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Intersectional approaches to understanding Mobility

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INTRODUCTION

- TInnGO emphasize both gender and diversity, thus we adopt an intersectional approach.
- In this session we will discuss the challenges of using an intersectional approach in transport research and consider possible solutions for researchers and policy makers to adopt intersectionality.
- We have chosen to do this in relation to covid19 since it has reminded us of the effects of intersectionality on disease transmission and severity.
- Factors such as age, gender, ethnicity, education, occupation, and income are important also to understand impacts on mobility.



An intersectional perspective:

- can help to make visible how different power structures interact;
- can contribute to the understanding of the everyday life of different individuals and what barriers can arise;
- can identify the multiple factors that lead to diversities within groups of women and men and their travel behaviours, choice of transport mode, the obstacles to access transport, and their safety.



Intersectionality is context based; tied to location, but also time factors, culture and community issues:

- An intersectional analysis does not mean that all power structures must be analyzed at the same time, but the purpose is to focus on the categories that are relevant to the current context
- It can be, for example, age + gender when it comes to understanding girl's and boy's mobility in a particular place; or ethnicity + gender when it comes to understanding who has access to a bicycle and can cycle.





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