PLACE AND PLACELESSNESS

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Place and placelessness 1976
What is place?

The phenomenon of place
Deepen the knowledge about human experiences of world which build presupposes of the geographical field forms the world. Like the idea of landscape form landscape.

1. Place and space

2. Essence of place
What is place?
Relphs answer is....

EXPERIENCES
Meanings
Identity
Belonging
Memories
Feelings.....
1. Place and space - an interaction

2.1 Pragmatic or primitive space

2.2 Perceptual space

2.3 Existential space
  - sacred
  - geographical
  - structure of geographical space

2.4 Architectural space & planning space

2.5 Cognitive space

2.6 Abstract space

2.7 Relationships between the forms of space
Because such existential space is meaningful within one culture group does not mean that it is communicable to members of other cultures, at least not without some considerable effort of understanding on their part.

Figure 2.2. An Aboriginal map of the Gurudjmug Area (from Berndt and Berndt, 1970, p.56).

Key: 1. Gabari Creek.
2. Gabari Waterhole.
4. A njalahi ceremony was held close to (2); here people were dancing.
5. People from the north who came to the njalahi ceremony now stand here as rocks.
6. Namalaid, an orphan was here.
7. The orphan’s elder brother went up here and was turned into a rock.
8. Fishing net used by the fishermen who came to the njalahi.
9. The elder brother’s dog.

Figure 2.3. Two representations of existential space.
(A) Existential space as experienced in mental vision and from the perspective of the person in the street (from Callen, 1971, p.17).
(B) The Boston image derived from street interviews. Existential space of the city.
2. Essence of place

3.1 Place and location
3.2 Place and landscape
3.3 Place and time
3.4 Place and community
3.5 Private and personal places
3.6 Rootedness and care of place
3.7 Home places as profound centres of human existence
3.8 The drudgery of place
3.9 The essence of place
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A deeper understanding of what place is! The relation of human and place.

Place as centre in the human existence - orient ourselves in a world of chaos

Knowledge of place is a simple fact of experience

Critic to modernistisc 2d planning - lack of dimensions of experience
Questions

- How has our relation to space changed. Are we more rootless and mobile today?

- Postmodern commodification of place, how does it affect the individual experience?

- Include individual experiences in planning situations - a 4 dimension. How?