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### Event Details

# Cycling through gendered lives: exploring the link between structural gender inequalities and mobility practices

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Conférence

**Start date : 20 January 2022 09:00**  
**Date de fin : 21 January 2022 16:30**

**Where :**

**Hosted by : France-Japan Foundation of the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS) and the Michelin Foundation**

**Information sources :**

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Women remain strongly underrepresented among cyclists in Western cities (Pucher, John; Buehler, Ralph 2012). Past studies exploring barriers to women cycling have reached two conclusions. First, women would not cycle as much as men because they would be more risk-averse ; second, unequally shared domestic responsibilities would make their mobilities too complex to cycle (Ravensbergen, Léa; Buliung, Ron; Laliberté, Nicole 2019). Women would thus be more likely to cycle where secured infrastructure is provided, and where domestic tasks are equally shared between men and women (Prati, Gabriele; Fraboni, Federico; De Angelis, Marco; Pietrantoni, Luca; Johnson, Daniel; Shires, Jeremy 2019). However, these widely accepted results, based on concurring Western studies, do not hold in the context of Tokyo.

In Tokyo, women represent the majority (57%) of cyclists (Goel, Rahul; Goodman, Anna; Aldred, Rachel; Nakamura, Ryota; Tatah, Lambed; Garcia, Leandro Martin Totaro; Zapata-Diomed, Belen; de Sa, Thiago Herick; Tiwari, Geetam; de Nazelle, Audrey; Tainio, Marko; Buehler, Ralph; Götschi, Thomas; Woodcock, James 2021) and cycling is overwhelmingly used for household-serving trips (TMATPC, 2018). Yet, Japan is marked by strong gender inequalities: Japanese women spend on average 23 hours per week on care and

household chores, while men only spend 5 hours on these tasks (Cabinet Cabinet Office; Gender Equality Bureau 2016). Japanese women also face the largest wage gap in the world, and lack of welfare state support still encourages a lot of them to quit their job when they have a child (Shirahase, Sawako 2014). This case points to the complex links between women's mobilities and their position in society.

This workshop will explore the link between structural gender inequalities, cultural gender norms, and women's bicycling practices. Research works from around the world will be confronted to the "critical case" (Flyvbjerg, Bent 2006) of Tokyo to identify ways forward for research on gender and cycling. To accommodate researchers from several different countries, and given the ongoing travel uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, this workshop will be held online.

### **Practical informations :**

Programme: [http://ffj.ehess.fr/upload/Actualites/Events/2022/20-01-2022\\_Programme\\_web.pdf](http://ffj.ehess.fr/upload/Actualites/Events/2022/20-01-2022_Programme_web.pdf)

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