



Call for Papers

5th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation

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Bridging the gap

THE venue to present and share research findings on gender and transport with colleagues from all over the world

The 5th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation (WIIT) builds upon the successful WIIT conference series, held in the US since 1978.

Beginning with a scholarly focus, the series has broadened its outlook into policy making issues and planning and engineering processes, gradually deepening the understanding of women's issues at local, regional, state and national levels.

The 5th WIIT International Conference continues this focus on women's issues with the general question of "bridging the gap" between men and women in matters related to transportation. The conference will provide an international forum for sharing the latest research findings and policy analyses, and will feature international officials, keynote speakers, researchers, and practitioners.

A major goal of the conference is to deepen understanding of women not just as passive recipients of transport services, but as actors that can impact sustainable access, safe mobility, policy development, governance and oversight, service

delivery and business expansion. The identification of future research needs will also be a key area of attention.

The focus areas are:

- **Transport policy, transport patterns and mobility;**
- **Health, safety and personal security;**
- **Sustainability;**
- **Transportation impacts on careers and careers impacts on transportation.**

In addition three cross-cutting themes will be considered:

- **Gender research issues;**
- Issues related to **converting research findings into policy;**
- Issues pertaining to **narrowing the gap between developed countries and developing countries** with respect to women's issues in transportation.

The Conference Planning and scientific Committees invite abstracts for papers that address one or more of these four focus areas or cross-cutting themes.

Abstract Submission Website: <http://wiit-paris2014.sciencesconf.org/>

Questions on the call for abstracts, general conference information or conference sponsorship should be directed to wiit-paris2014@listes.ifsttar.fr



Transport policy, transport patterns and mobility

This Pillar refers to the gender impact of transport policies and regulatory frameworks, as they frame the sector research, investment and service delivery. Understanding transport patterns and mobility is fundamental to the creation of evidence-based, gender-sensitive policies. Women's socio economic conditions, mobility patterns and special needs vary widely across and within countries. Appropriate knowledge, monitoring and evaluation, incentives, regulations, and remedies are core elements of gender-sensitive transport policies, equally serving women and men. Ideally, policies should be designed to provide an enabling environment for a fair share of the mobility benefit and of the sector wealth participation between women and men. The design and implementation of successful policies would benefit greatly from sharing the experiences of countries across the globe.

Website: [Transport policy, transport patterns and mobility](#)

Health, safety and personal security

Key question of this research focus area relates to gendering of transport safety, health and security issues. **Manuscripts focusing on policy making and gaps between low, medium and high income countries are welcomed.** Papers are expected on **how gender** influences the type of crashes women, **injury type and severity, transport-related consequences on health and well-being, as well as attitudes and behaviors** concerning transport safety and security. On these different topics, papers could also analyze if and how can policies concerning safety, security, and health take gender differences and specificities into account. Furthermore, papers are expected to **examine** cultural, economic and geographical effects on gender safety, security and health on transportation. In particular, papers dealing with transfer possibilities and issues of best practices concerning gender equalities in safety, security and health in transportation from one country to another are **welcomed**.

Website: [Health, safety and personal security](#)

Sustainability

The three pillars of sustainability relate to **economic, societal, and environmental considerations**. Furthermore, while one country may be working to make their transportation more environmentally sustainable, another may need to prioritize **economic or social sustainability**. As well, changes to the **built environment** (land-use and transportation infrastructure) to improve one aspect may negatively affect another. Within those three areas is an enormous set of issues that could affect the genders differently; this research focus area requests work on such important topics.

Website: [Sustainability](#)

Transportation impacts on careers and careers impacts on transportation

Mobility and professional activities interact at different scales which can be classified as follows: 1/ Workers who need **mobility to reach their workplace**. 2/ Mobile professionals, meaning that their work activity occurs in variable locations; 3/ **Transport professionals** who work in itinerant or sedentary jobs providing mobility to people or transporting goods.

In the field of gender studies, women's participation in transport policy development and oversight, women's share of transport business opportunities and wealth creation have been less researched. Relevant to this area is research on professional activities (or any wealth-creating activity) in relationship with transport and mobility in a world in which jobs are overwhelmingly dominated by men. At last, **women's participation in transportation research** still needs to be considered.

Website: [Transportation impacts on careers and careers impacts on transportation](#)