

Centre for Transport & Society (CTS) Symposium 2025

Programme

Thursday 3 July 2025

Frenchay Campus, UWE Bristol

Venues: Z-block Atrium, Lecture Hall 2X242, Seminar Rooms 5X101, 5X107, 5X108, 3X110

09:00-09:30 Registration & Refreshments

Z-block Atrium

Join us for coffee and tea as we welcome participants and speakers

09:30-09:40 Symposium opening

Room 2X242

Prof Graham Parkhurst, Professor of Sustainable Mobility & Director of CTS

09.40-10:00 Keynote

A Local Authority Perspective on the Challenges of Partnership Working Across Transport Schemes

Room 2X242

CLlr Sarah Warren (BANES)

10:05-11:20 Parallel sessions

Session 1A – Transport Futures: Technology, Health & Connectivity

Room 5X101 | Chair: TBC

Prof Graham Parkhurst: *Greener skies ahead? What role can hybrid aircraft play in 'Future Flight'?*

Dr Evita Papazikou: *Road safety through surveillance? A framework for Harsh Event detection*

Dr Caroline Bartle: *Everything is really germy: how are concerns about infection affecting public transport use in the aftermath of the pandemic?*

Dr Eda Beyazit & Prof Kiron Chatterjee: *Transforming rural lives: The role of Demand Responsive Transport in connecting communities*

Session 1B – Shaping Everyday Transport Choices: Climate, Identity & Nature
Room 5X107 | Chair: TBC

Prof Glenn Lyons: *Hopes, fears and priority actions in response to climate change: insights from the CIHT CLIMATES initiative*

Dr Arundhathi: *Commuting solidarities and conflicts in the ladies' compartments of Mumbai's local trains*

Mel Cairns: *I definitely choose routes actively that will take me through nature: the role of nature in cycling decision making*

Mabel Still: *Cargo-bike deliveries: exploring public and stakeholder perception*

11:20-11:40 Coffee Break

Z-block Atrium

11:40-12:00 Keynote

Unseen, Unplanned, Unsustainable: Why the Future of Freight is a Critical Climate and Equity Challenge

Room 2X242

Dr Daniela Paddeu

12:00-13:00 Panel discussion

Progress in Impairment, Ageing & Transport

Room 2X242

Chair: Prof Justin Spinney

Panel:

Prof Charles Musselwhite (Aberystwyth University)

Florence Grieve (Sustrans)

Rebecca Posner (RIDC)

Dr Luc Pellecuer (UWE)

13:00-14:30 Lunch & Optional Netwalk

Z-block Atrium

Optional Netwalk (13:30 departure, 30 minutes)

Led by Dr Jonathan Flower and Dr Ben Clark

Join our Netwalk and help us critique provision for walking and cycling through campus and some new local neighbourhood streets. What are we getting right, what is going wrong and why? The Netwalk will set us up for the afternoon workshop on planning new neighbourhoods for active travel (but all are welcome whether you are planning on attending the workshop).

14:15-15:45	Parallel Workshops
	<p>Workshop 1 – Planning New Neighbourhoods for Active Travel Room 5X101 Facilitators: Dr Jonathan Flower, Dr Ben Clark, Alex Paining (PJA) Join the team that are working with Active Travel England to develop new guidance on cycle parking, planning new schools, and using the street adoption process to deliver for active travel. Findings will be summarised to set-up discussions to (i) co-develop recommendations for planning practice and (ii) identify evidence needs.</p>
	<p>Workshop 2 – The Future of Rural Transport Room 5X107 Facilitators: Prof Kiron Chatterjee, Dr Eda Beyazit, Dr Asa Thomas, Dr Muhammad Adeel and Tom Main (GCC) Led by the CTS team researching how Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) is meeting the needs of rural populations, the workshop will start by drawing together participants’ understandings and experiences of the transport challenges currently faced by rural communities. Gloucestershire County Council will explain their strategy for tackling these challenges. Workshop participants will develop principles and solutions for rural transport with the objective of formulating a policy roadmap.</p>
	<p>Workshop 3 – Why Are E-scooters Getting Sidelined? Room 5X108 Facilitators: Leire Elejalde, Prof Graham Parkhurst, Dr Daniela Paddeu Drawing on the results of an international review of case studies and expert interviews, this workshop unpacks the rising wave of bans, blending safety concerns, legal grey areas, and street-level friction. It offers a comparative look at the growing clash between the new urban mobility and the messy realities of public space and city life. Participants will critically examine real-world examples, debate policy trade-offs, and collaborate in small groups to propose principles for more inclusive and adaptive urban mobility governance.</p>
15:45-15:50	<p>Presentation MSc Transport Engineering and Planning and Award ceremony of MSc prize winning dissertation Room 2X242 Dr Ben Clark</p>
15:50-16:00	<p>Symposium closing and reflections Room 2X242 Prof Graham Parkhurst, Professor of Sustainable Mobility & Director of CTS</p>
16:00-17:00	<p>Drinks reception - The Atrium X Block Z-block Atrium</p>