

## **Newsletter October 2020**

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## **Editorial**

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second T<sup>2</sup>M newsletter in 2020!

It has been a long time since the last newsletter, we apologize for that. This is an atypical year in which our routines have been altered by the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope this letter finds you well.

Many great news we have to share with you since our conference in Shanghai has turned into a virtual event but we still have plans to visit China in 2022. In this newsletter you will find information to join us this October in our virtual conference.

In November 2021, Lisbon will be the venue for our next conference thanks to Hugo Pereyra and his colleagues. We will provide you more details about this conference in our next newsletter.

This year also the association has to renew its Presidency and a new candidate has been selected by the Executive Committee: Carlos López Galviz. In this issue you will find Carlos's statements and visions for the association.

More good news: the President, vice-president, secretary and the treasurer have been working to offer more benefits for all the members by unifying the membership fees and giving access to all the journals supported by T<sup>2</sup>M -namely: Mobility in History, Journal of Transport History and Transfers. Please look at here and in our website for further information.

In this issue you will also find information about the latest issues of our most relevant journals, JTH and Transfers, which we invite to read. Also, recent books published by Berghahn are listed here with access to some of them. Our web manager, Jørgen Burchardt, has prepared a list of interesting books about transport history that you can see on our website.

All these news and more, you will find them in this issue which is opening with the T<sup>2</sup>M President's letter.

Furthermore, there is an important deadline that we want to remind you: the Journal of Transport History is preparing a special issue "Building Transport History Ontologies". Abstracts are accepted until October 5!

Finally, regarding our newsletter we are glad to announce a new colleague on board as co-editor: Claire Pelgrims. She is an EC member and has joined us to keep updated our newsletter. We would like to give her a warm welcome!

Have a happy read!

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## **President's letter by Mathieu Flonneau**

**To cope with hard times: continue the Road!**



T<sup>2</sup>M is stronger than Covid 19 ! Newsletter is back thanks to the classical team of editors now enhanced by Claire Pelgrims. It's a great relief and pleasure to pursue this tradition of reviews of the association development. As far as I'm concerned, I hope that each member of T<sup>2</sup>M with all collateral networks, relatives, friends and colleagues, will overpass these hard times without difficulties or pains.

Obviously, T<sup>2</sup>M is intellectually at the core of this global crisis which is definitely a mobility collapse. "Immobility Crash" must now be carefully analysed, theorised and measured. The different and complementary fields that constitute T<sup>2</sup>M are of values to build an understanding that feeds on the plurality of approaches and methods.

This year, the challenge was met: T<sup>2</sup>M association is nevertheless organizing a hybrid conference as planned in Shanghai! Thanks to the voluntarism of our Chinese partners, the *parrainage* of two former T<sup>2</sup>M Presidents, also thanks to the collaboration with THNS network, the programme is already on line! Enjoy it and join us in cyberspace!

As regards T<sup>2</sup>M conferences, it's my privilege and my pleasure to announce that our next conference after Shanghai is already on track. Traditionally, we had to wait for the banquet of the current conference to disclose the next location. However, this year, I can on behalf of the EC committee already mention that Interuniversity Center for the History of Science and Technology which is based at the University of Lisbon (in Lisbon) and at the University NOVA of Lisbon will host the next conference from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.

To conclude, let's add some information regarding the organisation of the association. Things become clearer now: a new

agreement found with Berghahn now optimises our intellectual resources. For a single fee of 80 euros (45 for students), members will have access to three journals: MiH, JTH and Transfers! A big thank you to Dhan Zunino Singh's work.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Étienne Faugier with whom I am writing our last words at the head of the association. Indeed, we have decided to step down and leave the floor next year to another "dream team". We are very proud of the honour we have had to serve over the past four years and now pass it on to a new scholar and friend. After many discussions and consultations in the EC arena: Carlos Lopez Galviz, already well known among us thanks to his great work in Lancaster, is a candidate for the next presidency and we are confident he will be elected during our virtual general assembly next month. Good luck to him and all the best in the future to the association!

