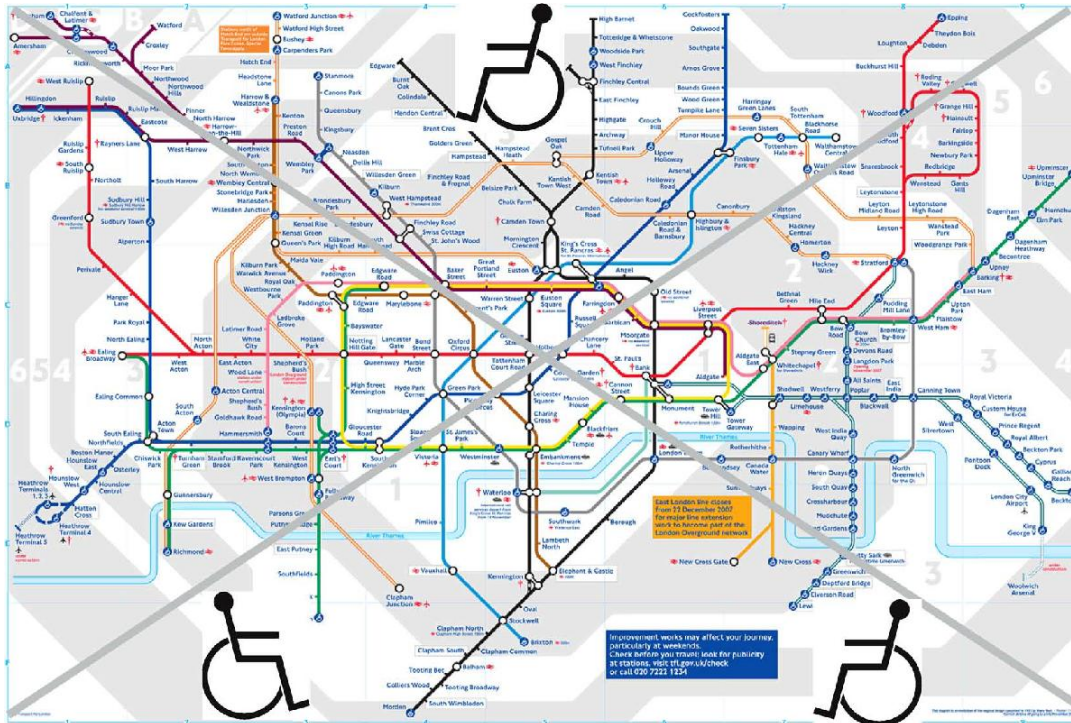


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“No Here, No There: Transit Disability and Spatial Entrapment”



Mobility is a crucial determinant in the relationship between health and place. Those whose mobility is restricted find their options for employment and social interaction diminished to the extent their access to the greater environment is lessened. While most geographers and transport theorists assume the limits imposed upon mobility-restricted public transit users is a modest inconvenience, we demonstrate a true spatial entrapment can exist, one in which urban access is largely denied. Using largely descriptive statistics to critique existing models we use the London, UK, metropolitan transit system as an example. The result argues the reality of transit disability as a spatial entrapment that is iniquitous by definition. The approach used will be generally applicable to all major cities with critical transportation systems that are only partially accessible.

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