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**MOBILITY HISTORY AND THE EUROPEAN ROAD NETWORK:
PLANNING, BUILDING, USE AND SPATIAL ORGANIZATION**

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**International conference of
COST 340 Working Group 3**

and

Tensions of Europe, Mobility History Group

Organized by

Gijs Mom (Eindhoven University of Technology)

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Thursday 13 February

13.30 Introductory Session

Laurent Tissot (University of Neuchâtel)

Michèle Merger (President, COST 340)

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14.15 Session 1: National Road Networks: Prewar Projects

- Massimo Moraglio (Università di Torino): “The Motorway Network in Italy and Germany between the Wars; First Comparison Elements.”
- Richard Vahrenkamp (Universität Kassel): “Planning and Construction of Highways in Germany during the Nazi-Period: Styles and Strategies.”

- Bernd Kreuzer (Vienna): “National Road Networks in the 1930s: The Case of Austria’s Roads.”

15.45 Break

16.15 Session 2: National Road Networks: Organization and Models

- Kimmo Antila (University of Tampere, Finland): “Foreign Models, Private Initiatives and Relief Works: Roots of Highway Building in Finland.”
- Juan Hernández Andreu (University of Barcelona): “Road Building and Planning in Spain, 1970 – 2000.”
- Gijs Mom (Eindhoven University of Technology): “Linking and Delinking the European Road Network; The Case of the Netherlands.”

Friday 14 February

9.00 Session 3: Urban Motorways and Cityscaping

- Ueli Haeflerli-Waser (Universität Bern): “Accommodating the Car in Urban Areas? Actors, Debates and Approaches in Germany and Switzerland after World War II.”
- Barbara Schmucki (Institute of Railway Studies, York): “Urban Motorways: More than Junctions of National Road Systems.”
- Michael Mende and Gert Schmidt (Hochschule für Bildende Künste Braunschweig, Universität Erlangen): “Vehicle Design and the Urban Avenue, 1850 – 1960.”

11.00: Break

11.30 Session 4: Regional Networks and Road Use

- Patrick Harismendy (Université de Rennes 2): “‘On the Road Again’: Car Consumption and Driving Motives in Brittany, 1900s to 1940s.”
- Michael R. Fein (Brandeis University, USA): “New York State Road Networks and the Emergence of a Complex Federalism, 1880 – 1931.”

- Alexander Gall (Germany): “Road Transport in Bavaria.”

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Session 5: Accessibility, Spatial Organization and Landscaping

- Martin Tschopp (ETH Zürich): “Accessibility, Spatial Organisation and Demography in Switzerland, 1920 – 2000.”
- Thomas Zeller (University of Maryland): “‘National Character’ and International Style: The German *Autobahn* Network, 1930 – 1970.”
- Mathieu Flonneau (Université de Marne-la Vallée): “Around 1900: Opening the Road to the Car.”

15.30 Break

16.00 Session 6: Traffic Engineering and National Road Planning

- Per Östby (Norwegian University of Science and Technology): “Highway Engineers as Mediators of Mobility and Modernisation.”
- Per Lundin (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm): “The Role of Traffic Engineers in the Formation of the Swedish Car Society, 1950s and 1960s.”
- Pär Blomqvist (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm): “European Road Planning.”

18.00 Drinks

19.00 Dinner

Saturday 15 February

9.00 Session 7: Views From A Distance

- Bruce Seely (Michigan Technological University, USA): “Building the American Highway System: Expertise, Politics, and Enthusiasm.”
- Erik van der Vleuten and Arne Kaijser (Eindhoven University of Technology, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm): “Networking Europe: Conceptual Dimensions of European Road Building History.”
- Discussion on the future of road building history

11.00 Break

11.30 Closing Session: Road or rail through the Alps? A Pannel Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00 End of Conference