

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 paper investigates the perspectives of transport experts on the transport challenges and mobility barriers women encounter in Karachi, Pakistan. It represents a significant contribution to the broader field of gender-focused transport research. I believe this manuscript is appropriate for publication in Qeios if the following comments can be addressed:

1. The paper focuses on transportation in Pakistan, so I recommend adding 'transportation' or 'transport' to the keywords and removing 'Expert'.
2. *"Although half of the population in Pakistan consists of women..."* Please provide specific data or statistics here.
3. *"The lower female labour force participation rate in Pakistan applies to Karachi."* I am confused here. Are you saying that Karachi has the lowest female labor force participation? Please rephrase and clarify this statement.
4. *"In a household survey, conducted in 2010, it was revealed that from a total of 40,000 households, only 3.7% of women compared to 59.4% of men, were employed during 2010."* This sentence contains grammar errors and very hard to read. Restructure it in a better way.
5. Given the multitude of challenges detailed in Sections 1.1: Informal Transport and 1.2: Sectoral Approach to Transport, wouldn't you agree that these factors are pivotal in explaining the total lack of female integration in Karachi's transport sector?
6. In my mind, your Background section delineates challenges that contribute to an environment unfavorable for women's inclusion in Karachi's transport sector. This appears to be a primary factor in deterring male counterparts from supporting female integration. Here, emphasizing the importance of female inclusion would have been more impactful.
7. Your explanation for selecting the *"conversations with purpose"* method lacks sufficient detail and depth.
8. In the methodology section, what criteria justify labeling these individuals as *"experts"*?
9. *"The researcher avoided imposing the gender theme on the respondents and asked them only limited questions about their roles and thoughts about making transport user-friendly. This helped in letting the respondents share and emphasise the points they considered to be important."* If questions central to the study's main objective were avoided, wouldn't this hinder the ability to draw conclusive insights on the issue?
10. I recommend that the author thoroughly review the manuscript for grammatical errors. Additionally, it is important to verify that all citations adhere to the journal's formatting requirements.

