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Jointly organized by the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility and the University of Padua, Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World, Centre for Advanced Studies in Mobility & Humanities

The conference is currently planned as an hybrid event

Call for Participation

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Over the last few decades, awareness of the existence of globalization's "waves" has increasingly invited transport and mobility scholars to wonder about the processes of rupture and reconnection, of which the COVID-19 pandemic is only one of many examples. Wars and epidemics, natural disasters and geopolitical scenarios have contributed to shaping and adapting not only the phenomena of mobility, but also the ways in which the various mobilities have been practiced, theorized and experienced (Cresswell, 2010).

We are therefore faced with a propitious moment to interrogate the future processes of reconstruction of mobility: What are the elements that characterize major ruptures, in the past and in the present? Which elements show greater resilience in the recomposition and rearrangement processes across societies, economies, institutions and cultures? How do ideas, information and texts circulate, and what role do they play in defining the imagination and practices of mobility?

Thanks to the mobilities paradigm, it is now possible to look at the extension of phenomena attributable to mobility, understood here in a broad sense as the circulation of people, objects, ideas and texts. Furthermore, taking a cue from the recent theorization of a humanistic turn in mobility studies (Merriman and Pearce, 2017), we are invited to look at a broad spectrum of mobility in the past and present, from antiquity to the present day, combining humanities and social sciences in a broad space and time perspective.

The conference invites proposals from different disciplines within mobility studies including, but not limited to: history, geography, anthropology, literary studies, visual studies, communication, architecture, urban planning. We accept proposals for papers and sessions on one or more of the following topics/areas of study, although all contributions are welcome:

- Historical turning points in the practices and perceptions of mobility
- Epistemological shifts in theorizing movement, transport and mobility
- Humanistic and comparative approaches to the study of mobility (methodology and case studies)
- Mobility and environmental history
- Mobility in digital spaces
- Pandemics and its social/cultural effects on transport and mobility
- Commodity chains, labour mobility and pandemics
- Ruptures of mobility, immobility and social inequality
- Mobility and international relations/tensions
- Mobility as reception/influence in intellectual and cultural history
- Visual and narrative (re)mediations of transport and mobility phenomena
- Art and creative connections with transport and mobility studies
- Tourism, leisure and everyday mobilities
- Objects, technologies, materials and non-human mobilities
- Mobilities and heritage: past and future (dis)connections
- Humanistic perspectives in mobility and the climate crisis

Proposals can be for individual papers, panels, artworks, posters, and other creative formats as outlined below. We welcome relevant contributions from any academic perspective or discipline, contributions from professionals, policy makers and practitioners in the field of transport, traffic and mobility, as well as artists and creative professionals, designers, and engineers.

T²M members are encouraged to send in session proposals by 15th of March 2022. A session proposal should include a title, summary of the session theme and the method chosen for facilitating discussion (300 words). Participants wishing to submit their individual papers to pre-organized panels will be able to choose between these and other sessions.

The conference language is English.

Timeline | Important Dates

15 March 2022	Deadline for the submission of T ² M members sessions
15 April 2022	Deadline for the submission of abstracts and sessions
31 May 2022	Notification of acceptance for abstracts and sessions
15 June 2022	Submission for travel grant
1 July 2022	Notification of acceptance for travel grant
15 July 2022	Early Bird registration closes
7 September 2022	Submission of full papers and posters
21-24 September 2022	Conference

Submission formats

Papers: Individual submission of a paper consists of an abstract (300 words) and a brief biography (100 words) including contact information. Papers will be grouped thematically by the programme committee and may become part of a 7/7, debate, or, panel session.

Sessions: A full, pre-organized **7/7**, **debate**, or, **panel session**. A session submission should include a title, summary of the session theme and the method chosen for facilitating discussion (300 words), as well as abstracts for each contribution/presentation (300 words). A short biography of each presenter is also required (100 words), with contact information.

7/7 sessions: This means seven slides and seven minutes for each presentation (max 7 papers). The sessions will have plenty of time for discussion. This will be supported by having a chair who might also act as discussant. Presenters shall focus on their main argument in order to avoid overly-complex presentations.

Debate sessions: Debate sessions have a maximum of five presenters. Each gives a five minutes focused input to the topic and this should be followed by discussion involving the audience. Led by a chair.

Panel sessions: Panels consist of a chair and three to four paper presenters and one discussant (optional). Panels should include time for audience discussion. Each presenter has 20 minutes (15 min + 5 min for questions); papers are grouped thematically.

Posters: This is a great way to discuss early or exploratory work and present it as a **Poster** at the conference. Submission consists of an abstract (300 words) and a brief biography (100 words) including contact information. The full poster is due within 7 September 2022.

After **Acceptance** all abstracts will be published on the conference website. You also have the opportunity to submit a **Full paper** (5000 words). We strongly encourage the submission of full papers, which will be shared with all conference delegates. Authors whose contributions are accepted will have until 7 September 2022 to submit their full paper. Papers may be published in a restricted area for conference participants on the conference website, and/or as part of the T²M archive. Consent from authors will be sought in all cases.

To submit your paper proposal please complete your form at <https://forms.gle/ifDPktzYay9ZQ3Bj7>

To submit your session proposal please complete your form at <https://forms.gle/rB3X8zmC2FehUjav7>

To submit your poster please complete your form at <https://forms.gle/Qw3k5mKhzXfgFhnA9>

For any questions send an email to: t2m2022.conference@unipd.it

Registration

All participants must register and pay the registration fee via the conference website (details to follow), only one submission per person.

Travel Grants

Graduates and doctoral students and participants from developing countries whose submissions have been accepted may apply for travel grants of up to € 250 (in the form of reimbursement). A limited number of grants are available. Applications should detail the cost of travel, and the amount applied for in an email to (t2m2022.conference@unipd.it). Applications must be received by 15 June 2022, decisions will be made by 1 July 2022. The Committee will consider contribution for a reduced fee in case of an on-line participation.

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