

Present Engagement

January 2015 to present cis-india.org	Research Director The Centre for Internet and Society	Leading and contributing to academic, applied, and policy research across the topics of history and politics of informatics, new media and technology studies, and political economy. Core policy topics engaged with include open data and open research, e-governance and digital ID, and network economy and digital labour.
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Past Engagements

April 2013 - December 2014 ajantriks.github.io/oddc	Principal Investigator Open Data Research Network World Wide Web Foundation and IDRC	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	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	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	Conceptualisation, development, and management of creation, analysis, and visualisation of restructured data resources .
June 2010 - April 2012 mod.org.in	Research Associate MOD Institute	Administrating, developing, and undertaking research on urban transformations in India.
March - August 2009	Research Fellow Greha	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	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, Jawaharlal 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.

Miscellaneous Engagements

March 2012 to present datameet.org	Member DataMeet	DataMeet is a leading community of open data advocates and data science enthusiasts in 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/ .

Studies and Workshops Conducted

June 2015	Open Data for Human Development UNDP India	Co-designing 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.
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.

Papers Published / Presented

December 2015	History and Technology Volume 31, Issue 4	Co-authored paper titled 'The Aakash Tablet and Technological Imaginaries of Mass Education in Contemporary India,' with Jahnvi Phalkey.
December 2015	Asia Internet History, Third Decade Edited by Prof. Kilnam Chon	Contributed two book sections on engagement of Asian and Indian civil society organisations with global internet governance, 2000-10.
August 2015	Digital Activism in Asia Reader Meson Press	Contributed sections and co-edited the volume with Nishant Shah and P.P. Sneha.
June 2015	Open Data Research Network World Wide Web Foundation and IDRC	Co-authored report titled 'Open Data Intermediaries in Developing Countries - A Synthesis Report,' with François van Schalkwyk, Michael Cañares, and Alexander Andrasen.
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	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.' Published in proceedings.
September-October 2014	Inclusion in Network Society IT for Change and IDRC	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.' Published in proceedings.
July 2011	Urban Design #119	Co-authored essay titled 'Space is the Yantra,' with V. Naresh Narasimhan, and Anne-Katrin Fenk.