

## Eyes over London (London, 15 Nov 08)

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Eyes over London: Re-Imagining the Metropolis in the Age of Aerial Vision

A colloquium organised by the Department of Architecture, University of Westminster

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Since the late 18th century, the development of human flight has greatly expanded the possibilities of visualising cities. London, a vast metropolis with scarce viewing platforms, has since been the subject of a wide array of aerial representations, driven by aesthetic as well as instrumental purposes. More recently, with the diffusion of satellite imagery and popular „virtual globe“ software, such as Google Earth, aerial views have become so pervasive that we often take them for granted. The critical implications of this phenomenon, however, have not yet been adequately examined.

Eyes over London will explore how the unique city has been re-imaged and re-imagined in the age of aerial vision. An interdisciplinary panel will address a broad range of subjects, from balloon photography to the London Eye, and their involvement in shaping the perception of the metropolis today. This one-day event will be of interest to a wide audience including academics and practitioners in architecture, planning, and visual culture, as well as anyone concerned with the history of London.

In conjunction with the colloquium, the Department of Architecture will host the photography exhibition *Shot from Above: Aerial Aspects of London*, curated by English Heritage, 15-29 November 2008.

Colloquium fee: £40 (students £25)

Includes refreshments, buffet lunch, and wine reception.

Full programme at:

<http://www.westminster.ac.uk/sabe/page-1210>

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