

Analog Pasts and Digital Futures: Reflections on India's Smart Cities Mission

17 & 18 January 2023

Tuesday, 17th January	
Venue: Conference Room, Centre for Policy Research	
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Introduction Yamini Aiyar, Director, <i>Centre for Policy Research</i> Marie-Hélène Zérah, <i>French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD)</i>
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Session 1 - SCM in 2023 Between Vision and Practice Discussant: Stéphanie Tawa Lama, <i>CNRS-EHESS, Centre de Sciences Humaines</i>
	Historicizing Indian Smart Cities Persis Taraporevala, <i>Kings College London</i>
	Exploring the “New Bottle in Old Wine” Approach of India’s Smart City Mission Morgan Campbell, Greg Marsden, Louise Reardon, <i>Leeds University</i>
	The City Transforms a 'Plan': Practiced Spaces of a Smart City Pushkal Shivam, <i>UN Habitat</i>
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Tea Break
11:15 am - 12:45 pm	Session 2 - Private Imaginations of an Urban Future Discussant: Tathagatha Chatterji, <i>Xavier University Bhubaneswar</i>
	Smart City Race: A Spatial Jolt to City Administrations in India Harsh Mittal, <i>OP Jindal University</i>
	Government as (paid) Service: Technology, Private Expertise and Statehood in Indian Cities Matthew Birkinshaw & Sanjay Srivastava, <i>SOAS, University of London</i>
	A Typology of Smart City Consultants in India Uttara Purandare, <i>IIT Bombay-Monash Research Academy</i>
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Session 3 - Unpacking Command and Control Assemblages Discussant: Leon Morenas, <i>SPA, Delhi</i>
	Seeing Into the State: An Assessment of the Role of a Smart City Within a Multi-Scalar Pandemic Response Riby Mathew, <i>CEPT University & Surajit Chakravarty, IIT Delhi</i>
	Command and Control Governance in the Smart Cities of India: Perceptions and Reality-Check Sarbeswar Praharaj, <i>Arizona State University</i>
	The God's Eye View of India's Cities: Cybernetic World-Making in Command and Control Centres Christian Eichenmüller, <i>University of Erlangen-Nürnberg</i>
	What happens after the Smart City? Using a Decision-Analysis Heuristic to Unpack the Implementation of the Urban Control Room in Kochi Devika Prakash, <i>KTH Royal Institute of Technology</i>

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9:00 am - 10:30 am	Session 4 - Democratic Encounters with Digitalization Discussant: Praveen Priyadarshi, <i>IIIT-Delhi</i>
	Can there be any more CEOs!!! Investigating Roles and Relationship Dynamics of Political and Civil Actors in Nagpur Smart City Chaitali Dighe, <i>Technical University of Darmstadt</i>
	Participation as Retaliation: Responses to the Smart City Mission in Ludhiana, Punjab Kanchan Gandhi, <i>Ambedkar University, Delhi</i>
	Duty Bearers and Citizens in 'Phygital' Futures: Local Articulations of Social Accountability in Digital India and Digital Bangladesh, a Comparative Study Iphshita Basu & Ripin Kalra, <i>University of Westminster</i>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Tea
10:45 am - 12:45 pm	Session 5 - Variegated State Visions Discussant: Sujata Patel, Emeritus, <i>Savitribai Phule University</i>
	The SCM and Surveillance in Northeast India: the Perverse Appeal of Tracking Everyone Duncan McDuie-Ra, <i>University of Newcastle, Australia</i>
	'Smart Cities Mission' in the Face of COVID: An Investigation of 'Smart' COVID Responses in India Tooran Alizadeh, Lizwin Kurian, Chakshu Bansal, Deepti Prasad, <i>University of Sydney</i>
	"Aspiring for Estonia": Hyderabad's Datafied Urban Governance Preeti Raghunath, <i>Monash University, Malaysia</i>
	The Smart and the Non-Smart - How Odisha's Inclusive Urban Development Paradigm is Re-Defining "Smart"-ness Antarin Chakrabarty, CPR & Titusz Bugya, <i>University of Pécs</i>
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	'Sensors', 'Solar' and (In-) 'Sensitivity': The 'Smart Solutions' to Environmental Challenges Ritika Rajput, <i>NIUA</i>
	The 'Actually Existing' Smart City of Pune: The Role of Urban Politics Arushi Saran, <i>University of Oxford</i>
	Between the Fix and the Glitch: Smart City Encounters in Chennai Pushpa Arabindoo, <i>University College London</i>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Tea
4:00 pm- 6:00 pm	Panel Discussion

