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abstract:

From Pastoral to Virtual: the dignity of space

I am interested in the perception of worth within and via real or imagined space. I work within the inter/trans-disciplinary dignity theory, which I am developing. In this paper I study the correlation of place/space with ideas of worth.

Bluntly put, here, the 'pastoral' stands for the physical space/place we occupy while the 'virtual' space is the one we occupy by our minds. It could be called mimetic and non-mimetic, or real and imagined but the pastoral is doubly loaded with the allusion to literary form and consequent theory. 'The pastoral' is not only landscape and shepherds just as 'the virtual' has a wider frame of reference than just cyberspace.

In this paper I explore both in depth and use the analyses to explicate changing perceptions of worth (human worth within the human rights framework and individual or self worth as a psychological concept) in relation to place, placement, belonging, space, third space and hybrid space.