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Barrier-Free Public Transport (BFPT) Summer School 2025

Vienna, Austria

Physical part: 07. – 11. July 2025

(06. and 12. Travel-Days)

Virtual part: 01. and 22. July 2025

Venue:

WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
Welthandelsplatz 1, AD, 1020 Vienna





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Agenda

Date	Time	Topic	Lecturer
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01.07.2025			
1st Online Lecture			
Zoom-Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85427240763			
	10:00-10:15	Welcome and introduction	Assoc. Prof. Priv.-Doz. Mag. Dr. Elmar Fürst Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired Dipl.-Ing. Sebastian Belz European Platform of Transport Sciences (EPTS Foundation e.V.)
	10:15-10:20	Live Mindmap: What do you expect of this Summer School?	All students
	10:20-10:40	About the Summer School - "Barrier-Free, accessible, inclusive, cross-border public transport" (Perspective of a Student from Summer School 2024)	Lorenzo Freire--Stella CY Cergy Paris University
	10:40-11:20	Introduction of lecturers and mentors	All Lecturers (2-3 minutes each)



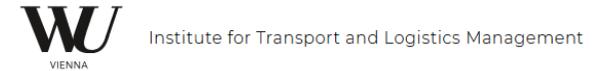


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	11:20-12:45	Introduction of students	Students short introduction (2-3 minutes each): about one self, which school are they coming from, motivation - why did they apply, etc.)
	12:45-13:00	Short break	
	13:00 -14:00	Lecture 1: Introduction and concept of accessibility and inclusion UN Convention and social model of disability	Assoc. Prof. Priv.-Doz. Mag. Dr. Elmar Wilhelm M. Fürst Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired

07.07.2025	1st Day WU/Vienna		
	Location: Vienna University of Economics and Business, Welthandelsplatz. 1, 1020 Wien Lecture room: TC.5.01		
	08:30-09:00	Welcome - Registration (Drinks and Snacks)	
	09:00-09:30	Opening Words, Tasks, Agenda	Univ. Prof. Tina Wakolbinger , Ph.D. Deputy Director of the Institute of Transport Economics and Logistics - WU Vienna University of Economics and Business Assoc. Prof. Priv.-Doz. Mag. Dr. Elmar Wilhelm M. Fürst Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired





			<p>Dipl.-Ing. Sebastian Belz European Platform of Transport Sciences (EPTS Foundation e.V.)</p> <p>Stefanie Chwalko, MA Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired</p>
09:30-09:50	Lecture 2: Legal aspects		<p>Mag. Victoria Biber, LL.M. EU and international affairs at the Austrian Disability Council Board member of the European Disability Forum</p>
09:50-10:10	Lecture 3 Passenger rights		<p>Dr. Werner Leber Lawyer at Vienna</p>
10:10-10:45	Lecture 4: Understanding disabilities Social exclusion and inclusion		<p>Mag. Daniele Marano Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired</p>
10:45-11:00	Short break		
11:00-11:45	Lecture 5: Barrier-Free mobility		<p>Assoc. Prof. Priv.-Doz. Mag. Dr. Elmar Wilhelm M. Fürst Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired</p>

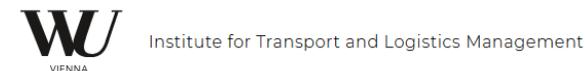




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11:45-12:30	Lecture 6: Challenges in the use of public transportation	Christian Platzer Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired
12:30-13:45	Lunch break	
13:45-14:15	Lecture 7: The role of mobility as a service in a city and its importance for persons with special needs.	Prof. Valerie Bojku , PhD. Cand. Tempulli College (virtual lecture)
14:15-14:45	Lecture 8: How campaigns can help promote barrier-free public transport - A key to inclusive mobility	MSc. Sara Fusha Osmani Tempulli College (virtual lecture)
15:30-16:30	Lecture 09: Tour through Main Quarter Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired (Jägerstraße 36, 1200 Vienna)	
16:30-16:45	Short break	
16:45-17:00	Excuse: Cross border SCs	Letty Zhu PhD student in agricultural university of Athens Lecturer in Breda University of Applied Sciences
17:00-17:15	Excuse: Sustainable Urban Transport development and the Ochenuell Mobility Efforts in Nigeria	Engr. Emmanuel John , PhD Chief Executive Officer of Ochenuell Mobility





