

Program of the workshop

The workshop “Power and Space in the Drone Age” takes place on August 27th and 28th 2015 at the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland). It brings together experts and scholars with a strong interest in the drone problematic, thus generating a wider picture of how drones interact with space today, and of what power issues this raises.

Organization:

Francisco Klauser & Silvana Pedrozo, Institut de Géographie, Neuchâtel University

August 27th: Room R.S.38

9:00 Francisco Klauser: Welcome and introduction

9:30 Keynote 1: Jeremy Crampton: *Assemblage of the vertical: Commercial drones and algorithmic lives*

10:45 Coffee break

Session 1: The making of the drones

11:00 Anna Jackman: *Trade spaces of the commercial drone*

11:30 Ciara Bracken-Roche: *The power relations and political economy of UAVs*

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch (Restaurant VIO)

14:00 Key note 2: Ole B. Jensen: *Drone city: Power, design, and aerial mobility in the age of “smart cities”*

15:15 Coffee break

Session 2: Spatial governance

15:30 Silvana Pedrozo: *Spatialities of aerial surveillance: A critical study of border control by military drones in Switzerland.*

16:00 Irendra Radjavalı and Oliver Pye: *Drone for justice. Inclusive technology and river-related action research along the Kapuas, Indonesia.*

16:30 Discussion

19:00 Dinner (place tbc)

August 28th: Room R.S.38

09:15 Coffee

9:30 Keynote 3: Peter Adey: *Unmanned, aerial and vehicular*

10:45 Coffee break

Session 3: Visibilities

11:00 Synne Tolerud Bull: *Volumetric (h)overview: The progressive geography of aerial view in motion.*

11:30 Neil Waghorn: *Watching the watchmen: Drones at protest*

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch (Cercle de la Voile)

14:00 Keynote 4: Ian Shaw: *Drone warfare and the enclosure of the planet*

15:15 Coffee break

Session 4: Military drones

15:30 Kyle Grayson: *From the “everywhere war to the “everyday war”: The exceptional and quotidian geographies of drone strikes*

16:00 Afxentis Afxentiou: *Panopticism and the human experience of invisible predators*

16:30 Ariel Handel: *Soundscapes and touchscapes in the occupied Palestinian territories: Affective spaces in the drone age*

17:00 Discussion & Synthesis of the workshop

19:00 Dinner (Maison des Halles)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Location

Institute of Geography (IGG)
Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, Université de Neuchâtel
Espace Louis-Agassiz 1
2001 Neuchâtel
<http://www2.unine.ch/geographie/page-2756.html>



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Organisation and stay

August 26th In order to meet the other participants before the conference and discover the bar “Les Brasseurs” - which is located in the center of Neuchâtel - we suggest meeting there for a drink from 7:00 PM (<http://neuchatel.les-brasseurs.ch>).



Suggestions for hotels:

Auberg’Inn: <http://www.hotelneuchatel.com>
Hotel des Arts: <https://www.hoteldesarts.ch/fr/>
Hotel Alpes & Lac: <http://www.alpesetlac.ch/fr/>
Hotel BeauLac: <http://www.beaulac.ch/en/>

Housing possibility for PhD students in the Faculty of Science (10 min from the Institute of Geography). More details in the attached file.

Other information about Neuchâtel: <http://www.neuchateltourisme.ch> and <http://www.myswitzerland.com/fr-ch/neuchatel.html>

Public transport

Train

By train (Intercity direct), the travel time to Neuchâtel is:

• 34 min. from Bern • 41 min. from Lausanne • 1h13 from Geneva Airport • 1h52 from Zurich Airport
Swiss Federal Railways - CFF: <http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>

Bus, tramway, funicular

The « TransN » serves the entire Canton of Neuchâtel. In addition to the busses and tramways, the funicular railways facilitate commuting in Neuchâtel. The “Fun’ambule” provides a direct connection between the railway station and the main University building on the Avenue du 1er Mars.

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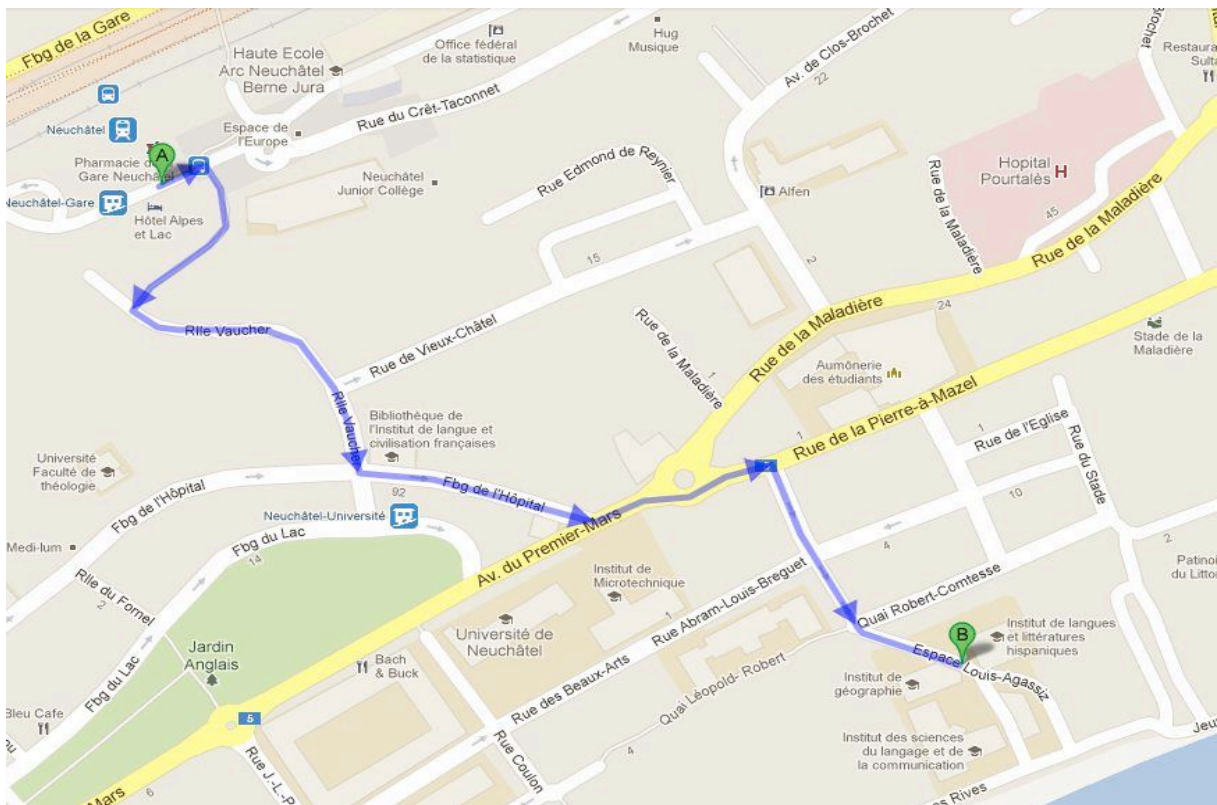
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Picture of the building at Espace Louis Agassiz 1, main entry.



Itinerary map from the railway station to the Institute of Geography, Espace Louis Agassiz 1.