

Curriculum Vitae

SOLOMON J BENJAMIN

- 1996 Ph.D. Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts: *'Neighborhood as factory (NAF)--the influence of land development and civic politics on an industrial cluster in Delhi India.* This traced a twenty-year land – economy history of East Delhi's Viswas Nagar transforming barely settled land into Asia's largest cluster of electrical conductors and cables by 1995. Committee: Late Prof Lisa Peattie MIT DUSP; Late Prof. William Doebele (GSD Harvard); Prof Bish Sanyal MIT DUSP; Late Prof. Jerome Rothenberg Economics Dept. MIT
- 1985 M. S. Arch. S. Master Science in Architectural Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge Massachusetts.
- 1982 B.Arch. School of Planning and Architecture New Delhi

Academic Positions

- 2022 July onwards Professor
- 2013- 2023 Associate Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Madras
- 2011-12 Professor of Architecture and Planning at the Manipal School of Architecture and Planning (MSAP) Manipal University Aug 10, 2011 to July 15th 2012
- 2009 - 2011 Associate Professor and Co-Chair, Urban Research and Policy Program, School of Social Sciences National Institute of Advanced Studies 01-11-2009 to 30 July 2011
- 2006-2009: Assistant Professor, Inter-disciplinary hire for Urban Studies at the Dept. of Political Science University of Toronto, Canada. 30-09-2009

Significant Contribution to International Refereed Literature

'Occupancy Urbanism' (Benjamin 2008; 2014; 2015) Google Scholar Single Authored: **2461**;
H Index: **20** I-10 Index: **29**

Thematic Citations to my single authored articles:

- 770** for significant contribution to Urban studies 'Occupancy Urbanism' (Benjamin 2008; 2014; 2015)
- 491** Citations: for S Benjamin 2001 Governance, economic settings and poverty in Bangalore Environment and Urbanization 12 (1), 35-56 Sage
- 190** Citations: for S Benjamin 2005 Urban land transformation for pro-poor economies Geoforum 35 (2), 177-187 Sage

Public Policy

- 2023 Advisory meeting to the Govt of Kerala on the Kerala Land Settlement Act towards Conclusive Land Titling" on 20th February, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 2018-2022 CNRS France Urban wetlands riverfront development. Nagpur – Odisa; extension of i) 2012-13 *The Practice of Land Titling in Cities in Development: India, Ethiopia, Mauritania* An international research project with the French Institute Pondicherry, IFP, CNRS Paris on Urban Land titling in India and West Africa; and ii) 2016-17: CNRS Urban Land Commons in North Bangalore IIHS Bangalore
- 2016 HABITAT III (Quito): Policy Chapter "From slum to ordinary neighborhood in a provincial town of South India" (co-authored with Bhuvanewari Raman, Eric Denis) in Rethinking precarious neighborhoods for the HABITAT III contribution by The Laboratoire Architecture, Ville, Urbanisme et Environnement (LAVUE), French National Center for Scientific Research (UMR CNRS 7218) Agence française de développement (AFD)

- 2014 Public Policy Panel with Arvind Panagriya Colombia Univ; Ananya Roy UCLA-Berkeley; Karen Seto Yale in “Governing urban expansion in India and China” in Urban Age Governing Urban Futures conference by London School of Economics & Political Economy (LSE) - Alfred Herrhausen Society, the International Forum of Deutsche Bank 14-15 Nov. New Delhi
- 2004-06 Advisor to Action Aid India on removal of chronic poverty and improving livelihoods to reform the Kolkata Urban Services Program (KUSP), Kolkata (Calcutta)
- 1999-2004: Advisor to the Govt. of Karnataka’s Administrative Training Institute (ATI) Mysore on establishing their DTUDP (Decentralized Training - Urban Development Program) aided by HUDCO Delhi and HIS (Institute of Housing Studies Rotterdam)
- 2004 UNDP/ Karnataka Human Development Report (KHDR-II) Background paper on urban poverty and disparity for the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka. Sponsored by the UNDP’s HDR division
- 2004 ILO: “Women in the Informal Economy in Bangalore” Outcome of a research for the IIST, ILO seminar on ‘Decent Employment for Women in India’
- 2004 Dept of Science & Technology, Govt of India, Govt of Karnataka: Principal researcher for ‘*Bhoomi in Bangalore Rural*’; A program for digitization of 20 million land records in Karnataka, South India, as part of a research project on E-Governance Initiatives under the ICT4D project, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore
- 2003-2004 Senior economic advisor to the SCE – Creocan (India) Pvt. Ltd on the Metropolitan Spatial Data Infrastructure Project (MSDI) for the proposed Comprehensive Development Plan for the Bangalore metropolitan area. Responsible to co-ordinate and lead research studies on Bangalore’s economies (IT, Garments, Silk) and their links to infrastructure, regulations, and forms of governance
- 2004 “Women in the Informal Economy in Bangalore” for the IIST, ILO seminar on ‘Decent Employment for Women in India’
- 2004 ‘*Bhoomi in Bangalore Rural*’; A program for digitization of 20 million land records in Karnataka, South India, PI as part of a research project on E-Governance Initiatives under the ICT4D project, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore.
- 2003-2005 Principal researcher for the Bangalore case: ‘*Landing the IT: The Emerging Political Economy of Bangalore’s peripheral land*’ for ‘Inclusive Mega Cities in Globalising Asia’ IDPAD research project coordinated by the Centre for Development Alternatives, Ahmedabad.
- 2002–2003 Sector leader Economic and Livelihood Development for the Kolkata (Calcutta) Urban Services Program, Design phase (KUSP) funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), British High Commission. Economic strategy developed with elected councils of 41 urban local bodies in the Kolkata metro area with advise on their economic mapping
- 2002 Member of a three-member keynote panel with Jeffrey Sachs, Colombia University, Ricardo Lima Chief Urban Planner San Paolo, inaugural symposium on Urban Poverty, The World Bank, Washington DC
- 1999 BDA Principal researcher and team leader for a project ‘Development Scheme for Basapura in South Bangalore: A proposal to limit land acquisition’ for the Bangalore Development Authority.
- 1999-2003: NFI- Ford Foundation: Environmental Planning in coastal & central town wards of Udupi and Mangalore with their councilors and municipal councils. Engagement with the towns, colleges and schools on environmental education. Technical Advice to the elected councils and civic groups on loans from the Asian Development Bank

