

Landscapes of Knowledge – *David Livingstone (Geography), Queen's University Belfast (Northern Ireland)*

I begin with a brief overview of the 'geography of scientific knowledge' project and how spatial questions have been shaping inquiries into both the production and circulation of science. I then intend to focus on four areas of research which I believe can further deepen the enterprise and consolidate the value of a spatial perspective on knowledge. First, landscape agency. Here I shall take up the question of the role of landscape in the production and circulation of Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection, arguing for a greater role to be accorded to the agency of landscape in understanding the development and circulation of Darwinism. Second, political ecology. Here I want to use the case of pre-Darwinian theories of human origins to explore something of the political geography of racial discourses about human beginnings. Third, print culture. The recent work on the geography of textuality is opening up new spheres of inquiry into knowledge circulation, and I shall seek to demonstrate something of this perspective by examining how Darwin's theory has been read in different geographical / cultural locations. Fourth, speech space. My aim here is to summarise some of my own recent work on the connections between location and locution and thus of the importance of attending to how scientific theories are talked about in different speech spaces.