



4th VREF Conference on Urban Freight

Urban freight and liveable cities: Interactions between planning, design and business for scalable innovations

23-25 Mars 2021, Gothenburg, Sweden

Call for Abstracts

The **4th VREF Conference on Urban Freight** will present current issues influencing urban freight research and discuss the interactions between planning, design and business to achieve scalable innovations in the management of urban freight flows that lead to liveable cities.

Current issues influencing urban freight research

23 Mars 2021, Lindholmen Science Park

A series of presentations of **research papers** on the basis of submitted abstracts (in oral and poster form) in short presentations in a number of parallel streams.

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24 & 25 Mars 2021, Lindholmen Science Park

Invited **presentations, panels and break-out sessions** discussing innovative solutions that consider the perspectives from authorities, transport operators, retailers, architects, planners, real estate developers, other industry stakeholders and researchers.

Organizer

The Urban Freight Platform (UFP) is an initiative supported by Volvo Research and Educational Foundations (VREF) on urban freight research based in Gothenburg, Sweden. The UFP works as a facilitator of academic research on urban freight within the context of the logistics competence center Northern LEAD at University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology.

Topics

Research papers discussing current issues influencing urban freight will be presented on the 23rd of Mars, 2021. We invite scholars to submit abstracts on diverse topics related to urban freight, including (but not limited to):

- Sustainable urban logistics
- Local/last mile pickup and delivery
- Freight modes (trucking, rail, water, air) and intermodality
- Integrating freight in the design of urban space
- Modelling flows in transport, traffic and, urban planning and design
- Spatial organization of freight activities
- Urban form, transport accessibility and barrier effects
- Transport depots and logistics facilities as new challenge in urban planning
- Urban freight policy & planning
- The importance of real estate owners in managing freight flows
- Stakeholders engagement, collaboration and coordination
- Managing urban freight flows
- Managing urban freight demand
- Implications of logistics innovations for urban freight
- Implications of digitalisation and new vehicles technology (e.g. automated and electric vehicles) for urban freight
- Implications of changing consumption, production and spatial organization (including developments in purchasing, retailing and manufacturing) for urban freight
- Construction logistics
- Methods in urban logistics/SCM research

Presentation formats

Papers will be presented in two different formats: lectern presentations and poster presentations. To ensure a wide participation and foster diversity of participants only one paper per presenter will be accepted (those attending can still co-author multiple papers). All submitted abstracts will go through a review process.

Special Issue

If sufficient interest is shown, the UFP will coordinate a special issue with selected papers from the conference. Potential journals for the special issue include *Sustainability*, *Research in Transport Economics*, and *World Review of Intermodal Transportation Research*. Please mention in the submission if you are interested in submitting a full paper for consideration in the special issue.

Timeline

10th April	1 st November, 2020	Abstract submission (no action needed if you want to keep the same abstract)
6th May	1 st December, 2020	Notification of acceptance
14th October	23 Mars, 2021	Presentation at conference
30th November	29 January, 2021	Submission of full paper for publication in special issue

Abstracts Format

Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words, excluding references. The abstract must include the following sections:

- **Purpose:** State the purpose of your research
- **Research Approach:** Describe the research approach (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, exploratory) and method adopted
- **Findings and Originality:** Describe the key findings of your research (findings can be preliminary)
- **Research Impact:** Describe the impact of your research
- **Practical Impact:** Discuss the policy/managerial implications of your research

Submission

Submit the abstract as an attached file to info@urbanfreightplatform.se and indicate in your email:

1. Your preferred type of presentation: Lectern presentation or poster presentation. The organizers will try to accommodate the request when possible.
2. Presenter (this can be changed later on)
3. If you are interested in submitting a full paper for publication in a special issue.

More information

Further information on conference registration, accommodation and other updates will be published on the conference website: www.urbanfreightplatform.se

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