

Call for Papers: Gendering Smart Mobilities in the Nordic Region

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

The first workshop will take place in Oslo the 24th to 25th of August 2017, and aims to explore the cultural, societal and institutional consequences of the shift towards shared mobility and increasing e-mobility. For example, the implementation of shared mobility systems, driverless cars might challenge the traditional imaginary of the active “male” driver, as both autonomy and agency are shifted from the driver to the car. The workshop will critically consider the interplay of different logical underpinnings. The logics of the pervasive technological fix often leaves important social and cultural issues unattended. Through exploring the dimensions of technological transitions, human-machine interfaces, conceptualization of technology, new business models etc. the workshop is intended to rethink the concept of mobility in the Nordic regions. Smart mobility is currently a Norwegian stronghold linked to sub-set of “ green shift ”. The seminar will focus on how gender interfaces with the shift between these the “systems” and “regimes” of (auto)mobility and how such models can fertilize Nordic models and co-operations.

The theme Gendering Smart Mobilities

Gender equality and sustainable development are two longstanding and central priorities in the Nordic Co-operation. 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, January 2018)
- 3. Planning and policy processes (Sweden, August 2018)

All three workshops aim at tapping into these challenges and strengthening and proliferating new Nordic Co-operation 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): April 1st, 2017

Send abstract to: genderingsmartmobilities@soc.ku.dk

Reply from the work shop committee: April 30th, 2017

Open for registration: May 1st, 2017

Deadline for registration: June 15th 2017

More information on our web page: http://koensforskning.soc.ku.dk/projekter/gendering_smart_mobilities/