

Dear NECTAR friends,

This newsletter reports on the variety of NECTAR activities from Spring 2018. The newsletter firstly brings you an update on the preparations of the 15th international NECTAR conference in Helsinki. Secondly, NECTAR clusters Leisure, Recreation and Tourism (Cluster 5), Accessibility (Cluster 6), Social and Health issues (Cluster 7) and ICT (Cluster 8) have organized workshops and special sessions and present their workshop reports. Thirdly, the newsletter brings you changes in the leadership of NECTAR clusters 4 and 6.

This newsletter also brings a new item "News from NECTAR members". If you have news that you would like to share, please contact the NECTAR newsletter editor [Sandra Melo](#). Finally, the newsletter closes with the list of upcoming NECTAR events.

Have a great summer and summer vacation!

Karst Geurs, NECTAR chair

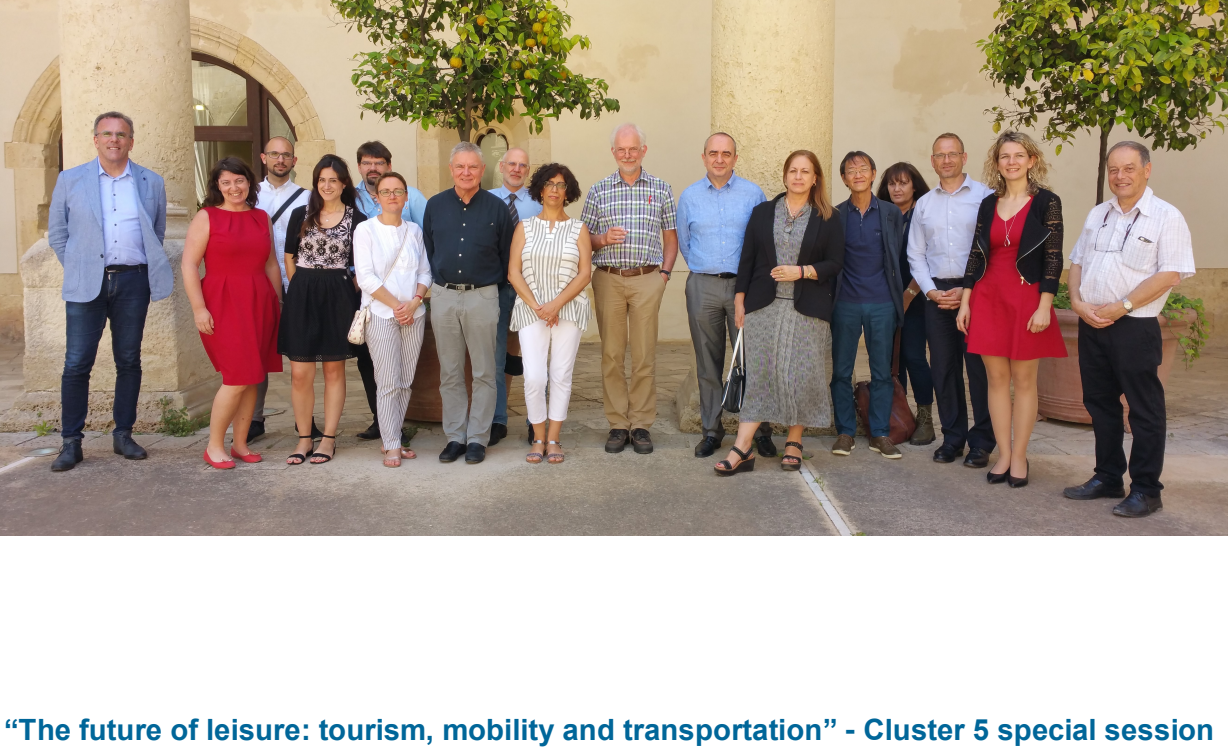
## News on the Helsinki international NECTAR conference

The preparations for the Helsinki international NECTAR conference June 5-7, 2019 are well underway. The theme of the 2019 Helsinki in Helsinki, has been announced: "Towards human scale cities – Open and happy" and we are happy to already announce the two keynote speakers. The first keynote speaker is Professor Jan Gehl, architect, professor and consultant on urban design. He has focused his career on improving the quality of urban life, by reorienting the design of the city towards the pedestrians, public life and cyclists. The second keynote speaker is dr Tim Schwanen, Director of the Transport Studies Unit, Associate Professor of Transport Studies in the School of Geography and Environment, and Fellow at St Anne's College. Tim's research concentrates on the geographies of the everyday mobilities of people, goods and information. For more details see the [conference website](#). The website will be updated and expanded as the organization of the conference proceeds. The conference will have, as previous editions, have general sessions and clusters thematic sessions. Call for papers will be distributed after the summer break. Check out the website and save the date in your calendar.

