

4TH ANNUAL WRITING CITIES PUBLIC LECTURE

**THURSDAY 19 MAY | 18:30 – 20:00**

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# **DISTANCE AND CITIES WHERE DO WE STAND?**

SPEAKERS: GERALD FRUG, ASHER  
GHERTNER, PATRIK SCHUMACHER,  
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This panel discussion will examine the concept of distance when writing about cities. How does this concept remain relevant to urban disciplines? And how does it both inform and limit research on cities?

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Writing Cities ([writingcities.net](http://writingcities.net)) is an interdisciplinary network of graduate students from MIT, Harvard and the LSE. We aim to foster research on cities that cuts across disciplinary boundaries and addresses a broad audience. As emerging academics and practitioners situated between the social sciences, humanities, and practice, Writing Cities aims to initiate a conversation on future scholarship on and engagement with cities.

LSE Cities, an international research centre at the London School of Economics, builds on the interdisciplinary work of the Urban Age, extending its partnership with Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society. Its core objective is to understand how the built environment has consequences on the shape of society in an increasingly urbanised world where over 50% of people live in cities.

**Free and open to the public. No RSVP necessary. Contact [h.c.stevens@lse.ac.uk](mailto:h.c.stevens@lse.ac.uk) for additional information.  
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