- 1999 -2000 Consultant 'Study of Bangalore's Machine Tool Industry Cluster' (with DELPHI Research Pvt. Ltd) for the UNIDO and Indian Machine Tool Association (IMTMA).
- 1999-2000 'Study of the Silk Weaving Cluster at Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu for the Swiss Development Co-operation (SDC) Bangalore. Principal consultant to DELPHI Research Services Pvt. Ltd.
- 1999 Evaluation of the 'Slum Networking' projects in Ahemdabad and Baroda. Assignment for the World Bank
- 1999 'Study of the Silk Reeling Cluster at Ramanagaram, Karnataka' for the Swiss Development Co-operation (SDC) Bangalore. Principal consultant to DELPHI Research Services Pvt. Ltd.
- 1999 Principal researcher and team leader for a project 'Development Scheme for Basapura in South Bangalore: A proposal to limit land acquisition' for the Bangalore Development Authority
- 1998-2000 'The impact of the 74th. Indian Constitutional Amendment mandating decentralization of urban management on the local economy in seven cities and towns in Karnataka'. Development Action Research sponsored by the National Foundation for India to The Development Research Foundation of Technology Informatics Development Endeavor (TIDE). Principal Researcher, and consultant to TIDE, Bangalore.
- 1998-99 Training inputs of urban and land management to the Administrative Training Institute of the Government of Karnataka.
- 1999 The 74th. Ca From A Livelihood & Developmental Perspective,' Background paper for the UNDP on the 74th. Constitutional Amendment for the India Development Forum 2000 meeting.
- 1998 'Re-framing Urban Poverty Questions', mimeo for the UNDP's *India Development Forum* meeting in Paris used in the UNDP paper 'Diversity and Disparities in Human Development' UNDP 1999
- 1997 Member of an International Research Team sponsored by the: 'A comparative Study of Aid to India from EU and selected EU donors and its relevance for Poverty Reduction'. Principal researcher for the urban component. Urban poverty programs in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala. European Union
- 1991-1993: Fellow Faculty at the HSMI, Human Settlement Management Institute, HUDCO R&D wing, Khelgaon Marg New Delhi

International Academic Fellowships & Advisorship

- Nov 2025 to 2028/29: Advisor Structural Change of Property (SFB) Collaborative Research Center of the Universities of Jena and Erfurt, Germany <https://sfb294-eigentum.de/en/>
- Advisor July 2026 – 2027: CIFAR AI Catalyst Grants - Canadian Institute for Advanced Research: Urbanisation of customary and collective land: Comparative Perspectives
CIFAR Catalyst Funds Application: CFA25-26-0000000181 2026-2027 PI: Prof Jennifer Robinson University College London
- 2023 June- July Mercator Fellow on the project Structural Change of Property (SFB) Collaborative Research Center of the Universities of Jena and Erfurt, Germany
<https://sfb294-eigentum.de/en/members/solomon-benjamin/>
- 2022 October & November Visiting Professor EHESS Pantheon Sorbonne Paris 1 & LADYSS Geographie-cités' Lab CNRS Paris at <https://geographie-cites.cnrs.fr/en/solomon-benjamin-guest-researcher-lectures-in-november/>
- 2017 to 2018 Professor and Head Post Doctoral Program and Faculty Development, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bangalore

2012-May 2013 Fellow Lichtenberg Kolleg, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/410401.html>

Major Academic Lectures and Keynotes

- 2025 Posting Gentrification for Urban Redevelopment Panel organised by Carolyn Cartier (University of Technology Sydney) and Solly Benjamin (Indian Institute of Technology Madras) EARCAG 2025 FUKUOKA JAPAN Feb 11 - 15, 2025 Kyushu University, Fukuoka
- 2025 Destabilising Land & Economy: Why Property & Territory remains feared in most of the city in Re-fashioning urbanism: Cities between Capital, the State and the 'People' Delhi, 21-23 January 2025 Max Plank
- 2024 Keynote: Why Tenurial Thickening in Most of the City remains fearful for academics across ideologies: The Contemporary Politics of Knowledge Generation & talk: Property in our hands: Tenurial Thickness as Bangalore's Territorial Complexity beyond it's Metropolitan Promise Solomon Benjamin & Sachin Rathod in Urban Futures Workshop 25-27 February ICAS - Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- 2023 Property's Murmur: Tenurial Thickening and Entanglement SSB – Max Weber –Kolleg Univ. of Erfurt 7th July <https://sfb294-eigentum.de/en/news/im-gesprach-mit-solomon-benjamin/>
- 2023 'Extensions Via Property's Murmur Thickening and Entanglement of Tenurial Spatialities' in the panel, Extensions of and beyond the notions of suburbs, peripheries, diasporas, in 'Urban Life at the Extensions' Symposium at University College London in Paris (UCLIP), Paris. 19th April
- 2022 Géographie-cités Paris Oct –Nov. <https://geographie-cites.cnrs.fr/en/guest-researchers/> and <https://geographie-cites.cnrs.fr/en/solomon-benjamin-guest-researcher-lectures-in-november/>
- 2022 Framing the Land Question in Times of Climate Emergencies in Géopolis Urban Matters Political Ecologies Knowledge & Techniques Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Switzerland 24 October <https://agenda.unil.ch/display/1664445228608>
- 2022 Bauhaus of our time: Beyond Style and the Singular Building Tel Aviv Bauhaus – Tel Aviv & Mumbai. Bauhaus Center Tel Aviv 3rd November
- 2022 Occupancy Urbanism via the spatial story analytic of entangled situated histories in Symposium 'Metropolisation and the land question' the LADYSS lab CNRS Paris 1, 7th November
- 2022 Land's Situated Spatial Histories: ways to re-conceptualize Metro Peripheries' Territorial Entanglements in Actualités de la recherche en Asie du sud) Séminaire du CEIAS - CESSMA - Urban Fabrics 8th November <https://www.cessma.org/Axe-thematique-no2-Villes-du-Sud-pouvoir-pratiques-citadines-et-devenir>
- 2022 Researching the metropolis: How a historiography of "Metropolis" has moved attention away from nuanced consideration of everyday practices constructing 'the urban' in the seminar: "Metropolises and Capitals: local paths in a global world" LabEx Dynamite Institution: EHESS & Géographie-cités' 17th November
- 2015 Nehru Memorial Library Public Lecture: Rethinking the Urban: Framing Land, Economy, & Local Government to conceptualize India's and China's co-produced urbanism in their series: Cities in History Friday 16th October
- 2013 Occupancy urbanism as a way to expand the 'South' of "Southern' cities, Dept. of Human Geography and City Studies, September 30 2013 3:00-5:00 p.m. MW 324 (Social Sciences