The 2019 [Aalto University Summer School on Transportation](#) is organized together with NECTAR. It will be organized the days before the NECTAR conference and organized by Milos Mladenovic. Several NECTAR cluster chairs will participate in the summer school. More information will follow after the summer vacation.

## "Smart Transport for Sustainable Tourism" – Cluster 5 workshop report

On May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, Luca Zamparini hosted a workshop on "Smart Transport for Sustainable Tourism" at the University of Salento (Italy). The venue of the workshop was the "Sala della Grottesca" at the Rectoral building of the University of Salento 8a former monastery dating back to the baroque period. The 21 papers were organized in seven thematic sessions that have taken into account several experiences related to the interactions between transport and tourism in various countries (Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malta, the Netherlands, Spain). Both the mobility choices to reach the tourist destinations and the modal choices for intra- and inter- destination movements were taken into account. Some presentations dealt with the accessibility to peculiar islands or UNESCO sites. All sessions were marked by lively and interesting discussions among the presenters and the other participants. At the end of the workshop, a roundtable has summarised the main topics followed by an evaluation of possible future activities of the cluster. They will include another workshop by the end of 2018 and special sessions at the forthcoming NECTAR Conference in Helsinki. The scientific activity was complemented by one dinner in the historical city center of Lecce and by one excursion to Otranto with a lively dinner in a winery of a nearby town.

