

ICHSTM: cameras contributing to driver/Cyclist tensions

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Kah Chan, from the Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand discussed ability of lightweight helmet- or bicycle-mounted point-of-

view cameras to allow insight into traveling by [bicycle](#) and share the [cyclists'](#) point of view.

The author notes that there has been an increase in cycling as an active form of transport. This has occurred in many countries, including those that do not have a culture of cycling as a form of transport, and consequently are inadequately equipped for cyclists. The growing number of cyclists has contributed to higher inter-model tensions. In areas where these tensions are high, cyclists are increasingly using small action cameras placed on the helmet or handlebars. With the increasing popularity of video production and publication, videos, which often highlight negative driving behavior, are being shared and, consequently, [negative stereotypes](#) are being reinforced.

"Lack of infrastructure, lack of training of cycle skills for new or returning cyclists, and lack of experience for drivers on safe interactions with cyclists means there is a significant increase of tension between road users," Chan writes. "Each mode of transport is unsure of how to best behave with one another, leaving awkward standoffs at best, or fatal altercations at worst. Cyclists for obvious reasons inevitably come off worse in an accident."

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