



The GDR *Digitalisation in Asia and Africa*  
welcomes you at CSH-Delhi  
On the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2019

For an open workshop on

# Digital Empire(s)

Perspectives from Asia and Africa



**Location of the Event**  
Address : 2, Dr. APJ Abdul  
Kalam Road, New Delhi  
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Marg"  
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**Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**  
**IFI-CSH Conference room- Ground Floor**

**9.00 : Welcome note** by Nicolas Gravel (CSH) & Mathieu Quet (CEPED- IRD)

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**9.15 to 13.15 : Session 1 on Digital Empire(s)**

- ① On technological empire as an analytical tool (Mathieu Quet, CEPED-IRD).
- ② Skeletal and elephantine bureaucracies in Africa and India : comparing histories of registration and their effects on digital infrastructures. (Keith Breckenridge, Wiser)
- ③ From Ghana to India, saving the global south's mothers with a digital empire (Marine Al Dahdah, Cems-CNRS).
- ④ Digital and Visual Populism: Personalised Politics and Online Publics in the PostColony (Krishanu Bhargav Neog, CPS-JNU)
- ⑤ Feedback Loops and (In)Significant Voices: Social Interactions with ID Systems of Digital Empires in South Asia and East Africa- (Rajiv Mishra, CSSP-JNU)
- ⑥ Netflix, Amazon Video and Jio Cinema : Reflection on the notion of digital empires through the prism of audiovisual platforms (Christine Ithurbide, LabSIC-Paris13)
- ⑦ Colonializing the nation through digital technology (Ursula Rao, Leipzig University)

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**Lunch Break**  
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**14.00 to 18.30 : Session 2 on Digital Empire(s)**

- ① The invention of the electoral biometrics market in Africa (Marielle Debos, Univ. Paris Nanterre)
- ② Tracing digital governance and the history of ICTD developments in India. (Khetrimayum Monish Singh, CIS).
- ③ Marketizing water in Kenya: From "dependency syndrome" towards a radiant future? (Christiane Tristl, Goethe Universitat)
- ④ Calibrating digital payments in India (Javed Alam, JNU-Univ. of Paris)
- ⑤ Digital Empire as Biometric Labor Division. Notes for a regressive anthropology of technology from the Senegalese electoral administration (Cecilia Passanti, University of Paris)
- ⑥ The Rise of the Invisible Publics: Reality TV as Visibility Infrastructures in Northeast India (Sagorika Singha, SAA-JNU)
- ⑦ Digitalization of social security in Nepal (Sohan Sha, Martin Chautari)
- ⑧ The digital in communicating peace and conflict in the Sahel (Mirjam de Bruijn, Leiden University)

**For registration:** RSVP mentioning your full name to: [neeru.gohar@csh-delhi.com](mailto:neeru.gohar@csh-delhi.com)

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