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NECTAR newsletter 2023-2

Dear NECTARists,

In this newsletter, I am happy to announce the theme of the 17th NECTAR international conference organised in Brussels, July 3-5, 2024. This newslette also brings you news about the new book published in the NECTAR Series of Edward Elgar, two workshop reports, and the agenda of upcoming events.

I wish you a great summer, and hope to see you in one of the upcoming NECTAR events in the fall, or next year at the 2024 NECTAR conference in Brussels!

Karst Geurs, NECTAR chair July 2023

2024 NECTAR conference update





The involvement of stakeholders is key in the planning and regulation of transport systems and infrastructure, the design and deployment of innovations and in the evaluation of transport activities. However, the diversir of stakeholders, their roles and responsibilities and their degree of willingness to participate in research and planning vary greatly across the different transport domains and at different stages of transport planning. Therefore, new methods, approaches, tools, and insights are needed to better understand why stakeholder involvement is important, who are the key actors that should participate, how they can be involved, and what impacts transpohas on them. The 2024 NECTAR conference calls for presentations on advancements in the fields of transport and communication in the context of stakeholder involvement. The focus of the conference is on how transport an communications research can support the different roles stakeholders take ir transport planning. Presentations can cover development of regulatory approaches and policies, stakeholder-based decision support, citizen engagement, as well as quantitative and qualitative methods to assess the impact of transport on different stakeholder groups.

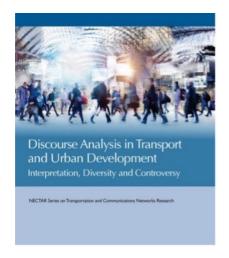
The conference is organized by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and will take place in Brussels, July 3-5, 2024. In addition to sessions on the conference theme, all NECTAR clusters will organize thematic sessions. General sessions will facilitate presentations on the diverse range of research topics within the NECTAR domain of transport and communications research. All calls for papers will be distributed in October. For now: mark the date in your calendar

New volume in the NECTAR book series

Discourse Analysis in Transport and Urban Development



The 10th volume in the NECTAR Serie on Transportation and Communications Networks Research



has been published by Edward Elgar! The book, titled Discourse Analysis in Transport and Urban Development, is edited by Robin Hickman and Christine Hannigan, Bartlett School of Planning, University College London. The book is the result of a NECTAR 1 Cluster workshop organised by the editors in 15 June 2021.

The book draws on discourse analysis, acknowledging that decisions relating to mobility are essentially political, and shaped by different power structures our society. The book concludes that researchers, activists, practitioners, politicians, civil society and the public must argue more persuasively for change towards more sustainable transport systems and behaviours. The public policy challenges of climate change, social equity and well-being demand different transport systems in our cities and urban areas. A crucial step of changing how transport is planned is to understand how language is used to describe problems, justify interventions, and create narratives about the potential for projects. You can order the book directly from the Edward Elgar website using this link. Remember that as a NECTAR member you can get a 50% discount on all volumes in the NECTAR series. Use NECTAR50 as the discount code at checkout.

Workshop reports

Workshop report - Active Micro-Mobility - Modeling Spatial Behaviour of Cyclists and Pedestrians

NECTAR Cluster 4 organised, in collaboration with the Transport, Urban Planning & Economics Laboratoty of ENTPE, a workshop on "Active Micro-Mobility - Modeling Spatial Behaviour of Cyclists and Pedestrians". This workshop took place at the ENTPE - University of Lyon on 16 and 17 March, 2023. It gathered 24 participants from 9 different countries, with 18 original presentations on walking, cycling and other micro-mobility modes such as electric scooters. This workshop gave rise to very interesting discussions through the various contributions which will be published in a special issue or a high quality journal. It was also a great opportunity for the participants to ge

to know each other better and to share good moments of conviviality in the capital of French gastronomy.

Sustainable Neighbourhoods - Urban and transport planning for sustainable urban living

Cluster 6 (Accessibility) and Cluster 7 (Social & Health Issues) organised a joint cluster workshop with the Department of Civil Engineering of University of Coimbra in Portugal, on 21-22 June 2023. The workshop comprised 5 sessions on sustainable neighbourhoods, 15 minute neighbourhoods, accessibility, cycling and mobility hubs with in total 24 presentations from researchers 10 different countries. The workshop had a joint plenary session with the research group CITTA conference, with keynotes from Steven Farber University of Toronto, on justice and neighbourhood completeness and Karst Geurs, University of Twente, on the role of smart mobility hubs in creating sustainable neighbourhoods. The participants also enjoyed a lively dinner boot trip with traditional Portuguese music.



Upcoming NECTAR Events

20-22 September 2023

Cluster 3 Workshop: Delivering Just Sustainabilities: Green and Equitable Transitions in Last-Mile Logistics.

The workshop is organised by the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain.

Submission deadline is 31 May 2023. <u>See the call for papers</u> for more information.

12-13 October 2023

Cluster 6 Workshop: The impact of ICT on accessibility after the pandemic: new formats of shopping, work and transport

The workshop is organised by the Department of Transport and Regional Economics of the University of Antwerp, Belgium. Submission deadline is 31 May 2023. See the <u>call for papers</u> for details.

23-24 October 2023

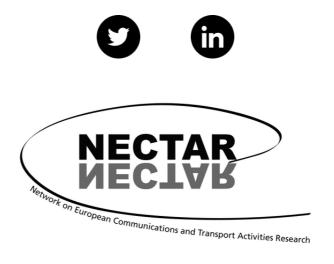
Cluster 1 Workshop: Beyond Cost-Benefit Analysis: Methodological and Theoretical Advancements in Transport Appraisal.

The workshop is hosted by the Mobilise Mobility and Logistics Research Group of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium). For details see the <u>Call for Papers</u>

July 3-5, 2024

The 17th International NECTAR Conference: Stakeholder involvement in transport: Who, why how and with what impact?

Location: Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), Brussels, Belgium.



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