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Prof. Nikitas is a Professor of Sustainable Transport Futures for Huddersfield Business School (HBS). He is a world's top 2% career-long researcher according to the latest Stanford/Elsevier c-score based ranking list (#564 all-time researcher in Logistics and Transportation) while he was also ranked #197, #146, #141 and #109 globally in the same area in Stanford/Elsevier's yearly lists for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively. He is the Director of the Future Mobility Centre, the Co-founder of the Sustainable Living Research Centre and a partner of the University's European Structural and Investment Funds project Leeds City Region Supply Chain Programme. He is the School's Chair in Research Ethics, a Subject Group Leader in Research and a key figure in the Transport and Logistics Suite degree provision in all study levels.

Prof. Nikitas is the Chair of the Universities' Transport Study Group's (UTSG) Executive Committee leading a group of 60 Universities that work on transport studies including Cambridge, Oxford, UCL, Imperial, Trinity College Dublin, Leeds and Southampton. UTSG is the premier academic forum in the UK and Ireland for transport research and one of the most important ones globally. Prof. Nikitas is the Ass. Editor of the Journal of Transport & Health and member of the Editorial Boards of the journals TRA, SCSi, RTBM and CSTP. He is the new Editor (Transport) for the Journal Sustainable Futures. He is also recognised by the latest results of the Scholar GPS list as a Highly Ranked Scholar (Prior Five Years) listed at the very top 0.05% of research scholars in the world in the area of Mobilities (#33 globally).

His internationally excellent research on the societal importance of sustainable, inclusive and healthy mobility and autonomous, connected, shared, alternatively-fuelled and digitised transport has been published in 138 peer-reviewed chapters, journal and conference papers. His work on active travel for sustainable cities in particular has influenced the Greek Government (specifically the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy) in its policy-making and created real measurable impact in at least 12 cities in Greece including Athens. These cities used his research as a guide to write and run their EC-funded Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans. This transferable work was a 4* REF Impact Case for Huddersfield Business School and has significant merits in knowledge transfer and public engagement targets.

Prof. Nikitas has been a P-I, Co-PI, Co-I or Partner to a multi-million research portfolio (~£20m+). He has led/worked with great success on Horizon 2020 and FP7 programmes including the €13m mega-project OPTICITIES. He also won and delivered research and consultancy projects with companies such as Volvo and Jetas and with the Councils of Kirklees, Wakefield and Bristol. This project portfolio includes a pioneering transport initiative with Kirklees Council for creating three Mobility Hubs in Huddersfield to change the identity of the town. He is also the Academic Adviser of West Midlands Combined Authority and one of the fifteen members of the National Hellenic Committee of Climate Neutrality.

Prof. Nikitas is a Visiting Professor for Chalmers [#139], Sweden and NTUA [#321], Greece. He has also been a distinguished visiting scholar for Peking [#14], Tongji [#192], Tianjin [#269] and Chang' an University in China, AUTH [#508] in Greece and EC' s Joint Research Centres in Ispra, Italy and Seville, Spain. Earlier in his career Prof. Nikitas was a Senior Researcher in Urban Futures and Transportation for Chalmers. Between 2011 and 2014 he was a Local Councillor for his hometown Drama, Greece