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Two Wheel Mobilities

Conveners:

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Panel description:

The time when the desire to own a bicycle was displaced by the rise of motor scooters has long passed in Southeast Asia. Yet, even with a greater range of options for modes of travel, bicycles and motor scooters remain popular but arguably diurnal forms of transport. Conceptually driven by the interdisciplinary ‘new mobilities’ paradigm, this panel aims to explore the future of two wheel mobilities in Southeast Asia. The panel is open to all academic disciplinary backgrounds and especially phenomenological, sensory and narrative methodological approaches. We invite authors to focus on new mobilities phenomena of the obvious choices of bicycles and motor scooters of metropolitan commuting, village movement and rural transport, or to take a step beyond to explore other mobilities such as elite competitive cycling, ‘cyclo’ and other human-powered load bearing machines, ‘bentor’ and other people movers, wheelchairs and improvised machines that enable people with disability to experience mobility, disruptive three wheel machines, and so on. To what extent does the future of two wheel mobilities connect with the past, memory and previous experiences? How does it feel to travel by two wheels? What sensations are experienced or dulled? How does two wheel travel mark, transform or injure the body? How does the body experience the natural world and built environment when going on two wheels? How do infrastructural developments enable, inhibit or transform two wheel mobilities? What emotions are shaped by two wheel travel? How are strangers encountered? For example, on a motor scooter taxi? Or ride share? How is street crime entangled with motor scooters? What other informal economic activity is enabled by two wheel mobilities?

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