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Mobility and Urban Change

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The study of mobility has become an object of interest for social sciences, particularly following the invention and diffusion of motorised means of transport from the second half of the nineteenth century. Despite societies always having been mobile, mechanical transport changed the way that the population moved and lived, generating hitherto unknown levels of mobility. The diffusion of mechanical means of transport (trains, buses and cars) gave mobility an ordinary connotation lacking in eras when travel was associated with the extraordinary aspect of migration or the drama of exile. The mechanical means of transport turned mobility into a private daily activity, expanding the range of places that could be reached quickly and enabling working, consuming, purchasing, and social relations in increasingly more distant, diverse contexts from the habitual ones. Recurrent use of transport means, together with that of the new communication technologies, has been interpreted in various ways by social sciences: in some cases they highlighted the positive aspects, with reference to the expansion of exchange, of opportunities for interaction, of accessibility to urban resources and social inclusion; in other cases social sciences provided a critical interpretation focusing on the consequences that the excess of vehicular mobility has on the poor quality of the urban environment, on the loss of spatial proximity in interaction and spatial-temporal references of social formations or on the risks of social alienation of subjects excluded from possession and use of the car.

The Module will deal with the main theories put forward by social sciences on these issues, devoting particular attention to the relations between mobility and urban transformation.

Schedule/Timing

The course will take place in March 2019. Lectures will be composed by a 90 minutes presentation and 30 minutes discussion.

Course outline and dates

<u>Monday 18th March</u> (room 24 – II floor, U7)

Morning 10:00 – 12:00
Planning and design for sustainable urban mobility and Smart City
Matteo Colleoni (University of Milan Bicocca)

Afternoon 14:30 – 16:30
Pursuing a metropolitan strategy. Challenges and opportunities in Milan
Martina Busti (architect and planning consultant)

<u>Tuesday 19th March</u> (room 24 – II floor, U7)

Morning 10:00 – 12:00
Multi-locality in context of migration and transnational families
Lenka Formánková (Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic)

Afternoon 14:30 – 16:30
Precarious Mobilities. The Access to the City of Vulnerable Groups in Milan and Lyon
Luca Daconto (University of Milan Bicocca)

<u>Wednesday 20th March</u> (room 23 – II floor, U7)

Morning 10:00 – 12:00
Daily mobility in cross-border contexts: dynamics and perspectives
Olivier Klein (Liser – Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, Luxembourg)

Afternoon 14:30 – 16:30
Part I
Measuring urbanity through walkability
Simone Caiello (University of Milan Bicocca)

Part II
Data sources and methodology for mobility analysis
Mario Boffi (University of Milan Bicocca)

<u>Thursday 21st March</u> (Aula Pagani – II floor, U7)
Camminare in città tra progettazione e racconto (Walking in the city between planning and tale)

First day Conference – afternoon session
14:30-18:00 – **Walking in the city between conflicts and territorial appropriation**.

Chair: Giampaolo Nuvolati (Università di Milano-Bicocca)

o Giulio Iacoli (Università di Parma) - Io e la mia musa pedestre. Interpretare la passeggiata letteraria, oggi
o Marina Guglielmi (Università di Cagliari) - Camminare oltre barriere visibili e invisibili, tra finzione e realtà
o Jim MacNeil (Università di Milano-Bicocca) - Re-discovering the city through an alternate lens: Exploring streets, neighbourhoods and cities through active and participative methodologies
o Davide Papotti (Università di Parma) - Camminare in città per perdersi?
La metafora del disorientamento come forma di conoscenza spaziale nella narrativa urbana contemporanea

<u>Thursday 22nd March</u> (Aula Pagani – II floor, U7)
Camminare in città tra progettazione e racconto (Walking in the city between planning and tale)

Second day Conference
10:00-10:30 – **Field notes: retour on the nighttime observation**
Smart Walkable Living Lab and nighttime walkers

10:30-11:30 - **Walking texts – Reading cities. A jigsaw session**

      Chair: Adrien Frenay (Université Paris Nanterre)

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- o Giada Peterle (Università di Padova)
- o Bertrand Guest (Université Angers)

11:30-12:30 – **Knowing, planning and governing the pedestrian mobility**

      Chair: Matteo Colleoni (Università di Milano-Bicocca)

- o Luca Daconto e Simone Caiello (Università di Milano-Bicocca)
- o Giovanna Martellato (Ispra)
- o Elena Maggi (Università dell'Insubria)
- o Andrea Canevazzi (AMAT Milano)

12:30-13:30 – **Diary and journey programme: Results, research plans and future collaborations**

- o Giampaolo Nuvolati (Università di Milano-Bicocca)
- o Lucia Quaquarelli (Université Paris Nanterre)
- o Matteo Colleoni (Università di Milano-Bicocca)
- o Adrien Frenay (Université Paris Nanterre)

Reading list

Paola Pucci and Matteo Colleoni (Eds.) (2015). Understanding Mobilities for Designing Contemporary Cities. Springer.