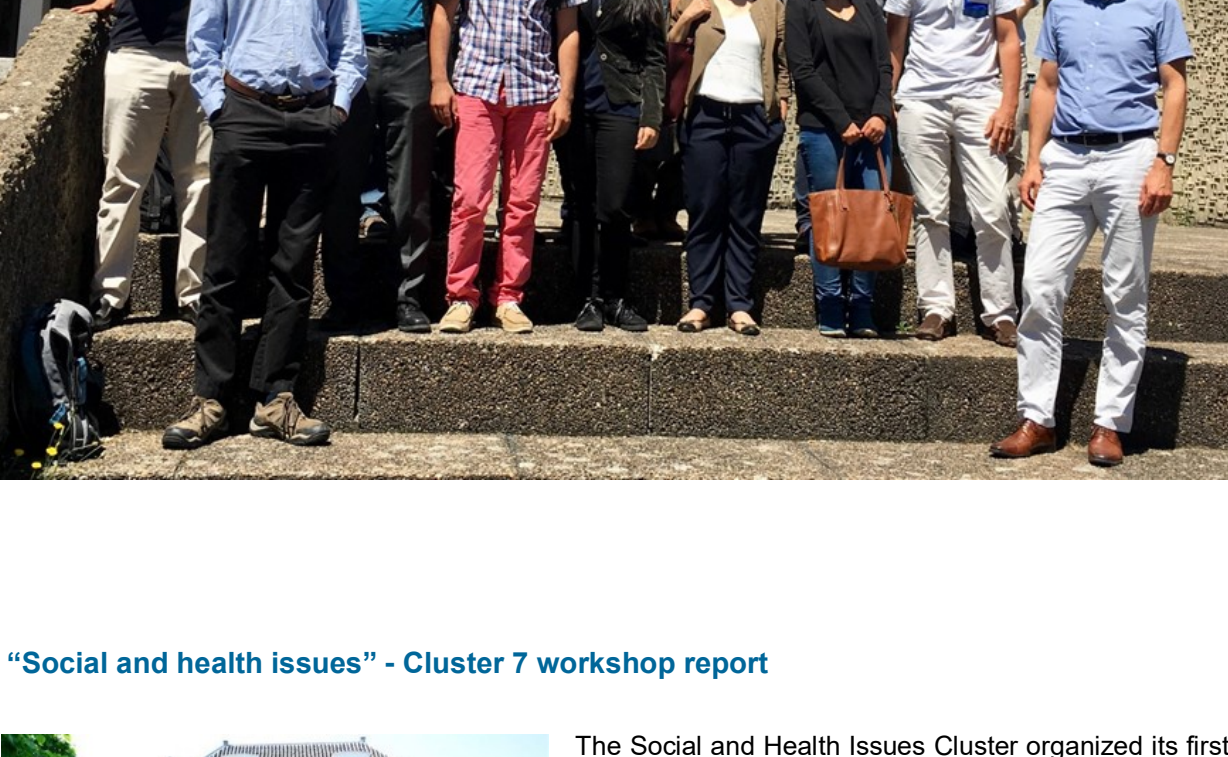


## "The future of leisure: tourism, mobility and transportation" - Cluster 5 special session

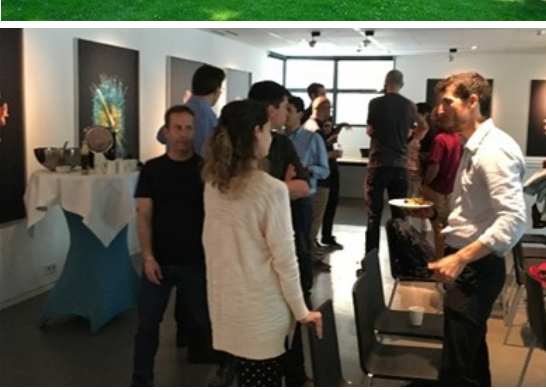
NECTAR cluster 5 organised a special session on "The future of leisure: tourism, mobility and transportation" during the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Regional Science Association held at the K. K. Birla Goa Campus of the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (India) between the 28<sup>th</sup> of May and the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. This was the special session involving the largest number of papers, with 17 presentations distributed by 5 parallel sessions. Apart from a very high mobilization of local authors (7 presentations from India), also presenters from Portugal, Italy, France, Bulgaria, Turkey and Japan contributed for rich and diversified discussions in all the sessions. The topics under discussed covered different crucial aspects related to mobility and transportation within contemporary leisure and tourism practices, including the role of technologies (ICT or GIS), socio-economic aspects and impacts, sustainable use of resources and sustainable tourism practices, transportation networks or implications for destination management and spatial planning, both in urban and rural areas.

## Accessibility in urban modelling: from measurement to policy instruction - Cluster 6 workshop report

The 2018 NECTAR cluster 6 edition was held in Lyon in France the 18th and 19th of June 2018. During these two days, 24 participants from 11 different nationalities and 17 different universities have discussed the role of accessibility in urban modelling: from measurement to policy instruction. During the workshop, papers were presented in six thematic sessions discussed during two days: Accessibility, new mobility and active modes, Accessibility and modelling, New methodological and theoretical tools in accessibility research, Accessibility and equity issues, Accessibility and land use and Accessibility in public policy. The papers presented in the 2018 edition can be found [here](#) and the workshop program [here](#). We would like to thank the sponsors of the workshop: University of Lyon, ENTPE, LAET, NECTAR, Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, IMU and ASRDLF.



## "Social and health issues" - Cluster 7 workshop report



The Social and Health Issues Cluster organized its first cluster workshop at the Utrecht University Museum, on June 7 and 8, 2018. The workshop was hosted by professor Dick Ettema, co-chair of the cluster.

The different sessions covered the three broad themes of the new cluster: (i) the impacts of transport systems and policies on social and health inequalities, (ii) inequalities in transport and health for socially vulnerable groups and (iii) inequalities in access to services and activity centres for well-being and quality of life. Five sessions with in total 10 paper presentations were organised with presentations on health and transport interactions, spatial distribution of transport-related disadvantage, mapping inequitable distribution of pollution and bicycling futures.

The workshop attracted a wide audience of researchers on social and health issues in transport from all over the globe - United States, Canada, Chili, UK, Portugal, Germany, Belgium, Israel and the Netherlands. During the workshop the relevance and focus of the new cluster was confirmed and plans for new workshops and special sessions have been discussed.

## Mobile Mobile phones, travel and transportation - Cluster 8 special session report

From 27<sup>th</sup> till the 29<sup>th</sup> of June the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Mobile Tartu (<http://mobiletartu.ut.ee/avaaleht>) was organized by the Department of Geography at the University of Tartu. The conference discusses theoretical, methodological and empirical aspects related to the use of mobile phone and social media data. During the conference with approximately 70 attendees a plenary NECTAR session was organized by Luc Wismans, co-chair of the cluster. The session included 5 papers related to understanding mobility patterns using mobile phone data. Special thanks to Kristi Post, Frank Witlox and the rest of the organizing committee of the Department of Geography for offering us the possibility to organize this special session during this inspiring and well organized conference. To continue the legacy of the late Rein Ahas, founding father of the Mobile Tartu conference and Professor of Human Geography and co-chair of the ICT cluster of NECTAR, the Department of Geography decided to continue organizing the biennial Mobile Tartu conference.

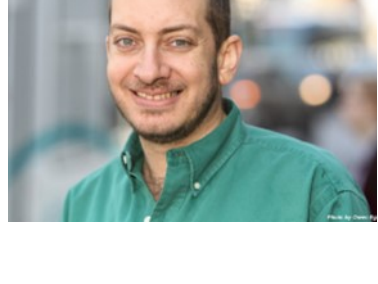


## Changes in cluster leadership



John Östh joined NECTAR cluster 4 as co-chair. John is senior lecturer at Department of Social and Economic Geography at Uppsala University. His primary research interest is oriented towards Spatial Analysis and GIS, software development and quantitative analysis in population and economic geography with special focus on demography and migration, school choice and labour market opportunities, and more recently also the geography of human interaction on the Internet and through mobile phone usage. See <http://katalog.uu.se/profile/?id=N2-980> for his personal website. I would like to thank Jos for the many years of co-chairing cluster 4. Cluster 4 is currently revisiting the aims, scope and cluster name. More news will follow in the next newsletter. Professor Jos van Ommeren stepped down from co-chairing cluster 4 last year. Jos, thanks for the many years of cluster 4 leadership!

