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Informality: Problem or simply a reality

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Global: Roosevelt Ave to Chiautla



Not about Linear Development



Alternative Modernities



Making Do

- The absence of “a sense of predictability that getting trained and doing specific things will result in some kind of livelihood”
- Improvised set of actions that are sequential or multiple – form a habitus that may defy “fit”
- Aim to extract last drop value from things/spaces – beyond their function.



Power of Informality: neither Public nor Private

- Derived from capacity to transgress spatial and conceptual boundaries.
- Mobility (keeping things moving), keep oneself moving; blurring legalities; recycling (chachara).
- Frenaleros/Valet
- Police (you hope)
- Taxi driver (placas)

Recognise for what is – what bring to city

