

Writing Urban India Conference

10 - 14 November 2025

National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

Schedule

Date	9:30 AM - 11:20 AM	11:30 AM - 12:50 PM	2:30 PM - 3:50 PM
10 Nov	Spatial politics Discussant: Dhivya Janarthanan Presenters: - Aditi Pradhan (JNU) – Communal Violence and Uneven Geographies of Urban Mobility in the City of Ahmedabad - Shashwat Vikram Singh (BITS Pilani, Goa) - The Circuit of Dispossession: How Authorised Heritage Discourse Catalyses Touristification in Fontainhas, Goa Peer discussants Hafsa (Aditi) Aishwarya (Shashwat)	Urban Transitions Discussant: Rohit Negi Presenters: - Mukesh Lakum - Just Mobility Transitions: Comparative Analysis of Delhi's CNG Shift and E-mobility - Garima Jasrotia (AU) - Spatiotemporal evaluation of Urban Ecosystem Services in Varanasi, India: A case study for sustainable urban development Peer discussants Neenu (Mukesh) Aditi (Garima)	Urban middle class Discussant: Neha Sami Presenters: - Neenu Suresh (NLSIU) - Knocking on the Doors of the Judiciary to Save the Lakes - Subhamay Ghosh (JNU) - Middle-Class Narratives of Urban Citizenship: Perspective from Bolpur Municipal Town, India. Peer discussants Sindu (Neenu) Qurratulain (Subhamay)
11 Nov	Gentrification Discussant: Mukta Naik & Partha Mukhopadhyay Presenters: - Qurratul Ain Maryam (IIM Bangalore) - Gentrifying Muslim Neighbourhoods in Kolkata: Implications for Urban Segregation - Anindya Basak (IIT, Guwahati) - Land and Power in the Peripheries: Ethnographic Insights from Urbanising Rajarhat	Identity as Performance Discussant: Marie H��l��ne Zerah & Partha Mukhopadhyay Presenters: - Lakshyayog (NLSIU) - Infrastructuring the Social: The case of open gyms in Delhi, India - Sumit Kumar (SNU) - 'Living' with the 'Dead' - Aishwarya	Southern Urbanism Discussant: Gautam Bhan Presenters: - Mohd Aquil (JGU)- 'Modern' and 'Obedient': Provincial modernity, Urban politics, and colonial urbanism in Allahabad, 1860-1940 - Monica S (SPA, Vijayawada) - Characterization of urban residential space in an Indian city of ancient origin using typological analysis Peer Discussants

	Peer Discussants Monica (Qurratulain) Subhamay (Anindya)	(Hunnarshala Foundation) - How are marginalised women claiming 'mauj' in Bhuj? Peer Discussant Ramengmawia (Sumit) Anindya (Lakshya) Gayotree (Aishwarya)	Noora (Monica) Nisar (Aquil)
12 Nov	Gender Discussants: Sushmita Pati Presenters: Gayotree Phukon (TISS, Guwahati) - Gender, City and Public Spaces: An Ethnographic Study among Women Street Vendors in Guwahati Hafsa Sayeed Shah (IIT Bombay) - Caste, Gender, and Moral Agency among Women Sanitation Workers in Srinagar Shainal Verma (IIT Delhi) - 'Humare pass iski chaabi nahi hai (Don't have the access key)': Dalit Women's Contestations at Prerna Stal and The Right to Public Space in the Urban Village of Delhi Peer discussants Gayotree (Lakshya) Prithiraj (Shainal) Lakshya (Hafsa)	Urban Ecology Discussant: Gopa Samanta Presenters: Sindu Devianayangam (Christ University) - Reclaiming Place: The Role of Social Memory in Protecting Coastal Commons in Ennore. Nisar Kannangara (IIHS) - Involuntary Urbanism: Housing Interventions and the Spatial Production of Urbanism in Tribal Settlements of the Western Ghats, India. Peer discussants Shainal (Nisar) Mukesh (Sindu)	
13 Nov	Sensorial Urbanity Discussants: Shivani Kapoor & Anwesha Ghosh Presenters: - Ramengmawia Bawitlung (IIT Bombay) – Sounding the City in Northeast India: A Study of Tlangau in Aizawl, Mizoram - Fathima Noora (HCU) - Rethinking history on foot: Encountering life and living in the city of Hyderabad - Prithiraj Borah (NALSAR) - Culinary Positioning: Food, Smells and Belonging in Northeastern Eateries in Bengaluru Peer discussants: Aquil (Ramengmawia) Sumit (Noora) Shashwat (Prithiraj)	Editing your own work -1 Janani Ganesan, Consulting Editor, NLSIU	

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Each session is 110 minutes long (An hour and 50 minutes). Each presenter will get 20 minutes to discuss their work. The assigned discussants (both senior scholars and peers) get 5 minutes per paper each. Each session has two presenters. We will have a 20-minute general discussion at the end of each session.

11:20 - 11:30 AM: Tea

12:50 - 2:30 PM: Lunch

3:50 - 4:00 PM: Tea

Instructions for Peer Discussants :

Here are some suggestions to ensure discussions are generative and collegial. **Remember, discussants get 5 minutes to offer feedback.** This differs from the general 20- to 30-minute discussion that will occur at the end of each session.

1. Do not summarise the paper
2. Briefly comment on the theme, central thesis, and methodology
3. Discuss key strengths
4. You may find something amiss in the paper that you find relevant, but it is important to respond from the perspective of the question that the author is asking.
5. Keeping to the specific structure and objective of the paper, comment on what may be improved – this could be a suggestion about relevant literature/ data interpretation/ rigour of the argument
6. Keep to the time limit