

SOCIAL AND HEALTH ISSUES IN TRANSPORTATION

NECTAR Cluster 2 (Social and Health Issues) international workshop

University of Utrecht, The Netherlands

June 6-8, 2018

Call for papers

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It is our pleasure to invite you to a workshop of NECTAR Cluster 7 (Social and Health Issues) which will be held at the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 6-8, 2018.

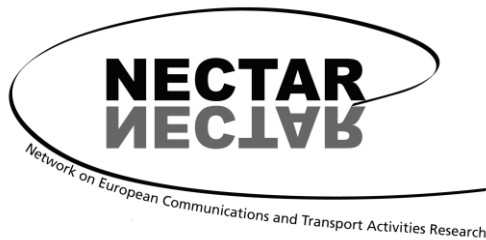
Main topic

In cities across both the Global North and South, rapid urbanization is putting pressure on transport networks and infrastructure at international, regional, and local scales. This pressure may lead to negative effects with respect to health and social participation in various ways.

First, certain groups may be excluded from access to transportation services, with detrimental impact on access to employment, education and other opportunities, which are essential to their financial security and social wellbeing. In addition, poor access to healthful places like clinics, green spaces, and food stores with healthy and affordable options may have negative health effects.

Some forms of travel can also facilitate positive health outcomes in more direct ways, for example, regularly choosing active (self-propelled, human powered) modes can be linked to decreases in chronic health conditions like obesity, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. On the other hand, the negative externalities of the transportation system, in terms of its detrimental effects on health, social equity, affordability, accidents, air quality and wellbeing are well-documented.

The transport discipline still grapples with how best to address these problems through the everyday practices of transport planners and policymakers. In many places, a



categorical focus on technocratic solutions and journey time-saving projects is still prevalent, with very little attention to financial, temporal and social constraints that people are facing and to the distribution of health outcomes of the transport system.

Topics of interest

To address these issues, we invite abstracts of research projects addressing social and health issues in the context of transportation. Topics include (but are not limited to):

Social issues

- Accessibility and inclusion for specific groups (e.g. migrants)
- Socio-political and subjective factors in access and exclusion (e.g. safety, security)
- Transport poverty and its social consequences
- Social and distributional impacts of transport

Health issues

- Active transport and health
- Effects of travel on mental health and well-being
- Effects of interventions promoting healthy travel
- Improving physical access to health services/facilities
- Environmental impacts of transport on people and places (e.g. pollution, traffic safety)

Venue

The workshop will take place at the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Participation and fees

This workshop is funded by the University of Utrecht and NECTAR. With this co-funding, we will be able to fund a social dinner, a lunch and accommodation for two nights, for one author per paper.

NECTAR membership for the year 2018 (€70 or, for those under the age of 30, €40) is required in order to attend the meeting. Non-members can find details on how to join the association on the 'Membership' page of NECTAR's website: <http://www.nectar-eu.eu/membership/>.

Abstract submission:

If you are interested to participate in this workshop, please send an **abstract** of your presentation (about 500 words) including author names and affiliations and keywords in PDF format to d.f.ettema@uu.nl before January 31, 2018.



The notification of abstract acceptance will be distributed February 15, 2018.

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