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Virtual Reality as a Universal Language for Behavioral Interventions

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John will reflect upon 2 of his recent books, *Mobilities, Networks, Geographies* (2006) and *Mobilities* (2007). In particular he will examine the significance, nature and implications of co-presence in accounting for patterns of corporeal travel. Reference will be made to various research projects concerned with the how and why of travel for work, family and friendship.

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