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## **Analyses and opinion pieces by the Mobile Lives Forum**

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## **The critical approach to social science research**

Critical analyses of the hypermobility system and its effects became sharply relevant during the lockdown period: mobility was at the heart of the crisis. Ivan Illich's notions of "counter-productivity" and Tim Cresswell's concept of "turbulence" proved to be particularly useful in describing the links between the magnitude of the pandemic and the characteristics of the modern transportation system.

**Alexandre Rigal, On global counter-productivity. The critique of mobility and the coronavirus crisis, April 2020**

**Tim Cresswell, "Mobility: the lifeblood of modernity and the virus that threatens to undo it", March 2020**

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## **Observing the phenomena at work and learning lessons for the future**

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The lockdown in India caused a humanitarian catastrophe that could have been avoided: several million people suddenly left the cities for the hinterland, sometimes without resources or means of transport. These workers and their families, who are often considered migrants, lead lives that are split between the city, where they can find work, and their village of origin, which is sometimes over a thousand kilometers away. Their mobility is invisible to statistics, and now is the time to recognize it in order to improve their living conditions.

**Matias Echanove and Rahul Srivastava, One foot in the city, one foot in the village: the invisible mobility of urban workers in India, May 2020**

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## **Survey on rural mobility during the lockdown**

Le confinement et sa privation stricte de déplacement ont conduit de nombreux Français à vivre et s'organiser différemment, en particulier dans l'espace rural où la mobilité est une ressource cruciale. Cette enquête, qui s'inscrit dans un projet plus large, a visé à saisir l'impact de cette situation inédite. Comment les habitants des

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territoires ruraux ont-ils vécu la restriction des déplacements ? Le confinement a-t-il, comme cela a été le cas pour les citadins, favorisé l'émergence de nouvelles aspirations en termes de rythmes de vie et de mobilité ?

**Aurore Flipo, Nicolas Senil, Rural mobility during the lockdown, June 2020**

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The Covid-19 crisis represents a unique occasion to analyze our system of hypermobility and its limits. Lockdown measures and their impact on travel reveal the extent to which our regular lifestyles are dependent on the ability to move quickly, far and often, which goes against people's aspirations to live slower, more localised lives. What role did mobility play in the scale of this crisis and the responses to it? This report, which is intended to be regularly updated, collects in one place all the Forum's publications about this subject to date.

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