Building). <https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/geography/occupancy-urbanism-way-expand-south-southern-cities-talk-dr-benjamin-september-30-2013>

2011 The 21st Century Indian City: Developing an Agenda for Urbanization in India University of California, Berkeley

2000 Lecture Salzburg Seminar 378 "The Entrepreneurial City" at Salzburg Austria

International Academic Networks

- **Popular Economy: India – UK – South Africa – Latin America: The Urban Popular Economy Collective (2019-2022)** Anchored by Abdou Malik Simone Urban Institute, University of Sheffield University of San Martin, Sapienza, University of Rome, University of Buenos Aires, British Institute in Eastern Africa, School of Environment and Architecture, Mumbai; Durham University; The Middle East Initiative Harvard University; ; University of Manchester Center for Development and Regional Planning; Federal University of Minas Gerais; Facultad Latino-americana de Ciencias Sociales Sede Ecuador. Publications in Cities, and Public Culture. Publication: 2022 (with Simone et al.) *Popular Economies*, *Public Culture* The *Urban Glossary Project* at [CITYSCAPES](https://cityscapesmagazine.com/projects/the-urban-glossary-project#about-project) <https://cityscapesmagazine.com/projects/the-urban-glossary-project#about-project>
- **Transnational Territoriality and Spatiality across East and South Asian.** Since 2024, this has extends via Tammy Wong and Nidheesh Suresh into considering inter-connected transnational territorialities in Chennai, Sharjah, Kowloon and the HK's new territories extending onto Shenzhen as small traders of refurbished economies, mechanical components as lived spaces that entangle technological artifacts into inter and intra ethnic clan groups. This includes since 2012, a close examination of the technique of refurbishing electronics, phones and laptops with service engineers, small electronic traders, and worked via films, ethnography of both space and human life histories, and components. A partner since 2018 here has been G Venkatesh, EE (IIT-Madras)
- **City Extensions in South Africa, North Africa, South Asia.** Anchored in Robinson's ideas of 'the ordinary city', and methods of Relational Comparison, (Robinson,), and Malik Simon's ideas Urban Extensions:, this is an emerging network since early 2024, this includes Phil Harrison, WITs Univ SA, Jenny Robinson (UCL, UK), Amelie Choplin, University of Geneva

French:

- Urban Land Riverfront Development and Commons CNRS- IIT Madras 2019- present
- Urban Land Commons (2017-18) Communs fonciers urbains: CNRS- AFD funded project in North Bangalore with IIHS. This looks at political and institutional spaces of land as these relate to housing, wetlands.
- *Surburbin (Subaltern Urbanisation in India) (2012-2016) Project* with the Urban Dynamics group of the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CHS), New Delhi as part of a total team of more than 35 Int. researchers. The Programme focuses on a relatively untouched area of small town and large villages undergoing rapid urbanisation and transformation into urban regions.
- *Low Tech/High Tech: New Mappings of Assembly Methods: Research Group on Innovation, Invention and Technological Change;* Co-ordinated by Denis Vidal (IRD), Emmanuel Grimaud (CNRS), at the URMIS IRD, Paris Diderot, LESC CNRS Paris. This brings together inventors, academics in a series of workshops (2012, 2011) that work through these binaries by focusing on actual practices and processes.

- **Canadian (2009-18) *Global Suburbanisms: Governance, Land, and Infrastructure in 21st Century***: Member of core group of 9 proposal framers expanded to 15 ‘co-applicants’, and part of a wider group of more than 40 collaborators in North America, Europe, Latin America, South Africa, Asia, China in a long term international research collaborative funded CAD \$3.5 million under the Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI), Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canada). The Indian component in Bangalore, Delhi / Gurgaon, Chennai looks at issues of the urban periphery in various thematic areas: Governance, Land, Everyday practices, Waste and Ecology.
- **HK and East Asia: Social Justice as Urban Spatiality – HK, Osaka, Mumbai, Bangalore**: Indian and Chinese Urbanisms: With Wing Shing Tang (Dept. of Geography at the Hong Kong Baptist University) CRIT Mumbai: P Shetty & R Gupte, B Raman Jindal Delhi. This networks works on the idea of ‘Co-produced Urbanism. It re-thinks the urban not as bounded but inter-connected ideas and practices. Anchored in critical studies, sociology and geography this includes Tammy Wong & Toshio Mizuuchi (Osaka City Labs), Geerhardt Kornatowaski, Kyushu University Fukuoka, Prasad Shetty & Rupali Gupte (SEA, Mumbai) & and the late Wing Shing Tang (Hong Kong Baptist Univ.). Anchored to materialize Social Justice in it’s institutional territorial and spatial perspectives. It has formed as an extension of the East Asian Alternative Geography group (EARCAG).

UK:

- 1999-2002: Principal researcher for the Bangalore case of an international research project Urban Governance and Poverty, University of Birmingham’s Int. Development Department UK, IIED, LSE.
- 2002-2003 Principal researcher for the Bangalore case on urban chronic poverty as part of an international research project on Chronic Poverty for the Chronic poverty research centre at the University of Manchester UK (Coordinating a team of three researchers)

Publications

In Press and Process

Editor with Gauri Nagpal) *Cities Untold: Negotiating spatial practices and imaginations* <https://cup.columbia.edu/book/cities-untold/9788195639281> Columbia University Press book under publication, in a series: ‘India Since the 1990s’ compiled by Ashish Rajadhyaksha & Gauri Nagpal, Tulika-Books Delhi CUP (English Mandarin) - Dinghaiqiao – West Heavens Project Shanghai China. (In press layout and edits) (Expected early 2027)

With Abdou Malik Simone, Nidheesh S, Tammy Wong) *Territorializing Popular Economies Beyond the Local and Regional* in Rutledge London Handbook on Local and Regional Development Routledge London.

With Varun Patil *Who’s afraid of Akrama sakrama? Occupancy Urbanism’s Life-Worlds to frame Master Planned Lawfare* ch 16 in *The City in the South: Bangalore/Bengaluru in Imagination, Theory and Practice* (‘the Volume’) Edited by Smriti Srinivas and Hemangini Gupta (the ‘Volume Editor’) Bloomsbury Publishing India

With Pushkal Shivam, Varun Patil) *'Life after Law'* Chapter in an edited volume Post Gentrification edited by Carolyn Cartier, University of Technology Sydney, Wing Shing Tang, Hong Kong Baptist University, (in review) Wiley UK.

