

Book presentation:

***Rethinking Feminist Interventions into the Urban* (2013) by Linda Peake and Martina Rieker, Routledge**

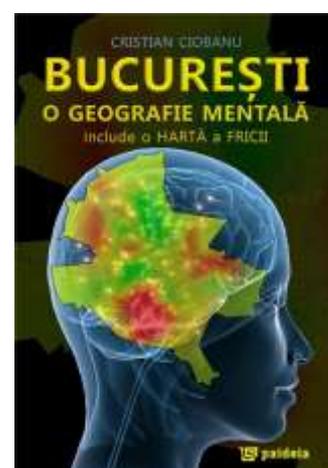
"In *Rethinking Feminist Interventions into the Urban* (2013), Linda Peake and Martina Rieker embark on an ambitious project to explore the extent to which a feminist re-imagining of the twenty-first century city can form the core of a new emerging analytic



of women and the neoliberal urban. In a world in which the majority of the population now live in urban centres, they take as their starting point the need to examine the production of knowledge about the city through the problematic divide of the global north and south, asking what might a feminist intervention, a position itself fraught with possibilities and problems, into this dominant geographical imaginary look like. Providing a meaningful discussion of the ways in which feminism, gender and women have been understood in relation to the city and urban studies, they ask probing and insightful questions that indicate new directions for theory and research, illustrating the necessity of a re-formulation of the north-south divide as a critical and urgent project for feminist urban studies." (source of photo and text: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415518819/>)

Bucharest. A mental geography (2013) by Cristian Ciobanu, Paideia Bucharest

"This paper is the first scientific approach in the area of geography of perception. Mental geography is the world inside of the mind of each and every one of us. It contains maps of more or less detailed routes, interesting or dangerous places and even emotional spaces. People cannot relate to the whole physical space at the same time. Our perceptions allow interaction only with a small part of space, the one in front of us. However, we know what lies behind us and more than that, we know what it looks like other parts of the city, even in other countries. These concepts are applied to the capital city of Romania resulting a number of studies such as mental maps of the Centre and neighborhoods; Mental map of the

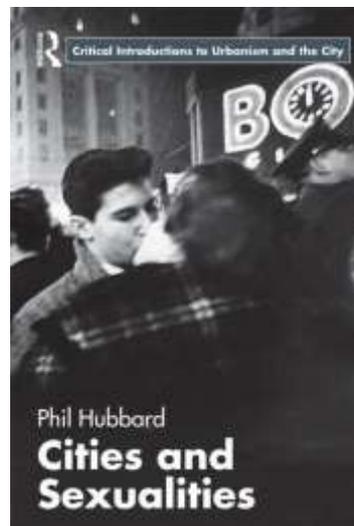


counties in terms of the inhabitants of Bucharest ; Map fear in Bucharest or sacred space in Bucharest.”(source of photo and text:

<http://www.paideia.ro/Bucure%C5%9Fti.%20%20geografie%20mental%C4%83>)

***Cities and Sexualities* (2011) By Phil Hubbard, Routledge**

”From the hotspots of commercial sex through to the suburbia of twitching curtains, urban life and sexualities appear inseparable. Cities are the source of our most familiar images of sexual practice, and are the spaces where new understandings of sexuality take shape. In an era of global business and tourism, cities are also the hubs around which a global sex trade is organised and where virtual sex content is obsessively produced and consumed.



Cities and Sexualities (2011) offers a wide overview of the state-of-the-art in geographies and sociologies of sexuality, as well as an empirically-grounded account of the forms of desire that animate the erotic city. It describes the diverse sexual landscapes that characterise both the contemporary Western city as well as cities in the global South. The book features a wide range of boxed case studies as well as suggestions for further reading at the end each chapter. It will appeal to undergraduate students studying Geography, Urban Studies, Gender Studies and Sociology.” (source of photo and text: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415566476/>)

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