



# Knowledge Production in Public Transport Normativities. Actors. Outcomes.

## Public Programme

18th – 21st of March 2023  
Tbilisi, Georgia

### Venue:

Ilia State University  
Building G, Room G 106,  
1 Giorgi Tsereteli Street,  
Tbilisi, Georgia



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Hosted by the Leibniz Research Group  
“CoMoDe – Contentious Mobilities: Rethinking  
Mobility Transitions through a Decolonial Lens”  
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## Saturday, March 18th

### 16:30 -17:30    **Keynote Speech**

*Coloniality of power and knowledge: Introducing Tbilisi public transport reform*

Elene Khundadze - Freelance Consultant

Lela Rekhviashvili - Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL)

### 17:45 -19:00    **Roundtable Discussion**

*Planning and unplanning Tbilisi: place of public transport*

Soso Salukvadze - Tbilisi State University

Manana Kochladze - Green Alternative

Viktor Tsilosani - Representative of Tbilisi city hall, Head of Municipal Transport Department

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## Sunday, March 19th

### 16:30-17:30    **Keynote Speech**

*Progress through Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans? The EU Commissions' urban transport planning paradigm and its ambivalent outcomes in- and outside the EU*

Tonio Weicker - Goethe University Frankfurt

Moderator: Lyubomir Pozharliev - Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL)

### 17:30-18:30    **Roundtable Discussion**

*Mobilising external knowledge and expertise in making Tbilisi public transport reform*

David Jaiani - Deputy head of TUDA

Zurab Beradze - Consultancy STS

Nana Adeisvhili - Freelance Consultant

### 20:00    **Movie Screening & Discussion**

Screening Tekla Aslanishvili's documentary *'State in the State'*,

Following Discussion *'Telling Infrastructural Stories'* with:

Evelina Gambino - Girton College, University of Cambridge

Ia Eradze - Institute for Social and Cultural Studies, Ilia State University

Alexandra Aroshvili - Independent researcher and activist, Fair Infrastructure Platform

Giorgi Tsintsadze - Researcher and lecturer

Moderator: Lela Rekhviashvili - Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL)

Location: Cinema house 'Kinos Sakhli'

2 Dzmehi Kakabadzebi St, Tbilisi



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Monday, March 20th

**16:30-17:30 Keynote Speech and Roundtable Discussion**

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Wojciech Koblowski - Cosmopolis Centre for Urban Research, Vrije  
Universiteit Brussel

Moderator: Wladimir Sgibnev - Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL)

**17:45-19:00 Keynote Speech and Roundtable Discussion**

*Middle Class Backlash against Tbilisi Public Transport reform - Activist  
perspectives*

Giorgi Babunashvili - Senior Policy Analyst at CRRC-Georgia

Irakli Zhvania - Architect and urban designer

Anton Polsky - MAKE, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL)



**Map for Orientation of Ilia St. University**  
Symposium Venue: Building G, Room G 106