

Australian and New Zealand Association of Leisure Studies Biennial Conference, 6 – 8th December 2011, Dunedin, New Zealand

Call for Papers on: Leisure and the Mobilities Turn.

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Mobility can be seen as a way in which we can engage with the modern world (Adey, 2010) and has, for many, become an evocative word for the twenty-first century (Hannam et al, 2006). It is about movement made meaningful in any given social context and as Cresswell (2010; 20) suggests, 'all forms of mobility, they have a physical reality, they are encoded culturally and socially, and they are experienced through practice'.

This session seeks to identify how leisure studies understands the concept of mobilities. It aims to confront current thinking in and beyond leisure studies and to challenge Sheller and Urry (2006: 208) contention that the social sciences have 'largely ignored or trivialised the importance of the systematic movement of people for work and family life, for leisure and pleasure, and for politics and protest'.

We are seeking papers that highlight the intersections between leisure studies, recreation, tourism and mobilities and invite papers that may consider some of the following:-

- Negotiating social science, leisure and mobilities
- Leisure studies and mobile methodologies
- Affective possibilities in leisure
- Embodiment, leisure and movement
- Gender, leisure and (im)mobility
- Fluidity, movement and leisure
- Leisure, lifestyle and mobility

Please submit abstracts (of no more than 250 words) to Tara Duncan (tara.duncan@otago.ac.nz) by Monday 16th May 2011. Authors will be notified of acceptance of their abstract for presentation at the conference by 10th of June.

Please ensure that abstracts include all author names, institutions and an email contact for the lead author. Any special presentation equipment (e.g. slide projector) required should be noted in the email in which the abstract is submitted.

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