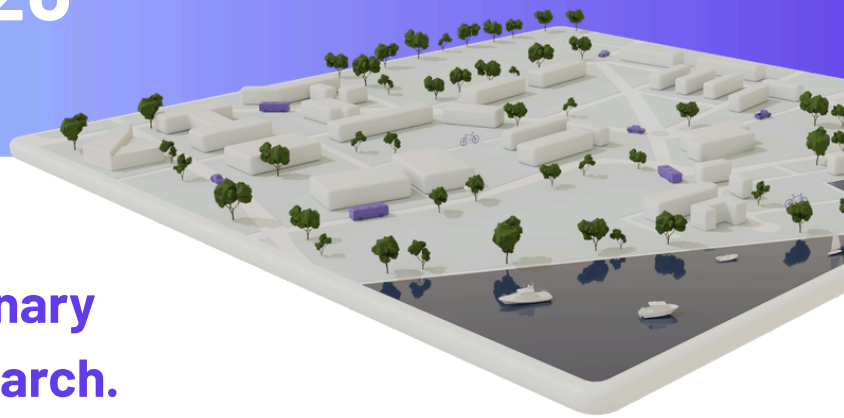


Places of Tomorrow

Research Conference on Intelligent Mobility

24 November 2026



A conference for doctoral researchers in interdisciplinary mobility and transport research.

Mobility and transport systems are changing rapidly. Digitalization, real-time data, automation, artificial intelligence, new forms of human-machine interaction, and changing user needs are reshaping how people move, how mobility services are designed, and how cities and regions plan the spaces of tomorrow.

The **IMI Research Conference on Intelligent Mobility** invites **PhD students and early-career researchers** working at the intersection of mobility, transport, technology, society, and space.

The conference offers a focused and supportive research environment for doctoral researchers who address mobility questions from different disciplinary perspectives – including transport planning, engineering, computer science, data science, geography, urban studies, economics, psychology, sociology, design, robotics, human-computer interaction, and related fields.

Schedule & Venue

Optional arrival & joint dinner **23 November**
Conference day **24 November**

HIT Campus Community Center,
Ölweide 18, 39114 Magdeburg,
Germany

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Tibor Petzoldt • TU Dresden

The keynote lecture will be delivered by Prof. Petzoldt, whose research focuses on the psychological aspects of mobility and transportation.

The lecture provides a common conceptual frame for the subsequent sessions and identifies research questions that extend across the disciplines represented.

To register, please use the following link: eveeno.com/places-of-tomorrow

Why participate?

The conference is designed to provide concrete value for PhD students and early-career researchers:

- **Present your research** in a focused academic setting.
- **Receive structured feedback** on your paper or extended abstract from experienced researchers.
- **Exchange ideas** with other PhD students working on mobility and transport topics across disciplines.
- **Build your academic network** in the interdisciplinary mobility research community.
- **Discuss methods, concepts, and empirical challenges** in an open and constructive environment.
- **Develop your paper further** through presentation, discussion, and expert comments.

Participation

No conference fee is charged.

Participation, coffee breaks and lunch on the conference day are provided free of charge.

Participants are responsible for arranging and covering their own travel and accommodation.

Social Program

Participants are warmly invited to arrive on the evening of 23 November 2026 for an optional joint dinner. This informal gathering offers an opportunity to meet other researchers before the conference day, exchange experiences from doctoral research, and build connections within the interdisciplinary mobility research community.

Registration deadline: 2 October 2026
Notification: 1 November 2026

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Call for Papers

We welcome contributions from PhD students and early-career researchers working on intelligent mobility and transport from quantitative, qualitative, computational, experimental, simulation-based, design-oriented, theoretical, or mixed-methods perspectives.

Submissions should be analytically grounded and clearly connected to relevant debates in mobility and transport research. Contributions may be based on completed studies, ongoing dissertation projects, conceptual work, methodological papers, or empirical research in progress.

Researchers are invited to submit an **extended abstract** of at least 1,000 words. The conference explicitly welcomes high-quality work in progress, especially from doctoral researchers seeking feedback on their research design, empirical strategy, conceptual framework, or paper development.

Poster submissions are also welcome. Researchers may submit a poster abstract to present early-stage findings, methodological approaches, or ongoing projects.

Discussant format: Each accepted paper is assigned a discussant, who receives the manuscript in advance and provides five minutes of structured comments following the presentation, after which the discussion is opened to all participants. Discussants are drawn from participants. Assignments are made across disciplinary boundaries wherever the subject matter permits. To allow for more in-depth feedback, authors are invited to provide a draft of a full paper to the assigned discussant no later than two weeks before the conference.

Submissions are to be made within the [registration form](#).

Topics

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following interdisciplinary mobility research fields:

- Human-centered, personalized mobility options
- (Human) digital twins in mobility-related applications
- Avatars and human-machine interaction in mobility
- LLM-based interfaces in transport and mobility systems
- Real-time simulations and simulation-based decision support
- Demand modelling using live data
- Socio-technical innovation in mobility
- Co-dynamics / co-evolution of users, technologies, and mobility environments
- Autonomous driving (human-centered and socio-technical focus)
- Robotics in mobility and transport-related service systems

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Enquiries regarding thematic fit and submission format may be directed to the organisers at any time.



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