Published

- 2024 (co-authored with Joanna Wai Ying Lee, and Hong Kong Critical Geography Group) 'In Memory of Wing Shing Tang: a geographer enlightening Urban Worlds' Space Society and Geographical Thought, 27, 211-268, Ed. Yip M, Mizuuchi T, (eds).
- 2024 (with Patil, V) *Porous bureaucracies as a potential 'left art of government': a perspective from Indian Cities* Ch 16 in C. Benit-Gbaffou (Ed.), Local Officials and the Struggle to Transform Cities. London: UCL Press.
- 2023 (co-authored with Wing Shing Tang, Prasad Shetty, Rupali Gupte) *Land, Mutual Embeddedness as Property Relations and Territory: Towards a Tongbian Understanding* in Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers
- 2023 (with Nidheesh S) *Provincialising Alappad's Nationalistic Gaze: A Spatial Complexity Siting the 'South' Beyond the Metro*. Social Change, 53(2), 210–225.
- 2022 *The Urban Popular Economy Collective, Urban Popular Economies: Territories of Operation for Lives Deemed Worth Living* (Collective: Solomon Benjamin, Alioscia Castronovo, Luci Cavallero, Cristina Cielo, Véronica Gago, Prince Guma, Rupali Gupte, Victoria Habermehl, Lana Salman, Prasad Shetty, AbdouMaliq Simone, Constance Smith, João Tonucci) in Public Culture 1 September; 34 (3 (98)): 333–357.
- 2022 (with AbdouMaliq Simone) *Majority Urban Politics and Lives Worth Living in a Time of Climate Emergencies* A Special Issue of the Journal Social Text Social Text 150 • Vol. 40, No. 1 • March
- 2021 (with Tang Wing-Shing) *Land as situated History into 'Southern' Urbanism* Ch 33 in Michele Lancione and Colin McFarlane (Editors) Global Urbanism Knowledge, Power and the City Routledge UK
- 2020 *Of perpetual becoming, informal as a life space* SEMINAR 736: *Celebrating Ideas* December Edt, Tejbir Singh Seminar New Delhi
- 2019 *'Occupancy Urbanism: Thinking beyond 'resistance' and Political Closure'* in The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies Edited by Anthony M. Orum University of Illinois at Chicago December
- 2018 *Field Space as Theory and Practice* Ch. 12 in Across Theory and Practice. edt Grubbauer, Monika and Kate Shaw Jovis Berlin
- 2017 *South Canara Urbanism's diverse logics* Ch.8 in Part II: *Land, Society, Belonging in 'Subaltern Urbanization in India: An introduction to ordinary towns' dynamics* (Editors: Eric Denis and Marie – Hélène Zérah) Springer
- 2016 (with Bhuvanewari Raman, & Éric Denis) *'From slum to ordinary neighborhood in a provincial town of South India: Resident-induced practices of participation and co-production'* (pg 211-232) in Part III: *Collective mobilization: knowledge and learnings* in Rethinking Precarious Neighborhoods Editor: Agnès Deboulet Publisher: RIOUX and GIRAUD for Agence Française de Développement September
- 2015 *'Cities within and beyond the plan: re-reading Bangalore's multiple contesting terrains'* chapter in City in South Asia (edt. Minoru Mio and Crispin Bates) Routledge Series: Routledge New Horizons in South Asian Studies Taylor and Francis UK
- 2015 *'Reinforce, not relinquish, society's embedded energy'* in State of Environment in India: 2015 CSE New Delhi.
- 2014 Benjamin S. *'Occupancy Urbanism as Political Practice'*, Ch. 27 in S. Parnell and S. Oldfield (eds.) A Routledge Handbook on Cities of the Global South. London: Routledge

- 2012 *'The Eleventh City: Practice As Politics'* in *'Cybermohalla Hub'* Edited by Nikolaus Hirsch and Shveta Sarda Sternberg Press Berlin.
- 2011 *'Illegible Claims, Legal Titles, and the Worlding of Bangalore'* in *Tiers Monde (Revue)*. Institut D'etude Du Developpement Economique Et Social De Paris. July
- 2011 (co-authored with Bhuvanewari Raman) *'Claiming Land: Rights, Contestations and the Urban Poor in Globalized times'* Chapter in *The Right to the City'*: Contribution to Right to the City UNESCO & Urban Dynamics group of the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CHS), New Delhi.
- 2011 *'Commoning contests the 'Urban Commons': Some thoughts on the de-commoning of Bengaluru'* Section 4, Ch. 43 (P. 295 to 312) in Vocabulary of Commons Foundation for Ecological Security at WQ Judge Press, Bangalore, India. January
- 2011 *'Arguments for the Imperfect City'* in *'The City as Studio'* (Edition 1) RAQs Cyber Mohalla Press. The book is available for free download as a PDF at the Sarai website. (www.sarai.net) July
- 2010 *'Aesthetic(s) of 'The Ground Up' City: Some Insights from Bangalore'* in Seminar issue # 612, August on 'Karnataka: Vignettes: a symposium on emerging trends in contemporary Karnataka'
- 2010 *'The Nomadic City Appropriates the Street'* in an online journal Cluster 2010 (<http://www.cluster.eu/the-nomadic-city-appropriates-the-street/>) (Text built on earlier 2008 essay in Post IT cities)
- 2010: *'Manufacturing Neoliberalism: Lifestyling Indian Urbanity'* Chapter- 4 in Accumulation by Dispossession: Transformative Cities in the New Global Order Edited by Swapna Banerjee-Guha Sage, New Delhi, India
- 2008 *'Inclusive or Contested? Conceptualizing A Globalized Bangalore'* in Mahadevia D (edt) Inside the Transforming Urban Asia – Policies, Processes, and Public Action Concept, New Delhi
- 2008 b (with) Bhuvanewari R, Rajan P., & Manjunath R., 2008 *'Fractured' Terrain, Spaces left over, or Contested? - A Closer Look at the IT-dominated Territories in East and South Bangalore'* in Darshini Mahadevia (edt) Inside the Transforming Urban Asia – Policies, Processes, and Public Action Concept, New Delhi
- 2008 *'Milieux d'affaires, société civile & politiques anti-pauvres'* (in French) (Revitalizing the Indian city: The business community, civil society & anti-poor policies) in Agone 38 and 39 – Issue on 'Cities and social resistance'.
- 2008 *'Occupancy Urbanism: Radicalizing Politics and Economy beyond Policy and Programs'* Int. Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) Vol. 32, Issue 3 September
- 2008 *'Transformative Urbanisms: Walter Benjamin strolls through Occupant Cites'* A traveling exhibition on Urbanism (Original in Catalan & Spanish) in CCCB POST IT Edited by: CCCB i Direcció de Comunicació de la Diputació de Barcelona Centre of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona along with the Communication Direction of the Diputació³ de Barcelona Languages: Catalan, Spanish, English ISBN: 978-84-9803-275-8 Information on Traveling Exhibition
- 2007 *'Occupancy Urbanism: Ten Theses'* Pg 538 in Sarai Reader 07: Frontiers New Delhi
- 2006 (with R. Bhuvanewari) *'Urban futures of poor groups in Chennai and Bangalore: How these are shaped by the relationship between Parastatal and Local Bodies'* Ch. 10 in Local Governance in India: Decentralization and Beyond by Niraja Jayal, Amit Prakash, Pradeep Sharma (edt.) Oxford University Press New Delhi
- 2005 *"Un-planned, Illegal, Non-conforming": An emerging subversive of Touts, Pirates, and the Ghosts"* in *"Bare Act"* Sarai Reader 05 February Sarai –CSDS
- 2005 *Analogue to Digital: Valorising the Peripheries to Fear New Hydras* in Conrad Becker &

