NECTAR Cluster 5 (Leisure, Recreation and Tourism) International Workshop

TOURISTS' AND RESIDENTS' MOBILITIES: INTERACTIONS, SYNERGIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS

Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Faculty of Tourism and Geography, Vila-seca, Catalonia (Spain)

June 3-4, 2027

Call for papers

It is our pleasure to invite you to the workshop organized by NECTAR Cluster 5 (Leisure, Recreation and Tourism) jointly with the Department of Geography of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili. The workshop will be held at the Faculty of Tourism and Geography in Vila-seca (Spain) on June 3-4, 2027.

Main topic

Mobility and transport are inseparable components of both residents' daily lives and tourists' visits. Residents rely on mobility and transport for essential activities such as commuting to workplaces or educational institutions. Movement also occurs for purposes such as shopping, caregiving, and leisure activities. Tourists, in turn, must make strategic mobility and transport decisions to optimise their limited time budget during their stay at a destination.

Consequently, tourist destinations function as shared spaces where residents and visitors inevitably interact through their mobility practices. These interactions directly affect both residents' quality of life and well-being, as well as the overall visitor experience. In particular, visitor mobility may generate negative externalities affecting residents' daily mobility, including overcrowding, traffic congestion, accidents, pollution, the degradation of public spaces, reduced public transport reliability and punctuality, carbon emissions, and noise. Likewise, visitor satisfaction may also be affected by disruptions associated with the mobility of other visitors.

In the specific case of residents' leisure mobility, there is a clear intertwining with tourists' movements, as both groups may seek access to similar places and experiences. Consequently, it is crucial to understand residents' leisure mobility

patterns in different contexts and how they interact with those of tourists. Such an understanding can help disentangle the extent to which both groups mutually shape each other's travel behaviour. This analysis should focus not only on the relationship between tourists' and residents' leisure mobilities but also on the impact of these movements on residents who are not engaged in leisure travel.

This interdisciplinary workshop aims to discuss the challenges arising from the interactions between tourists' and residents' mobility and transport practices, with a particular focus on residents' leisure mobility. Understanding the determinants and implications of these intertwined travel decisions is essential. More specifically, research should analyse their characteristics and address their effects on the various actors involved, encompassing travel behaviour, mobility experiences, visitor satisfaction, and residents' well-being.

From a sustainable transport and mobility planning perspective, these interactions pose pressing questions for destination management, including how to manage peak demand and seasonal surges, how to prioritise space-efficient and low-carbon modes, and how to safeguard accessibility and reliability for residents. The workshop welcomes contributions that inform planning and policy design, such as public transport prioritisation, active mobility networks, public space management, regulation of tourist-oriented transport services, and demand-management measures.

Topics of interest

The workshop will focus on the following topics:

1. Interactions between tourists' and residents' mobilities and their related impacts.
2. Effects of tourists' mobility and transport choices on residents' leisure mobility and travel behaviour.
3. Residents' perceptions of tourist flows and their impacts on daily mobility.
4. Residents' leisure mobility and transport patterns and their interactions with tourists' flows.
5. Determinants of residents' leisure mobility and transport behaviour.
6. Transport as part of the leisure experience.
7. Planning and governance implications of tourist-resident mobility interactions (e.g., accessibility, equity, reliability, and public-space quality).

The organising committee may also consider contributions focused on other aspects of the relationship between tourists' and residents' mobility and transport. However, priority will be given to papers addressing the specific transport and mobility

challenges outlined above. The workshop will ideally comprise 16 paper presentations, allowing sufficient time for discussion and feedback.

Publishing opportunities

Publishing opportunities will be discussed during the workshop.

Venue

The workshop will take place at the **Faculty of Tourism and Geography (Campus Vila-seca) of Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Vila-seca (Spain), on June 3-4, 2027.**

Participation and fees

This workshop is funded by Universitat Rovira i Virgili and NECTAR. Thanks to this co-funding, the organisers will be able to cover, for one author per accepted paper, meals (social dinner, lunches and coffee breaks) as well as the social activities organised during the workshop.

NECTAR membership for two years is required in order to attend the meeting. Non-members can find details on how to join the association on the 'Membership' page of NECTAR's website: https://www.nectar-eu.eu/membership/.

Abstract submission:

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please send an abstract of your presentation (about 500 words), including author names, affiliations, keywords, in pdf format to Luca Zamparini (**luca.zamparini@unisalento.it**) and Daniel Miravet (**daniel.miravet@urv.cat**) **by February 28, 2027**. The abstracts will be reviewed by the organising committee. The notification of abstract acceptance will be distributed by March 15, 2027.

Organizing committee

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The Department of Geography at Universitat Rovira i Virgili was established in 2009, and since 2013 has been located at the Faculty of Tourism and Geography in Vila-seca. Research carried out by the department's research groups focuses on mobility and transport, tourism, spatial planning, sustainability, local and regional development, and climate change. The teaching offered is highly connected with these research areas and aims to train professionals in the fields of geography and tourism who are capable of understanding the environmental and anthropogenic impacts on the territory in order to propose sustainable intervention strategies. The members of the department are engaged in the delivery of two Bachelor's Degree programs (Geography, Spatial Analysis and Sustainability and Tourism and Hospitality), a diversity of Master's Degrees, and two Doctoral programs.