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## **Mobility of Things: Pasts, Presents, and Futures**

Questions of mobility and transport studies, historical and contemporary, are in a state of flux. How traditional transport history, for example, may be combined with the growing significance of mobility studies, or how the static landscape of movement (the roads and rails, stations and airports) relate to mobility itself are the source of much exciting research. The movement of people, or restrictions on that movement, is a topic of much contemporary debate; yet equally important notions of the circulation, transport, and mobility of objects, ideas, and cultures remain underrepresented. Furthermore, how museums and galleries, as well as researchers and writers, might capture and record that movement, and explain to broader audiences, continues to pose a challenge.

This two day conference hosted by the National Railway Museum in York (UK) aims to bring together scholars from a wide variety of fields working on issues of mobility and movement in the modern world. The aim is to create a truly interactive conference where speakers and audiences can exchange ideas, build relationships, and debate the differing contexts of moving objects, peoples, and ideas. Applications addressing the theme of “movement of things” in past, present, or future contexts are welcome.

Submissions can be either for 20 minute papers OR for 5 minute “think pieces”

Think Pieces (150 word proposals)

With the aim of stimulating debate and discussion the organisers particularly encourage submissions for small think pieces on the following subjects:

- Diasporas
- Movement and Design
- Big Data, Visualisation and Mobilities (mapping/plotting/researching/etc)

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