

PROGRAMME

The Marshrutka Project's final conference: Spatial dynamics of informal and shared mobilities

Dates: 8-10 November 2018;

Location: Technical University of Berlin, EUREF-Campus, InnoZ

Organisers: Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL), Leipzig, Germany
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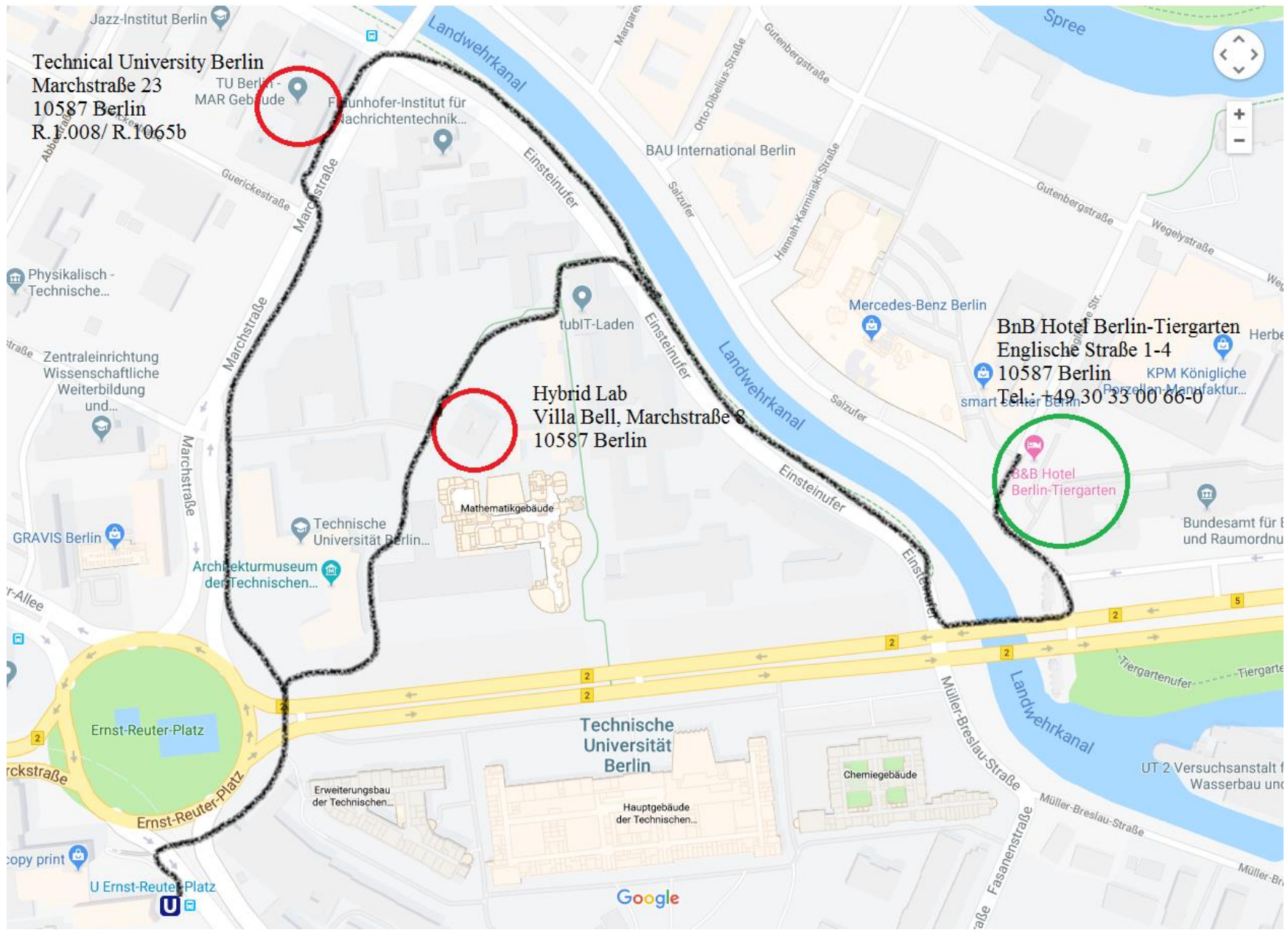
- Rooms: MAR 23/R. 1.008 / R.1.065b