- Felix Stalder (edt) Knowledge of Future Culture World Informal City IP City edition Vienna Nov 2005 Online Journal
- 2004 'Urban land transformation for pro-poor economies' Geoforum, Volume 35, Issue 2, March (pp. 177-187)
- 2003 *From Income to urban contest in global settings: Chronic Poverty in Bangalore* Ch. 6 in Chronic Poverty in India published by the Chronic Poverty Research Centre, University of Manchester and the Indian Institute of Public Administration. (also working paper #4 in the same series)
- 2001 *Politics by Stealth?* in Insights Development Research (# 38 November) ID21 at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
- 2001 (with Bhuvanewari, R) 'Democracy, Inclusive Governance and Poverty in Bangalore' The University Of Birmingham Urban Governance, Partnership and Poverty Working Paper 26, May
- 2000 (with Gururaja Budhya) *The Politics of sustainable cities: The case of Bengare, Mangalore in Coastal India* in Environment and Urbanization Volume 12, #2 October
- 2000 *Governance, Economic Settings, And Poverty In Bangalore, India* Environment and Urbanization Vol. 12 No. 1 April
- 1998 (With Bengani N.) 'The Civic politics of industrial districts in Delhi' Chapter 12 in Holmstrom M. & Cardenne P. (Ed's.) *Decentralized Production in India: Industrial Districts, Flexible Specialization, and Employment* Sage New Delhi
- 1993 *Urban productivity from the grassroots*, article in a special issue of the Third World Planning Review on 'Urban Productivity' Vol.15 no. 2, May
- 1991 (with Krishnamurthy A.K). 'Community Development: The Indian Experience' in Proceedings of the Third HABINET International Seminar CEHAP, National University, Medellin, Colombia (in Spanish: Krishnamurthy AN Benjamin SJ. 1991 Experiencia de Participación Comunitaria en la India: Proyectos Públicos y Acciones Populares Pg 145 in Participacion Comunitaria Memorias PETER CHARLES BRAND editor habinet Programa de Cooperación Sur-Sur de Investigación, Capacitación e Información entre Colombia, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania y Thailandia; con el apoyo del Gobierno Holandbs a través del programa universidad nacional de colombia seccional medellín-facultad de arquitectura
- 1989 'Income and Housing: Understanding household productivity within the framework of urban structuring in ' in Mulkh Raj and Nientied P. (eds.) *Third World Urban Development* Oxford University Press New Delhi
- 1985 With Hua Z. 'Low-rise, High-density developmental possibilities for the Golden Triangle area in down town Kaula Lumpur' in *Implications of high-rise high- density Development in Kaula Lumpur*. Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM), Kuala Lumpur
- 1985 'Informal Vs Formal Housing in Delhi, India' in 'Third World Housing' Architecture Review, London, August

Book

Jobs, land and urban development: The economic of success of small manufacturers in East Delhi, 1991 India. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Academic positions and invited peer reviews by all the top journals in Urban Studies and Human Geography

- Editorial board, Jindal Journal of Public Policy (2016 onwards)
- Editorial board (2009 to 2014) *Antipode* a journal of critical studies
- Steering committee of the International Critical Geography Group (ICGG) 2015-onwards

- Reviewer for International Journals & Grade I University Presses: *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)* Wiley-Blackwell, *Antipode* Wiley Blackwell, *City and Society* Wiley-Blackwell *Urban Studies* Sage USA *Urban Affairs Review* Sage USA, *World Development* Elsevier Netherlands *GeoForum* Elsevier Netherlands, *Environment and Planning A* Sage UK, *Contemporary South Asia* Taylor and Francis UK, *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* NUS and Wiley, *City, Culture and Society* Elsevier Netherlands *Environment and Urbanization*, Cambridge University Press *Book Manuscripts* Cambridge UK

Funded Research: Development Policy in Economy, Land, and Governance

- 2020-24: IITM internal exploration grants: Smart Phone Re-engineering PI with Prof. G Venkatesh Prof of Practice, Electrical Engg. HSS Dept. IIT-Madras
- 2013-16 *Transnational intersects and the production of contested urban space* Indian Council of Social Science Research in December 2013 this research explores ‘China and Burma Bazars’ in Chennai, Delhi, Bangalore and Bombay.
- 2011 UNESCO co-authored with Bhuvanewari Raman *The Right to the City*: Chapter ‘Claiming Land: Rights, Contestations and the Urban Poor in Globalized times’: Contribution to Right to the City UNESCO – Most Policy Paper Series 2011 July with the Urban Dynamics group of the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CHS), New Delhi. This international policy report aimed particularly at South Asia to address issues of increasing divides
- 2010-2016 SUBURBIN (Subaltern Urbanisation in India) funded by the ‘ANR’ French National Research Agency <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/SHSUK>.
- 2009 – 2014 ‘*Global Suburbanisms: Governance, Land, and Infrastructure in 21st Century*’ (see above) As one of the nine co-applicant at the York University and University of Toronto, Benjamin supervised the research of Mathew Irdiculla on contested sites in Bangalore’s urban periphery. Total project costs over 7 yrs and 40 partners: CAD\$ 7 million. SSHRC.
- 2002-2003 Principal researcher for Bangalore’s chronic poverty as part of an international research project on Chronic Poverty for the Chronic Poverty Research Centre at the University of Manchester UK (Coordinating a team of three researchers)
- 2000-2002 ‘Urban Governance, Partnership, and Poverty.’ Principal researcher for the case of Bangalore. Commissioned by ESCOR, Department For International Development, British High Commission. A collaborative research in Asia, Africa, and Latin America with the Development Administration Group of the School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham UK. (Coordinating a team of six researchers)

