CHALLENGES IN FUTURE SCENARIOS RESEARCH FOR MOBILITY AND URBAN PLANNING

WINTER SEMINAR

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Who? Workshop organizers

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Why? Winter seminar

As the interest of scenario planning in the academic field grows so does its potential to bridge the gap between research and action. This call for abstracts on "Challenges in Future Scenarios Research for Mobility and Urban Planning" aims to strengthen the work of academics and practitioners adopting foresight approaches in mobility and urban planning research.

TRANSyT at the UPM (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid) is hosting a two-day seminar in February 2024. We would like to create a space for sharing experiences, meeting personally, and boosting a **researchers' network** on the field, to foster future collaboration and rich learning processes. Activities will be centred on sharing novel research and concerns and discussing the present challenges of scenario planning implementation.

What? Call for abstracts

There is a well-established perception that scenario exercises will become increasingly relevant for finding solutions in highly complex and uncertain contexts, associated with the transformations required to face environmental and social challenges associated with mobility. However, scenario planning still faces difficulties in entering planning routines after decades of aiming to define foresight frameworks for supporting decision-making.

We would like to consider this *Winter Seminar* as an opportunity to share recent work, challenges, and research lines while receiving feedback from colleagues who are dealing with similar issues. We encourage researchers interested in participating in such a seminar to contact us and submit **600-1000 words extended abstracts**. Expected submissions will be due by **15st December 2023**. Disregarding any other research easily accommodated in the exposed challenges, the following research lines are of special interest:

- Adaptation and development of scenario planning methods.
- Empirical research on the application of scenario methods to planning and policymaking, prioritizing urban and mobility issues.
- Knowledge transfer to practice.

Ongoing research is welcomed, as it would promote discussion on the present challenges.

Full Paper? Special issue

The organizers are currently considering a proposal for a special issue in a specialized scientific journal (e.g., *Futures* or *Technological Forecasting and Social Change)*. When sending their abstracts, researchers will be asked to express their interest in contributing a full paper to the special issue after the seminar. The elaboration of full papers after the seminar is conditioned to the final overall interest of participants and the successful proposal of the special issue.

This call for extended abstracts will be open until **15st December 2023** and acceptance will be provided after its evaluation on early **January.** The capacity of the seminar is limited due to time, space, and budget constraints. In case the number of candidates exceeds such capacity, abstracts will be selected according to relevance for the research lines, overall quality of the research, and interest in contributing to the eventual special issue.

Costs? Funding and expenses

The organizing institution will cover the accommodation expenses of selected participants for the night from 22 to 23 February, plus the cost of dinner on the 22th and lunch on the 23th. Travel expenses are not included.

For this, the *Winter Seminar* will count on funds from the "VIR2ALL" national research project to increase the transferability and use of scenarios through immersive VR experiences.

Project's web: https://vir2all.transyt-projects.com/

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