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Autophotography as an Approach to Understanding Road Construction, Mobility and Everyday Life in Shimshal, Pakistan

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In Fall 2003 the community of Shimshal, Pakistan, completed an 18-year project to construct a 50km link road through rugged mountain terrain from the village to the Karakoram Highway, thereby reducing a difficult 3-day walk to a 3-hour jeep ride. The resulting drastic increase in the mobility of people and goods has widespread implications for identity, economic organisation and social life in Shimshal. This presentation reports on an ‘autophotography’-based research project conducted in Shimshal in 2011 and 2012 to understand some of these implications from the perspectives of community members. The presentation has two objectives: first, to evaluate ‘autophotography’ as a methodology suitable for investigating mobility and mobile relations, and, second, to analyse some of the photographic-narrative data the project yielded.