Doctoral Supervision and Review Committee

- Harsh Mittal IIM-A (Co-Guide with Prof. Navdeep Mathur) Completed
- Gajendran V, IIT – Madras HSS Dept. Completed
- Sarita Pillay, WITTS University (Co-Guide with Profs Philip Harrison, Prof Allison Todes) WITTS University, South Africa (completed)
- Nidheesh M IIT – Madras HSS Dept. Completed
- Vishal Dubey IIT – Madras HSS Dept. Completed
- Lalitha K, IIT-M, HSS (Post compre)
- Dhiren Swain IIT-M, HSS (Post-compre)

National. External reader and examiner for doctoral dissertations at:

- Shiv Nadar University: Samprati Pani

- JNU: Miranda Bembem Mutuwa
- MIDS: KV Preetha
- JNU: Radhika Chatterjee
- JNU: Himadri Chatterjee
- JNU: Sushmita Pati
- JNU: Shruti Duby
- Univ. of Hyderabad Sudarshan P
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences: Rebecca Mamen

MA Supervision

Over the past decade reviewed more than 20 MA theses.

Doctoral, Graduate & Undergrad Teaching Course Curriculum Development

2013 onwards: Faculty Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras,:

- HS 3012 Urbanisation and Development
- HS 4012 Built Environment and Society
- HS 7006 Urban Futures: Indian and Chinese interconnected Urbans
- HS 7021 Infrastructure and Housing
- HS 3024 Research Methods and Project Evaluation
- HS 7004 Research Scholars and MAP Research Methodology Seminar

2008-2011: Faculty, NIAS's School of Social Sciences:

- Co-anchored across schools, NIAS's Doctoral Foundation Program and Foundation Course Lecture: Introducing the Urban;
- Lecture inputs into the School of Social Science's foundation course via four thematic lectures;
- Inputs into Doctoral course Research Methodology on Qualitative Research.
- URPP seminar course 'Reading Cities from the Grassroots': Participants included two doctoral students and six others: an activist, two journalists, one architect, one planner, and one sociologist. The emphasis in this approach was to mobilize the *City As Lab*, to generate new and locally useful contextual theory based on four field locations in Bangalore

Faculty, Dept. of Political Science University of Toronto, Canada: Responsibility for two full time courses on Urban Studies and occasional graduate seminars:

- *Globalization and Urban Politics (Undergrad 3rd Year MA)*
- *Politics and Third World City Planning (Senior MA and Doctoral Candidates)*
- Graduate seminars at the South Asia center; Lectures at the Department.

Curriculum Development and Research Projects for the *Program On Land Markets* for senior policy makers at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge Massachusetts 1999

Visiting faculty at National Law School of India University, Bangalore: Law and Urban Development (1999-2004) for 3rd and 4th Year

Conferences and Meetings

2022, Land's Deep Materiality: Thinking beyond Encounter and Assembly in Urban Politics. in East Asian Alternative Geography (EARCAG) Hong Kong Summer Conference at Kyudai University Fukuoka Japan on March 15

2022 Theorizing the Urban "South" via Land Practices: Empowering oneself via Grounded Theory & Pedagogy the PhD Graduate seminar Kyudai University Fukuoka Japan

- 2021 City as Majority Spaces in Democracy in the Age of Cities' TAU City Center Research Sept
- 2021 Constructing 'Urban Sustainability: Anti-Politics Machine, Cartography, Spiritual Duty, and Participation, Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development Oxford University, May
- 2018 March East Asian Geographers Conference EARCAG . Paper presentation on Trans National Urbanism. Degue Korea.
- 2017 April 'OCCUPIED CITIES: Job centered economy, shelter and place-making' in 'Panel Discussion on Urban Land Governance' in India Land & Development Conference 05th 2017 Indian Int. Centre New Delhi
- 2017 April 'Constructing Precarity' Panel Discussion 'Precarious Neighborhoods' Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
- 2017 Feb. *Capital Loves the 'Peri-Urban': Seductions of the Easy Narrative* In 'Tracking Transformations in Agrarian-Urban Hinterlands of South Asia' Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) on Global Suburbanisms The City Institute at York University, Canada, Center for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) New Delhi
- 2017 Jan Contested Spaces of Economy: Thinking beyond the Climate Change Container at an international conference 27-28 January 2017 Peri-Urban Development: Concept, Emerging Ideas and Notions of Sustainability IGCS (Indo-German Centre for Sustainability, IIT Madras
- 2016 '*Co-Producing China In India: The 'China Bazaars' In Indian Cities*' in Panel IV: 'China-India Contemporary Comparisons and Connections' in "Asia and Intra-Asian Connections' Annual Conference Of the Center for Global Asia, NYU- Shanghai (Co-Sponsored by: Asia Research Center, Fudan University East-West Center, Hawaii 22-24 August in Shanghai
- 2016 *Practiced City Spaces as Critical Art Practice: Thinking beyond the grand narrative as inevitability as the basis of Critical Art Practice to 'rescue' Space* Dinghaiqiao, Shanghai Thursday, August 25
- 2015 Invitee to Workshop on '*Unlocking Land for Urban Growth*' Hosted by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad In collaboration with the World Bank (July 9-10)
- 2015 Discussant in '*Capital, urbanization and land in India and China*' IFP, Pondicherry 17-18 July Finurbasia project, French National Agency for Research
- 2015 '*Land versus Housing as Political Space*' in *Rethinking Precarious Neighborhoods works, paths and interventions*' AFC, LAVUE (CNRS) UMR, Centre SUD 8-9 June Paris
- 2015 '*Urban Local Government roles in Emerging Trans-national Economy In India and China*' in session: State rescaling and the politics of producing competitive urban spaces" in symposium Comparing urban dynamics in China and India. CNRS' labs, le Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud et le Centre d'études sur la Chine moderne et contemporaine. and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales Paris, March 18th and 19th
- 2015 "*Opaque*" *Life World In Urban Spaces: Framing Perspectives, Elements, and Ideas Of Politics in Urban 'present' and Urban 'future'*: Building accountable governance for inclusive spaces and shared wellbeing in India, Ford Foundation, Delhi, 9 & 10 January
- 2014 "*Materialised Uncertainty*" as Political Spaces in Urban Futures in an international workshop by the LSE Cities Group at the London School of Economics and Political Science "Asian Century": Uncertainty, Speculation, Experimentation in New Delhi, Max Muller Bhavan on Thursday, 13 November
- 2014 *Cities beyond the logic of the Plan: Some reflections problematising 'Informality'* at an international workshop Sept. 09 to Sept. 12, at the International Graduate Program Berlin -

