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Brown Bag seminars

C-MUS Brown Bag seminars offer opportunities to spend your lunch hour in company with various researchers who will feed your brain with new ideas in Urban and Mobilities research, while you enjoy a sandwich provided by C-MUS (<http://www.c-mus.aau.dk/>)

Program Spring 2014

February 24: Linear Mobilities – Aalborg’s Bicycle Commuter Route 100

Speakers: Catherine Silva, Department of Urban Design and Planning and the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington in Seattle (cmcs@create.aau.dk) and Franziska Tennhardt, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Technical University of Dresden (F.Tennhardt@gmx.de)

Abstract: Over the past several years, a new breed of bicycle projects has been introduced in throughout Denmark. These projects are sometimes called “super bicycle highways”, “bicycle super highways”, or “bicycle commuter routes” depending on the context and locality. Regardless of the nomenclature, such projects share general characteristics and aim to encourage bicycle commute trips through the provision of improved connections from point A to B. Yet, despite common intensions and vocabulary, the implementation of infrastructure or facilities as well as the experiences or expectations of cyclists using the routes can be quite varied. One such route completed in Aalborg Municipality connects the City Centre to the main campus of Aalborg University. Presently, this route is the focus of a research project that aims to understand and describe (a) what Route 100 is, (b) what it affords and prevents to the local environment, and (c) how it is best defined within the context other like bicycle projects.

Place and time: February 24, 12:00-13:00, Havestuen, Gammel Torv 6

March 27: Attention switches in real-world urban environment: Engaging with the city perceptually

Speakers: Nikita A. Kharlamov, Assistant Professor, Niels Bohr Centre for Cultural Psychology, nikita@hum.aau.dk Aleksandra Kaszowska, Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Niels Bohr Centre for Cultural Psychology, kaszowska.a@gmail.com

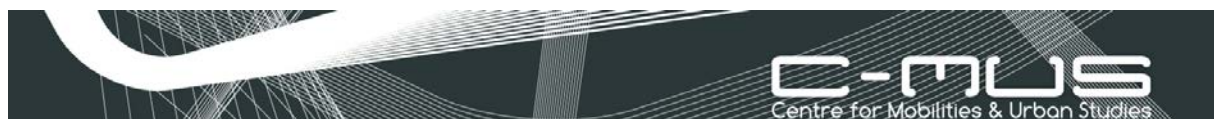
Abstract: It is well known in psychology that salient, memorable places serve as landmarks in wayfinding and formation of spatial knowledge. However, their aesthetic role as attention attractors and their meaningful texturing is underexplored. We would like to discuss some of our methodological ideas on how to track the relationship between place, attention, and meaning. In particular, we will briefly describe our past projects involving mobile methods (go-along-talk-aloud protocol), and the challenges we ran into, and we would appreciate feedback on how the psychological ideas of ‘salient place’ and ‘attention switch’ could be integrated with planning and design practices.

Place and time: March 27, 12:00-13:00, Pejsestuen, Gammel Torv

April 23: Transformation as a Mobile Gesture through Time

Speaker: Associate Professor Shelley Smith (ssmi@create.aau.dk), Department of Architecture, Design and Media Technology, AAU

Abstract: ‘The site’ is the setting for analysis, design strategies and for aesthetic experience. Site methodologies are an integral part of research and development, tools in which analysis and design inform each other and unfold in a context that today is characterized by time playing as much a role as space, by movement, change, and by place not necessarily staying in place. Considering sites as dynamic and time-affected spatialities in a contemporary context becomes a paradox - and is challenged - when dealing with the transformation of obsolete post-industrial sites. This talk will





explore the role of temporality – and in particular contemporaneity - in transformation and consider how time can be a mobile gesture that taps into and/or highlights aesthetic experience.

NOTE: This talk takes its point of departure in the work in progress related to the Transforming Site Methodologies seminar held in Sept 2013 and the upcoming special issue of Nordic Journal of Architectural Research of the same title.

Place and time: April 23, 12:00-13:00, Østerågade 6, room 220

May 5: A genealogy of induced traffic and Danish transport project evaluation practice

Speaker: PhD, Jeppe Astrup Andersen, Department of Planning, jeppe@plan.aau.dk

Abstract: The issue of induced traffic has often been neglected within contemporary Danish transport project evaluation practice. Even though this generates biased assessments of environmental and health impacts, this simplification is, somehow, accepted by several key stakeholders within the transport sector, who among others perceive neglect as a taken-for-granted practice. In this presentation, the concept of induced traffic is rolled back throughout the history of Danish transport project evaluation practice and is elaborated in regard to the period 1830s-1970s. History is used to problematize the contemporary practice and it is shown that there is nothing natural about neglecting induced traffic from transport project evaluation. It is also shown that historically, induced traffic was given meaning within other interpretation frames than those dominating contemporary and that it signified a positive phenomenon in regard to evaluations of transport projects.

Place and time: May 5, 12:00-13:00, Skibbrogade 3, A1-9, 1st floor

Speaker: PhD, Jeppe Astrup Andersen, Department of Planning, jeppe@plan.aau.dk

May 27: Mobilities Futures and the City (MFC). Towards a reflexive methodology for urban planning in the mobile risk society

Speaker: Professor Sven Kesselring (sven@plan.aau.dk), Department of Planning and Development, AAU

Abstract: MFC is a research project on how it is possible to integrate different disciplines and rationalities about the future of urban mobility and how to allocate appropriate expertise from social science, planning, engineering and the arts. The main goal of MFC is to explore the potentials of a post-disciplinary setting of expertise for the development of strong common visions, ideas and concepts for desirable urban mobilities futures. MFC generates answers on: *How can urban cultures, arts and social science contribute to new sustainable mobility practices and mobility systems on the urban scale?*

Place and time: May 27, 12:00-13:00, Skibbrogade 3, A1-9

June 6: Mobilities History – what is it, and what could it be?

Speaker: Associate Professor Claus Lassen (claus@create.aau.dk), Department of Architecture, Design and Media Technology, AAU

Abstract: This presentation is an open invitation to discuss how a scoped and focused theme of historic research within mobilities may be framed. The presentation is connected to the establishment of a new sub-field within C-MUS and all are invited to join the discussion of how to create a C-MUS sub-group around the theme of 'Mobilities History'. The presentation exemplifies and frames the discussion by referencing the speaker's research into airport histories.

Place and time: June 6, 12:00-13:00, (venue to be announced)

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

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

Kind Regards

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