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Providing evidence to ensure that everyone has the right to affordable, safe, clean, and reliable mobility resources, with a particular focus on meeting the needs of low income populations and excluded communities.

We INTALInC-ers have survived another year of lockdown with its bans on international travel and in-person events. Nevertheless, many of INTALInC's associated local projects have managed to continue in the field, collecting important data and evidence to address the mobility and accessibility needs of low income settlements in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Well done also to all those frontline agencies working tirelessly on the ground to help the many people who had no choice but to be mobile simply to stay alive in these extremely challenging times.



The second INTALInC webinar series *Solutions-led perspectives on inclusive and sustainable mobilities: New pathways, fresh horizons* was a big success. Speakers representing academic, policy and practitioner communities spoke about the many grassroots and government initiatives that are now underway to recognise and improve the travel experiences of vulnerable and low income communities locally and globally. Recordings of the presentations from each of these six seminars can now be viewed on the INTALInC [YouTube](#) channel. I believe that our research is really making a difference in many places thanks to all your hard work and commitment to this transport justice agenda.

Congratulations to everyone who entered our photo competition, *Framing mobility in low income countries* last summer. We had many excellent entries, which were judged by an international panel comprising Ilana Boltz (Instituto de Artes Plásticas, Universidad Veracruzana) (Chair); Mats Jarnhammar (VREF, MAC programme); Samuel Odewume (Lagos State University); Karen Lucas (Director of INTALInC); Emma Tsoneva (INTALInC); Alejandro Manga (INTALInC). The winners were Avijit Ghosh, Nila Nandy and Sana Iqbal.

INTALInC has also grown in reach and stature with a new Caribbean focus under the leadership of [Fiona Rajé](#) at Sunderland University. We have also been working with founder member, [Pascal Pochet](#) to strengthen our links and activities with colleagues working on transport poverty issues in French speaking countries. We will bring you news of these initiatives as they emerge so do keep following us on Twitter, LinkedIn and the website, which we update regularly with new case studies and resources.

I know that many of you are still struggling not only with COVID but also extreme weather events, war, conflicts, enforced migration and economic austerity, and you are in our hearts and minds. There is at least some light at the end of the tunnel for many of us as we begin to plan and attend international research events once again. I hope to be able to catch up with you face-to-face somewhere soon in safer and happier times.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Avijit Ghosh, winner of the INTALInC photography competition, *Framing mobility in low income countries*, sponsored by the Volvo Education and Research Foundations and run in partnership with Lagos State University.

Avijit's photo shows Sealdah Station, which the photographer describes as "one of the busiest areas in West Bengal. One can see the rush in the crowd and people running to catch moving buses. On that day, I was waiting to board a bus but due to a political rally, the situation was really bad. After spending nearly half an hour failing to catch a bus, I decided to take some photos from the flyover. People lost their patience and took whichever way they could to ride the bus. Sitting on the roof of the bus is the most dangerous way for a commuter to reach his destination".



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The international judging panel, chaired by Ilana Boltznivik (Instituto de Artes Plásticas, Universidad Veracruzana) awarded prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100. The second placed photo, taken by Nila Nandy, and Sana Iqbal's photo awarded third prize in the competition are below. These, and other entries will be featured on INTALInC social media and our website.



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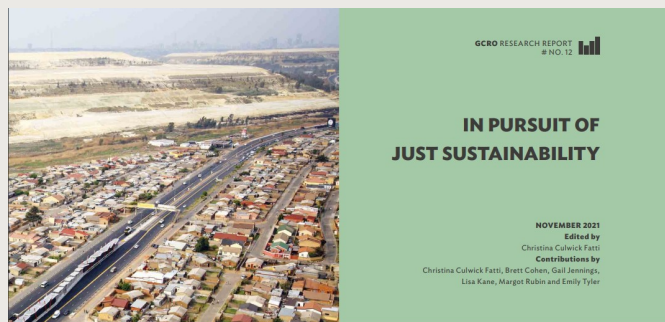
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SOLUTIONS-LED PERSPECTIVES ON INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITIES

