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## **Politics of knowledge and non-knowing in just mobility transitions**

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Barcelona irene.gomez@uab.cat Climate change, congestion, air pollution and  
persistent inequalities in mobility and accessibility have highlighted the need for  
societies to transition to low-carbon and more equitable mobilities, often  
conceptualised as 'just mobility transitions'. Questions around what knowledges count  
in such transitions are key to ensure that they are actually just. This is especially  
important as the established high-carbon mobility regime systemically excludes  
certain groups and their knowledges from participating in the governance of  
transitions, rendering certain values, worldviews, needs, and behaviours invisible.  
This session aims to contribute to enriching and further developing the recent debate  
on epistemic knowledge in mobility transitions. Recent works started highlighting  
how, for example, car-centrism generates not only peculiar politics of knowledge but  
also 'politics of non-knowing' through creating, maintaining and mobilising in political  
debate particular kinds of 'ignorance'. Authors considered how the use of smart  
technologies, 'big data' and AI in mobility governance may produce new invisibilities,  
hypervisibilities, biases and inequalities. Similarly, they highlighted how the  
predominance of quantitative methods in transport research and planning,  
insufficient questioning of Eurocentrism in the field as well the underrepresentation of  
minoritised groups among mobility 'experts' and policy-makers further necessitate  
attention to the epistemic dimension of transitions. This session joins these calls,  
inviting for a more careful focus on the role of knowledge in transitions, especially  
acknowledging that there is still a dearth of fine-grained, situated accounts of the  
processes of knowledge production that should be uncovered. These can help show  
the multiplicity of understandings of what constitutes 'useful' knowledge in specific  
contexts, and reveal the epistemic struggles around contested mobility policy goals.  
There is also a need to bring together discussions in the fields of planning and  
geography on both the roots of epistemic mobility injustice and on the ways of

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transcending epistemic marginalization of certain groups and communities. We invite papers that engage with the above discussions. Themes may include, but are not limited to, the following: • Epistemic (in)justice and just mobility transitions • Epistemic (in)justice and transport controversies • Politics of knowledge and ignorance in mobility transitions • Epistemic consequences of car-centrism • Intersectional invisibilities in low-carbon mobility transitions, related to class, gender, race, sexuality etc.

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