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² Jutta Vinzent, Émigré Artists and Their Archives: Naum Gabo and his Contemporaries, 30 Nov. 2009, unpublished, symposium organised by Tate Research, supported by the Getty Foundation and held at Tate Britain, London.

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third chapter.³ A further one was based around the string sculptures by Gabo, Hepworth and Moore, now analysed with new insights, also in the third chapter.⁴ Despite having been occupied with and published on the topic of space for nearly ten years, this book is new in light of its proposed and probed methodology unavailable in any of the other publications. It should not be concluded from this that the book is comprehensive—it should be rather understood as a stepping stone for further discussions.