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## **Become a T2M member**

### **New membership benefits!**

#### **Access to our journals with a single fee**

The International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility (T<sup>2</sup>M) is happy to announce new benefits for its members. Since September 2020 all the current and new members can access our three journals (*Mobility in History*, *Transfers*, and *the Journal of Transport History*) through a single fee of 80 Euros (45 reduced for students and scholars from developing countries). Moreover, paying a plus you can also add the journal *Mobilities* (90 Euros / 55 Euros).

Along with these benefits, the membership ensures a vital connection with linkeminded scholars and institutions around the world and the participation in our annual conferences.

We invite you to visit our website for more information and to join us!

Follow the link <https://t2m.org/internal/become-a-member/>

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## **18<sup>th</sup> T<sup>2</sup>M Annual Conference 2020, Shanghai, China**

**October 22-23 and 29-30, 2020**

**Online**

# Belts and Roads: Governmental Visions for Transport and Mobility Strategic Transport Infrastructures and the State

Because of Covid19, the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Society ([www.t2m.org](http://www.t2m.org)) together with the local host, the Tongji University in Shanghai, decided to change the format of the annual conference, which was planned for October 20-22, 2020, to an online workshop with slightly changed dates:

1. The T2M-Conference will take place as a smaller virtual conference/workshop with sessions on four days: October 22nd, 23rd (Thursday and Friday) and October 29 and 30 (Thursday and Friday) 2020.
2. Registratation and attendance will be free! please follow the link <http://www.t2mconference-2020.org/index.php/registration/>
3. The online conference will have joint sessions with the Chinese-French THNS, which will organize an online workshop on sustainable city transport policies at the same time. The two workshops will run in parallel and offer one joint program.
4. The programme is available here: <http://www.t2mconference-2020.org/index.php/timetable/>
5. The joint plenary opening session will take place on October 22nd 10 am (CET) (4 pm in Shanghai). The following sessions will generally take place in the morning (10-12).
6. Additionally to the online conference, we are looking forward to an analog T2M Conference in Shanghai at a later stage, hopefully in 2022.

We looking forward to seeing you!

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## CfP "Building Transport History Ontologies"

*[The Journal of Transport History](#)*

Extended deadline 5 October 2020

The JTH is launching this [Call for Papers](#) devoted to further developing the ontology of Transport History.

We argued how, in past decades, transport history changed its foci, approaches and research areas, opening up new investigation avenues and taking advantage of the work done in the fields of cultural, global, urban history, as well as history of technology and business studies.

However, we are still missing an ontology of transport history, that is, (i) why transport and mobility discourses “are irreducible to

other social or technological processes”<sup>3</sup> and (ii) what are its own ontological characteristics?

In this vein, The Journal of Transport History is launching this Call for Papers devoted to further developing the ontology of Transport History. The papers can have any format or length (between 2 and 8 thousand words) and take on innovative analytical approaches.

As a non-binding suggestion, we consider here two possible main avenues of research.

The first one should be able to better elaborate some paradigmatic concepts for transport history and eventually frame these ideas in the wider historical and theoretical debate. The goal is to gauge transport history with other subfields, including, but not limited to, urban history, global history and history of technology. In addition, we encourage exploring relations between transport history and more theory-driven fields such as urban theory, STS, political geography, or organizational studies, to name a few. This should lead to a more active and open discussion, questioning the values and limits of the current paradigms present in other historical disciplines.

The second avenue of research should critically address the role, relevance (and limits) of the mobility turn. Transport history must play a relevant role in questioning how history can add to the discussion around the mobility turn, but also addressing the ever-present risk of a-chronological mobility investigations, which investigate the present patterns and form of movements as unprecedented and undoubtedly novel. History has the full potential to avoid “chronocentrism” and to display both the recurrences and novelties of present patterns. The latter point is even more important considering the magnitude of the mobility/immobility patterns triggered by Covid-19.

The papers collected for this CfP, which will be published in the JTH, will eventually – with the authors’ agreement – be used as the foundation for a future Handbook of Transport History, which may take the form of a print volume or an on-line depository.