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Programme overview

Thursday November 8	
11:00 – 11:30	Registration and coffee at Hybrid Lab
11:30 – 13:00	Opening of the conference 1 (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the Marshrutka Project Wladimir Sgibnev and Lela Rekhviashvili (IfL) • Presentation of planned publications: Eurasian Mobilities and Informal Transport special issues (Wladimir Sgibnev, Tauri Tuvikene, Lela Rekhviashvili, Claudio Sopranzetti)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Opening of the conference 2 (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of space: polarization and peripheralization, Thilo Lang (IfL) • Marshrutkas in the light of shared taxi, Hans-Liudger Dienel (TU Berlin)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	Keynote lecture by Tim Schwanen (University of Oxford)
17:30 – 18:30	Opening of the Marshrutka Project Exhibition Chiara Dazi, Jesse Vogler, Lela Rekhviashvili, Tonio Weicker
18:30 – 20:00	Welcome Reception Dinner (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>)
Friday November 9	
10:00 – 11:30	Paper Sessions (1) (MAR 23: r.1.001 / MAR 23: r.0.010)
11:30– 12:00	Coffee break (MAR 1.065b)
12:00 – 13:30	Paper Sessions (2) (MAR 23: r.1.001 / MAR 23: r.0.010)
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>)
14:30 – 15:30	Keynote Lecture by Fábio Duarte (MIT) (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>)
16:00 – 17:30	Paper Sessions (3) (<i>Hybrid Lab</i> / MAR 23: r.1.065b)
17:30 – 19:30	Tour along the Euref Campus (Enrico Howe)
19:30	Dinner (Bamboo Bay, Euref Campus , Torgauer Str. 12-15)
Saturday November 10	
10:00 – 12:00	Paper Sessions (4) (MAR 23: r. 1.008 / MAR 23: r.1.001)
12:00– 12:30	Coffee break (MAR 1.065b)
12:30 – 13:30	Closing discussion on ‘Marshrutka Project legacies and future dialogues’ Ingeborg Baldauf, Hans-Liudger Dienel, Peter Lindner, Sebastian Lentz, Joseph Salukvadze (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>)
13:30– 14:30	Final Lunch (<i>Hybrid Lab</i>)
14:30 – 18:00	Berlin Tram Tour

Sessions Programme

Friday November 9

Session 1 (A) 10:00 – 11:30 Digitalisation and mobility practices	
Chair: Darkhan Medeuov Room: Mar 23: R.1.001	
Ayla Deniz	This issue is the war of ideologies': The Conflict between UBER and Taxi Drivers in İstanbul/Turkey
Griselda Qosja	Uberisation in China and EU: The Regulatory challenges of the drivers' status
Simon Yin	Taxi Drivers and Ride Sharing in China

Session 1 (B) 10:00 – 11:30 Labour and identity construction	
Room: MAR 23: R.0.010 Chair: Lela Rekhviashvili	
Andrey Vozyanov	Informality, market, and nationalism in post-Soviet marshrutka
Jacob Doherty	What Kind of Person Drives a Boda Boda? Motorcycle Taxis, Personhood, and the Moral Landscape of Informal Transport in Kampala, Uganda
Prajna Rao	Everyday auto-(rickshaw) mobilities in Mumbai

Session 2 (A) 12:00 – 13:30 Mobility and Social Exclusion	
Room: Mar 23: R.1.001 Chair: Ingeborg Baldauf	
Darkhan Medeuov	Proximity Extended: Can Mutual Access to 'Third Places' Offset Distance's Effect on Social Relations
Costanza Curro	Mobilities and masculinities in the streets of Tbilisi: negotiating exclusion, risk and personal advancement
Angela Jain, Charlotte Hegel, Norman Döge	Project "Dörpsmobil" – a model for e-carsharing in rural areas?

Session 2 (B) 12:00 – 13:30 Rethinking paratransit through the mobilities lens	
Room: MAR 23: R.0.010 Chair: Joseph Salukvadze	
Andrey Kuznetsov	Sharing mobility-work with humans and non-humans: flexibility, uncertainty, and control in marshrutka (case of Volgograd, Russia)
Bradley Rink	Conceptualising the <i>amaphela</i> : Informal and shared mobilities in South African townships
Tonio Weicker	Interferences of migration and urban mobility policies in conflicting transport assemblages of contemporary Russian cities

Session 3 (A) 16:00 – 17:30 Mobility beyond urban contexts	
Room: Hybrid Lab	
Chair: Cholpon Turdalieva	
Justin Tomczyk	A Network Off the Grid: the Usage of Marshrutkas in Frozen Conflict Zones
Maria Kuklina, Vera Kuklina	Reclaiming the land with tourism development: informal transport services of the Buryat marshrutka drivers on Olkhon island (the Lake Baikal)
Johanna Hopp	Dynamics between hitchhiking and formal ride sharing platforms

Session 3 (B) 16:00 – 17:30 Labour and mobility governance	
Room: MAR 23: R.1.065b	
Chair: Mikheil Svanidze	
Emmanuel Theodore Asimeng	Engaging incumbent paratransit operators as bus operating companies in public transport reforms: Lessons from Accra
Tamara Kerzhner	Passenger Experiences and Driver Constraints: Labour and Mobility on Paratransit in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Claudio Sopranzetti	Workers or entrepreneurs: formalization and post-fordism among Thai motorcycle taxi drivers.

