TGRG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Date & Time: Wednesday 4th September, 15:00

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AGENDA

1	Apologies
2	Minutes of last meeting a) Matters arising
3	Chair's Report
4	Treasurer's Report a) Motion to affirm the use Co-op as our bankers for another year
5 6	Membership Report Other Reports a) Website and social media report b) Postgraduate report, including PG Prize announcements c) Undergraduate Prize announcements 2023 entrants d) JTRG Editor's Report e) TGRG Book Series Report
7	Elections a) Secretary b) Postgraduate Representative (three posts – one re-election, two empty) c) Ordinary Member (online portfolio) d) Ordinary Member (prizes and awards portfolio)
8	15 Minute City - panel discussion (16:00-16:50)
9	Any Other Business
10	Date and format of next AGM

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Present: Helena Titheridge, Mengqui Cao, Anna Plyushteva, Kostas Mouratidis, Benjamin Buttner, Karen Lucas, Dominic Stead, Achilleas Psyllidis, Karyn Scerri, Gurav Mittal, Yannick Cornet, Azraa Ali Eltayeb Ibrahim, Luis Encalada, Bushra Zahir, S. Alvanides, Hannah Budnitz, Chia-Lin Chen, Justine Gangneux, Anna-Lena van der Vlugt, Binrong Lin, Claude Lynch, Yu Jiang, Raheem Rashid, Pinar Akbaba, Doosun Hong, Rama Permana, Merve Vatansever, Gina Porter, Loi Teik Soon, Yunshan Wan, Wisely Ong, Ariane Droin, Alexandra Stankulova, Gary Higgs, Diego Hdo Florez, Arias Molinare, Linda Naughton, Georgia Charalampidou, El Wylde, Kardelen Kurt, Wilbert den Hoed, Marcel Cardinali, Milena Vukmirovic, Valeria Ramos Zuniga, H. Schumann, Xavier Lehmann, Antonios Ballas, MaryFer Perez Linares, Vincent Tourre, Diego Sanchez

1. **Apologies:**
   Elizabeth Delmelle, Mark Zuidgeest, Peter Jones, Marcus Young, Craig Morton

2. **Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising:**
   HT apologised for the lack of minutes from the last AGM, due to a mix up between herself and the then secretary Paul Stanton. As far as anyone could recall there were no matters arising from the 2023 AGM.

3. **Chair's report:**
   It has been a tough year for the committee this year. I have had a difficult year personally so have not bee able to put as much attention into the committee as I would have liked. In addition, we have effectively been working without a secretary as Paul has been absent for the past year. This has meant we haven't been communicating as often as we would have liked with the wider community, not done any extra activities beyond the conference and have been late circulating some announcements. For this you have my sincere apologies. Hopefully, with the election of an new secretary, we will be in a better position for this coming year.

   The annual conference went very well. Attendance was good and we had an interesting array of sessions. Frank Witlock gave the Hoyle lecture, on the topic of active travel. The Hoyle lecture and reception afterwards were sponsored by Elsevier. My thanks to them. We also presented Frank with the Hay Award in recognition of his contributions to transport geography, including the many years he served as editor for the Journal of Transport Geography.

4. **Treasurer's report:**
   MC reported that we hadn't been able to change the signatories on the bank account, as we hadn't managed to obtain Paul Stanton's signature. He thanked the previous treasurer – Craig Morton for continuing to step in where needed, ensuring that necessary payments went out on time etc. The full financial report is attached to the minutes. We received income from sponsorship and royalties, in line with previous years. Our main expenditure was for the reception after the Hoyle lecture. This looks higher than

in previous years because it includes the drinks for both the 2023 reception and for the 2024 reception. Other expenditure is for the website maintenance and domain name. Our closing balance is £4,935.62.

The use of the Cooperative Bank as our bankers for the next year was affirmed. The meeting agreed, if necessary because we were not able to make the necessary changes to the bank signatories, we could move the funds into a new bank account.

Finally, MC encouraged those present who were not members of RGS to join, and for all RGS members present to let RGS know they wished to be affiliated with TGRG.

