Pedal powered frictions: co-thinking cycling as a transformer and maintainer of power relations

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Collective article

- Try something new
- Open up new alleys of knowledge
- Different disciplinary backgrounds and career levels
- Writing and review process in several steps

Pedal-powered frictions

- ‘Friction’
  - as a multidimensional tool to co-think power dynamics in cycling and transformation (Clarsen, 2014; Cresswell, 2024).
  - ‘double edged’, they can both hinder and enable mobilities (Cresswell, 2014, citing Tsing, 2005).
  - necessary for mobility (Tsing, 2005).
  - tool in the production of power

- *System frictions*
  - **Dealing with cycling in transport planning (***Kristina Trygg)*
  - **From refining the system to rethinking the system – the case of road construction sites (***Jones Karlström)*

- *Distributional and representational frictions*
  - **Cycling with kids, cycling with care (***Malin Henriksson)*
  - **Everyone on their bikes? Participation and inclusion in Berlin's "Sternfahrt" (***Annika Wappelhorst)*
  - **Thinking pedal powered frictions with grassroots cycling initiatives (***Dag Balkmar)*

- *Modality frictions*
  - **Cycling as work: the case of bike-based logistics (***Jens Alm, Annika Otto and Alexander Paulsson)*
  - **The power of flexibility – e-biking as an everyday practice (***Karin Edberg)*

Conclusions

- Cycling reproduces ideals of automobility
- Frictions exist within cycling practices
- => contributor and maintainer of power relations
- Joy-based cycling, inclusion and adapted infrastructurs can create alternative
- Relational and collective

