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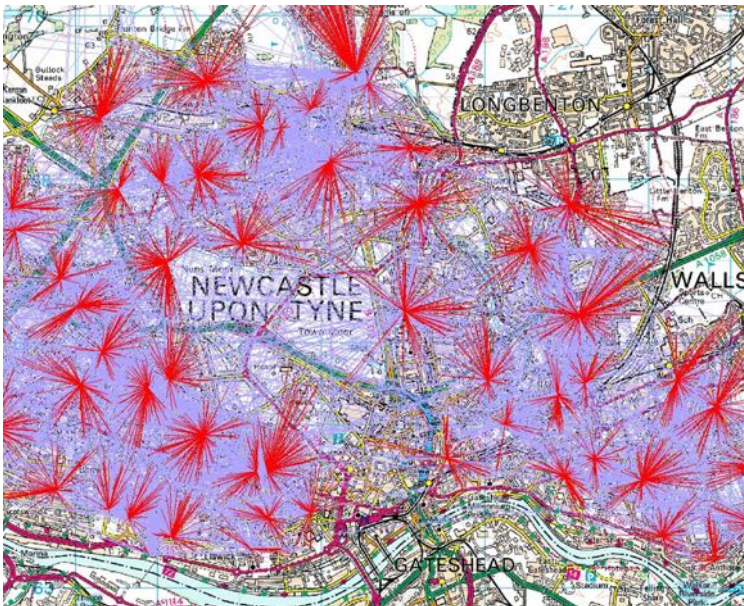


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The Department of Culture Politica Società is glad to announce that,  
on **Tuesday November 27th at 14.00 pm, sala lauree rossa piccolo**

**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's famous quote "If you plan cities for cars and traffic, you get cars and traffic", this seminar revisits the past in light of the present transport situation in parts of North East England. Focusing on Newcastle upon Tyne and the surrounding conurbations as a case study, I will present two recent transport policy initiatives and report on two research projects related to cycling. It will become apparent that the "planning baggage" of post-industrial cities tends to compete with visions of urban futures. As a result, investing on ad hoc transport infrastructure without full consultation and*

*thorough planning has generated friction and unrest. I will argue that the casualty of this conflict are active and 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 Geographical Information Systems and Science (GIS/Sc). His earlier research interests involve the analysis of population census data in order to identify patterns of social deprivation and health inequalities. His more recent work concerns obesogenic 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 volunteer organisations promoting active lifestyles, such as Sustrans, Living Streets, NEAT (North East Active Travel) and the Transport and Health Study Group (THSG).

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