Special issue Guest Editors: Massimo Moraglio, Michael Bess, Greet De Block, Mike Esbester, Valentina Fava, Dhan Zunino Singh. For more information, please see the recent editorial from the journal: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0022526620927592>

The papers can have any format or length (between 2 and 8 thousand words) and take on innovative analytical approaches. Papers will be subject to a double blind review process.

Abstracts are welcome to be sent to JTH Editor-in-chief Massimo Moraglio [jth.editor@gmail.com](mailto:jth.editor@gmail.com)

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## **Outline vision for T2M Presidency 2020-2023**

**By Carlos López Galviz, forthcoming President**



I shall start by saying that I'm very honoured for being asked to put forward my candidacy to the presidency of T2M. Nearly a decade and a half have passed since my first T2M conference in Helmond, NL, in 2007.

I'll explain my vision by covering three main points: the intellectual space that I think T2M should fill; the operations side of T2M, in particular, a transitional period to assess how the organisation works; and the plan for conferences to 2023. The main purpose of this brief outline is to give us a framework to start off our conversation.

### *Intellectual Space*

I think we ought to engage with the now vast field of **socio-technical transitions**. As an established international network of historians of transport, traffic and mobility we are uniquely placed to historicise these transitions and critique teleological accounts related to, for example, the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution and, in the USA, the New Green Deal. My particular interest is to develop a programme of work around **History and the Future**, building on the work of several T2M members over the years and recent work happening in Lancaster, specifically in the Institute for Social Futures of which I am Associate Director.

### *Operations*

I will continue with a very similar structure as it currently stands, with a view to assess its effectiveness in the longer term. Key tasks such as finance, communication, outputs (newsletter, blog, journals) can be better served by a clearer allocation of tasks across the EC membership, as has been discussed by EC members, especially by Dhan, Julia and Martin. An important step is to focus on what works and enhance it.

Similarly, I'll seek a closer integration with mobilities networks including **Cosmobilities**, the important cluster of mobilities and tourism scholarship in Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, as well as the two new **Academies of Mobility Humanities** in Seoul and Padua. There are well developed relationships with these via Lancaster, CeMoRe, and myself.

### *Conferences*

The annual conference is, perhaps, the T2M event that gathers the most interesting and stimulating debate as well as the collegiality of its members. The Shanghai conference is going ahead as a smaller online event in 2020, with a view to have a face-to-face conference there in 2022. The following conference in Lisbon (2021) is on track for the time being, but we need to

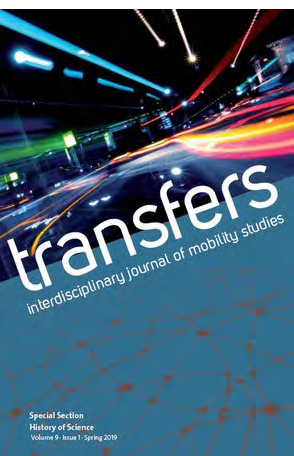


monitor how covid-19 develops starting this autumn and into spring 2021. My two suggestions for the following two conferences in 2023 and 2024 are:

- 2023, **Havana, Cuba**. This is related to a new GCRF-funded 3-year project which I lead and has partners in Cuba and Colombia. More information on the project here: <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/great/>
- 2024, we could bring the conference back to **Lancaster**, or, the UK (**London**). Lancaster University is likely to have a campus in **Leipzig** by then. I've seen from the minutes that **Vienna** has been discussed. I know well the new group on Critical Automobility Studies in the Institute of Advanced Studies, so can float the idea with them if that is a route we wish to explore.

have two main additional goals related to the conferences. To increase the number of PhDs and ECRs attending (via sponsored bursaries); and to include at least a quarter of all conference panels/papers delivered/happening online (within the conference dates) by 2023.

