

Tracing routines: The role of the railway in daily practices and interurban mobilities of the inhabitants of La Araucanía, Chile [Traçando rotinas: O papel da ferrovia nas práticas cotidianas e na mobilidade interurbana dos habitantes de La Araucanía, Chile] [Trazando rutinas: El papel del ferrocarril en las prácticas cotidianas y movilidades interurbanas de habitantes de La Araucanía, Chile]

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This article examines everyday mobility practices of railway users of La Araucanía, south of Chile. Through an ethnographic approach it was possible to explore two experiences of inhabitants of this region that due to work reasons (commuting) travel daily from the city where they live to another, being able to know different means of transport, lifestyle spaces and common places from an experiential perspective. Among the findings, it should be pointed out the relevance of the railway as a device of common use, participation and inclusion in the different dimensions of everyday life, which generates a symbolic and material distinction in relation to other means of public transport and forms of mobility. Finally, it was possible to shed light on the existence of an interurban mobility that oversteps the static and traditional planning, opening questions regarding the way in which the limits of the inhabited space in intermediate cities and areas of the south of Chile are experienced. © 2019 Editora CHAMPAGNAT. All Rights Reserved.

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