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Present Engagement

January 2015 to present cis-india.org	Research Director The Centre for Internet and Society	Lead and contribute to academic, applied, and policy research on new media and technology studies, political economy, and digital methods; and engage with public policy discussions on open data and open research, online media and electronic governance, and digital economy and 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	Conducted study titled 'Opening Government Data by Mediation: Exploring the Roles, Practices and Strategies of Data Intermediary Organisations in India' that evaluated the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy, and effective access to open data in India in the context of already existing data intermediary ecology
January 2013 - December 2014 sarai.net	Research Associate The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies	Developed research proposals, coordinated research and organisational activities, and undertook research on deployment and control of information infrastructures by the Indian state, as part of the 'media and information infrastructures' project
December 2012 - December 2014 cis-india.org	Consultant - Research The Centre for Internet and Society	Conducted and supported research on open data, open access, access to knowledge, and internet governance; and visualised qualitative and quantitative data
May 2011 - April 2012	Project Associate Azim Premji University	Co-facilitated, managed, and contributed to creation, structuring, analysis, and visualisation of national-scale data resources
June 2010 - April 2012 mod.org.in	Research Associate MOD Institute	Co-facilitated, managed, and undertook research on urban transformations in India
March - August 2009	Research Fellow Greha	Co-facilitated and managed engagements with local residents and government officials for participative planning of urban amenities in newly regularised 'unauthorised colonies' in NCT of Delhi
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
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

Studies and Workshops Conducted

June 2015	Open Data for Human Development UNDP India	Co-facilitated 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	Conducted 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	Conducted a 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

January 2018	Lives of Data v.2 The Sarai Programme, CSDS	Presented paper titled 'The WhatsApp Moment in Indian Banking: Annual Report 2017'
December 2017	RISJ, University of Oxford and CIS	Co-authored report titled 'Indian news media and the production of news in the age of social discovery' with Zeenab Aneez, Dr. Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, and Vibodh Parthasarathi
March 2017	Global Development Institute, University of Manchester DI Working Paper #66	Co-authored working paper titled 'Exploring Big Data for Development: An Electricity Sector Case Study from India' with Ritam Sengupta, Dr. Richard Heeks, and Dr. Christopher Foster
January 2017	Lives of Data The Sarai Programme, CSDS	Presented paper titled 'Deregulation by Code: Datafication of Financial Transactions in Post-UID India'
December 2016	RISJ, University of Oxford and CIS	Co-authored report titled 'Indian Newspapers' Digital Transition: Dainik Jagran, Hindustan Times, and Malayala Manorama' with Zeenab Aneez, Dr. Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, and Vibodh Parthasarathi
February 2016	History and Technology Volume 31, Issue 4	Co-authored paper titled 'The Aakash Tablet and Technological Imaginaries of Mass Education in Contemporary India' with Dr. Jahnvi Phalkey
February 2016	Asia Internet History, Third Decade Edited by Prof. Kilnam Chon	Authored 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	Authored sections and co-edited the volume with Nishant Shah and P.P. Sneha
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'
February 2014	Lives of Information The Sarai Programme, CSDS	Presented paper titled 'What Kind of 'Database State' is the Aadhaar Project Proposing? A Study of Policy History and Code'
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'