

Rachel Carson Center

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Workshop
Mobility and the Environment
3-5 June 2010

Location

Rachel Carson Center
Leopoldstr. 11a
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Convener

Gijs Mom (RCC, TU/e)
Uwe Lübken (RCC)
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Marguerite Avery (MIT Press)

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Thursday, 3. June

- 17.00** **Session 1: Introductory Session**
Chair: Gijs Mom
- Helmuth Trischler (Deutsches Museum/Rachel Carson Center):
Welcome
- Gijs Mom (Rachel Carson Center/Eindhoven University of Technology), and
Clapperton Mavhunga (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):
Inside Mobility: A Kaleidoscopic Introduction

18.30 **Reception**

Friday, 4. June

- 9.00** **Session 2: Animals**
Chair: Gijs Mom
- Uwe Lübken (Rachel Carson Center):
Nature on the Move: Biomobility in Historical Perspective
- Sandra Swart (Stellenbosch University):
Pass Laws for Animals? Control of Mobility by the State: A Case Study of Southern Africa

10.30 **Break**

- 11.00** **Session 3: New Perspectives on Africa and Asia**
Chair: Uwe Lübken
- Abebe Zegeye (University of the Witwatersrand):
Switching on: How Africans are Shaping and Using Mobile Telephones
- Cotten Seiler (Dickinson College):
U.S.-Western Visions of Chinese Automobility

12.30 **Lunch**

- 14.00** **Session 4: Movements**
Chair: Margy Avery
- Deborah Breen (Boston University):
The Explanatory Power of 'Movement' in the Recent History of the Shipbreaking Industry
- Clapperton Mavhunga (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):
Vehicles Organic and Inorganic: Provisional Notes on the Automobile

15.30 **Break**

- 16.00** **Session 5: Wrap-up Session**
Chair: Gijs Mom

17:00 **End of First Day**

19.00 **Informal Dinner**

Saturday, 5. June

- 9.00** **Session 6: Peoples and Pedals**
Chair: Uwe Lübken
- Gopa Samanta (University of Burdwan):
Rickshaw and Rickshaw Pullers: The Issues of Urban Transport and Livelihoods for the Poor in Bengal, India
- Manuel Stoffers (Maastricht University), with
Peter Cox (University of Chester):
Beyond Technology: The Bicycle Renaissance as a Case in the History of Mobility

10.30 **Break**

- 11.00** **Session 7: Other sources, other Approaches**
Chair: TBA
- Gijs Mom (Rachel Carson Center/Eindhoven University of Technology):
How it feels to be run over: Using Literature as a Source for a New Mobility History
- Cliff O'Neill (University of Cumbria), and
John Walton (Universidad del País Vasco, Bilbao):
The Motor Car and the Tourist Experience: Images, Ideals, Landscape and Terrain in the English Lake District and the Basque Country, 1918 - 1939

12:30 **Lunch**

- 14.00** **Session 8: New Perspectives from the UK and Italy**
Chair: Clapperton Mavhunga
- Barbara Schmucki (University of York):
From the King of the Road to an Endangered Species: The Culture of Walking in Historical Perspective
- Federico Paolini (University of Siena):
Country with "Cars up to the Neck": Automobiles and Environment in Italy, 1950-2008

15.30 **Break**

- 16.00** **Session 9: Panel Session (Closing Session)**
Chair: Gijs Mom
- Panel members: Margy Avery, Clapperton Mavhunga, Helmuth Trischler and Uwe Lübken
Final discussion on coherence and consistency of the workshop, on connections (or the lack of them) between papers, on their division into subgroups and on the new vistas the merging of the two fields mobility and environment studies opens.

17:30 **End of Workshop**

18.30 **Official Dinner**