Ahmed El-Geneidy joined the NECTAR Accessibility cluster as co-chair. Ahmed is a Professor at the School of Urban Planning, McGill University. He is currently serving on the board of the Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain (ARTM), the regional authority coordinating planning and financing of public transport planning for the Montreal metropolitan region. He is also the elected chair of the World Society on Land use and Transport Research (WSTLUR). He is the group leader of the Transportation Research at McGill (TRAM) group. He is currently the editor of the Journal of Transport and Land use (JTLU) and he is serving on the editorial board of several transport Journals. Ahmed's research interests include land use and transportation planning, transit operations and planning, travel behavior analysis concentrating on the use of motorized and non-motorized modes of transportation, and measurements of accessibility and mobility in urban contexts. Ahmed has a special interest in measuring and understanding the transportation needs of the disadvantaged populations. Professor Jean-Claude Thill stepped down from cluster 6. Jean-Claude: thank you for your contribution to Cluster 6 in the past couple of years.

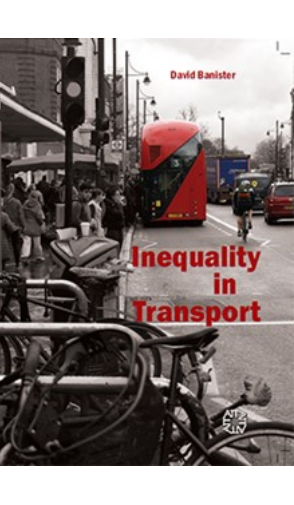


## NECTAR Publications

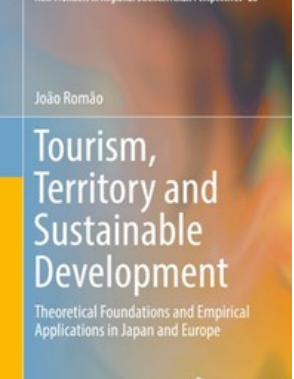


The NECTAR special issue "Mobile Phones, Travel, and Transportation" in the Journal of Urban Technology has been published. NECTAR cluster 8 (ICT) organized special sessions during the Mobile Tartu Conference edition of 2016 and a selection of papers presented are included in this special issue, edited by Luc Wismans, Karst Geurs and the late Rein Ahas. The special issue includes seven papers presenting research on using mobile phone location data to gain better understanding in (aggregated) mobility patterns and the use of (dedicated) applications for individual travel patterns. The special issue also includes an in memoriam for Rein Ahas. See for more information: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cjtu20/current>.

## News from members



David Banister, professor Emeritus of Transport Studies at the University of Oxford and one of the founding fathers of NECTAR, just published a new book titled **Inequality in Transport**. Everyone needs transport to move around and to access everyday needs, but for each individual those needs are different, and they change over time and space: herein lie the seeds of inequalities in transport. In *Inequality in Transport*, David Banister addresses this complex problem, first through an exploration of inequality, its nature, measurement and extent. He then links inequality and the transport sector through detailed analysis of the variations in daily and long-distance travel in Great Britain over a ten-year period. He argues that there must be a much wider interpretation of inequality – one that links actual travel with measures of wellbeing and sustainability, recognizing that these will change over time. In drawing his findings together, he concludes that there must be new thinking in transport policy and planning if transport inequalities are to be alleviated. See for more information: <https://www.inequalityintransport.org.uk/>.



João Romão, cluster 5 co-chair, published a book "Tourism, Territory and Sustainable Development: Theoretical Foundations and Empirical Applications in Japan and Europe". The tourist sector (including recreation and leisure activities) has turned into a complex contemporaneous socio-economic and geographic phenomenon, with a multiplicity of travel motives (e.g., entertainment, culture, relaxed life style, wellness, nature, etc.) and with a wide variety of impacts (e.g., urban- and regional-economic effects, crowding phenomena, environmental decay, etc.). The book from João Romão focuses on socio-economic, environmental and spatial dimensions of modern tourism. It offers a wealth of analytical insights and quantitative research tools for advanced tourism studies. It also fills an important gap in the current regional science literature.

See for more information: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-13-0426-2>

## Upcoming NECTAR Events

**October 10-11, 2018**, Cluster 2 workshop "[E-groceries, digitalization and sustainability](#)", Molde University College, Molde, Norway.

**March 22, 2019**. Joint Cluster 1 and 2 workshop "Transport Infrastructures: Investments, Evaluation and Regional Economic Growth", Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy.

**June 6-8, 2019**, [NECTAR International Conference](#), University of Helsinki