Call for Papers
WCTR Society’s SIG G2 Mid-Term Events

**“Ensuring sustainable mobility in urban periphery and rural areas and remote regions”**

**Update 3rd May 2021 (dark orange fonts) & Update 12th May 2021 (green fonts) (emphasis for screen readers)**

# Introduction

In urban areas, diffusion of goal-oriented transport planning, high-frequency public transport services combined with New Mobility Services such as car sharing and bike sharing that serve as alternatives to private motorized vehicles, and land-use and transport integration have led to uptakes of sustainable urban transport planning. On the contrary, in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions, reduction of automobile-dependency is becoming increasingly challenging in light of the climate goals (e.g. greenhouse gas reduction), socio-demographic transitions (e.g. ageing of society), and regional economies (e.g. industrial policy). While intercity transport has attracted much attention in transport research, everyday mobility in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions is a rather unexplored areas of transport research that is attracting much attention. It covers a wide range of topics from national and regional strategies to concrete services, from theoretical approach to practical approach, and from general macroscopic perspectives to specific user groups.

# Scope

In light of this, for the upcoming **mid-term event**, WCTR Special Interest Group G2 National and Regional Transport Policy and Planning would like to encourage you to submit the paper addressing following research topics. We particularly encourage papers focusing on everyday mobility, but we also welcome papers dealing with tourism and leisure mobility, other types of occasional mobility and intercity transport addressing the following research topics.

* National and/or regional strategies to ensure mobility of the people without owning private motorized vehicles in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions
* Role of public transport and newly emerging technologies, such as demand-responsive transport, e-bikes and electric kick-scooters, vehicle sharing, self-driving shuttles, and Mobility-as-a-Service for sustainable mobility in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions
* Tourism and leisure mobility in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions
* Resiliency of transport system in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions in case of disruptive events such as natural disasters and epidemics
* Impact of e-commerce on mobility in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions
* Use of emerging data and information sources
* Ensuring participatory planning process
* Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on everyday mobility in urban peripheries, rural areas and remote regions

# SIG G2 Mid-term Workshops

* You will present your research findings in the online mid-term event on 27th, 28th and 29th September (Monday to Wednesday).
* We will host about 15 to 18 presentations in total and will prepare a room for intensive discussions among the participants.
* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, different national strategies for cross-border travels, and many uncertainties ahead, **the mid-term event will be organized solely as an online event.**
* The online event will be organized in the afternoon in UTC with a duration of 3 to 4 hours on each day so that participants from different time zones are able to participate.
	+ Asia-Pacific Region: evening
	+ Europe: afternoon
	+ Americas: morning

# Abstract / full paper submission and inquiries

* Abstracts and full papers must be written in English.
* Length of the abstract is limited to max. 400 words.
* Length of the full paper is limited to max. 20 pages including tables, figures, bibliography and acknowledgements. The manuscript text (excluding abstract, bibliography, acknowledgements, etc.) should be 4,000-6,000 words long, excluding references, in line with the ETRR guideline (see below).
* Abstracts and full papers must be submitted as **e-mail file attachments** (MS Word, OpenOffice or PDF) to Dr. **Takeru Shibayama** (takeru.shibayama@tuwien.ac.at, +43-1-58801-23114, Vienna University of Technology, Austria). **Please contact him for any inquiry**.
* When submitting, **please insert “WCTR SIG G2 Abstract Submission” or “WCTR SIG G2 Full Paper Submission” to the e-mail subject** and indicate your affiliate and contact information both in the e-mail text and in your abstract/paper.

# Outputs from the workshops

* PowerPoint presentations (in English) about the research papers during the workshop
* [Update 3rd & 12th May 2021]: jointly with [ETRR (European Transport Research Review)](https://etrr.springeropen.com/), we will organize a Topical Collection (Special Issue) in association to this Mid-Term Event.
	+ Submitted papers will be reviewed on behalf of WCTRS SIG G2. High-quality papers presented in the workshop will be invited to submit to this Topical Collection after the workshop. Making use of review feedback and discussions in the mid-term event, **invited authors will be encouraged to further develop their papers before submitting to ETRR Topical Collection**.
	+ Submitted papers will go through the ETRR standard review process. Please note that the invitation will not automatically guarantee the publication in ETRR.
* [Update 3rd & 12th May 2021] In a very unlikely case that the ETRR topical collection cannot be brought to realization (e.g. when we do not have an enough number of high-quality papers required to organize it), the workshop output will be published online as proceedings and published in the institutional publication series of Vienna University of Technology as an open-access publication.
	+ Making use of discussions in the mid-term event, the authors will be encouraged to further develop the full paper for the WCTR 16, which is currently planned in July 2022 in Montreal, Canada. SIG G2 will make a specific call for papers for the same topic in the WCTR16. The submission date of the WCTR16 full paper is expected to be set around November 2021 in the current plan, but this may be put off in line with adjusted conference plans (e.g. possible conference postponement). **If this option is chosen, the workshop abstract will be included instead** in the proceedings and the institutional publication series**.**
	+ Detailed information about the WCTR16 conference will be published at <https://wctr2022.ca/>.

# Deadlines and important dates

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| March 2021 | Call for Papers (this document) |
| 31st May 2021 | Deadline for abstract submission |
| 11th June 2021 | Results of abstract review informed to the author |
| 15th September 2021 | Deadline for full paper submission |
| **27th to 29th September 2021** | **Intermediate SIG G2 Workshop as an online conference** |
| 15th October 2021 | Invitation to ETRR Topical Collection |
| 30th November 2021 | Submission of full paper to ETRR Topical Collection |

**We are looking forward to your contributions on behalf of all SIG G2 members!**

Yours sincerely,

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