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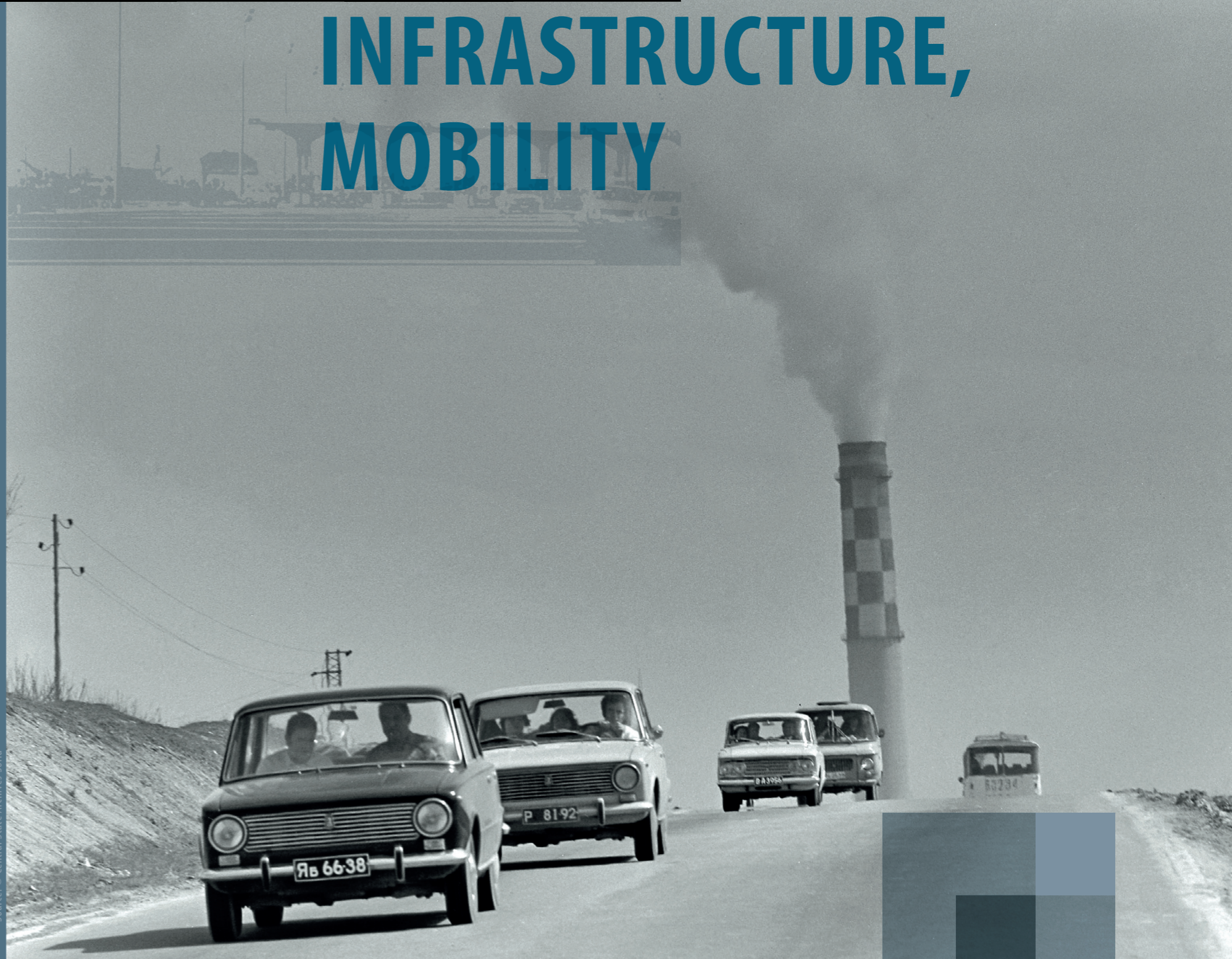


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9-11 October 2023
New conference hall
Sofia University

International conference CULTURE, INFRASTRUCTURE, MOBILITY



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ORGANISED BY:

SOFIA UNIVERSITY,
DEPARTMENT FOR HISTORY AND THEORY OF CULTURE
AND LEIBNIZ INSTITUT FÜR LÄNDERKUNDE (IFL)
(LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY, IFL)

October 9th 2023

Location: **New Conference Hall, Sofia University**
Address: **Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd 15, 1504 Sofia Center**

12:45 – 13:00

OPENING

13:00-15:00

PANEL 1 HISTORICAL EVOLUTION OF INFRASTRUCTURES AND EVOLVING SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COMPETENCES

1. Contemporaneity of the Non-Contemporaneous or More? A Short Reflection on Late Ottoman Urban Transport
Malte Fuhrmann
2. Mobility and cultural spaces – mobility and modernity in the Levant between 1910 and 1960
Areej Abou Harb
3. The Missing Link between the West and the East: Railways, Entrepreneurs, and the Integration of the Ottoman Empire in the Global Communication Networks
Boriana Antonova-Goleva
4. Roads, Transport Revolution, and Late Ottoman and Qajar Era Religious Roots of Secularism in the 1920s Turkey
Sumeyye Kocaman

15:00-15:30

COFFEE BREAK

15:30-17:30

PANEL 2 KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION, CONTESTED NORMS AND NOTIONS OF MODERNITY: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY SERVICES, NEW TECHNOLOGIES

1. Building Socialist Prague – An Automotive City: Transport Infrastructure Planning and Expertise between 1970s and 2000s
Jiří Janáč
2. Soviet Modernist City Planning and the Permanently Temporary Mobility System of Tallinn: The Performance of Culture
Tambet Muide
3. The Karmelit – A Prestige Object in Israel's third largest city
Johann Nicolai
4. Tram Line Closure and Heritage Preservation: A Case Study of Toruń, Poland
Iuliia Eremenko

18:30 – 20:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Location: **Goethe-Institut, Sofia**
Address: **Budapeshta Street 1, 1000 Sofia Center**

Culture, Infrastructure, Mobility. How a new field of research was formed
Prof. Dr. Dirk van Laak

October 10th 2023

Location: **New Conference Hall, Sofia University**
Address: **Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd 15, 1504 Sofia Center**

9:00 – 10:30

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Buildings and Infrastructures for a New Mankind. Architecture and Town Planning for Ideal Communities
Prof. Dr. Arnold Bartetzky

10:30-11:00

COFFEE BREAK

11:00-13:00

PANEL 3 INFRASTRUCTURES, MOBILITY, MIGRATIONS: IDENTITY, HABITATION, AND THE ANTHROPOCENE

1. Infrastructure vs./and nature: the case of a Bulgarian coworking space in a rural area
Petya V. Dimitrova
2. Narrating rural identities against large infrastructural projects – at the crossroads between landscape aesthetics and local civics
Rosalina Todorova
3. New Urban Settlement Areas Designed against Nature under Neoliberal Urbanization Processes: An Example from Turkey
Sinem Atay
4. The camera is working! Making the migration infrastructure in Bosnia and Sudan
Abdallah Ounour, Hassan Davide Blotta, Riccardo Sacco

13:00 – 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

14:30 – 17:00

PANEL 4 REGULATIONS, ACCESS, RESISTANCE: LEVELING OF INEQUALITIES/EMERGENCE OF NEW ASYMMETRIES IN LATE CAPITALISM

1. Waste Infrastructures and The Social Contract
Velislava Petrova
2. Cultural infrastructure and access to culture in the city – reinforcing old or creating new geographic inequalities. The case of Sofia city
Radoslava Kuneva
3. "Hidden" politics and environmental justice: civic action of the marginalized urban poor in Bulgaria for access to water
Rositsa Kratunkova
4. The 'miraculous water' and its infrastructures: Commodification, re-appropriations and struggles along thermal water pipes in a Bulgarian town
Raphaëlle Segond and Miladina Monova
5. Why the mountains of trash in Stolipinovo, Plovdiv? Flows of waste and racialization
Nikola Venkov

17:00 – 17:30

COFFEE BREAK

17:30 – 19:00

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Sidelined by/in mobility: on the importance of marginalized voices in mobility planning and research
Dr. Wladimir Sgibnev