	17:15-18:00	Meet blind and visually impaired people (About their experiences in regards to public transport)	Henriette Etzenberger 0699 10421769 henriette@gmx.at Dr. Stefan Schönfelder Interim Head "Stabsstelle Barrierefreiheit" (Task Force Accessibility) at the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure (BMIMI) Michele Macura
	18:00	Pizza-evening in the Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired (Jägerstraße 36, 1200 Vienna)	

08.07.2025	2nd Day WU/Vienna		
	Location: Vienna University of Economics and Business, Welthandelsplatz. 1, 1020 Wien Lecture room: TC.5.14 (TC.5.12)		
	08:00-08:15	Welcome - Registration (Drinks and Snacks)	
	08:15-09:00	Lecture 10: Inclusive Marketing and Accessible Cruise Experiences	Prof. dr Senka Šekularac-Ivošević , PhD, Associate Professor, University of Montenegro, Faculty of Maritime Studies Kotor





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	09:00-11:00	Team work: 2 Workshops (Theoretical lecture and try out the simulation tools) WS 1: visual impairment (Simulation glasses, canes) (Group 1 and 2) WS 2: mobility impairment (4 wheelchairs & age explorer) (Group 3 and 4)	Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired Mag. Daniele Marano Marija Binova Christian Platzer
	11:15-13:00	Team work: 2 Workshops (Short theoretical lecture and try out the simulation tools) WS 1: visual impairment (Simulation glasses, canes) (Group 3 and 4) WS 2: mobility impairment (4 wheelchairs & age explorer) (Group 1 and 2)	Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired Mag. Daniele Marano Marija Binova Christian Platzer
	13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
	14:00-16:30	Fieldtrip planning	





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09.07.2025		3rd Day – Fieldtrip (Vienna - Bratislava - Vienna)	
07:00	1. Meeting at WU Vienna University of Economics and Business 2. Joint journey by foot to the station using the simulation tools		
08:25-10:00	Group: Travel by FlixBus Vienna Erdberg – Bratislava Airport		
10:30-11:20	Bratislava Airport Exkursion		
11:20-11:50	Demonstration of new hybrid trolleybuses and space for passengers with reduced mobility (in front of the departure hall)		
11:50-12:20	Travel to restaurant		
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break "brewery restaurant with a garden Bratislavský meštiansky pivovar" Bratislavský Meštiansky Pivovar, Dunajská 21, 811 08 Bratislava		
14:00-14:20	Travel to Tram excursion		
14:20-15:50	Tram excursion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstration of a low tram platform • demonstration of a high tram platform • demonstration of the information system in the vehicle, including functions for the blind and visually impaired information on tickets and their purchase options a ride on modern sections of tram lines. 		
16:00-18:00	Guided barrierfree City Tour (Visit of the Old Town Hall and Tourist Information Center)	Guide: Solanová Ľubica	





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		Two employees of the Depart. of Barrier-Free Accessibility of the City Town Hall
18:00-18:30	Travel to train station	
19:16-20:15	Group: Travel by train Bratislava-Petrzalka - Vienna main train station	

10.07.2025	4th Day WU/Vienna		
	Location: Vienna University of Economics and Business, Welthandelsplatz. 1, 1020 Vienna)		
	Lecture room: TC.5.14 (TC.5.05 / TC.5.07 / TC.5.09 / TC.5.11)		
	08:30-09:00	Welcome - Registration (Drinks and Snacks)	
	09:00-09:45	Lecture 12: 100.000 km p.a. cross-border on European rails: why a "normal businessman" demands more inclusion	Dipl.-Ing. Sebastian Belz European Platform of Transport Sciences (EPTS Foundation e.V.)
	09:45-12:00	Team work - Preparation of the final presentation	
	12:00-13:00	Lunch break	
	13:00-13:45	Lecture 13: Digitale Barrierefreiheit / Web accessibility	Mag. Klaus Höckner Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired
14:00 - open End	Group work - Preparation of the final presentation		
19:00	Joint dinner at restaurant Výtopna Rechte Wienzeile 21/1, 1040 Vienna		





