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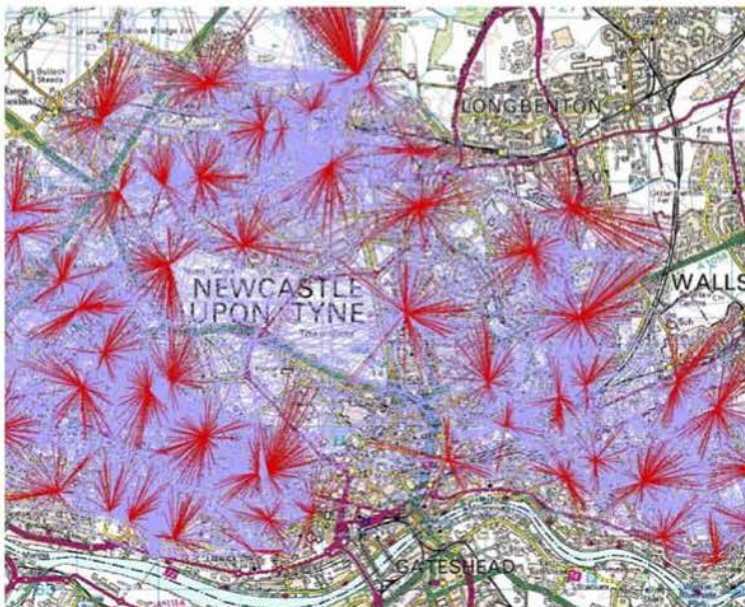


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The Department of Culture Politica Società is glad to announce that,
on **Tuesday November 27th at 14.00 pm, sala lauree rossa piccolo**

Seraphim Alvanides visiting professor (Northumbria University, Newcastle - UK)
will give a seminar on:

From Urban Transport to Active Mobilities: Lessons from North East England



Abstract: Adopting Fred Ken quote "If you plan cities for cars you get cars and traffic", this revisits the past in light of the current transport situation in parts of North East England. Focusing on Newcastle and the surrounding conurbation as a case study, I will present transport policy initiatives and two research projects related to the current situation. It will become apparent that the "baggage" of post-industrial cities must compete with visions of urban futures. As a result, investing on ad hoc infrastructure without full consultation and

thorough planning has generated friction and unrest. I will argue that the casualty of this conflict is the loss of sustainable forms of mobility, such as walking and cycling.

The seminar will be held at Campus Luigi Einaudi, Sala lauree rossa piccola

Bio sketch

Seraphim Alvanides is an urban social geographer, with expertise in quantitative methods and Geographic Information Systems and Science (GIS/Sc). His earlier research interests involve the analysis of population data in order to identify patterns of social deprivation and health inequalities. His more recent work concerns urban environments, such as availability of food outlets and physical activity opportunities, in the context of social/environmental justice. Putting his research into practice, He is also involved with charities and organisations promoting active lifestyles, such as Sustrans, Living Streets, NEAT (North East Active Travel Transport and Health Study Group (THSG)).

Seraphim Alvanides is also Associate Editor for the Elsevier Journal of Transport and Health. After the seminar is available for a short workshop about what happens behind the scenes and give colleagues and PhD students tips: <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-transport-and-health>