



15th International NECTAR Conference
Helsinki, Finland, 5 - 7 June 2019

Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 7

Social and Health Issues: Changing landscapes of mobility for future social and health inequalities

The focus of this session is on research exploring emerging social research and health methodologies, and the nexus in between, as it relates to transportation behaviours, networks, and infrastructure. We encourage submissions considering both the Global North and South. Many disciplines engage in this broad topic area, bringing with them their own concepts, theories, methodologies and policy concerns. Because of this, we seek contributions from a wide range of disciplines, using diverse methods, and exploring varying geographic scales and contexts, but with a primary focus on inequity and inequalities. We expect to select four papers with a primary focus on health, and four with a primary focus on social systems.

Topics of interest

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

- The impacts of transport systems and policies on social and health inequalities.
- Inequalities in transport and health for socially vulnerable groups including, but not limited to, older adults, younger people, low-income populations, and refugees.
- Inequalities in access to services and activity centres as it relates to well-being and quality of life.
- Conceptual and empirical studies exploring the relationships between travel and physical/mental health, and methodologies to measure and assess these.

Deadline for abstract submission: January 21, 2019. Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the Conference website:

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/towards-human-scale-cities-open-and-happy>

A copy of the abstract should be sent to Karen Lucas (K.Lucas@leeds.ac.uk)

Criteria for acceptance: scope, scientific quality and NECTAR membership. Authors of selected abstracts are invited to submit an extended abstract (1000 words) before April 30. The extended abstracts will be published on the conference page of the NECTAR website, accessible to NECTAR members only. 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 Helsinki and Aalto University. The Venue is the main building of the University of Helsinki. Built in 1832 this historical building is located in the heart of Helsinki, easily reachable by public transport.

Participation and NECTAR membership

Registration, meals and accommodation for two nights will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. Two nights of hotel accommodation will be offered to participants who have confirmed their participation by sending copies of travel tickets before April 30, 2019. 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 (2019-2020). Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the "Membership" page of NECTAR's website: www.nectar-eu.eu/membership

Important dates:

Abstract submission: January 21, 2019.

Notification of acceptance: February 25, 2019.

Submission of extended abstracts: April 30, 2019

Confirmation of attendance: April 30, 2019

Looking forward to meeting you Helsinki!

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