

3rd UK-GERMAN FRONTIERS OF HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

06 May 2022 (virtual kick-off meeting) / 09 - 10 May 2022 (virtual conference)

“Mobilities”

This year’s conference draws on the insights of the humanities and social sciences on the theme of ‘Mobilities’, exploring how mobilities have shaped, are shaping, and will shape our environments – both social and natural – and our interaction with them, through time. Mobilities will be explored at the individual, community, and societal level, interrogating not only how senses of mobility – and immobility – influence perceptions of self, but also our engagement and interaction with other forces, including through structures of power and the ways in which power and inequalities inform control of mobilities.

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Frontiers of Research Symposia provide impulses in scientifically and societally significant debates. In the spirit of Alexander von Humboldt, they explore disciplinary and transdisciplinary boundaries, identify new fields, seek links to broader society, and meet public debates with curiosity and openness.

Frontiers of Research connect rising researchers who contribute to such debates internationally and subsequently and enable them to deepen this networking in a sustainable way.

Frontiers of Humanities Symposia shall allow you to:

- ◆ gain new insights by posing challenging questions.
- ◆ transcend your own research boundaries through cross-disciplinary discussions of current advancements and innovative approaches.
- ◆ establish connections with colleagues within and beyond your own fields of expertise.
- ◆ develop joint research proposals for longer-term cooperation to stay connected.
- ◆ explore linkages between your research and other areas of society.

Friday, 06 May	
13:30 (CEST) / 12:30 (BST)	Entry to conference platform / “Look around” <i>Attendees become acquainted with the platform and have a look at the profiles of the others.</i>
13:45 (CEST) / 12:45 (BST)	Technical introduction (optional) <i>Technical introduction by the service provider to the conference platform for all attendees. Further questions will be answered via the help desk.</i>
14:00 – 14:30 (CEST) / 13:00 – 13:30 (BST)	Welcome Brief introduction of partner organisations and funding opportunities (CONNECT / Seed funding)

14:30 – 16:00 (CEST) / 13:30 – 15:00 (BST)	<p>Warm-up networking & research pitches</p> <p><i>Attendees give a self-introduction and presentation of own research by answering the following questions (max. 2 min):</i></p> <p><i>What is my research about?</i> <i>Why does it matter?</i> <i>What do I hope to achieve in the future?</i></p>
16:00 – 16:05 (CEST) / 15:00 – 15:05 (BST)	<p>Closing</p>

Monday, 09 May	
09:45 (CEST) / 08:45 (BST)	Entry to conference platform / “Greet & meet”
09:55 – 10:00 (CEST) / 08:55 – 09:00 (BST)	Official opening
10:00 – 11:00 (CEST) / 09:00 – 10:00 (BST)	<p>Session I: Representations and discourses of mobilities</p> <p>Moderation: Charlotta Salmi</p> <p>This session will focus on exploring different representations of mobility and immobility across history and in different forms. Starting with thinking about what we talk about when we talk about ‘mobility’ in our respective disciplines, we will consider how different forms and understandings of mobility are discussed and represented in art, media, and social and political discourse. Some of the questions we might consider include: Who controls the narrative of mobility? How is mobility framed? How are such framings historically, culturally, or politically contingent? Who has the right to mobility and under what circumstances? Finally, how important is representation itself to discussions of mobility and how might we best represent experiences of im/mobility today?</p> <p><i>The session will begin with short introductions to kick off the discussion for a free-flowing exchange among everyone. Share material and links in the chat for further readings.</i></p>
10 min	Break
11:10 – 12:10 (CEST) / 10:10 – 11:10 (BST)	<p>Works-in-progress (I)</p> <p>Moderation: Jeremy Brice, Minh Nguyen, Charlotta Salmi, Anna Steigemann</p> <p><i>The authors give an informal introduction (max. 3 min) to the work leading into a free-flowing discussion with everyone in the group. Familiarise with others’ works, discuss them outside disciplinary boundaries and learn from one another through sharing perspectives. Full papers are accessible on the platform.</i></p>
10 min	Break
12:20 – 12:50 (CEST) / 11:20 – 11:50 (BST)	<p>Research collaboration experience exchange (I)</p> <p>Moderation: Jeremy Brice, Minh Nguyen, Charlotta Salmi, Anna Steigemann</p> <p><i>Within the plenum, attendees share experiences of building research collaboration to get suggestions and further ideas.</i></p>

