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International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility

Cross-Border Mobility: Migration, Logistics and Geopolitics

Széchenyi István University

Győr, Hungary - October 14–17, 2026

Programme and session schedule

14 October 2026

9:00-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:15	Opening and Welcome Speech Eszter Lukács – full professor, Vice President of Széchenyi István University Hugo Silveira Pereira – President of T2M, Chief-in-Editor of Journal of Transport History Csaba Sándor Horváth – associate professor, Apáczai Csere János Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, Széchenyi István University, Chair of the Conference
10:15-12:15	Keynote Presentations Peter Adey – Professor, Monash University, Australia <i>EV Nation? Automobility, techno-nationalism and the electric car</i> Nóra Horváth - Associate Professor, Széchenyi István University, Hungary <i>The Relationship and Impact of the Development of Seaside Resorts and the Railway Network in 19th–20th Century Normandy</i> Ágoston Winkler - Associate Professor, Széchenyi István University, Hungary <i>Crossing Boundaries in the Development of Urban Public Transport</i>

	Tomáš Nigrin - Associate Professor Charles University, Czech Republic <i>From Imperial Railways to European Corridors: Mobility and Infrastructure in Central Europe</i>
12:15-14:00	Networking and Lunch
14:00-17:00	Parallel Sessions
16:30-18:00	T2M Executive Committee Meeting
18:00	Gala Dinner and Networking

15 October 2026

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-12:00	Parallel Sessions
12:00-13:30	Networking and Lunch
13:30-16:30	Parallel Sessions
16:30-19:30	Digital Alternative Mobility Monitor (DMM) General Assembly: Roadmap, Governance, and Next Steps

16 October 2026

8:00-9:00	Registration	Journals' Workshop (Faculty Meeting Room)
9:00-12:00	Parallel Sessions	
12:00-13:30	Networking and Lunch / 12:00-14:00 T2M General Assembly Meeting	
13:30-14:00	Closing Session	
14:00-18:00	Social Programmes (Audi factory, City tour)	

17 October 2026

8:48-13:43	A journey on the fabulous 19th Century Cuha Valley Railway, including a short walk (1,5 hours and 5 km). The programme begins and ends at Győr's railway station.
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Session 1: Dis:connections: Imperial and Global Dreams and Realities of Cross-Border Transport Infrastructure

Chair: Thomas Menger	Date: 14 October (14:00-17:00)
Place: REJUNIVA Room	

Thomas Menger	Empires, Infrastructures, Information. Or the Lack Thereof? Rethinking Globalisation Processes in Ottoman Mesopotamia, 1890-1921
Paul Sprute	Dis:connecting Infrastructures of Global Transport and Mobility: The Bong Mining Company in Liberia as an Infrastructure of Global Automobility and Local Transport
Bilge Karbi	Baghdad Railway Stations from the Ottoman Era to Today: Infrastructure and Changing Borders
Aidan Forth	Making Egypt Navigable: Infrastructure and Imperial Mobility in the Nineteenth Century



Session 2: Regional Transport Networks and Mobility Systems

Chair: Ágoston Winkler	Date: 14 October (14:00-17:00)
Place: Faculty Meeting Room	

Martina Hacke	Cross-Border Land Transport in the Pre-Modern Era
Csaba Sándor Horváth	Crossing the County Borders: The History and Functions of Local Railways around Sopron up to 1920
Gábor Jéger	The Development of Narrow-Gauge Railways in Hungary Before 1920
Olha Martynyuk	Bike and Work in Ukrainian Villages during the Late Soviet Period
Jørgen Burchardt	From Sledge Roads to State Steering: Winter Road Service and the Modernization of Land Transport
András Veöreös	Architectural Values of Village Bus Stops
Estera Pracuová	From Technical Narratives to Urban Mobility: Rethinking Transport Historiography through Interwar Košice



Session 3: Labour Mobility, Migration and Employment

Chair: Balázs Varga	Date: 14 October (14:00-17:00)
Place: Barsi Ernő Hall	

Jázmin Lőre/Lívía Ablonczy Mihályka	Migration, Motherhood and Mobility: The Experiences of Highly Educated Women in International Labour Migration
Margot Abord de Châtillon	Working for green logistics: French freight railway workers in a competitive market
Szabolcs Rákosi/Balázs Varga	The Transformation of Work-Related Mobility in the Era of Hybrid Work in a Border Region
Balázs Varga	Reasons for and Features of the International and Inner Migration within the Leadership of Győr between 1944 and 1956
Jenő Balla	Bridging Factory and Field: Cross-Sectoral Human Logistics and Foreign Labor Sourcing in Regional Hungary
Attila Pongrácz	From Émigré Community to Transnational Diaspora Network: Transformation of the Hungarian Community in Brazil (1990–2025)
Ildikó Lőwi/Csaba Sándor Horváth	The Paradox of Labour Mobility: The Cultural Consequences of Structured Temporariness in Hungary's Guest Worker System



