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### Education

#### **PhD in Geography** (2016 onwards)

National University of Singapore

**Dissertation: Power, Scale, and Governance: Transport Geographies of Small Cities in India.**

Thesis Committee: Prof. James Sidaway (Supervisor), Prof. Tim Bunnell (Co-Supervisor), Prof. Jonathan Rigg (University of Bristol)

#### **M.Sc. in Habitat Policy & Practice** (2012-14)

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India

**Dissertation: JNNURM and Transformations in Small Towns: A Case Study of Governance and Transportation Projects in Dehradun, India.**

Supervisor: A/P Lalitha Kamath

#### **Bachelor of Architecture** (2004-09)

Sathyabama University, Chennai, India

### Refereed Journal Publications

Mittal, G (2014): **“Delusory Transformations: Transportation Projects under JNNURM in Dehradun”**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49(48), pp 62-68.

Mittal, G (n.d.): **“The State and the Production of Informalities in Urban Transport: the Vikrams in Dehradun, India”**, *Geoforum* (under review, second round).

### Book Reviews

Mittal, G (2019): **“Taken for a Ride: Grounding Neoliberalism, Precarious Labour, and Public Transport in an African Metropolis.** Matteo Rizzo. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2017, pp. xx+ 215 (ISBN 978-0-19-879424-0)”. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 40(1), 173-175.

### Conference/Workshop Presentations

**2019: “The State, Illegality, and the Cartels: Power and Resistance in Public Transport of Dehradun and Shillong, India”**, RC21 Conference on ‘In and Beyond the City: Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures’ in New Delhi, India.

**2019: “Unpacking Power Through Examining Resistance: A Case Study of Road-intersections Improvement Project in Dehradun, India”**, RC21 Conference on ‘In and Beyond the City: Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures’ in New Delhi, India (Co-authored).

**2019: “Adaptive Technologies: A Longitudinal Comparison of Transport Disruptions in Dehradun, India”**, Annual conference of Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London, United Kingdom.

**2019: “Vernacular Governance of (Informal) Public Transport: The Case of the *Vikrams* in Dehradun, India”,** World Conference for Transport Research at IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India.

**2019: “Informal Public Transport as a Product of the State: The *Vikrams* in Dehradun, India”,** Authors’ Workshop on (dis)embedded Informal Mobilities at Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL), Leipzig, Germany.

**2017: “Politicising the Technical: Geographies of Transport Interventions in Dehradun, India”,** Annual conference of Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London, United Kingdom.

### Research/Conference Grants

**2019:** Travel Bursary for RC21 Conference from University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Studies of India (UPIASI) – **9,500 INR** (~135 USD)

**2019:** Financial assistance for Annual conference of Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) from Graduate Studies Division, NUS – **2,000 SGD** (~1,400 USD)

**2018:** Prestige Prize under World Conference on Transport Research Society’s Young Initiative Activity II (PhD Grant) – **3,000 USD**

**2018:** Funding for PhD fieldwork under Graduate Research Support Scheme of Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, NUS – **5,500 SGD** (~3,900 USD)

### Awards

**2016: President’s Graduate Fellowship** at National University of Singapore for four years.

**2014: Best dissertation** in Habitat Policy and Practice at Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

**2014: Best student in concentration work** in Habitat Policy and Practice at Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

### Teaching Experience

**Associate Faculty, Singapore University of Social Sciences** (January 2019 onwards)

- SCO201 – Space, Place, People and the City

**Teaching Assistant, National University of Singapore** (August 2016 – May 2018)

- GE 4102 – Geography in the Contemporary World (January – May 2018 and January – May 2017) with Prof. David Taylor and Dr. Weiqiang Lin
- GE 3204 – Cities and Regions: Planning for Change (August – December 2017) with Dr. Chin Ee Ong
- GE 2221 – Nature and Society (August – December 2016) with A/P Harvey Neo

**Visiting Faculty, Rachna Sansad Institute of Urban and Regional Planning, Mumbai, India**

(August 2015 – June 2016)

- Lecturer, Urban Governance and Municipal Finances in India
- Studio Coordinator, first year Masters in Urban and Regional Planning programme.

**Volunteer Faculty, Vidya & Child (NGO), Noida, India** (August 2011 – February 2012)

- Assisted in formulating the curriculum of a foundation course for elementary architectural education for the students of grade 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Co-taught the said course to underprivileged students on weekends.

## Research Experience

**Research Assistant, National University of Singapore** (March 2017 – March 2018)

- Aerotropolises, Food Cargo, and their Supply Chains, with Dr. Weiqiang Lin

**Research Consultant, WRI India: Sustainable Cities, Mumbai** (April 2015 – June 2016)

- Researched on various acts related to urban governance and spatial planning in India with a focus on strengthening provincial Town and Country Planning Acts.
- Prepared a proposed a regional planning framework for revised Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act.
- Prepared a report for proposed restructuring process of Bangalore Municipal Corporation.
- Prepared a Future Cities program report of Colombo, Sri Lanka for Asian Development Bank.

**Research Associate, Hyderabad Urban Lab, Hyderabad** (May 2014 – April 2015)

- Worked on a Ford Foundation funded research project on “Forging New Tools and Collective Frames for Urban Housing Rights Advocacy” in partnership with Centre for Economic and Social Studies.
- Researched on roles of lower level bureaucracy in assisting/subverting the claims of poor for a decent housing in Hyderabad.
- Created a genealogy of shifts in post-independence housing policies of India with a detailed study of 5 year plans and policy documents, research papers, government reports etc.
- Conducted a detailed study on Institutional mechanisms for ‘housing and service delivery’ for slums in metropolitan cities of India.

**Research Intern, Urban India Research Facility, TISS, Mumbai** (March – May 2014)

- Assisted in fieldwork for a study on land-use planning and development in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.
- Organised and attended various city level and state level workshops on Urbanisation in the small and medium towns and cities in India.
- Organised and participated in a national level workshop on ‘Provincial Urbanization: Examining the Role of Small and Medium Towns and Cities in India’ at SPA, New Delhi as part of UIRF-SUBURBIN project, an initiative between TISS, CSH and CPR.
- Assisted in organising various publications, in designing the website, and in building the library of the centre.

## Professional Experience

**Architect, Mathur & Kapre Associates Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi** (May 2009 – May 2012)

## Event organization experience

- Co-organiser for a stream (two panels) on 'Urban Transport: Beyond Techno-managerial Studies' at RC21 Conference in New Delhi, India in September 2019.
- Volunteer for Summer Institute of Urban Studies (SIUS) in collaboration with Manchester Urban Institute at National University of Singapore in July 2018.
- Co-organiser of Graduate Research Workshop at the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore in April 2017.
- Organising team member for Do Din 2014, a two day techno-arts event at Hyderabad, India in December 2014.
- Organiser for workshop on 'Participatory Planning Process for Regional Development Plan of Goa 2021' at Panaji, Goa, India in March 2014.
- Organiser for seminar on 'Governing Growth: Issues with Planning, Environment and Regulations' by SoHS, TISS, Mumbai, India in January 2014.
- Co-organiser for national workshop on 'Provincial Urbanization: Examining the role of Small and Medium Towns and Cities in India' by TISS, CSH and CPR at New Delhi, India in April 2013.