## Latest Journal's issues



TRANSFERS

Volume 9, Issue 3

Editorial

Stéphanie Ponsavady

<https://bit.ly/3gX8Jyn>

Article

Kamikaze Truckers in Postwar Japan



Joshua Hotaka Roth

<https://bit.ly/3IKUH6B>

Tension between Fast and Slow Mobilities: Examining the Infrastructuring Processes in Brussels (1950–2019)  
through the Lens of Social Imaginaries

Claire Pelgrims

<https://bit.ly/32Qa05o>

Whose Business Is Road Safety?: From a Fragmented to an Integrated Approach in France and Europe (1972–  
1998)

Alice Milor

<https://bit.ly/3hRlx9L>

Everyday Carry for Mobile Individuals

Aharon Kellerman

<https://bit.ly/2EMLYQY>

Mobilizing Malian-Diasporic Identities: How Southern News Websites Facilitate Non-sedentarist Discourses on  
African Migration

Syntia Hasenöhr

<https://bit.ly/3gSea1v>

Ideas in Motion

Exploring Humanistic Layers of Urban Travel: Representation, Imagination, and Speculation

Jooyoung Kim, Taehee Kim, Jinhyoung Lee, and Inseop Shin

<https://bit.ly/3bov5rv>

Mobility and Art

Exploring Cycling Practices in Central Mexico through a Local Repair Shop

Aryana Soliz

<https://bit.ly/353Md4A>

Book Reviews

Kelsey Hanrahan, Sarah Kunz, Milla Mineva, Kara Moskowitz, Till Mostowlansky, Cosmin Popan, and Vera

Radeva Hadjiev

<https://bit.ly/3hVVK1r>

Novel Review

Learning Again to Walk under Rainy Skies

David McLaughlin

<https://bit.ly/352nttz>

Please visit the Berghahn website for more information about the journal: [www.berghahnjournals.com/transfers](http://www.berghahnjournals.com/transfers)

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JOURNAL OF TRANSPORT HISTORY

Volume 40, Issue 3

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jthc/40/3>

Introduction to Special Issue On the rail for China: Introduction to the special issue

Philipp Mahltig, Dirk Forschner and Sigrun Abels

“German railways” in China: Technology as a site of knowledge

Philipp Mahltig

Developing China’s “International” railway: The Canton–Hankow line, 1898–1937

Thomas Spain and Oliver Betts

Swinging between centralisation and decentralisation: China Railway Express Service and its process of assets

discovery and recovery

Linda Yin-nor Tjia

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Marketing modernity: Business and family in British Rail's "Age of the Train" campaign, 1979–84

Lewis Charles Smith

Born to drive: Elderly women's recollections of early automotive experiences

Chris Lezotte

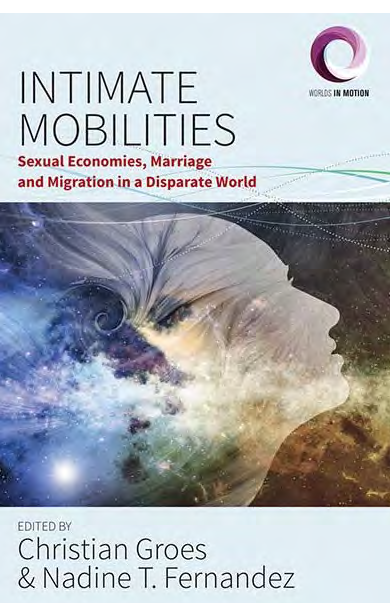
The spatial patterns of coaching in England and Wales from 1681 to 1836: A geographic information systems approach

Alan Rosevear, Dan Bogart and Leigh Shaw-Taylor

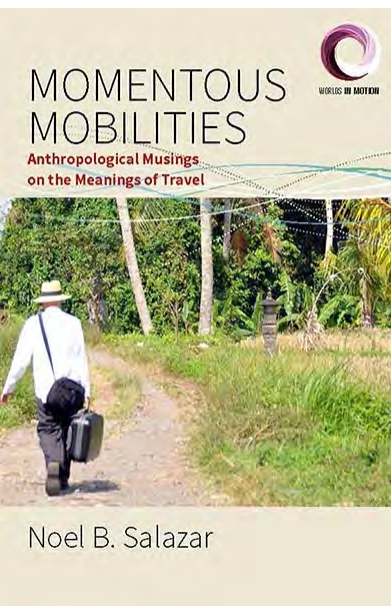
## Latest Publications

Berghahn Books are pleased to announce the recent publication in paperback of Volumes 3 and 4 in the [Worlds in Motion series](#)