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9:00 – 11:00

PANEL 5 INFRASTRUCTURES AS INSTRUMENTS OF SOCIO-CULTURAL ENGINEERING AND EVERYDAY GOVERNANCE

1. The Performance of Culture – Theatre Technology and the Operation of a Public Theatre Infrastructure
Halvard Schommartz
2. Bicycle in World War II Ukraine: Individual Mobility between Totalitarian Regimes
Olha Martynyuk
3. Cultural infrastructure and dynamics of urban spaces: the case of the creative districts in Bulgaria
Zlatina Bogdanova
4. Shaping urban lives: Infrastructural transformations and social relations in Shanghai, China
Deljana Iossifova

11:00 – 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

PANEL 6 INFRASTRUCTURES, COMMUNICATION, AND GEOPOLITICS

1. Observing the Geotraumatic Lines of Flight on Terrain. On The Construction and Development of the Maritza-Iztok Mines
Hristo Kaloyanov
2. Transport planning mobilities and consultancy based knowledge diffusion as a de-politicising governance strategy. Insights from urban transport planning regimes in the Russian Federation
Nikolay Zalesskiy & Tonio Weicker
3. Connectivity on the Balkans: Between Sustainability, EU-Integration and Geopolitical Challenges
Rumiana Jeleva

13:00 – 14:30

BOOK LUNCH AND LAUNCH

The Road to Socialism. Transport Infrastructure in Socialist Bulgaria and Yugoslavia (1945–1989)
Lyubomir Pozharliev
Presented by **Prof. Ivan Tchalakov**

14:30 – 17:00

PANEL 7 CHANGING "AESTHETICS" OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE LANDSCAPE OF CULTURAL IMAGINATION

1. Infrastructure and the Social Imagination: The Rise and Fall of the Locomotive
Alexander Kiossev
2. Old New Future: Excursion in a linear city
Yakim Petrov
3. Arctic InfraScapes: Mobilizing Arts, Science, Local, and Indigenous Knowledge to Understand Infrastructure Imaginaries
Olga Zaslavskaya
4. The Map and the City: The Role of Visual Media and Planning in Urban Design and Infrastructure
Elischa Matthias Rietzler
5. Aesthetics of the Robo Bus' – Autonomous public transport and the narratives of innovation and smart-city oriented urban development
Stella Köhler

17:00 – 17:30

COFFEE BREAK

17:30 – 19:00

PANEL 8 CITY TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES

1. Women's use of marshrutkas in Bishkek: Practices and problem
Cholpon Turdalieva
2. "We are the last losers here": infrastructural lives of the tram in Samarkand
Maria Petrova
3. Agents of change and the contribution of expertise: a case study on the discontinuation of the world's biggest trolleybus network
Egor Muleev

19:00 – 19:30

TRANSFER BY TAXI TO TOPLOCENTRALA
<https://toplocentrala.bg/en>

19:30 – 22:00

SOFIA TRANSPORT ROLE-PLAYING GAME
created by **Anton Polsky**
and FAREWELL RECEPTION

12–14 October Comode Sofia Symposium

October 12th

09.00

Sofia Excursions with dedicated trolleybus and retro-tram

18.30

Round table discussion
"Sustainable mobility narratives and the future of EU"
In Bulgarian language with translation in English

Konstantin Pavlov-Komitata – mayor of district Lozenets, Sofia
Kaloyan Karamitov – urban planner
Viktor Chaushev – urban planner, consultant by Sofia Municipality
Radost Marinova – Velevolucija, NGO activist
Metodi Avramov – director „Strategy“ at Sofia Urban Mobility Center LTD
Moderator **Dr. Lyubomir Pozharliev**

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October 13th

Day-trip to the cities of Vratsa and Pleven and visitation of the Bus and Trolleybus Depots. Talks with drivers and heads of depots.

09.00

Departure from the Hotel with newly renovated Chavdar 11M4 bus to the cities of Vratsa and Pleven. The excursion is organized in partnership with the NGO Public Transport and Infrastructure (PTI) Association.



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