

# Master Class "Emerging Africa: mobile city, digital lives?"

## Call for applications

### Presentation

The Master Class will focus on the digitalisation of mobility and circulation in emerging African cities, starting from the metropolis of Cape Town (South Africa). The focus will be on the different types of mobility and circulation in urban spaces. In this context, students will be invited to investigate the practices, infrastructures and digital devices that support these mobilities and circulations, focusing in particular on the digital applications and platforms that are deployed in urban spaces and allow the organisation of the mobility and circulation of people, goods, ideas and capital (social networks, wifi terminals, applications for transport or cash transfers, data centres, credit scoring technologies, internet search portals, etc.). The aim of the fieldwork will be to measure the degree of digitalisation of mobility and circulation in an emerging metropolis, to understand its consequences on the evolution of urban space and city life, and to reflect on the political and social issues of this process.

To this end, this Master Class will be based on the setting up of a collective fieldwork allowing French, South African and Nigerian Master and PhD students to carry out together an exploratory research work on these themes in an urban studies perspective associating all the disciplines (geography, sociology, anthropology, etc.) which allow a better understanding of the organisation of contemporary African mobilities and circulations at the time of the digitalisation of urban lifestyles. This Master Class will be based on a collaboration between the ENS and partners in South Africa and Nigeria. It is organised with the financial support of EUR Translitterae. Transport and accommodation costs will be covered.

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**Validation:** participation in the fieldwork, production of a collective report.

### Planning

3 October 2022: opening of applications

7 November 2022: closing date for applications

End of March-beginning of April 2023: ten-day fieldwork in Cape Town

### How to apply

Send to the organisers:

- an updated CV
- a letter of motivation