

## **RGS-IBG 2015: Transitioning to low-carbon mobilities**

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Conference session

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**Date de fin** : 4 Septembre 2015 02:00

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The 21st Century is 'on the move'. In industrialised countries, people are becoming more mobile; travelling further for work, shopping, and everyday activities such as employment and education, and seeking far reaching tourism destinations. These practices demand faster, carbon-intensive transport modes including private vehicles and air travel. Despite technological advances, transport related greenhouse gas emissions are continuing to grow. The Fifth Assessment Report from the IPCC highlights the need for 'aggressive and sustained' mitigation policies in order to achieve the required deep GHG reductions. This raises significant questions around the place of mobility and tourism in the Anthropocene, an era requiring transition to low-carbon futures.

The concept of transition provides a conceptual lens through which to examine change across temporal and spatial scales from wide-ranging inter- and post-disciplinary positions. Low-carbon transitions will need to incorporate behavioural, technological and policy approaches. In this session we seek contributions spanning behavioural, technological and policy insights to transitions towards low-carbon mobilities. A broad definition of mobilities is applied for this session.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- § Examples of historical mobility transitions (e.g. transitions to motorised transport, geographical uptake of new innovations)
- § Theoretical approaches to conceptualising low-carbon mobility transitions
- § Transitions in specific geographic contexts including national and sub-national scales
- § Transitions in car- and aero- mobilities
- § Behaviour, technology and policy transitions.

### **Informations pratiques :**

We are seeking abstracts (c.250 words) for oral presentations to explore the landscape of transitions to low-carbon mobility from wide-ranging perspectives. We may seek interest in a journal special issue following on from this session and hope this session to develop ongoing dialogue between contributors.

Timeline:

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015
- Responses from session convenors by: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015
- The session convenors will communicate the RGS response as soon as informed by the organisers after the RGS 2015 deadline

Abstracts and questions should be submitted to

