

Curriculum Vitae

Sumandro Chattapadhyay

Researcher – digital methods, media and technology studies, political economy
New Delhi, India

Present Engagement

2015-present Director, the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS), India
<http://cis-india.org/>

Past Engagements

2013-2014 Research Associate, the Sarai programme, Centre for the Study of
Developing Societies, New Delhi, India

2012-2014 Consultant – Research, the Centre for Internet and Society

2011-2012 Project Associate, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, India

2010-2012 Research Associate, MOD Institute, Bengaluru, India

2009 Research Fellow, Greha, New Delhi, India

2008-2009 Research Assistant, Women's Studies Programme, School of Social
Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Academic Qualifications

2006-2008 MA in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Final GPA of 6.06 out of 9

2003-2006 BA in Economics, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, India
Final score of 73.1%, first in class

Funded Research Projects (Co-/Principal Investigator)

2019-2020 *Making voices heard: Privacy, inclusivity, and accessibility of
voice interfaces in India*, Mozilla Corporation, 25,000 USD

2019-2020 *Reclaiming the right to privacy: Researching the intersection of
privacy and gender*, Privacy International, 12,500 GBP

2019-2020 *Digital mediation of domestic and care work in India*, Feminist
Internet Research Network, Association for Progressive
Communications, 50,000 USD

2018-2020 *Mapping digital labour in India: Ethnographies and conceptual
groundwork for studying platform-work in India*, Azim Premji
University, 15,00,000 INR

2018-2020	<i>Big data for development network</i> , International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 225,000 USD
2019	<i>Open data for Asia: Handbooks of open data and 1) gender, and 2) parliamentary affairs</i> , East-West Management Institute and International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 20,000 USD
2017-2019	<i>Life of a tuple: National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the reform of citizen identification infrastructure in Assam</i> , Azim Premji University, 20,00,000 INR
2017	<i>Mapping Indian news on social media: A study across six media outlets</i> , Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford, 5,400 GBP
2016	<i>Big data for development project: Analysing role of big data in power, transport, and education initiatives in India - Initial field studies</i> , University of Manchester and University of Sheffield, 2,000 GBP
2016	<i>Digital transition in newspapers in India: A pilot study across three language markets</i> , Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford, 5,000 GBP
2013-2014	<i>Government data through mediation: Exploring the roles, practices and strategies of data intermediary organisations in India</i> , World Wide Web Foundation and International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 49,990 USD

Other Projects

2015	Open data for human development: Workshop for Sikkim government officials, UNDP India
2013	Visualising water and rainfall related national-scale datasets, Arghyam
2013	Co-developed visualisations of various statistics related to Indic Wikipedia projects, the Centre for Internet and Society
2013	Open Data Barometer: Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, World Wide Web Foundation
2013	Open Access Dialogues, The Africa Commons Project and Institute of Development Studies, Sussex
2012	Co-facilitated workshops on developing government data policy and data usage scenario building for officials from the Government of Iraq, UNDP Iraq
2011-2012	Study for Ministerial Task Force on Affordable Housing, Alchemy Urban Systems Pvt. Ltd.
2009-2010	Maps for Making Change Workshop, the Centre for Internet and Society and Tactical Technology Collective

Publications and Presentations

- 2019 *Datafication, value and power in developing countries: Big data in two Indian public service organisations*, Development Policy Review, October 12, <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12477> (with Richard Heeks, Vanya Rakesh, Ritam Sengupta, and Christopher Foster)
- 2019 *Land ownership*, in Tim Davies, Stephen B. Walker, Mor Rubinstein, and Fernando Perini (eds.) *State of Open Data*, African Minds and International Development Research Centre, Canada (with Tim Davies)
- 2019 *Deregulation by code/law: Redesigning digital payments market in India*, presented at Design@Large lecture in UC San Diego
- 2018 *Big data and urban transportation in India: A Bengaluru Bus Corporation case study*, Development Informatics working paper #72, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester (with Vanya Rakesh, Richard Heeks, and Christopher Foster)
- 2018 *The 'WhatsApp Moment' in Indian banking: Annual report 2017*, presented at Lives of Data v.2 workshop, the Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
- 2017 *Indian news media and the production of news in the age of social discovery*, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, Oxford University, and the Centre for Internet and Society (with Zeenab Aneez, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, and Vibodh Parthasarathi)
- 2017 *Exploring big data for development: An electricity sector case study from India*, Development Informatics working paper #66, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester (with Ritam Sengupta, Richard Heeks, and Christopher Foster)
- 2017 *Deregulation by code: Datafication of financial transactions in post-UID India*, presented at Lives of Data workshop, the Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
- 2016 *Indian newspapers' digital transition: Dainik Jagran, Hindustan Times, and Malayala Manorama*, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, Oxford University, and the Centre for Internet and Society (with Zeenab Aneez, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, and Vibodh Parthasarathi)
- 2016 *Buying into the Aakash dream: A tablet's tale of mass education*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51(17) (with Jahn timer Phalkey)
- 2015 *The Aakash tablet and technological imaginaries of mass education in contemporary India*, *History and Technology*, 31(4), 452-481 (with Jahn timer Phalkey)
- 2015 *Civil society – Regional overview and India*, in Kilnam Chon (ed) *Asia Internet History – Third Decade (2000-2010)*, 113-135
- 2015 *Digital activism in Asia reader*, Meson Press (edited with Nishant Shah and Puthiya Purayil Sneha)

- 2015 *Open data intermediaries in developing countries - A synthesis report*, Open Data Research Network, World Wide Web Foundation and IDRC (with François van Schalkwyk, Michael Cañares, and Alexander Andrason)
- 2015 *Whose open data community is it? Reflections on the open data ecosystem in India*, presented at the Open Data Research Symposium, International Open Data Conference, Ottawa
- 2015 *Opening government data through mediation: Exploring roles, practices and strategies of (potential) data intermediary organisations in India*, Open Data Research Network, World Wide Web Foundation and IDRC
- 2014 *Access and use of government data by research and advocacy organisations in India: A survey of (potential) open data ecosystem*, in Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV 2014), ACM, 361-364
- 2014 *What kind of 'database state' is the Aadhaar project proposing? A study of policy history and code*, presented at the Lives of Information workshop, the Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
- 2013 *Of identity, platform, and 'new' information infrastructures of governance: Situating the Aadhaar project within the history of electronic governance in India*, presented at the Social and Cultural Life of Information workshop, the Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
- 2013 *Towards an expanded and integrated open government data agenda for India*, in: Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV 2013), Tomasz Janowski, Jeanne Holm, and Elsa Estevez (eds), ACM, 202-205