Session 4: Space, AI, Micromobility and Emerging Mobility Technologies

Chair: Szabolcs Rákosi	Date: 15 October (9:00-12:00)
Place: REJUNIVA Room	

Tristan Thielmann	Smart Borders for Smart Farming: Virtual Fencing and the Politics of Mobility
Barbara Horváth	Space Traffic Management and the Emerging Regulatory Governance of Earth Orbits
Orsolya Júlia Erős	Invisible Infrastructure in Outer Space Behind Mobility on Earth
Gábor Pék/Szabolcs Rámháp	The Safety Paradox and Ownership Dynamics in Urban Micromobility: Analyzing E-scooter Adoption Patterns in a Car-Centric City
Edina Tárkányi	AI in Sport-Related Mobility: Privacy and Legal Challenges in the Era of Emerging Technologies
Dorottya Biczi	Autonomous Vehicles in European Transport Integration: Liability, Legal Harmonization, and Cross-Border Mobility



Session 5: Infrastructure, Logistics and Spatial Transformation

Chair: Júlia Szőke	Date: 15 October (9:00-12:00)
Place: Faculty Meeting Room	

Paul Sprute	A 'Missing Link' in West Africa? A Discursive and Material History of Border-Crossing Infrastructures along the Kru Coast between Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire
Zoltán Ködmön/Júlia Szőke	The Spatio-Temporal Evolution of Sino-African Transportation Infrastructure Cooperation (2000–2024)
Amanda Katz	Infrastructure at the Edge: Technology, Transportation, and Modernity in Crete and the Greek Islands
Jørgen Burchardt	Maritime Infrastructure in Transition: From Merchant Harbour to Industrial and Leisure Port, 1880–1930
Piotr Marek Smolnicki	Human-Scale Urbanism as Sensory Practice: The Flâneur as Instrument Across a Disciplinary Border. Case of Długie Ogrody Street in Gdańsk
Simone Fari	Liquid Mobilities: Fluids, Infrastructure, and the Missing Materiality of Mobilities Studies
Pedro Bastos/Victor Andrade	What Does the EU Fund When It Funds Urban Logistics? Evidence from a Decade of Horizon Projects
Peter Norton	Historical Methods Can Improve Future Urban Mobility



Session 6: Borders, Migration and Diasporas

Chair: Gábor Kecskés	Date: 15 October (9:00-12:00)
Place: Barsi Ernő Hall	

Cornelis Van Tilburg	Moving Peoples, Moving Frontiers: Migration at the Beginning and End of the Roman Period in the Netherlands
Anne Conchon	Transnational Mobilities Facing Changes in Borders: France's Territorial Expansion into Germany (1797–1815)
Balázs Pálvölgyi	Fault Lines and Continuities: The Routes of Emigration from Hungary and the Transformation of the Transport Channels of Migration, 1903–1923
Yusuf Umar Madugu	Cross Boarder Migration and the Development of the Kano Economy
Tiphaine Robert	Crossing the Iron Curtain... and Crossing Back Again. Return Migration to Eastern Europe during the Cold War: the Case of the 1956 Hungarian Refugees
Dalma Ősze Takó/Gábor Kecskés	The Issue of Climate Change Induced Mobility within the Council of Europe and the Case Law of ECtHR
Saltuk Duran	French Printed Materials at Ottoman Borders under Abdülhamid II: Between Prohibitions and Circulation (1876–1908)



Session 7: Inequality Narratives in Mobility: Gendered, Peripheral, and Global South Alternative

Chair: Simone Fari	Date: 15 October (13:30-16:30)
Place: Faculty Meeting Room	

Müge Özbek	Women Walking in Late Ottoman Istanbul: Narratives of Urban Strolling
Tiphaine Robert	When Alternatives Became Alternatives. A Political History of the Motorways (Switzerland, 1920–1954)
Simone Fari/Miguel Pazos Oton	Walkability as Mobility Democracy: Reducing Inequalities in Pontevedra (2000s–2020s)
Lyubomir Pozharliev	Fare-Free Transit: The Paradoxical Case of Belgrade
Antonis Faras	Mobility between Technology and Mythology in the Vale Next to Mount Olympus
Filipe Marino	Overview of Passe Livre (Fair-Free) in Public Transport in Brazil: A Possible Future



Session 8: Identity, Culture and Mobility I.

