Call for Papers: Non-motorized mobility – Walking and Biking

Invitation to submit abstracts for the second of three workshops on Gendering Smart Mobilities in the Nordic Region.

The second workshop will take place in Copenhagen the 20th – 21st of April 2018. The workshop addresses walking and cycling both as an upcoming and sustainable modes of transport in the bigger cities of the Nordic Region and through the lens of walking/biking regimes. Looking at these practices as a regime, implies the analysis of walking and biking at multiple levels, in terms of culture, economy, planning, and practice. Currently there is a clear division between the Nordic countries in this respect, where DK serves as a model for biking friendly regimes with a high level of overall biking and with a higher equality regarding gender and age. This workshop will focus on the potentials of advancing biking as a daily mode of transport in all Nordic Countries, and address new modes of biking such as mountain- and sports-biking as well as e-biking and bike sharing systems. In what ways are such new modes of biking gendered? How can they be made more inclusive in terms of planning and innovations in designs etc.? How can the bike systems be linked to city wide transportation and access for all?

Further the second workshop aims to deal with sustainable modes of mobility i.e. walking and different forms of public and shared transport.

Confirmed keynote speakers: Mimi Sheller, Director, Center for Mobilities Research and Policy and Professor of Sociology, Drexel University and Malene Freudenal-Pedersen, Space, Place, Mobility and Urban Studies, Designing Human Technologies, Associate Professor, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University.

The theme Gendering Smart Mobilities

Gender equality and sustainable development are two longstanding and central priorities in the Nordic Cooperation. The Nordic Region is currently confronted with increasing and demanding challenges in the field of connecting transport, sustainability, and mobility for all. An area of critical importance for sustainable and gender development is mobility and transport, which has so far been neglected and downplayed in research and policy making both at the Nordic and global levels. Departing from the prevailing idea of smart, green and integrated transport, the overall objective of the three workshops is to contribute to a new Nordic model in transport, mobility and gender equality.

The aim is thus to explore both potentials and limitations in upcoming modes of mobility in terms of gender equality and sustainability. The focus of attention is how intersections and synergy can be created between emerging transport modes and modelling, gender equality, and sustainability. The intention is to build on relevant current strongholds and pioneering fields in the Nordic countries respectively.

Workshop series program

• 1. Gendering Smart Mobilities (Norway, August 24th –25th 2017)
• 2. Non-motorized mobility - Biking (Denmark, April 20th – 21st 2018)
• 3. Planning and policy processes (Sweden, autumn 2018)

All three workshops aim at tapping into these challenges and strengthening and proliferating new Nordic Cooperation and models, and to contribute to a better understanding in overall transport planning and practices. The purpose of the workshops is to critically and creatively address theoretical, methodological and strategic challenges in cutting edge transport and mobility areas in the 21st century. The call therefore includes both empirical, theoretical and methodological dimensions.

Deadline for abstracts (max 200 words): February 1st, 2018
Send abstract to: genderingsmartmobilities@soc.ku.dk
Reply from the work shop committee: February 20th, 2018

Deadlines for registration:
Open for registration: March 1st, 2018
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