

Review of: "'Women come out for less important tasks': Understanding the reality of the gendered transport sector in Karachi through Key-Informant Interviews"

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This is an interesting paper. Gender and mobility is my exact area of research and I did my Ph.D. in it. The reason it is interesting is that this is not a much understood field, especially about Pakistan. In India we have a few studies but other South Asian countries we need more. The fact that women are disadvantaged in transport is well known and that the authorities are patriarchal and there is less representation of women in decision making roles is also known. What is not known is exactly how women's needs are not met- is it about routes, or vehicle design or timings or safety while waiting and travelling or lack of seats or street lights or stopping far from bus stops and making them run, which is very common in South Asia.....this would give pointers to authorities (assuming they want to solve this problem) on exactly what action they have to take. Authorities never work on a general crib that they are patriarchal. If you want to solve the issue you have to tell them what to do.

For this, the missing piece is interviews with women passengers- they will tell you what are the gaps which are different for different cities. These interviews with people in government are good- they give the background to what you are up against. But the complete picture will be when you identify the problems more precisely.

Also there is a lot of literature on differences in women and men's mobility . I find that missing in the introduction. In fact "Introduction" as a title should be replaced with something like - Key differences in male/female mobility or 'Characteristics of women's mobility'. Refer the author to my thesis <https://theses.hal.science/tel-02503439/>

It has various references too on this point.