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Automobility and Masculinities between Home and Work: Trucks as the “New Normal” in Newfoundland, Canada

Abstract

This presentation reports findings from research on automobility and masculinities in relation to home and work in the industrial construction sector in Newfoundland, Canada. Drawing on qualitative research, including semi-structured interviews with construction workers, I show how new, expensive pick-up trucks have come to reflect a hegemonic masculinity. The findings also reveal changes and complexity in the meaning and use of trucks. The widespread popularity of these vehicles contrasts with their historical development for manual labour, such as farming, in rural places. This work contributes to efforts to contextualize masculinities in place, while also revealing how they are related to gender constructs at other scales.

About the Speaker:

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