

# Transantiago: Human Devices and the Dream of World-Class Society Infrastructures



## Assembling Policy: Transantiago, Human Devices, and the Dream of a World-Class Society (Infrastructures)

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Transantiago is a public transportation system in Santiago, Chile, that was launched in 2007. The system consists of a network of buses, trains, and metro lines that serve the city and its surrounding areas. Transantiago was designed to improve the city's public transportation system and to make it more efficient, reliable, and accessible. However, the system has been plagued by problems since its inception, including overcrowding, delays, and high fares.

In his book *\*Transantiago: Human Devices and the Dream of World-Class Society Infrastructures\**, Dr. Juan Carlos Muñoz explores the history, development, and impact of the Transantiago public transportation system.

Muñoz argues that Transantiago is a product of the neoliberal policies that have been implemented in Chile since the 1970s. These policies have favored private investment over public investment, and they have led to the privatization of many public services, including transportation. Muñoz argues that the privatization of Transantiago has led to a system that is more interested in making profits than in providing a quality service to the public.

Muñoz also argues that Transantiago is a product of the "dream of world-class society infrastructures." This dream is based on the belief that a city's status as a "world-class city" is determined by the quality of its infrastructure. Muñoz argues that this dream is misguided, and that it has led to a focus on building new and expensive infrastructure projects, rather than on investing in existing infrastructure and services. He argues that this focus on new infrastructure projects has led to a neglect of the needs of the poor and working class, who are the most likely to rely on public transportation.

Muñoz's book is a valuable contribution to the study of urban planning, transportation, and the history of Santiago. It is a well-written and well-researched book that provides a comprehensive and engaging account of the Transantiago public transportation system. Muñoz's book is a must-read for anyone interested in these topics.

## **Reviews**

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