



16th International NECTAR Conference
Toronto, Canada, 20 - 22 July 2022

Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 2: Policy and Environment

Equity in Transport Policy

Transport policy plays a critical role in sustainability. Identifying good metrics of equity that operate across different geographies, contexts and provide relevant information for policymakers is important. While there are good examples of mobility and transport policies that take equity into consideration, there are many policies, guidelines, and regulations - across both the global north and global south – that still do not incorporate equity and social exclusion.

This Cluster Call is aimed at presentations on research extending the discussion of equity in transport policy. We are interested in research delving into the balancing of economic, environmental and justice considerations. We invite papers discussing the following specific topics of interest:

- Measurable effects of policy instruments that incorporate equity
- Case studies of policies that encourage or discourage equity in transport systems
- New technologies in freight and logistics that promote equity and reduce social exclusion
- The effects of COVID-19 on equity consideration in current and/or future transport policy
- New ideas in public transportation policy and equity
- Equity considerations of policies targeting micro-mobility in cities and the need for policy to support their sustainability in the long term
- Transport safety policies as a measure of equity – case studies or exploratory research

Deadline for abstract submission: February 28, 2022. Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the conference website and following the instructions found there:

<https://nectar2022.artsci.utoronto.ca>

A copy of the abstract should also be sent to Maria Attard on maria.attard@um.edu.mt

Criteria for acceptance

Criteria for acceptance are scope, scientific quality, NECTAR membership and the possibility to fit the presentation in a coherent conference session. We allow one paper presentation per participant. The number of participants of this thematic cluster session will be limited to 8. Abstracts out of scope for the thematic session can be transferred to a general sessions of the conference.

Venue

The NECTAR conference will be organized by the University of Toronto and hosted on its downtown St. George campus. Founded by royal charter in 1827, the University of Toronto is Canada's largest and top-ranked university, located in a growing global city with direct air connections to over 60 countries.

Participation and NECTAR membership

Registration, meals, and accommodation for one night will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. One night of hotel accommodation will be offered to participants who have confirmed their participation before May 31, 2022. One night of hotel accommodation might be charged in case of late cancellations. All practical details will be communicated through the conference website. In order to participate in the conference, a consecutive and current two-year NECTAR membership is necessary (2021-2022). Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the "Membership" page of NECTAR's website: www.nectar-eu.eu/membership

COVID-19 considerations

For most travelers, entry into Canada requires proof of full vaccination. In addition, the University of Toronto requires proof of full vaccination for many activities that occur on campus. Please refer to the NECTAR 2022 conference website for up-to-date COVID-19 related requirements.

Important dates:

Abstract submission: February 28, 2022.

Notification of acceptance: March 31, 2022

Confirmation of attendance: May 31, 2022

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto!

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