

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

## 17 & 18 January 2023

**DAY 1: Tuesday, 17th January**

**Venue: Conference Room, Centre for Policy Research**

9:00 am - 9:30 am <b>Introduction</b>	Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research Marie-Hélène Zérah, French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD)
9:30 am - 11:00 am <b>Session 1</b>	<b>SCM IN 2023 BETWEEN VISION AND PRACTICE</b> DISCUSSANT: Stéphanie Tawa Lama, CNRS-EHESS, Centre de Sciences Humaines
	<b>Historicizing Indian Smart Cities</b> Persis Taraporevala, Kings College London
	<b>Exploring the "New Bottle in Old Wine" Approach of India's Smart City Mission</b> Morgan Campbell, Greg Marsden, Louise Reardon, Leeds University
	<b>The City Transforms a 'Plan': Practiced Spaces of a Smart City</b> Pushkal Shivam, UN Habitat
11:00 am - 11:15 am	<b>Tea Break</b>
11:15 am - 12:45 pm <b>Session 2</b>	<b>PRIVATE IMAGINATIONS OF AN URBAN FUTURE</b> DISCUSSANT: Tathagatha Chatterji, Xavier University Bhubaneswar
	<b>Smart City Race: A Spatial Jolt to City Administrations in India</b> Harsh Mittal, OP Jindal University
	<b>Government as (paid) Service: Technology, Private Expertise and Statehood in Indian Cities</b> Matthew Birkinshaw & Sanjay Srivastava, SOAS, University of London
	<b>A Typology of Smart City Consultants in India</b> Uttara Purandare, IIT Bombay-Monash Research Academy

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm <b>Session 3</b>	<b>UNPACKING COMMAND AND CONTROL ASSEMBLAGES</b> DISCUSSANT: Leon Morenas, SPA, Delhi
	<b>Seeing Into the State: An Assessment of the Role of a Smart City Within a Multi-Scalar Pandemic Response</b> Riby Mathew, CEPT University & Surajit Chakravarty, IIT Delhi
	<b>Command and Control Governance in the Smart Cities of India: Perceptions and Reality-Check</b> Sarbeswar Praharaj, Arizona State University
	<b>The God's Eye View of India's Cities: Cybernetic World-Making in Command and Control Centres</b> Christian Eichenmüller, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
	<b>What happens after the Smart City? Using a Decision-Analysis Heuristic to Unpack the Implementation of the Urban Control Room in Kochi</b> Devika Prakash, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

## DAY 2: Wednesday, 18th January

Venue: Casuarina, India Habitat Centre

9:00 am - 10:30 am <b>Session 4</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC ENCOUNTERS WITH DIGITALIZATION</b> DISCUSSANT: Praveen Priyadarshi, IIIT-Delhi
	<b>Can there be any more CEOs!!! Investigating Roles and Relationship Dynamics of Political and Civil Actors in Nagpur Smart City</b> Chaitali Dighe, Technical University of Darmstadt
	<b>Participation as Retaliation: Responses to the Smart City Mission in Ludhiana, Punjab</b> Kanchan Gandhi, Ambedkar University, Delhi
	<b>Duty Bearers and Citizens in 'Phygital' Futures: Local Articulations of Social Accountability in Digital India and Digital Bangladesh, a Comparative Study</b> Ipshita Basu & Ripin Kalra, University of Westminster
10:30 am - 10:45 am	<b>Tea</b>
10:45 am - 12:45 pm <b>Session 5</b>	<b>VARIEGATED STATE VISIONS</b> DISCUSSANT: Sujata Patel, Retired Professor, University of Hyderabad
	<b>The SCM and Surveillance in Northeast India: the Perverse Appeal of Tracking Everyone</b> Duncan McDuie-Ra, University of Newcastle, Australia
	<b>'Smart Cities Mission' in the Face of COVID: An Investigation of 'Smart' COVID Responses in India</b> Tooran Alizadeh, Lizwin Kurian, Chakshu Bansal, Deepti Prasad, University of Sydney

	<p><b>“Aspiring for Estonia”: Hyderabad’s Datafied Urban Governance</b> Preeti Raghunath, Monash University, Malaysia</p>
	<p><b>The Smart and the Non-Smart - How Odisha’s Inclusive Urban Development Paradigm is Re-Defining “Smart”-ness</b> Antarin Chakrabarty, CPR &amp; Titusz Bugya, University of Pécs</p>
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm <b>Session 6</b>	<p><b>CITY INTERPRETATIONS OF SMARTNESS</b> DISCUSSANT: Josie Wittmer, University of Lausanne</p>
	<p><b>‘Sensors’, ‘Solar’ and (In-) ‘Sensitivity’: The ‘Smart Solutions’ to Environmental Challenges</b> Ritika Rajput, Independent Researcher</p>
	<p><b>The ‘Actually Existing’ Smart City of Pune: The Role of Urban Politics</b> Arushi Sharan, University of Oxford</p>
	<p><b>Between the Fix and the Glitch: Smart City Encounters in Chennai</b> Pushpa Arabindoo, University College London</p>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Tea</b>
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> PANELISTS: Ms Parul Agrawala, Country Program Manager, UN-Habitat, Mr Kunal Kumar, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Mr NSN Murty, Government &amp; Public Services Consulting Leader, Deloitte and Dr Sameer Sharma, Chief Executive of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (tbc)</p> <p>The panel will be introduced by Marie – Hélène Zérah, French National Institute of Research for Sustainable Development and moderated by Mukta Naik, Centre for Policy Research</p>