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Present Engagement

January 2015 to present cis-india.org	**Research Director** The Centre for Internet and Society, Bengaluru	Leading, supporting, and organising academic and creative research at the Centre, across the themes of histories of computing and Internet in India, economies and infrastructures of data, digital lives and expressions, and computational research methods.

Past Engagements

April 2013 - December 2014 ajantriks.github.io/oddc	**Principal Investigator** 'Exploring the Emerging Impacts of Open Data in Developing Countries' 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	**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(H) 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	**Visualiing Water Data** Arghyam, Bengaluru	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, Bengaluru	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

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.
February 2012	**Mapping Workshop** International Honours Program	Four day urban exploration and mapping workshop for under-graduate students from US universities, part of IHP course in Delhi.
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 Presented / Accepted

October 2014	**8th International Conference on Electronic Governance (ICEGOV)**	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	Paper titled 'Information, Infrastructure, Inclusion: Research Notes on Materiality of Electronic Governance in India.'
November 2013	**The Social and Cultural Life of Information** Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi	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)**	Paper titled 'Towards an Expanded and Integrated Open Government Data Agenda for India.'
August 2013	**Smart Cities: Discourses, Policies and Technologies in the Making** RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2013	Paper titled 'Smart Cities as Urbanisation of Data: Towards a Critique of Urban Informatics.' Accepted but not presented.
December 2011	**Implementing Rajiv Awas Yojana for Making Indian Cities Slum-Free** GIZ, Delhi	Presentation on 'Rajiv Awas Yojana: The Role for the Small Builders.'
July 2011	**Urban Design #119**	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).

Programming Languages: HTML and CSS, elementary JavaScript.

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

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

Academic Focus: History and sociology of computing and information technology, political economy, critical geography, urban and political theory.

Blogs Contributed to: The Pop-Up City <http://popupcity.net/>, Design-Altruism-Project <http://design-altruism-project.org/>, GeoHackers <http://geohackers.in/>.

Interests: Critical cartography, free software and open access, music, politics of technology, typography, web design.