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Lake Sagaris is an internationally recognized expert on cycle-inclusive urban planning, civil society development, and participatory planning theory and practice as they relate to urban-regional governance. She works with cross-disciplinary and university-community-government collaborations within a framework of participatory action research, through ongoing partnerships, which have deepened over more than 20 years of innovation in urban planning in Chile and elsewhere.

She has increasingly used a gender perspective to highly aspects of transport and mobility justice and intersectionality in both her research and her teaching, pioneering studies on women, safety and public transport (Santiago case study, *Ella se mueve segura*, CAF/FIA Foundation) and action-research partnerships to create gender, civil and social justice programs as part of Cool routes to schools programs in vulnerable neighborhoods in cities large and small. In 2019, the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative, of the German Development Agency, ITDP and others, included her in their list of Remarkable Women in Transport (https://transformative-mobility.org/assets/publications/2019_RemarkableWomeninTransport_Series1.pdf).

An award-winning writer and editor, she began her working life in Chile in 1980, as a freelance journalist with the London Times, Toronto Globe and Mail, Miami Herald, and other media. She holds a Master's of Science (University of Toronto 2006) and a PhD in Urban Planning and Community Development (University of Toronto 2012). In 2019 she was selected in the first generation of Remarkable Women of Transport, by the German development agency, GIZ and other partners in transformative mobility.

She is a fellow of Ashoka, a global network of social entrepreneurs, and a fellow of Synergos, a global network of senior civil society professionals.

Her current work uses participatory action research methods and community-government partnerships in Santiago and Temuco (Chile) to apply an intermodal approach based on “ecologies of modes and actors” to transition toward more sustainable transport. She focuses on resilience, social justice and inclusion, particularly gender, safety and security issues. These experiences have led to awards in Chile and abroad, participation in a UN Expert Group meeting on sustainable transport, and presentations in Latin America, Europe, Canada, Taiwan, the US, and India.

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