

What is planned for the next year

> We are in the process of converting the mobility report into an academic book. We hope to have the book completed as a first draft by the start of 2021. Once the health crisis comes to an end, we will resume our regular fieldwork phase.



Type of products envisaged in the coming year

> Scientific publication.

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INFORMALITY, TRANSGRESSION AND THE REGULATION IN THE LICENSED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN MEXICO CITY

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THE PROJECT SEEKS TO UNDERSTAND
BY YOUNG PEOPLE 'S TRANSGRESSION
IN THE CONTEXT OF AN ONGOING PROCESS
OF REARRANGEMENT AND REGULATION OF
LICENSED PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN MEXICO CITY.

Highlights

The study has five main objectives:

- 1 To analyze the ongoing transformation of the public transport concession model (TPC) in Mexico City.
- 2 Explore processes of transgression to this model, both in the regulatory discourses and in the practices of daily life.
- 3 Analyze the social-spatial transformations generated by the new model.
- 4 Analyze the experiences, perspectives and practices of different actors: officials, experts, permit holders, drivers and users.
- 5 Understand if the new model has transformed, or not, the social relations and spatial practices in which the TPC is inserted.

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What was done this year

> In terms of research activities, 2019-2020 initially entailed a more profound and detailed ethnographic research, primarily within the Secretary of Mobility. Since April 2019, the research team has conducted a detailed ethnography of the local institution in charge of mobility in Mexico City. This has entailed, among other things, an understanding of the institutional transformations that the Secretary has experienced since the arrival of the new administration. At the start of 2020 a report was written with initial reflections resulting from the ethnographic study.

Products:

- a) MA Thesis, Amelie Boudot, Co-directed by Dr. Alejandra Leal (from Mexico City) and Juan Torres (University of Montreal), July 2019.
- b) PhD Thesis, Erick Serna Luna, Supervised by Dr. Verónica Crossa (Mexico City), March 2020.

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Preliminary results

- Based on our ethnographic study within the Secretary of Mobility, we have found a number of important theoretical avenues which are linked to discussions around the anthropology of bureaucracy and the state. Specifically, we have concentrated around four key issues:
 - 1) daily work routines
 - 2) the materiality of bureaucracy
 - 3) bureaucratic temporalities,
 - 4) distinctions between political and technical profiles among bureaucrats.
- With these analytical avenues, we are in the process of writing a co-authored book that deals with the politics of mobility in Mexico City. We are currently in the intensive writing stage and foresee the completion of a first draft in the first months of 2021.

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