



C-MUS Brown Bag seminars

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Program Spring 2012

February 9: 'I like riding my bike. If it doesn't rain of course'

Speaker: PhD Student, Laura Bang Lindegaard, Department of Culture and Global Studies, Aalborg University, laura@cgs.aau.dk

Abstract: The presentation reports on an ethnomethodologically informed study of the discursive accomplishment of everyday transportation practices in the face of climate change. Firstly, the presentation focuses on how different practices are conceptualized as related to the embodied practice of rain as it shows that whereas rain is treated as a potential element of the practice of walking in the forest, it is treated as an obstacle to cycling. Secondly, the presentation focuses more thoroughly on conceptualizations of cycling in rain by showing how rain is used in making socially legitimate meanings of everyday transportation practices.

Place and time: February 9, 12:00-13:00, Room 2.107 Kroghstræde 3 (to be confirmed)

March 8: *Students of Mobility: Urban and Architectural interventions at Nørrebro Station*

Speakers: Urban Design Student Group (Helene Berthé, Laurent Dumas, Martin Frank Petersen, Senad Gvozden, Tinna Lykke Madsen), contact: Senad Gvozden (sgvozd08@student.aau.dk)

Abstract: In this presentation a group of urban design students are rethinking the traditional idea of the Metro by asking; how can we use the synergy between the generic infrastructural network and the idiosyncrasies of Nørrebro to create an urban area that will mark Nørrebro as a prominent node in the larger network? How can we create a neighborhood where people can meet and exchange materials, political, social, cultural and mobile goods, while ensuring efficient transport for the metro, s-train, bus and bike travelers?

Place and time: March 8, 12:00-13:00, Pejsestuen at Gammel Torv 6

April 19: *The Programmable City*

Speaker: Professor, Ole B. Jensen, Dept. of Architecture, Design and Media Technology, obje@create.aau.dk

Abstract: The presentation will introduce the newly formed research cluster for 'Mobility and Tracking Technologies' (MoTT) at the Department of Architecture, Design and Media Technology. Under the MoTT cluster a research agenda for 'The Programmable City' is emerging. This research agenda is in short interested in how software systems merges with physical spaces of the city and thereby mediating, affording and facilitating as well as surveying, blocking and controlling urban mobility.

Place and time: April 19, 12:00-13:00, Pejsestuen at Gammel Torv 6





May 10: Making Sense of Urban Space.

Speaker: Associate Professor, Peter Allingham, Department of Communication, AAU (pal@hum.aau.dk)

Abstract: With the advent of experience economy it seems that urban space and place have become increasingly important parameters of strategic communication. From a communicational perspective this development has, among other things, made it necessary to find methods of analysis and understanding that include space, place and three-dimensional objects in communicational analysis systematically. In my presentation I shall focus on how a reconsideration of Roman Jakobson's revision of Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic modes may enable an approach that will give prominence to aesthetic, non-representational meaning and open for a possible application of cognitive semiotic models. Analytical examples will be referred to.

Place and time: May 10, 12:00-13:00, Room 2.107, Kroghstræde 3 (to be confirmed)

May 14: Road Signs: Geosemiotics and Human Mobility

Speaker: PhD Student, Salmiah Abdul Hamid, Department of Architecture, Design & Media Technology, saha@create.aau.dk

Abstract: This presentation examines and explores the interconnection in the theoretical framework of travel flow in urban spaces which emphasize on how a person choreographs his/her movement according to signs in place. The most important aspect of theories will be based on geosemiotic theory and mobility theory. In order to get a better understanding of the theories, a pilot study on 'human interaction' towards the environment, "the road signs" *per se* will be conducted.

Place and time: May 14, 12:00-13:00, Pejsestuen at Gammel Torv 6

June 6: The History of Danish Airports

Speaker: Associate Professor, Claus Lassen, Dept. of Development and Planning, claus@plan.aau.dk

Abstract: International and domestic air traffic has increased dramatically after World War II. The airport is central to the creation of the global and national aeromobility system. This presentation is based on an ongoing research project that examines the historical background of the Danish airport system. In particular the presentation explores why some airports today are important hubs for national and global air travel while other airports have completely lost their societal function and meaning. It is argued that there is a need for greater priority for a social scientific understanding of how airports and aeromobility are created and developed compared to the theories of conventional traffic economy.

Place and time: June 6, 12:00-13:00, (room to be announced by the presenter)

The seminars are open to everyone with interest in Mobilities and Urban studies. If you want to participate and be sure that there is a sandwich for you, please sign up with Allis Hansen, allis@plan.aau.dk, at latest a week before the specific seminar.

Looking forward to see you at the C-MUS Brown Bag Seminars!