

# Accessibility and quality of life (NECTAR Special Session in WSTLUR 2020)

# **NECTAR Cluster 6 special session**

Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

July 13 to 16, 2020

# Call for papers

## Call for paper

As part of the World Symposium on Transport and Land Use Research (WSTLUR) to be held in Portland, Oregon from July 13 to 16, 2020, Nectar cluster 6 is organizing a special session on accessibility and quality of life.

The website for submission is now open. Submitters will need to use an Easychair user name and password to submit a full original paper, via

https://easychair.org/account/signin\_timeout?l=gRXTCn8FdO6PYTORABflUJ

Submission deadline is November 15, 2019 for full length original papers (not published and not presented at previous conferences or journals) in the field of land use and transport. We are also looking for short conceptual or methodological original pieces.

Please make sure to select the Accessibility and Quality of Life in the themes, and also send a copy of the submission to Geneviève Boisjoly, Polytechnique Montreal, <a href="mailto:gboisjoly@polymtl.ca">gboisjoly@polymtl.ca</a>.

Selected papers will be published as part of a special issue in the Journal of Transport and Land Use (JTLU).

### Main topic

Accessibility, the ease of reaching destinations, is a comprehensive performance measure to monitor the land use and transport systems performance in any region around the world. Transport planners across the globe often advocate transport



investments to increase accessibility and promote (local or regional) economic development. A more comprehensive approach would be to promote quality of life. The goal of this session will be to explore the relationship between accessibility and quality of life and how planning for accessibility can improve the quality of life for individuals in a region.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Accessibility impacts on travel behavior including mode choices, travel time, and activity space.
- Accessibility impacts on urban development and changes in demographics in a region.
- Accessibility and its link to job informality in the developing world.
- Planning for accessibility and equity.
- Access to transport services versus accessibility through transport.
- Accessibility to traditional and non-traditional destinations such as fresh food, healthcare services, and recreation and entertainment facilities.
- Comparable analysis of accessibility across different cities and its impacts on quality of life of individuals.

The notification of paper acceptance will be distributed March 2020.

#### Venue

Portland State University, Portland, Oregon USA from July 13 to 16, 2020

#### Organizing committee

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