5. Membership report

Missing

6. **Other reports**

Social media report: Twitter/X: currently 2,208 followers (last year 2,226). This small fall may well reflect the fact that some users have left the X platform. LinkedIn TGRG group: currently 200 members, an increase from 182 last year. Web: Over the year Sep 23/Aug 24 (previous year in brackets) a total of 1,245 (1,272) visitors and 2,398 (2254) page views. So average page views per visitor of 1.93 (1.77). Therefore, broadly similar to the previous year. Countries accounting for more than 5% of views:

United Kingdom	750	31%
United States	225	9%
Germany	150	6%

This appears to be a significant change from the previous year where around 85% of the page views were from the UK.

Postgraduate reps: We had very good engagement from the postgraduate community with respect to our call for conference papers. We received some very good abstracts, and in total we had 9 presentations at RGS this year.

For the postgraduate prize, like in the past years, we awarded it to the best paper presentation in one of the PGR sessions at the conference. This year we had a new sponsor, Edward Elgar publishing, who are giving £200 worth of books to the winner and £100 of books to the runner up. We would like to thank Dr. Tamara Bose and Professor Maria Attard who helped with the judging. The winners are as follows:

First prize: Subina Shrestha, University of Bergen, “Can urban freight be governed differently?Catalysing co-creation to reconcile conflicting rationalities”—Subina’s presentation was very well-structured and professionally delivered with clear slides with excellent figures. The use of “modified World Café” workshops for this topic was particularly interesting.

Runner up: Lluis Martinez, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, “Understanding urban transformation: A comprehensive stakeholder analysis for street redesign initiatives”—Lluis gave an excellent overview of the research. The “power-interest” figure sparked an engaging conversation among session attendees.

The TGRG PGR LinkedIn group is still active, and we will add all the posts of this year to it as well.

Undergraduate prize: This is a prize for the best undergraduate transport geography dissertation. Nominations are from received via university geography departments. Thanks were given to those who helped judge the dissertations - . The winning dissertations were:

First prize: Francine Egelie, from Durham University for their work on "Exploring everyday lived experiences within a smart city; an investigation into London's smart transport projects"

Runner up: Miles Leonard from Leeds University, for their work titled "How does light-rail transit influence urban imageability in Birmingham?"

Thanks to Edward Elgar publishing for sponsoring this prize.

JTRG editor's and publisher's reports

- Rose Worrell has taken over from Chris Pringle, supporting the editors. She is our main point of contact and welcomes, as do the editors, any comments, ideas and recommendations for the journal.
- *Journal of Transport Geography* is receiving, and publishing, an increasing number of manuscripts. We are planning to appoint a new Associate Editor to support the growing journal, and candidate recommendations from the TGRG are welcomed.
- Long Chen was appointed as Special Issues Editor in 2023 and has managed the commissioning of 11 special issues so far, which are contributing to the impact of the journal. We welcome proposals for new special issues, which can be prepared according to these guidelines, as well as submission to the open special issues (listed on slide 24)
- Peer review activity is highly valued and we are grateful to those who have contributed a review in recent months, and especially board members who have an active role in peer reviewing – this is greatly needed to support the growing journal.
- RW reiterated that comments and recommendations were welcomed by her and the editors. She thanked the TGRG community for their involvement in peer review activities.

TGRG book series

There is a book coming out soon on Gender mobilities in the Global South.

Proposals for new books in the series are welcomed. TGRG members were encouraged to consider the book series as the home for any books they have in mind.

7. Election of TGRG committee members

Secretary – no nominations were received. Karen Lucas agreed to temporarily fill this role, until a new secretary could be found. There were no objections.

PGR reps – Patrick Minor was elected for a second year. Claude Lynch (nominated by HT, seconded by MC) was elected. Lluis Martinez (nominated by HT, seconded by MC) was also elected.

Social media officer – no nominations were received.

Prizes and Awards officer – no nominations were received.

Anyone interested in taking on these roles are encouraged to speak with HT, who can provide more information about what is involved.

HT agreed to check the procedures for electing committee members outside of an AGM. Once these were confirmed, a call for nominations will be circulated.

8. AOB

None

Date and format of next meeting

Preference was expressed for an online AGM, similar in format to this year's, outside of the conference period.