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Practices of urban bicycle mobilities: The case of procycling Copenhagen

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SSPSSR Staff and Postgraduate Research Seminars Professor Jonas Larsen, University of Roskilde

Abstract: The uniqueness of this article is that it deals with long distance bike commuting in pro-cycling Copenhagen and its environs. Informed by practice theory and sensuous studies of urban and sport practices, I discuss the 'things and environments', 'meanings', and 'competences and biological bodies' that typify long distance commuter cycling. This article develops cycling literature and the 'mobilities paradigm' in the following ways: by outlining a practice-approach to cycling; challenging the idea that commuter cycling is only for short distances; undermining the distinction between utility and sport cycling; and lastly by connecting the 'mobilities paradigm' with literature on active travel and sport studies.

Jonas Larsen is a professor in mobility and urban studies at Roskilde University, Denmark. He is known for his work on photography, tourism and mobility. He has coauthored Performing Tourist Places (2004), Mobilities, Networks, Geographies (2006) and The Tourist Gaze 3.0 (2011) together with John Urry. He is currently researching mobilities of cycling and running.

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