The INTALInC webinar series, Solutions-led perspectives on inclusive and sustainable mobilities: New pathways, fresh horizons, sought to provide some positive and pragmatic responses to the mobility challenges experienced by vulnerable populations everyday. The series—now available to watch on [YouTube](#)—gave insight from colleagues working on research, policy and practice in cities in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia. Several key messages emerged from the series:

- The need for better and different types of communication between researchers, policymakers, practitioners and wider stakeholder communities. As professionals working in the field of transport and mobilities, we have an obligation to ensure that all voices are heard and to embed stakeholder messages in our work;
- The importance of wider education in a discipline traditionally associated with engineering. There are considerable benefits associated with both interdisciplinary research and community-level education which provides stakeholders with the tools they need to communicate their experiences effectively;
- The role of guides for both good and bad practice in transport and mobilities. These should enable a better understanding of what doesn't work as well as provide positive solutions to decision-makers and wider stakeholder networks. These interactions are particularly key in South-South linkages, where under-exploited opportunities exist to develop relationships for knowledge exchange;
- The need to make the invisible visible. To better expose minority voices in transport and mobilities, we must be explicit about our conceptualisations of transport infrastructure projects and the extent to which co-design and other participatory approaches are used.

Building a socially just bicycle programme in an unequal city



Building a socially just bicycle programme in an unequal city: The case of Johannesburg, authored by Gail Jennings sheds light on the cycling and social justice narrative in South African cities.

The chapter documents the utility bicycle programme in Johannesburg between 2010 and 2017 to expose confrontations between rhetoric and legacies of distributive injustice and climate and sustainability imperatives. It challenges assumptions about justice and scales of environmental sustainability to demonstrate that cycling as a route to sustainability is neither simple or guaranteed.

INTALInC Members: Rising Stars

Regina Obilie Amoako-Sakyi

Dr (Mrs) Regina Obilie Amoako-Sakyi is a senior lecturer at the Department of Geography and Regional Planning at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Her research interest is in the area of transport geography, bicycle and pedestrian safety, walkability, child mobility, gender and rural transport. Regina is a team player and has rich experience in leading international transdisciplinary projects. She is very excited to collaborate with members of the INTALInC community in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, United Kingdom and Norway to successfully implement the Academic Writing Capacity Building in Urban Mobility and Access in Sub-Saharan Africa (AW-CaB Urban Mobility) project which is funded by the Volvo Research and Education Foundations (VREF).



Academic writing capacity building in urban mobility access in sub-Saharan Africa

This course, funded by the Volvo Research and Education Foundations, brings together a team of international experts to offer early career researchers (ECRs) based in Africa a unique learning experience. The course is designed to support ECRs develop draft manuscripts from their own primary or secondary research data. It will enable learners to take up more prominent authorship roles in transport and mobility and prepare their papers for publication in international outlets.

The interactive programme, which runs from 1st—5th August 2022, will be delivered online and covers topics such as contemporary theoretical and conceptual issues in urban transport and mobilities, formulating the components of an academic paper, writing on methodology and results, and the submission and review process.

Click [here](#) to check eligibility criteria and apply.

Accessibility turn in urban research: Policy implications from Latin America and the Global South

Editors: David López-García, Natalia Villamizar Duarte, Diego Hernández, Ana Marcela Ardila

Call for papers: INTALInC-LAC and the Regional Studies Association invites submission of original research articles for publication in a Special Issue of *Area Development and Policy*.

The aims of the special issues are twofold: First, to promote among studies from a diverse array of geographies facing similar accessibility challenges; second, advancing debates about the policy implication of accessibility research in different contexts which include consideration of vulnerable communities and real case scenarios. While inspired by the development of the Latin American accessibility turn, this special issue will contribute to a more global conversation about accessibility providing empirical and policy insights from different contexts to further explore solutions to shape a more equitable access to urban services and resources.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 29 May 2022

More information via the [INTALInC-LAC website](#).



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