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Present Engagement

January 2015 to present cis-india.org	**Research Director** The Centre for Internet and Society, Bengaluru and Delhi	Leading and organising academic, applied, and creative research, across the themes of histories of computing and internet, economies and infrastructures of data, network cultures and politics, digital methods, and new forms and sites of knowledge.

Past Engagements

April 2013 - December 2014 ajantriks.github.io/oddc	**Principal Investigator** Open Data Research Network World Wide Web Foundation and IDRC, Canada.	Conducting study titled 'Opening Government Data by Mediation: Exploring the Roles, Practices and Strategies of Data Intermediary Organisations in India.' It involves evaluating the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy, India, in the context of already existing data intermediary ecology in India.
January 2013 - December 2014 sarai.net	**Research Associate** The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi	Associated with the 'media and information infrastructures' project. Developing research proposals, coordinating research and organisational activities and undertaking research on deployment and control of information infrastructures by the Indian state.
December 2012 - December 2014 cis-india.org	**Consultant - Research** The Centre for Internet and Society, Bengaluru	Undertaking and supporting research on open data, open access, access to knowledge, and Internet governance. Also undertaking data visualisation exercises.
May 2011 - April 2012	**Project Associate** Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	Research conceptualisation, development and management of inter-disciplinary data analysis and visualisation work for learning, teaching and decision-making.
June 2010 - April 2012 mod.org.in	**Research Associate** MOD Institute, Bengaluru	Administrating, developing and undertaking research on urban transformations in India.
March - August 2009	**Research Fellow** Greha, Delhi	Engaging residences and government departments for participative planning of urban amenities, and developing brownfield urban planning guidelines for newly regularised colonies.
September 2008 - February 2009	**Research Assistant** Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	Assisted Dr. Janaki Abraham, Women's Studies Programme, in preparing (i) an annotated bibliography on gender and space, and (ii) a syllabus for a MA-level course on 'gender and space.'

Education

2006 - 2008	**MA Economics** Final GPA of 6.06 out of total of 9	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawahalal Nehru University, New Delhi.
2003 - 2006	**BA(Honours) Economics** Final score of 73.1%, first in class	Department of Economics and Politics, Vidya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal.
2001 - 2003	**Pre-Degree Examination (+2)** Final score of 81%	Uttar Siksha Sadana, Visva-Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal.
1990 - 2001	**School Certificate Examination** Final score of 87%	Patha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal.

Miscelleneous Engagements

March 2012 to present datameet.org	**Member** DataMeet	DataMeet is a leading community of open data and data science enthusiasts from india.
February 2013 to December 2013	**Visualising Water Data** Arghyam	Visualising several water and rainfall related national-scale datasets. URL: http://ajantriks.github.io/iwp/.
December 2009 - April 2010	**Maps for Making Change Workshop** Centre for Internet and Society and Tactical Technology Collective	Compiling and creating an online collaborative archive and map of buildings demolished in Kolkata, India since 1990. URL: http://koldemo.wikidot.com/.

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Studies and Workshops Conducted

June 2015	**Open Data for Human Development** UNDP India	Co-desiging and co-facilitating workshop for Sikkim government officials, and others, on drafting an implementation plan for the Sikkim Open Data Acquisition and Accessibility Policy.
August 2013 - October 2013	**Open Data Barometer** World Wide Web Foundation	Conducting online research on open data policy, supply and emerging impacts in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.
October 2012	**Government Data Policy and Usage Scenario Workshop** UNDP Iraq	Co-facilitated, with Sunil Abraham of Centre for Internet and Society, two five day workshops on developing draft government data policy and building scenarios for data usage, respectively.
August 2012	**Working with Data Workshop** Transparent Chennai	Three day workshop with activists, researchers and students on methods and tools to collect, analyse and visualise data.
January 2012	**Mapping Urban (Un)Sustainabilities** National Institute of Design	Ten day workshop for design students on history and techniques of critical geography and mapping.
April 2011 - January 2012	**Study for Ministerial Task Force on Affordable Housing** Alchemy Urban Systems Pvt. Ltd.	Member of study team for evaluating sanctioning process of proposals for Affordable Housing through Public-Private Partnership, and relevant laws across selected states in India.
October-November 2009	**Evaluation of Projects** Research Initiatives, Bangladesh	Observing and evaluating several action research processes supported by the organisation concerned.

Papers Published / Presented

June 2015	**Open Data Research Network** World Wide Web Foundation and IDRC, Canada	Published co-authored report titled 'Open Data Intermediaries in Developing Countries - A Synthesis Report.'
May 2015	**Open Data Research Symposium** International Open Data Conference	Presented paper titled 'Whose Open Data Community is it? Reflections on the Open Data Ecosystem in India.'
January 2015	**Open Data Research Network** World Wide Web Foundation and IDRC, Canada	Published project report titled 'Opening Government Data through Mediation:Exploring Roles, Practices and Strategies of (Potential) Data Intermediary Organisations in India
October 2014	**8th International Conference on Electronic Governance (ICEGOV)**	Presented paper titled 'Access and Use of Government Data by Research and Advocacy Organisations in India: A Survey of (Potential) Open Data Ecosystem.'
September-October 2014	**Inclusion in Network Society** IT for Change and IDRC, Canada	Presented paper titled 'Information, Infrastructure, Inclusion: Research Notes on Materiality of Electronic Governance in India.'
November 2013	**The Social and Cultural Life of Information** The Sarai Programme, CSDS	Presented paper titled 'Of Identity, Platform, and 'New' Information Infrastructures of Governance: Situating the Aadhaar Project within the History of Electronic Governance in India.'
October 2013	**7th International Conference on Electronic Governance (ICEGOV)**	Presented paper titled 'Towards an Expanded and Integrated Open Government Data Agenda for India.'
July 2011	**Urban Design #119**	Published essay, co-authored with V. Naresh Narasimhan and Anne-Katrin Fenk, titled 'Space is the Yantra.'

Languages: Bengali (speak, read, write), English (speak, read, write), and Hindi (speak, read).

Softwares: Ubuntu Linux and LibreOffice, Microsoft Windows and Office, R, WordPress, Drupal, Omeka, Inkscape, and Git.

Academic Focus: History of informatics, new media and technology studies, political economy, and critical geography.

Skills: Cross-functional knowledge, good listener, self-motivated, and working with and leading inter-disciplinary teams.