Socially-Aware Mobility Systems

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Abstract: The convergence of several technology enablers, including ubiquitous connectivity, autonomous vehicles, and sophisticated analytics, provides unique opportunities to fundamentally transform mobility in the next decade. Ride-sourcing services have modernized taxi services but they have also increased congestion and widened inequalities in accessibility. This talk looks at mobility from a logistics and supply chain angle, and presents novel mobility services that have the potential to be scalable and sustainable, handling both the first/last mile problem, congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions. Case studies demonstrating novel mobility services will be presented.

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