

ODYSSEUS 2021 – Tangier

ODYSSEUS is a leading international scientific conference in the Logistics and Freight Transportation field. ODYSSEUS 2021 was held in May 2022 because of covid-19 and was the 8th edition of ODYSSEUS. This year it took place in the African continent for the first time, in Tangier, Morocco.

The best researchers and practitioners of transportation and logistics from all over the world gathered at ODYSSEUS to share the newest ideas and research directions. The conference consisted of the most advanced practices, theories, and techniques for various applications.

Some of the topics that were presented at the conference are smart city logistics, vehicle routing problems, electric vehicle problems, humanitarian logistics, and machine learning. I found the conference rich in different contents that were very interesting and relevant to my research interests.

I presented my work: The Dynamic Pickup and Allocation with Fairness Problems in the Machine Learning session and had the honor of being the first presenter at the conference. My talk was filmed and a few seconds of it ended up on Tangier news television. In addition, after the presentation, some leading researchers in the field reached out, which I considered a compliment.

This was my first international conference, and it was an amazing and exciting experience. I could meet the people that wrote many of the papers I read, and make new friends and connections, which might be valuable for my career development and for opportunities for research collaborations. In addition, I listened to many great talks and got to enjoy excursions in Tangier and its beautiful surrounding.

Finally, I would like to thank the Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center for funding my amazing travel for a great conference. I appreciate it a lot and hope to make the best out of it, in terms of my personal research and career development in the smart transportation domain.

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