

TITLE: Auto-automobilities. Driverless cars in tomorrow's smart cities.

ABSTRACT: Autonomous cars are popular in discourses depicting optimistic urban futures, super-efficient mobilities, and the solution of traffic, pollution and sustainability problems. By drawing on theoretical debates on automobilities and time-space geography, I suggest that the driverless car is transversal to the politics of the present and the future, and that opportune social, cultural and political frameworks may allow to avoid narrow understandings of technological development, in order to envision and politicize alternative trajectories producing more just and livable (smart) cities.

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