



Calls for participation in 3 panels organised by OISTAT Research Commission at WSD 2022.

**1. OISTAT Research Commission at WSD invites presentations for the Panel Discussion:
Research Conversations about Performance Space and Cultural Geographies.**

Theatre is artifice. It employs codes, it relies on cultural knowledge, understanding and/or familiarity to be effective as comment, protest, enquiry, celebration. As Nora Amin writes:

“We believe in the concept of a collective, universal and intersectional imagination with threads interweaving between various cultures and popular creativities.... the discovery of light, shadow and its play are among the most ancient revelations of the human mind along its journey of maturity and growth...” (Amin, *Shadow Theatre and the Imaginary in Contemporary Egypt*, in *The Theatre Times*, 11 March 2020. <https://thetheatretimes.com/author/n-amin/>)

This panel will share and discuss moments in performances, events and storytelling located within specific cultures and places. Our focus is on the intersection of performative spaces, underrepresented geographical locations, and emerging cultural identities.

Participants are invited to consider how, in a time of increasing global and generalised cultural reference points, we can respect and value the particular and located? Within the conversation we hope for space to learn or intuit a little more about our own individual vocabularies of belonging.

To facilitate participation from a variety of different contexts and locations, presentations may be in-person or live/recorded. Proposals are welcomed in the form of abstracts of up to 300 words, or visual descriptions in ppt form. The call for this session is to find and introduce, rather than to talk/write about.....

Acknowledging the current challenges and uncertainties in committing to attending events, OISTAT Research Commission is extending the call for proposals to WSD 2022 Research Panels, which may be presented in person or online, to **midnight on Monday June 6th**.

Proposals and enquiries should be sent to: research@oistat.org

Deadline: June 6, 2022