



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

**Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 5:
Tourism, Leisure and Recreation**

Tourism in Livable, Healthy and Equitable Cities

The increasing concentration of the world human population in urban settlements and a significant upsurge of the importance of leisure and tourism activities – in particular in cities – are major characteristics of contemporary economies and societies. Along with the emergence of a wide range of opportunities for the development of innovative services related to entertainment, culture, health, and creativity - potentially addressing different types of visitors and market segments - this double process of growth (related to resident population and visitors) also implies new challenges for the management of cities, in order to ensure an equitable system of transport opportunities for residents and tourists alike.

Within the general topic of the Conference (Mobilizing Justice: Moving toward Action for an Equitable Transportation Future), the Cluster 5 aims at organizing one or two specific sessions where aspects related to mobility and accessibility (for predictable movements of the local population and less predictable – but generally concentrated in specific spots – flows of tourists), livability (shared utilization of green areas or public spaces and services) and equity (in terms of homogeneous opportunities for all categories of tourists and residents) are discussed and analyzed.

Topics of interest

The topics of interest for the special sessions include, but are not limited to:

- Determinants of urban transport networks for tourism
- Tourists and residents' interaction models and empirical evidence
- Transport networks and soft mobility in urban tourism
- Transport networks for equitable and wellness tourism
- Urban transport policies and management for equitable and wellness tourism

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 Luca Zamparini (email: luca.zamparini@unisalento.it).

Criteria for acceptance

Criteria for acceptance are scope, scientific quality, and NECTAR membership. Authors of selected abstracts are invited to submit an extended abstract (1000 words) before May 31st 2022. The number of participants of this thematic cluster session will be limited to 8.

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

As of December 2021, 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

Looking forward to meeting you Helsinki!

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NECTAR is a European-based scientific association. The primary objective is to foster research collaboration and exchange of information between experts in the field of transport, communication and mobility from all European countries and the rest of the world. It is a multidisciplinary social science network bringing together a wide variety of perspectives on transport and communication problems and their impacts on society in an international perspective. For further information on NECTAR, use the link: <http://www.nectar-eu.eu>.