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Cleaner, greener transport covered in free public talk

International sustainable transport expert, Joseph Strahl, will present a free public lecture at the University of Tasmania tomorrow (**Friday 7 August**) about public transport options being used in Sweden.

Mr Strahl, lecturer in Environmental Science at the Department of Urban Studies, Malmo University, Sweden, will deliver the talk *What on earth is happening with public transit in the streets of Sweden?*

The lecture will examine people-centred transport policy, fuel options for public transport and strategies for improving urban public transport.

During the past four years Mr Strahl studied and evaluated 20 urban sustainable transport projects in and around Malmo as part of the European Union's CIVITAS programme for greener and cleaner transport.

During this time local car trips in Malmo fell from 50 per cent of all trips taken by car to just 38 per cent. Public transport demand for rail services to and from Malmo has outpaced supply.

Dr Stewart Williams, Associate Lecturer in the UTAS School of Geography and Environmental Studies, said Mr Strahl's research has global significance but is of particular importance to Tasmania.

"Mr Strahl has valuable insights from Sweden where significant progress is being made towards the creation of more liveable places," Dr Williams said.

"Given the similarities at a number of levels between Sweden and Tasmania, Mr Strahl has commenced a comparative study of the two places in terms of such matters."

The free public lecture is taking place in the main lecture theatre in the UTAS School of Geography and Environmental Studies, Sandy Bay UTAS campus on 4pm Friday 7 August 2009.

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