



# Animated Lands

Studies in Territoriality

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In *Animated Lands* Andrea Mubi Brighenti and Mattias Kärrholm focus on territory as a living phenomenon—and territoriality as an active and constantly reshaping force. They explore the complexity of territorial production through a series of parallel investigations into fundamental territorial themes, such as rhythm, synchronization, melody, morphogenesis, and animism.

The notion of territory is excavated through case studies including the analysis of urban playgrounds, home making, the transformations of urban walls, and the stabilization of peculiar building types such as the house-museum. These empirical examples span such cities as Ahmedabad, Amsterdam, London, and Rome. *Animated Lands* provides a broad introduction to what a theory of territories could be and how it could help to advance sociospatial studies.

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**–Frédéric Vandenberghe, professor of sociology at the  
Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro**

"*Animated Lands* breathes new life into the study of territory. Grounded in the particulars of walls and everyday places, it also cuts across traditional intellectual territories to assemble new theoretical connections between networks, vitalism, atmospheres, rhythm analysis, and the concept of home."

**–Kim Dovey, professor of architecture and urban design at  
the University of Melbourne**

"In this innovative and insightful study, Andrea Mubi Brighenti and Mattias Kärrholm provide a rich reflection on the concept of territory. They introduce the idea of 'territoriology' as part of a wider exploration of space, materiality, and social life that lies at the cutting edge of contemporary theoretical debates."

**–Matthew Gandy, professor of cultural and historical  
geography and fellow of King's College at the  
University of Cambridge**