

# UpSideDown – Circus and Space International Conference

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University of Münster, Germany

*“In acrobatics, we say that we are lost, that is, we do not know whether it’s the top or the bottom, whether we are climbing or falling.” – Acrobat*

**Zirkus|Wissenschaft** seeks to anchor circus in university research and coursework. The project aims to establish the University of Münster as a long-term international meeting place for circensic researchers from Germany and abroad as well as to set up an international scholarly network.

**UpSideDown** examines the question of space in the context of traditional, new, and contemporary circus. Its aim is to deepen the knowledge obtained at the previous conference “Semiotics of the Circus” (2015). Fields such as Liminal Spaces, Theories of Place and Space, Borders and Border Crossing, Performing in and Mapping Space, and Transnational Spaces may also be considered.

- Ring, stage, street – Circus performance spaces
- Boundaries, barriers, horizons – Circus and mobility
- Horizontality, verticality, gravity – Body and space
- Borders, orders, shift – Circus and semantic spaces
- Configuration, practice – Circus and cultural spaces

## Keynotes

Prof. Dr. Paul Bouissac | Toronto

Prof. Dr. Louis-Patrick Leroux | Montréal

Prof. Dr. Philippe Goudard | Montpellier

Prof. Dr. Peta Tait | Melbourne

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The event is open to the public. Please register via mail.

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