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11.07.2025		5th Day WU/Vienna	
		Location: Vienna University of Economics and Business, Welthandelsplatz. 1, 1020 Wien	
		Lecture room: TC.5.01	
	08:00-08:15	Welcome - Registration (Drinks and Snacks)	
	08:15-09:00	Poster session: Group 1	
	09:00-09:45	Poster session: Group 2	
	09:45-10:00	Short break	
	10:00-10:45	Poster session: Group 3	
	10:45-11:30	Poster session: Group 4	
	11:30-12:00	Interview session with students	<i>HG Communication department</i>
	12:00-13:00	Lunch break	
	13:00-14:00	Final conclusions & Closing ceremony	
	14:30-15:30	Closing Event - Gelateria Castelletto	
	16:00-17:00	Guided-Tour: St. Stephen's Cathedral	





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22.07.2025		2nd Online Lecture	
		Zoom-Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89294961309	
	10:00-10:30	Welcome and introduction	Institute of Transport and Logistics Management - WU Vienna University of Economics and Business Daniele Marano Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired Dipl.-Ing. Sebastian Belz European Platform of Transport Sciences (EPTS Foundation e.V.)
	10:30-12:00	Individual presentations of the student assignment	
	12:00 - 12:30	Short break	
	12:30 - 14:00	Individual presentations of the student assignment	
	14:00	Closing words	Institute of Transport and Logistics Management - WU Vienna University of Economics and Business





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Lecturers



Sebastian Belz is working since 2010 as Secretary General of the European Platform of Transport Sciences (EPTS Foundation e.V.), a multinational, multimodal non-profit organisation, which aims to better connect transport scientists from all over Europe. Travelling to all the EPTS countries, meeting the members, organising of and presenting at their congresses and conferences are main tasks of his job. He is used to work and live on the train throughout more than half of the year - and he loves it. Sebastian (52) is a spatial engineer, married and has two grown-up children.



My name is **Victoria Biber**. My background is in law, specifically human rights law. I am responsible for EU and international affairs at the Austrian Disability Council and also serve as a board member of the European Disability Forum. Additionally, I lead the Competence Team on Digitalization at the Austrian Disability Council.



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My name is **Marija Binova**. I have been working in counseling at the Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired for four years. In addition to my counseling role, I facilitate awareness workshops focused on interacting with visually impaired and blind individuals. My primary objective is to eliminate barriers and promote inclusivity. This commitment drives my passion for this important work.





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	<p>Prof. Valerie Bojku, PhD. Cand - Bibaj is an engineer specializing in transportation and mobility, with extensive experience in the management and development of railway infrastructure in Kosovo. She is currently a Lecturer at Tempulli College, while until July 2024, she served as the Acting Director of the Technical and Traffic Department at INFRAKOS and was a member of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU). She has held various leadership and consulting positions, contributing to the strategic planning and development of railway transport. With a rich academic career, she has served as an assistant and lecturer at various universities in Kosovo, covering subjects such as Urban Mobility, Public Transport, and others. As the author of several scientific publications and an active participant in international conferences, Valerie is dedicated to the sustainable development of transportation.</p>
 <p>(c) Katharina Herzog</p>	<p>Stefanie Chwalko is part of the project team of the Austrian Association in Support of the Blind and Visually Impaired based in Vienna. With her knowledge from her degrees in "Communication Economics" – "Marketing, Event and Project Management & "Tourism Leadership" - Management, Entrepreneurship, Design Thinking and through her several years of professional experience in the field of event management and project management, she implements various projects together with the project team specializing in accessibility and assistive technologies for people with visual impairments.</p>
	<p>Lorenzo Freire--Stella completed his studies in Transport Geography and Planning in CY Cergy Paris University. He has been involved in many international projects which allowed him to compare accessibility conditions across Europe and participated in the first edition of the BFPT Summer School in 2024 in Maribor, Slovenia. Lorenzo research interests' are looking toward European Transport Policies, long-distance rail travel and transport-urbanism interactions.</p>



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Daniela Fassel has been working as an Assistant to the Executive Board at the Austrian Association in Support of the Blind and Visually Impaired since October 2021. In this role, she supports the management team with administrative tasks, coordinates meetings and projects, and ensures smooth communication within the organization. Daniela Fassel dedication and organizational skills contribute significantly to the efficient functioning of the society and its initiatives.



Elmar Fürst is an Associated Professor at the institute of Transport and Logistics Management of WU Vienna (Vienna University of Economics and Business). He is also Chairman of the Board of the Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired, Austrian largest and oldest Association in this domain. His research interests include sustainable mobility and transport as well as accessibility. As a recognized expert, he regularly advises public authorities, mobility providers, and civil society organizations on issues related to accessibility, universal design, and the future of inclusive transport. His contributions have had a lasting impact on the development of accessible transport strategies in Austria and across Europe.



