

7TH CITCEM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

MOBILITIES

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The concept of mobility has never been as present in our collective consciousness as it is nowadays; for not only it is extensively discussed informally and by the media, but it is also the subject of many scientific debates. Large-scale migrations brought about by political and religious unrest, the unprecedented humanitarian crisis that is the recent issue of refugees, the blue-collar everyman's daily struggle to achieve a higher social standing and financial security within the big technology and financial centers – these are today's recurring themes, both in newspaper articles and in every day conversations alike. This growing interest in mobility – and the subjects associated with it – has been permeating the academic community, fomenting works of scientific research on these themes, urging us to proceed on this path and creating new, ground-breaking perspectives.

Until several decades ago, the debate on Mobilities was, from the academic point of view, converging on the movement of people, goods and services or, more specifically, on the abandoning of rural settings for urban ones. It has, in recent years, shifted its focus to also regard Mobilities as «a process that is firmly embedded within society and culture (...) and is thus fundamental to the construction and reproduction of key social structures» (POOLEY, 2017: 5-7).

The reinvention of the term 'Mobilities' has been translated into a broadening of concepts that demonstrates how it has kept up with the times, becoming a fundamental component in the comprehension of the transformations of human society. It reflects a

“new mobility paradigm” that privileges “integrated approaches” (CRESSWELL, 2012: 651). These approaches include the geographical and chronological aspects of migrations, the idea of *distance* – both physical and virtual – as central elements of analysis that go from micro to macro approaches. The increasing accessibility and motorization of transports, the environmental consequences of such and the everyday and leisure mobilities are, likewise, subjects that have been addressed and that allow a new understanding of the relation between centers and peripheries. Migrations, probably the most frequently studied theme within the subject of Mobilities, can be understood synchronically – by taking into account a particular dimension of the process (places of departure or destinations, for instance) – or through longitudinal perspectives that address more dynamic *experiences of mobility*. The causes of this demographic phenomenon, such as the escape from a particular location or the demand for resources, the reactions to the arrival of new individuals and their inclusion or social, political, economic and cultural segregation are just some of the issues that need to be studied, converging. At some point they all converge on the issue of cultural exchanges. The topic of exile and the exiled emerges as pertinent matter to these discussions.

The concept of Mobilities, central to the 7th CITCEM Conference, does not exclude social mobility, the individual and collective trajectories permitted by the labor market, family and interpersonal relations (CLARK, 2014: 1-16), but intends to widen its meanings and implications, contributing to a broaden debate on the topic. In fact, the subject of Mobilities is not merely a human affair. It might also be artistic, according to Aby Warburg’s concept of migration of shapes and images. Mobilities can too be ecological, related to the transfer and introduction of plants, animals and diseases to new environments, made possible by the ecological mobility that mankind’s actions have rapidly accelerated and taken to a global scale.

The 7th CITCEM Conference, aware of all these dimensions of the concept, will deal with Mobilities through a transdisciplinary approach, connecting several fields of knowledge closely linked to the Research Center's own scientific disciplinary scope – Archeology, History, Demography and the History of Populations, Information and Communication Sciences, Politics and International Relations, Geography, Art, Museology, Cinema, Cultural, Linguistic and Literary Studies. The Conference will, however, also be open to contributions from other academic disciplines, such as Philosophy, Life Sciences and Health Studies.

Being Mobilities the central subject of this conference, CITCEM warmly invites the national and international scientific community, especially younger researchers, to take part in this congress and to present proposals for papers (be they individual proposals or panels), posters and R&D projects, framed into the following topics:

- 1) Migrations
- 2) Cultural and artistic exchanges
- 3) Technical and scientific exchanges
- 4) Ecological exchanges
- 5) Social mobility
- 6) Exile and Asylum
- 7) Routines and contacts

The present call for papers bears witness to a multi and transdisciplinary approach, directly related to the societal challenges of the present and the future, of the global world we are part of, challenges to which debate we are all called to contribute.

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Official Languages:

Portuguese, English, French and Spanish

Important Deadlines:

15 June 2018: Deadline for abstract submission (max. 500 words; with indication of the respective subject area), with CV (max. 200 words).

15 July 2018: Submission results.

5 September 2018: Preliminary programme

30 October 2018: Registration deadline.

Registration fees*:

- CITCEM Researchers (with/without paper) – Free – Required registration

- Participants with paper – 75€
- Other participants – 100€
- Students (without paper) – 5€

* Does not include travel and accommodation.

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