

Cemore/T2M/Cosmobilities Joint Conference

MOBILE UTOPIA: PASTS, PRESENTS, FUTURES
Lancaster University, UK, 2-5 November 2017

INTERSECTIONS
Mobility and Media Studies as Entangled Fields

Call for Panel Contributions

Mobilities research and media studies have a great deal in common, though their interconnections have only begun to be explored. We invite papers that address them from a range of disciplinary perspectives. Empirical, theoretical, historical, methodological and speculative investigations are welcome, as are those that present policy recommendations. Particularly welcome are papers whose purpose is to develop a continued research agenda.

The common ground of transport and communication includes a number of features. Both operate as networks and possess physical and immaterial qualities. Together, they are central to the socio-technical assembly of many kinds of flows and frictions. In many respects, media of communication enable, enhance, and function as modes of transportation, just as much as forms of mobility enable, enhance, and function as moments of communication. Means for virtual connectivity enter modes and spaces of transport and transit, just as much as mobility becomes a key quality of communicative tools. The combination of the two is so complex today that they are often indistinguishable. Emerging forms of mobility and the continuing digitization of media are only increasing their intertwined nature, as for example in autonomous vehicles. In these ways and others, they are common elements of everyday life for most people.

The many intriguing intersections and correlations of past, present, and emerging media of communication and modes of transport lack the scholarly attention they deserve. We invite imaginative papers that address them.

Please send your 300 word abstract and 100 word biographical note to Julia Hildebrand at jmh484@drexel.edu by **March 20, 2017**.

For more details about the Mobile Utopia Conference and the general Call for Papers, please visit <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/t2mc2c/>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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