

About Spaces & Flows

The Spaces & Flows Research Network is brought together around a shared interest in the changing shape of human spaces and the social, economic, and informational flows that connect these spaces. The research network interacts through an innovative, annual face-to-face conference, as well as year-round online relationships, a peer-reviewed journal, and a book imprint-exploring the affordances of the new digital media.

About the Conference

The conference is built upon four key features: internationalism, interdisciplinarity, inclusiveness, and interaction. Conference delegates include leaders in the field as well as emerging scholars, who travel to the conference from all continents and represent a broad range of disciplines and perspectives. A variety of presentation options and session types offer delegates multiple opportunities to engage, to discuss key issues in the field, and to build relationships with scholars from other cultures and disciplines.

Special Focus - Mobilities in the “Global North” and “South”

There has been rapid growth in attention to mobilities in the social sciences since the turn of the millennium, and with good reason. Mobile perspectives underline how the experience of globalization is in myriad ways defined through ever-increasing qualities of mobility: ranging from the concrete transportation systems and infrastructures enabling the flows of people negotiating everyday urban and global mobilities, to the movement of capital and socio-economic classes into or out of urban habitats; from the manufactured goods and hazardous wastes carried across extensive and intricate logistics networks, to the transfer and diffusion of urban governance policies, practices, and ideas; and from the variations of migration in the face of war, changing labor patterns, climate change, or social conflict. Far from simply being a “marker of an era” or a “neutral means to an end”, mobilities are deeply meaningful and embodied, gendered and racialized, and bound up in social, cultural, and political struggle from the local to the global. Particular challenges emerge from studying mobilities in various disciplines, affecting our epistemologies, methodologies, and theoretical concepts of the global and the urban.

Conference Themes:

- Urban and ExtraUrban Spaces
- Human Environments and Ecosystemic Effects
- Material and Immaterial Flows

How to find us (conference locations):



Marsilius-Arkaden

Address:
Im Neuenheimer Feld 130

Public Transport:
Tram 24 to Jahnstraße
(direction Handschuhsheim)
Bus 31 to Uni-Campus
(direction Neuenheim, Kopfklinik)

Due to construction at the
main station, be aware of any
changes that might occur

Alte Aula

Address:
Grabengasse 1
(in building Alte Universität)

Public Transport:
Bus 31
to Universitätsplatz



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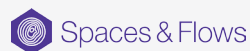
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Ninth International Conference on Urban and ExtraUrban Studies

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Special Focus:

Mobilities in the “Global North” and “South” - Critical Urban and Global Visions

24 - 26 October 2018

Heidelberg, Germany



<http://spacesandflows.com/2018-conference>

Wednesday, 24 October 2018

Grand Opening

Tim Cresswell

Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, USA

**- Towards Low-Carbon Flows:
The Politics of Mobility Transitions -**

6:15 pm, Alte Aula, Universitätsplatz, Old City Center

Open to the Public

Welcome Reception

7:30 pm, Bel Etage, Alte Aula, Universitätsplatz,
Old City Center

Proposal and Registration Deadlines

Late Proposal Deadline: 25 September 2018

Regular Registration Deadline: 25 September 2018

Late Registration Deadline: 25 October 2018

More Information:

<http://spacesandflows.com/2018-conference>

Conference Chair:

David Wilson (Urbana-Champaign)

Conference Co-Chairs:

Ulrike Gerhard, Gregg Culver, Christiane Brosius, Svenja Kück (all Heidelberg)

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Thursday, 25 October 2018

Plenary Talk

Melissa Butcher

Birkbeck, University of London, London, UK

**- Autonomy and Automobility: The Freedom and other
Pleasures of "Bad" Women Drivers in Delhi -**

9:20 am, Marsilius-Arkaden, INF 130

Followed by Garden Conversation

Parallel Paper Sessions

11:05 am - 5:20 am, Marsilius-Arkaden, INF 130

Special Paper Session

Roger Keil

York University, Toronto, Canada

and Pierre Filion

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

**- Suburban Infrastructure Innovations:
Political and Social Repercussions -**

1:45 pm, Marsilius-Arkaden, INF 130

With this panel, we plan to look specifically at technological change and its consequences for suburban form and life. We will assess the state of the art in research on artificial intelligence, digitization and automation on the ways in which mobility in and around the various urban peripheries will soon be structured.

Tour of Heidelberg & Welcome Reception "On Board"

6:00 pm, Ernst-Walz-Bridge

Friday, 26 October 2018

Plenary Talk

Jason Henderson

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, USA

**- Street Fights in Copenhagen: Bicycle and Car Politics
in a Green Transport City -**

9:15 am, Marsilius-Arkaden, INF 130

Followed by Garden Conversation

Parallel Paper Sessions

10:20 am - 3:40 pm, Marsilius-Arkaden, INF 130

Closing Panel Discussion

Gregg Culver

Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

**with Christiane Brosius, Melissa Butcher,
Arunava Dagupta, Ulrike Gerhard, Jason Henderson,
Martin Lanzendorf, and David Wilson**

**- Mobilities: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the
Present and Future of a Crucial Concept -**

3:40 pm, Marsilius-Arkaden, INF 130

The goal of this panel discussion is to bring together scholars with ranging inter- and sub-disciplinary perspectives on mobility to reflect on the mobilities turn, to evaluate its current development and impact on international scholarship both within and across disciplinary boundaries, and to consider the future potentials and challenges of both research on mobilities as well as research from mobile perspectives.