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First published to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of French writer Georges Perec's untimely death, *Species of Spaces* an ongoing series of eBooks published by Proboscis which are inspired by and in homage to Perec's eponymous book, *Espèces d'espaces*.

Each of the commissions is a speculative contemplation on how space is occupied in the contemporary world of the twenty-first century; virtual and physical spaces, emotional and social spaces – what Perec called the 'infra-ordinary'. The authors – who range from an architect, artist, critic, social scientist, filmmaker, novelist and a sound artist – each address these issues from different points of view, but ultimately a thread runs through all: how we negotiate our relationships to space and place, culture and community, knowledge and identity.

As technologies such as mobile phones and wireless computing become ever more embedded in our everyday lives, these relationships will become ever more uncertain, ever more negotiated moment by moment. Many of these shifts are barely perceptible, and the promise of seamless integration of the virtual and the physical belies the fundamental changes that this collapse of abstract space into sensory space both indicates and brings about.

To reflect the sense of ever-shifting negotiations on spatial habitation, *SPECIES OF SPACES* is growing into a longer series of meditations, always with a Perecquian eye to the playful, the absurd and the experimental. As Perec himself sought to categorise and then re-categorise spaces and his relationships to them (for instance see also his works: *Penser/Classer*, *L'Infra-ordinaire*, *Je me souviens*), so we will continue to question what space is and how we inhabit it.

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