“Recreational break” & opportunity for individual meetings in the virtual cafeteria	
14:00 – 15:00 (CEST) / 13:00 – 14:00 (BST)	Elaboration of ideas for collaboration (I) <i>Meet your colleagues, pitch your collaboration ideas, share your thoughts, find overlaps, and elaborate joint projects. Optionally, create an individual virtual table for further networking and exchange.</i>
10 min	Break
15:10 – 16:10 (CEST) / 14:10 – 15:10 (BST)	Session II: Scales and spaces of mobilities Moderation: Minh Nguyen Space refers to the physio-social landscape emerging from the combination of everyday social practices with abstract processes cutting across varying scales. Yet scales are not always given – they are constructed to represent hierarchical mental formations of the world, often divided into binaries of significance such as global and local, universal and particular, cosmopolitan and parochial. Studies of mobilities should pay close attention to how scales and spaces are made, imagined, contested and enforced in people’ movement, imagination and their negotiation with the cultural and ideological claims underlying these binaries. <i>The session will begin with short introductions to kick off the discussion for a free-flowing exchange among everyone. Share material and links in the chat for further readings.</i>
<i>Optional: Continuation of exchange on project ideas on platform</i>	

Tuesday, 10 May	
09:45 (CEST) / 08:45 (BST)	Entry to conference platform / “Greet & meet”
10:00 - 11:00 (CEST) / 09:00 – 10:00 (BST)	Session III: (Infra)Structures and actors of mobilities Moderation: Anna Steigemann In this session we will discuss the different (infra)structures that enable, support, manage, negotiate, challenge or restrict mobility, with a special focus on urban migration and arrival. Who makes these infrastructures and how and why? What do they look like, spatially and socially? Are they part of wider provision infrastructures and why, are these top-down or bottom-up infrastructures, state- or community-operated? These are just some of the questions that we will discuss in relation to different actors of mobility and for different urban and geographical contexts. The session also invites to discuss scenarios and ideas for more inclusive solidary mobility, migration and arrival infrastructures. <i>The session will begin with short introductions to kick off the discussion for a free-flowing exchange among everyone. Share material and links in the chat for further readings.</i>
10 min	Break

11:10 – 12:10 (CEST) / 10:10 – 11:10 (BST)	<p>Works-in-progress (II)</p> <p>Moderation: Jeremy Brice, Minh Nguyen, Charlotta Salmi, Anna Steigemann</p> <p><i>The authors give an informal introduction (max. 3 min) to the work leading into a free-flowing discussion with everyone in the group. Familiarise with others' works, discuss them outside disciplinary boundaries and learn from one another through sharing perspectives. Full papers are accessible on the platform.</i></p>
10 min	Break
12:20 – 12:50 (CEST) / 11:20 – 11:50 (BST)	<p>Research collaboration experience exchange (II)</p> <p>Moderation: Jeremy Brice, Minh Nguyen, Charlotta Salmi, Anna Steigemann</p> <p><i>In smaller groups, attendees share experiences of building research collaboration to get suggestions and further ideas.</i></p>
<p>“Recreational break” & opportunity for individual meetings in the virtual cafeteria</p>	
14:00 – 15:00 (CEST) / 13:00 – 14:00 (BST)	<p>Elaboration of ideas for collaboration (II)</p> <p>- CONTINUATION of the project work -</p> <p><i>Meet your colleagues, pitch your collaboration ideas, share your thoughts, find overlaps, and elaborate joint projects. Optionally, create an individual virtual table for further networking and exchange.</i></p>
10 min	Break
15:10 – 16:10 (CEST) / 14:10 – 15:10 (BST)	<p>Session IV: Temporality of mobilities</p> <p>Moderation: Jeremy Brice</p> <p><i>This session will explore the diverse ways in which processes of movement not only take time but make it and shape it. It invites participants to explore what role the mundane mobilities of commuting might play in patterning the temporalities of daily life, how experiences of migration might organise biographies, memories and life courses, and what qualities of temporal flow or stasis might be associated with the forms of immobility entailed in waiting, incarceration or quarantine. It also offers opportunities to attend to the contested pasts and futures of mobility through examining what role transformations in the pace, intensity and distribution of movement and migration might have played in historical change and considering what might be at stake in imagined futures of mobility.</i></p> <p><i>The session will begin with short introductions to kick off the discussion for a free-flowing exchange among everyone. Share material and links in the chat for further readings.</i></p>
16:10 – 16:15 (CEST) / 15:10 – 15:15 (BST)	Closing & farewell
<p><i>Optional: Continuation of exchange on project ideas on platform</i></p> <p>The official conference program for all participants ends here.</p>	