If you are interested in considering these titles for possible course adoption, please click on the images, both books are available as free e-inspection copies:

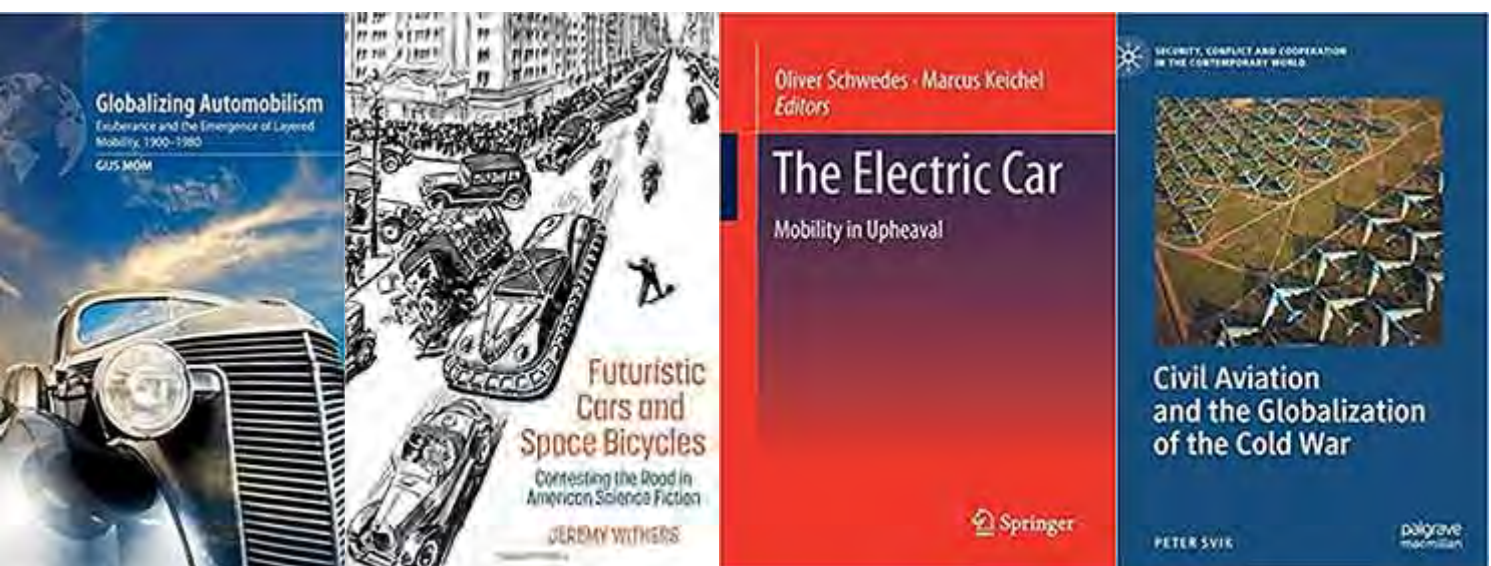


[Intimate Mobilities - Sexual Economies, Marriage and Migration in a Disparate World](#) edited by Christian Groes and Nadine T. Fernandez. This book explores the entanglement of mobility and intimacy in various configurations throughout the world.



[Momentous Mobilities - Anthropological Musings on the Meanings of Travel](#) by Noel B. Salazar. Drawing heavily on his own European lifeworld, the author examines momentous travels abroad in the context of education, work, and spiritual quests and the search for a better quality of life.

For more publications on mobility you can consult our section [Books](#) in the the T2M website. It is a fanstastic book respository for mobility scholars. We invite you to visit it. <https://t2m.org/book/>



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