



## Call for Papers for the Mobile Lives Forum website

The Mobile Lives Forum is issuing a call for papers to feature in its forthcoming programme of new publications for its website. The Forum publishes between two and four new articles on its website each month, with the aim of publicizing as widely as possible the results of research in the human sciences on mobility, in particular with regard to lifestyles, social justice, the environmental crisis, the future of mobility, and transitions towards new kinds of mobility. The Forum works with researchers of all nationalities and its content is published in English and French. To find out more, the Mobile Lives Forum's *Manifesto* is available on the Forum's website (<http://en.forumviesmobiles.org>) at the following address: <http://en.forumviesmobiles.org/forum-vies-mobiles/blog/2013/06/19/manifesto-preparing-mobility-transition-932>.

While the following list is not exhaustive, the Forum's efforts are primarily focused on mobility (not from a technical or technocratic perspective, but as a major component of our daily lives) in relation to four key areas of research:

- Lifestyles: individuals' aspirations, local living, slow living, residential mobility.
- Transition towards desired and sustainable lifestyles: policies implemented, citizens' initiatives and changes of scale, changing mentalities, etc.
- Tourism and leisure: appropriation and standardization of places, environmental issues, access inequalities, new habits, etc.
- Remote presence and how this connects with physical journeys and co-presence: remote justice, remote medicine, remote teaching, online retail, maintaining links via technology (migrants, dispersed or separated families), etc.

**The relevant sections of the website for this call for papers can be found below.**

The presentation of each article submitted must include:

- the title of the article;
- a short biography;
- the article's thesis in one sentence, accompanied by a short summary of the key arguments;
- an abstract (of 500 to 700 words) or, if already written, the article in its entirety.

All article proposals should be sent to: [javier.caletrio@forumviesmobiles.org](mailto:javier.caletrio@forumviesmobiles.org)

Proposals will be reviewed and a selection will be made in the second half of 2019 by the Forum's editorial panel, its scientific director, Vincent Kaufmann, and its scientific adviser, Javier Caletrío. Responses will be sent to authors in December 2019. The selected articles will be published, in English and French, on the Forum's website (<http://forumviesmobiles.org>).

The submission deadline is 31 October 2019.

Please note that publications are subject to an editorial process, in terms of both form and content. All articles will therefore be edited prior to publication in close cooperation with the Forum's editor-in-chief, to ensure they are consistent with our standards. The Forum reserves the right not to publish a draft if the editorial process does not meet our expectations.

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### Who are we?

The [Mobile Lives Forum](http://forumviesmobiles.org) is a mobility think tank, supported by French rail operator SNCF. For the Forum, mobility is something that structures the way we live our lives. For certain parts of the population, the number, speed and frequency of the journeys made, and the distances these journeys cover, have increased significantly and have been transformed by the use of information and communication technologies. This mobility poses environmental problems (climate change, pollution, etc.) and does not always correspond fully to people's aspirations. The Forum's ambition is to imagine future forms of mobility that are desired and sustainable, both individually and collectively, and to think about their implementation by individuals, companies and public actors.



The following sections of the Forum's website are concerned with this call for papers:

- **Opinions**: The “Opinions” section offers researchers a forum for expression in which to defend a point of view, comment upon current events, or present a thesis.  
*Format: 1,500 to 2,500 words.*
- **Southern Diaries**: Our “Southern Diaries” section aims to give greater visibility to research on mobility in the Global South. The authors who publish in this section are particularly interested in countries whose problems are less frequently studied, where the emergence of new middle classes often goes hand in hand with new mobility habits. They also seek to shed light on local initiatives that could be implemented on a much larger scale in the future (including in the Global North in some cases). Emphasis is placed on aspirations and lifestyles, as well as on social and cultural transformations that could foster transitions towards sustainable mobility.  
*Format: 2,000 to 4,000 words.*
- **Videos**: The Mobile Lives Forum's videos are a means for established researchers or professionals in other domains to present the key results or lines of inquiry of their work. With this in mind, the primary objective of these videos is to make reference materials available to students and young researchers, as well as to a wider audience. Videos are initially prepared in the form of a structured working document, and ultimately take the form of a piece to camera lasting around 10 minutes. Please note that some experience in this kind of exercise is preferable, and that recordings generally take place in Paris, although alternative arrangements may be possible.  
*Format: approx. 2,000 words.*
- **Dictionary**: The “Dictionary” section is home to articles defining key words and terms relating to mobility. Each piece comprises a short definition, a longer and more in-depth definition, and a bibliography. Certain definitions give rise to texts that seek to open up discussions on current and future research, as well as on prevailing or emerging trends.  
*Format: 2,000 to 3,000 words.*
- **Essential Reading**: In the “Essential Reading” section, authors analyse and discuss texts that have given rise to a concept or made possible major advances with regard to mobility issues. The aim of these reviews is, first, to present the work in question by highlighting the positions put forward and the way in which arguments are conveyed; second, to situate the work within current research so as to measure its impact; and, finally, to provide a personal appraisal of the work.  
*Format: 1,500 to 2,500 words.*
- **New Voices**: The “New Voices” section offers a space for PhD candidates or postdoctoral fellows who have worked on mobility issues. Researchers selected for this section will be invited to present their doctoral thesis – or a particular aspect of their thesis in connection with our areas of research. Proposals for this section must be accompanied by a supporting statement from the author's research supervisor.  
*Format: 2,000 to 4,000 words.*