Saturday November 10

Session 4 (A) 10:00 – 12:00 Mobilities, users' choices and identities	
Room: MAR 23: r. 1.008	
Chair: Peter Lindner	
Tauri Tuvikene	Informalities of Shared Mobilities: The Case of Finland and Estonia
Cholpon Turdalieva & Tonio Weicker	Encountering marshrutka buses as multiple projection surfaces – What marshrutka interior and design tell us about its everyday participants?
Valerie Lazrenko	Shared Transport, Unshared Space: Marshrutka as Phenomenon of “Transport for the Insiders” in Ukraine

Session 4 (B) 10:00 – 12:00 Mobility and urban space construction	
Room: MAR 23: R.1.001	
Chair: Wladimir Sgibnev	
Diana Satybaldina	Urban mobile practices: in search for status and comfort
Mikheil Svanidze	Of Marshrutkas and microraiions: everyday life in Tbilisi's peripheral neighborhoods
Nikolaos Olma	Immutable Automobiles: Informal Taxis and the System of Orientiry in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Evgeniy Karchagin	Urban Justice and Mobility Justice in contemporary Russia: informal aspect

Keynote speeches

Beyond informal transport? Tim Schwanen Director of the Transport Studies Unit Associate Professor in Transport Studies University of Oxford	Thursday November 8th Hybrid Lab 16:00 - 17:30
Abstract Research on 'informal' transport services provided by minibuses, rickshaws, tricycles, motorbikes, bikes and conventional cars has flourished in recent years, offering pertinent insights into the urban condition, everyday life and social inequality across many parts of the world. In this talk I will critically reflect on the use of the qualification informal in connection to those services. Part of my argument will be that informality is too often seen as a pre-existing state in research on transport and mobility services, and that this risks undoing the potential contribution that research on so-called informal transport can make to the decolonisation of academic research on transport and mobility. I will propose that understanding the services of interest as heterogeneous infrastructural configurations within wider dispositives helps us to understand the power-laden processes through which the qualities commonly labelled informal emerge, get stabilised and change in specific times and places. Selective aspects of this relational perspective on transport services will be illustrated with examples from my past and ongoing empirical research in different sites around the globe.	

Towards a mobility portfolio Fábio Duarte Research Scientist Massachusetts Institute of Technology Senseable City Lab	Friday November 9th Hybrid Lab 14:30 - 15:30
Abstract Ridesharing apps changed individual mobility in recent years, disrupting the taxi industry, and creating mobility alternatives. Shared mobility and pooling services optimized by algorithms embedded in such apps have turned private cars in collective transport modes. In my talk I will focus on two aspects of shared mobility: Curitiba, a city known by its Bus Rapid Transit, is used as a case study to measure whether taxis compete or could be integrated into the system; and in New York, we used 150 million annual trips to demonstrate that, by optimizing the links between trips, it's possible to reduce the number of vehicles by more than 30%. At the emergence of autonomous vehicles, it's now time to think urban transport as an integrated mobility portfolio.	

Tram tour

Till the horizon: From the center via Dong Xuan to the edge of town	Saturday, November 10th
Meeting point: S-Bhf. Nordbahnhof (S1, 2, 25, Tram 8, 10), Entrance: Invalidenstraße, DB Service Store	Collective departure from Hybrid lab: 14:30 Start of the tour: 15:30 Duration: 3 hours
Description: The tram line 8 takes us on a tour along five city districts of former East-Berlin and focuses on the manifold disruptive changes of the districts developments in the last century. We start at the former long-distance station Nordbahnhof, cross a socialist showcase neighbourhood and visit a former industrial plant that is today used as the biggest Vietnamese marketplace in town. During the tour, we are looking for traces of the pre-war Berlin as well as for the relicts of the socialist republic and discover the ambivalent development of this unique part of the city in the last two decades.	
Warning: Public transport ticket is not included, please bring a day ticket with you.	