Klaus Höckner is CEO of the Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired /Access Austria , based in Vienna. It is a leading privately funded organisation helping visually impaired persons in Austria, existing since 1935. He is member of the board of the Austrian Disability Forum, in IAAPs Global Leadership Council and in several conference boards (ICCHP, AAATE). He works together with Access Israel and Zero Project, acting as an Ambassador in this world wide-initiative. Klaus has an ICT background, working for nearly 20 years in ICT and standardisation in the context of european (i.e. in the European Disability Forum EDF) and inter/national level (CEN, CENELEC/ISO/ITU). From 2018 to 2020 he was a member of the High Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence at the European Commission. Recently he was selected as Expert of the Accessible EU platform. His mission is to make the world accessible for all.





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Werner Leber is a trainee lawyer in Vienna. He worked as a research assistant for the Faculty of Law in Vienna. As part of his studies in business administration, he specialised in transport and logistics. He supports the Austrian Association in Support of the Blind and visually impaired as a volunteer.



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Daniele Marano works at the Austrian Association in Support of the Blind and Visually Impaired as a project manager specializing in accessibility and assistive technologies for people with visual impairments. He holds a master's degree in Psychology from the University of Padua (Italy). Being visually impaired himself, he is a strong advocate for the potential of information and communication technologies and shares his expertise through lectures and training sessions. He is also a member of the Austrian Standards Institute's committee for assistive devices for the blind and barrier-free planning and construction.



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Michele Macura has been blind for around eleven years, after having lived with a visual impairment since the age of 22. Professionally, he initially worked as a programmer in the field of internet technologies. Over time, his interest increasingly shifted toward issues related to accessibility and inclusion. Today, Michele Macura is actively involved with the "Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired," particularly in the technical field of digital accessibility. He tests apps and websites for their accessibility for blind and visually impaired individuals, regularly gives talks at schools about life with visual impairment and blindness, and helps those affected to use smartphones and other digital tools safely. His commitment is driven by personal motivation and a desire to make the digital world more accessible for everyone.





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Alexandra Onea, MSc. is a member of the project team at the at the Austrian Association in Support of the Blind and Visually Impaired. With a background in business studies, she brings expertise in strategic planning and analysis, as well as knowledge in the field of accessibility. Her work focuses on creating inclusive environments and removing barriers for people with visual impairments – whether in physical spaces, digital tools, or public services.



MSc. **Sara Fusha Osmani** (COO at Tempulli College) is a dynamic and results-driven professional with extensive experience in marketing, project management, and public relations. Over the years, she has led diverse initiatives across education, innovation, and entrepreneurship—from founding ARToys, a brand dedicated to educational wooden toys, to managing large-scale international projects at Tempulli Academy, where she serves as Chief Operating Officer. A passion for strategic communication, digital innovation, and impactful project execution has shaped her career. She has secured and managed grants from international bodies such as Erasmus+, the EBRD, and the Kosovo Challenge Fund, leading projects focused on education, quality assurance, and institutional growth. Sara takes pride in organizing conferences, campaigns, and public events that spark dialogue and bring lasting value to communities.



Hi, I'm **Christian Platzer**. I have been physically impaired since my birth and I have to use a wheelchair. Nevertheless I work successfully in the project development apartment of the association for the Blind and the Visually impaired and also as a translator and interpreter, that means I have a lot of experience with public transport because I'm always on the move. I'm looking forward to share my experience with you





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Stefan Schönfelder has been working in the “Stabsstelle Barrierefreiheit” (Task Force Accessibility) of the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure (BMIMI) since August 2023. Before joining the ministry, he has spent most of his career as a mobility researcher at various research institutions in Austria, Switzerland and Germany. Dr. Schönfelder graduated as an urban planner from TU Dortmund (1999) and completed his doctorate at the ETH Zurich on the regularities of travel behaviour in 2007. He uses the wheelchair permanently after an accident in 2003.



Prof. dr. **Senka Šekularac-Ivošević** is an associate professor at the University of Montenegro. She is an experienced researcher specializing in maritime port and shipping marketing and human resources. Her expertise includes marketing strategy, maritime market research, and maritime crew resource management. Currently, she serves as the vice dean for international cooperation, head of the Maritime Management and Logistics Department and coordinator for the IMO Course on Leadership and Teamwork at the Faculty of Maritime Studies Kotor, University of Montenegro.





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