologist, University of Wrocław, Poland)

10:00-10:15 Measuring and Monitoring Indoor Smellscape Ecology: capturing spatial and temporal dynamics of perceived olfactory environments
Giulia Torriani (Institute for Renewable Energy, Eurac Research, Italy)

10:15-10:30 Sniffing Out Thresholds in Dense Urban Environments: A Sensory Notation Approach
Dr Raymond Lucas (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK)

10:30-10:45 Mapping the Invisible City: A Smellscape Cognitive Mapping Framework from Cairo's Migrant Food Districts
Dr Noha Abbassy (American University in Cairo, Egypt), Arch. Zina Adly (American University in Cairo, Egypt), Prof. Dr Basil Kamel (American University in Cairo, Egypt)

10:45-11:15 Panel Dicussion

11:15-11:30 Break

Panel C: Olfactory Landscapes, Power and the Regulation of Bodies and Spaces

Chaired by Dr Jieling Xiao

11:30-11:45 Smell of Freedom: Colonialism, Capitalism, and the Making of America's Olfactory Landscape
Dr Jennifer D. Roberts (University of Maryland College Park, US)
11:45-12:00 "Order, Cleanliness, Discipline, Silence": Nineteenth Century Carceral Smellscapes and the Emergence of Biocidal Ideology
Dr Manon Raffard (University of Manchester, UK)

12:00-12:20 Panel Discussion

Lunch 12:20-13:20

Panel D: Olfactory Experience, Biological Responses and Spatial Accessibility

Chaired by Dr Victoria Lygum

13:20-13:35 For Better and for Worse: Biological Embedding and Differential Responsivity to Smellscape
Prof. Hector A. Olvera-Alvarez (University of New Mexico, US), Dr Gregory N. Bratman (University of Washington, US), Prof. Doug Walker (University of Washington, US) and Prof. John D. Spengler (Harvard University, US)

13:35-13:50 Smell from nature and reduction of human stress in urban environments
Francesca Taufer (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden), Dr Anna María Pálsdóttir (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden), Dr Victoria Linn Lygum (Aalborg University, Denmark.), Prof. Marcus Hedblom (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden)
13:50-14:05 Walking Through Smells: How smellscapes shape perceived walkability
Ilaria Di Giosaffatte (Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands)
14:05- 14:20 Olfactory Legibility and Accessibility in a Living Modern Cultural Landscape: The METU Campus, Ankara
Dr Meltem Cetiner (Middle East Technical University, Turkey), Prof. Dr. A. Güliz Bilgin Altınöz (Middle East Technical University, Turkey)

14:20-14:50 Panel Discussion

14:50-15:05 Break

Panel E: Designing with Smell: Materiality and Future Environments

Chaired by Dr Hocine Bougdah

15:05-15:20 Scent, Space, and Surface: How Interior Materiality Shapes the Indoor Olfactory Experience
Auliya Maula Alqadrie (Politeknik Negeri Pontianak, Indonesia), Diah Astiningsih (Politeknik Negeri Pontianak, Indonesia), Dian Perwita Sari (Politeknik Negeri Pontianak, Indonesia)
15:20-15:35 Smelling the Future Guide
Zuzana Neupauerová (Independent researcher)

15:35-15:55 Panel Discussion

Roundtable discussion
15:55-16:25

On the concept of smellscape ecology. Faciliated by the organising committee.

Symposium closes at 16:30

Post-Symposium Events

17:30-18:30

An experiential tasting event "Sensuality on the hand" is arranged at GULP by artist Kaye Winwood (optional, self-fund). Please book in advance to secure a place.

19:00-21:00

We would love to invite you to join us to enjoy the Christmas Market (gathering in front of blank street coffee at Victoria Square at 19:00).

We would love to invite you to add your thoughts through out the 2 days. These ideas will be discussed at the Roundtable Session on 15th December.

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