Chair: Zoltán Csizmadia	Date: 15 October (13:30-16:30)
Place: REJUNIVA Room	

Márta Nárai/Stefánia Szabó	The Shifting Imprints of Borderland Existence on Local Social Structure, Mobility, and Settlement Identity
Zoltán Bugovics	The Changing Tendencies of Local Identities and Genius Loci in the Scattered Farmsteads in the Sand Ridge Area of the Great Plain of Hungary
Bettina Oszter/Zoltán Csizmadia	Roots and Routes: Local Social Dimensions of Residential Mobility in a Hungarian Regional City Centre (Győr)
Dobromir Kaźmierczak	Presenting the Pedestrian Perspective: The Case of Bytom Pieszy
Ádám Páthy/Judit Berkes/Katalin Mezei/Péter Tóth	Estimating Effective Residential Population in a Medium-Sized Central European Town under Conditions of Increasing Mobility
Ádám Páthy/Tamás Hardi	Growing Mobility, Limited Polycentricity: Commuting and Socio-Spatial Transformation in Hungary, 2001–2022



Session 9: Identity, Culture and Mobility II.

Chair: Nóra Horváth	Date: 15 October (13:30-16:30)
Place: Barsi Ernő Hall	

Tamara Böcz/Péter Tóth	Inner-country Mobility among Hungarian Sex Workers
Adél Vehrer/Emese Lengyel	Mobility as Cultural Representation: Foreign Performances of Romani Bandleaders in the Public Discourse of Pesti Hírlap (1880–1910)
Charlotte Rottiers	Railing Transnational Identities: Semi-Public Interiors and European Identity Formation along the Simplon-Orient Express, 1920-1940
Adam Borch	Scandinavian Travellers on the Trans-Siberian Railway in the Twentieth Century: Carsten Jensen and Rosa Liksom
Nóra Horváth/Dóra Dergez-Rippl	Greek Antiquity, the Eternal Contemporary: Spatial and Mental Orientations, Imagined and Represented Mobilities in the Past and in the AI Era
Kinga Cseri/Boglárka Boldizsár	The Ontological Paradox of Digital Mobility, Bodily Anxiety, and the Possibilities for Intersubjective Openness



Session 10: Railways, Borders and State Formation

Chair: Nirali Joshi	Date: 16 October (9:00-12:00)
Place: REJUNIVA Room	

Remigiusz Grochowiak	One Tramway, Two Nations: The Polish-German History of Poznań's Urban Transport
Leandro Stacchini	The Language of State-Building: A Comparative Digital Analysis of Railway Nationalization Rhetoric in Italy and Japan (1890-1907)
Federico Meneghini Sassoli	Shifting Borders and Networks: The Lombardo-Veneto Railways 1841-1866
Krisztina Kállai	Terror Threat Against Railway Infrastructures and the Development of State Security Policy Responses in Central and Western European Region
Nirali Joshi	Traversing Borders, Producing Borders: Thinking about the Railway



Session 11: Student Mobility and Internationalisation

Chair: Katalin Bándy	Date: 16 October (9:00-12:00)
Place: Faculty Meeting Room	

Anikó Makkos	International Student Mobility as a Linguistic Experience: Student Perspectives from Higher Education
Zsuzsanna Pálffy/Julianna Fejes-Nádai	From Student Mobility to Regional Embeddedness: A Systematic Literature Review and Conceptual Model of International Student Retention
Júlia Hajszán	Spatial Patterns of Generation Z Labour Mobility in Europe
Ildikó Lőrincz/Zsuzsanna Pálffy/Zoltán Ködmön/Júlia Szőke	Sustainable and Inclusive Quality Education as a Pathway to Mobility
Katalin Bándy/Attila Vermes/ZhiWei Gou	Educational Resource Allocation, Human Capital Structure, and Income Inequality: Spatial Evidence from Western China
Andrea Csapó Horváth	Language, Culture, and Mobility: Study Migration as Reflected in University Students' Narratives
Judit Glavanits/Jácint Ferencz	Between Mobility Aspirations and Actual Behaviour: Foreign Employment Attitudes among Hungarian Young Adults



Session 12: Mobility Law and Governance

Chair: Péter Váczi	Date: 16 October (9:00-12:00)
Place: Barsi Ernő Hall	

József Krenner	Cross-Border Mobility and Road Safety: Legal and Enforcement Responses to Tourist, Technological and Urban Traffic Risks
Clara Glachant/Frauke Behrendt	Legitimising Fatbikes and Mobility Justice – Preliminary insights from the Netherlands
Andrea Ferdics	Legal Routes of Minority Mobility: Minority-Oriented Extraterritorial Citizenship in the Visegrád Four
Péter Váczi	Constitutional Borders in Motion: Mobility, Sovereignty and Fundamental Rights in Contemporary Europe
Éva Szabó	The Legal and Economic Constraints on the Free Movement of Capital within the European Union
Attila Vermes	Insurance Law as an Infrastructure of Logistics: A Historical Perspective on Risk, Mobility and Cross-Border Trade
Katalin Adél Rámháp Radics	Protecting Local Identity and Regulating Residence: Municipal Autonomy, Free Movement and Localised Mobility Governance in Hungary
Lea Pődör/István Lakatos	Borderless Micromobility, Fragmented Regulation: Electric Scooters and the Legal Challenges of Cross-Border Urban Mobility

