



3. Automotive

INVITATION: Working Group

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Working Group Session

You are cordially invited to the 1st 2026 series of CGS-facilitated Catalytic Niche Area Working Group meetings for Automotive Studies. The theme for series 1 is “Advancing Multi-, Inter- and Transdisciplinarity in Catalytic Niche Area Research”. In this series, we will anchor our 2026 approach by reaffirming the commitment to expansive conceptualisations of, and multidisciplinary avenues of participation into, the catalytic niche areas. Our framing for this session is: Automotive studies beyond engineering: mobility, labour, sustainability and justice.

Readings:

- Lindkvist, H., Govik, L. (2024). Micro-meso-macro assessment of drivers and barriers to implementing geofencing for sustainable transport. *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment* 130. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trd.2024.104163>
- Keil, A. K., & Steinberger, J. K. (2024). Cars, capitalism and ecological crises: understanding systemic barriers to a sustainability transition in the German car industry. *New Political Economy* 29 (1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/13563467.2023.222313>
- Sheller, M. (2018). Mobility justice. *Mobilities*. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/370808731_Mobility_justice

Discussion prompts:

- How can automotive research integrate social justice, labour and environmental perspectives?
- What non-engineering disciplines could meaningfully shape automotive futures?
- How does the transition to electric and autonomous vehicles demand transdisciplinary research?
- How is the “automotive sector” reframed when mobility is treated as a social justice issue?



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11:00 – 12:00

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