

Crisis Mobilities

Call for Panel Contributions

Crisis mobilities refers to the movements, practices and experiences activated and hindered by emergencies and disasters. Are crisis mobilities and utopia mutually exclusive? This session invites contributions that explore a broad spectrum of crisis mobilities, from personal health crises and local search and rescue deployments, to global climate change and mass movement of migrants.

Do crises mobilities have emancipatory potential, providing windows of opportunity to gain leverage on more utopian outlooks? Are the utopian potentials of everyday crisis mobilities, such as a medical emergency, different from widespread crises, such as homelessness? Might emerging technologies like drones, 3-D printing and autonomous vehicles prevent, diffuse or exacerbate crisis mobilities? Does utopia mean that services like ambulances, search and rescue and blood transfusion are of the highest quality and efficiency, or instead, rendered unnecessary? Might such services morph: paramedics deliver emergency hugs and mountain search and rescue volunteers help find long lost loves? What strategies, from video games to disaster pre-planning, can be embraced to proactively leverage crisis mobilities to switch to more positive trajectories rather than reactively retreating to the status quo?

Drawing on emergent interdisciplinary scholarship, we welcome wide ranging reflections on the utopian potential of crisis mobilities. The session's suggested format will be a 7/7 session, whereby each speaker will present seven slides in seven minutes, leaving time for discussion and exchange.

Submission

Please email an abstract (max 300 words) and presenter bio (max 100 words) to all session organizers (see below) by **April 12th 2017**.

Further information about the Mobile Utopia: Past, Present and Future conference can be found at: <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/t2mc2c/>

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