- New York - Toronto Center for Metropolitan Studies TU Berlin.
- 2014 *"The Right to Occupy: An alternative view of Economy"* Oral and Paper presentation in Session titled "Social Justice and the City in East Asia" and Chair of session: Territory Migration, Citizenship and Justice; both at the 7th East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography (EARCAG) "The Right to Inhabit; the Asian Challenges" Osaka, Japan for 23-28 July 2014.
- 2014 *Spatializing contests over land and water via the frame of Legal Pluralism and Occupancy Urbanism March* in 'Governing Land and Water Resources The Demise of the Collective Voice' Columbia's Global Center South Asia & Center on Global Legal Transformation in Mumbai March
- 2014 *Re-embedding Economy in a Small Town Large Context in 'Subaltern Urbanization in India'* A Research Programme funded by CNRS 2011-2014 coordinated by CHS Delhi, IFP Pondicherry, CPR Delhi.
- 2013 *Everyday Occupancies and the Practice of Social Justice* In Social Justice, an international workshop organised by the Dept. of Geography, Critical Geography Group, HKBU Hong Kong December 03
- 2013 *Occupied and Possessed Cities: Territoriality, Information, and Techno-Managerial Politics* In The Social and Cultural Life of Information at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) in Delhi November
- 2013 Two sessions in an international conference 'The suburban revolution?' as part of the int. research project: Global Suburbanisms: Governance, Land and Infrastructure in the 21st Century The City Institute at York University held at York University September 25-28; 2013 *Occupancy Urbanism as a way to expand the 'South' of 'Southern Cities'* at Univ. of Toronto Scarborough's Geography 30th Sept
- 2013 Discussant and Session Chair at *One Day International Workshop On Legal Issues Relating To Service Delivery In Informal Settlements*, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, 25th June.
- 2013 Discussant to papers by Sanjay Srivastava and Thomas Blom Hansen in *"In the name of the ordinary"* CeMIS workshop June 11-12, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2013 *'Periurbanization as a Political Project'* for a panel: 'Informality, Irregular Settlements, Occupancy Urbanism' in the conference, 'The Politics Of Periurbanization in Asia' held between June 7-9 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- 2013 *'Urban Practice as Critical Theory'* in 'Urban Practices, Legal Encounters: Intersects beyond the grid and the survey' Urban Worlds Seminar Series by the Ligi - Comparative Urban Studies Network and the Asian Urbanisms Cluster at the Univ. of British Columbia, June 3rd
- 2013 *Neighborhoods as Factories: ways to think about Land, Politics as these co-produce economy in most Indian and some Chinese cities* May 28th Public Lecture at the Lichtenberg Kolleg, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany May
- 2013 *Economy from territorial histories and logics* talk at the Dept. of Geography, University of Lausanne Switzerland May
- 2013 'Urban Contests' Talk at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland May
- 2013 *Land and governance in the periphery of Indian metropolitan areas: the example of Bangalore* IGCS workshop on urban sustainability held in Chennai India. IIT-M, Chennai. February
- 2013 *'Territories Possessed and Globalized: The Contemporary Making of South Canara, Coastal South India'* January 16, CEMIS Colloquium Göttingen January

- 2012 ‘Co-Produced “Innovation”: Embedding in Politicized Institutions and Land” at ‘Low Tech/High Tech: For a New Mapping of Assembly Methods’ International Workshop URMIS IRD, Paris Diderot, LESC CNRS Paris December 17-19th Paris December
- 2012, Discussant in the workshop, *EXTRAPOLITICS Indian Democracy and the Political “Outside”* Dec. 5-7, 2012 December
- 2012 *Progressive Possibilities in Occupant Urbanism’s Contesting Properties* Talk at the UCLA International Institute & Center for India and South Asia March 13
- 2012 *Fearing the ‘Opaque’ City: Urban Renewal, Transparency, and Participation* Talk at the Center for South Asia, Stanford University March 07
- 2012 “Occupancy Urbanism’s Radicalization of Property in Land and Economy” Paper at the international conf. ‘Property Rights and the Human Rights Agenda’ March 1-2, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice at the University of Texas School of Law.
- 2012 *“The ‘Opaque’ City: Some Thoughts About the Practice of Planning”* Talk at the South Asia Institute and Community and Regional Planning Program, UTSOA University of Texas Austin March 01
- 2012 Panel Discussant for the Tata Institute of Social Sciences Platinum Jubilee Conference On Globalization and Social Transformation: The Indian Experience, 17th to 19th February
- 2011 “Researching Indian-Chinese Urbanisms: Some empirical and conceptual issues” in an Rethinking Asia in the Age of Globalisation Dec 01-02, 2011 HK Baptist University
- 2011 Occupancy Urbanism as Transcendent Practice: Some narratives beyond ‘resistance’ in Transcendence and Control in a Global City TISS October 3-5,
- 2011 ‘The invisibilities of cities and Policy’ Modern South Asia International Workshop, ‘The Politics of Poverty and the Politics of the Poor’ at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), University of Goettingen, Germany, 6-July 24th
- 2011 *Urban Utopianism: Some thoughts from the Imperfect City* In ‘Urban Utopianism’ An International Workshop Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University and Urban Research Plaza, Osaka City University at Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong 12-14 May,
- 2011 ‘*Fearing the Unruly City*’ Presentation at the panel ‘The Politics and Economics of Land’ conference *The 21st Century Indian City: Developing and Agenda for Urbanization in India* International Conference by the Center for South Asian Studies, International and Area Studies, University of California Berkeley March 23rd to 25th, New Delhi
- 2011 Presentation at the conference on India and China Rising Powers: Oxford University’s compass Group, GoldSmith College London, CSDS in Delhi. February:
- 2010 ‘*Urban Planning: Contested Governance, Development and Poverty in Bangalore*’ Keynote Presentation on panel on Urban Governance in ‘Infrastructure, Sustainable Transportation, and Urban Planning’ International Conference at CiSTUP, IISc November
- 2010 ‘*Dissent, Debate, (and Disconnected?)* in the City Panel of the ‘The Delhi Platform’ CHS–SARAI—CPR Public discussion series November
- 2010 *Intersects between Indian and Chinese Vernacular Urbanisms* at the MPI MMG Institute Colloquium paper presentation MPI-MMG September
- 2010 ‘*Subaltern’ Globalization: Intersects between Indian and Chinese Urbanisms* Wednesday Lecture Series NIAS August
- 2010 Paper presentation: ‘*Cities within and beyond the plan: reading Bangalore’s multiple contesting terrains*’ in The City in South Asia, ‘Minipaku’ National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka Japan, July 18th -20th
- 2010 An Urban Geography of Fear: Planners, Squatters, Hawkers, and Occupiers in ‘Emotion and Space’, NIAS Bangalore June
- 2010 Paper presentation: ‘Panoptic desires confront an unruly poor’ in the National Conference:

- 'Power In Modern India'* 25-27 March 2010 Centre for Political Studies JNU
- 2010 Discussant in for panel: 'The Civic and the Public in Urban Environmental Conflicts' in the international conference: "*Urban Ecologies in Asia*" March 12-14, The University of Hong Kong
- 2010 Discussant in the international workshop '*Contesting The Indian City: State, Space, And Citizenship In The Global Era*' co-sponsored by the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the Centre for Studies in the Social Sciences, Calcutta and March 5 and 6
- 2010 Key note Presentation: 'Re-Politicizing Bangalore's Governance' at the "*National Seminar on the Urban Growth of Bangalore with special reference to Bangalore cantonment*" (1809-2009)" Christ University, Bangalore, 18th -20th February funded by the Indian Council for Historical Research and Christ University.
- 2010 Presentation: 'Bangalore IT and other economies' at the City Planning Institute Guangzhou, Guangzhou China March 12th
- 2010 Paper presented: 'Subaltern' Globalism: Thinking beyond the 'Designed City' at the international conference "Making Global Cities and the World Economic Crisis" University of Minnesota and Beijing University Shenzhen, Shenzhen China January
- 2010 'Master Planning and its discontents' presentation at NIAS interdisciplinary symposium on 'Structure and its Discontents, February 26th
- 2009 "Thinking City Politics 'Ground up'" at the symposium "*The Un-disciplined City*" at the City Centre for Policy Research New Delhi December
- 2009 'Participatory environmental planning' Presentation at the *Community Based Urban Design and Planning* Annual conference of the Southern Chapter of the Indian Institute of Urban Designers (IUDI) in Ernakulam, Kerala in October 2009
- 2009 'Cities from the Ground up: Embedded Urbanism in Land, Economy, and Politics' Lecture series of the SPURS Program, Dept of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, February
- 2009 "Occupancy Urbanism: unexpected contestations to Indian Mega Globalization" in the lecture series, "State, Space, and Citizenship: Indian Cities in the Global Era?" Center for South Asian Studies University of Michigan January
- 2008 'Indian & Chinese Occupancy Urbanism: Disrupting the Nation State & appropriating High Modernism' at the DeBallie symposium By-Pass, an international symposium about urban culture and everyday life in the rapidly transforming mega cities of India and China. Nov.
- 2008 Invited Presentation 'Holding Spaces in Contested City Terrains' at an international workshop on Globalizing Cities in the South at the Institute of Global Cities, University of Minnesota May 14th -17th
- 2007 August Paper presentation in panel on mini publics: 'Remaking Politics: Mini-Publics to Globalize Indian Metros?' & Poster presentation 'The Persistence of Politics: Conflictual Urbanism in the Global South' at American Political Scientist Association (APSA) Chicago.
- 2007 Paper Presentation 'Geographies of New Capitalism in Metro India' paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers San Francisco April
- 2006 '*Politics of Land Titling – insights from the new economy in Metro India*' presentation at the international workshop 'Social and economic impacts of land titling in urban and peri-urban areas' Oxfordshire England December
- 2006 '*Politics of Occupancy*' paper presented at a national workshop 'Metrolog(ue)' by SARAI and CRIT, Bombay December
- 2006 '*Claiming the City: Beyond Social Movements*' Lecture at a lecture series 'Claiming Political Space' by the Dept. of Geography and the Institute for Global Studies at the University of Minnesota November

- 2006 '*Urbanism via De-facto Materiality*': Paper presented at the International conference: 'Accumulation, Dispossession and Transformation in Mega Cities of the New Global Order' University of Bombay October
- 2005 Comments on research papers on Delhi and Bangalore in an advisory meeting of the IDS research project, "*Rights, Representation, and the Poor: Latin America and India*", 21 to 22 July, at Bellagio Conference Centre, Bellagio Italy.
- 2004 '*Innovating Neighborhoods: Ethnographers and Anthropologists in a New War?*' Presentation in *DOORs of Perception 05* Delhi March
- 2004 "*Non-conforming, Illegal, Un-planned, copy culture, Innovation: The multi-headed hydra of East Delhi*" in *Contested Commons/Trespassing Publics: A Conference on Inequalities, Conflicts and Intellectual Property* 6th - 8th January in New Delhi, India. Sarai/CSDS /Alternative Law Forum
- 2004 '*Flexible*' collaborations in building *Radical theory*' in *Networks And Collaborations* Alternative Law Forum Bangalore, November
- 2004 'The Vernacular and the Global in Emerging Urbanisms' in *Emerging Urbanism: A Comparative Workshop* SPA-Sarai, CSDS New Delhi. 27-28 October
- 2004 '*Global – Local Contest in Small Town Regions in Coastal South India*' paper presented at the *Second Cities in a Global World* at Cornell University May 7-8
- 2004 '*Neighborhood as Factory: The evolution of politicized societies in East Delhi*' as part of lecture series 'Urban Cultures & Politics, the Delhi series' at *Sarai*, Centre for the Studies of Developing Societies Delhi
- 2003 '*Chronic poverty in Contested Settings: Case of Bangalore*' Presentation on Chronic Poverty in Bangalore at the first Chronic Poverty conference at the Chronic Poverty Centre at the University of Manchester, UK
- 2003 '*Real estate issues in the peri-urban areas in Bangalore*', Lecture series at the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, Cambridge Massachusetts.
- 2003 Presentation at the Rural – Urban Symposium of the World Bank, Washington DC.
- 2002 Presentation on Bangalore as part of a Bangalore panel at the *City One* Sarai workshop held in Delhi
- 2001 "Poverty and Human Development Monitoring System" Workshop by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka and the Institute of Social and Economic Change Bangalore
- 2000 Invitation to the Salzburg Seminar 378 "The Entrepreneurial City" at Salzburg Austria
- 2000 Panelist for the session on Housing, Infrastructure, Power supply in meeting to formulate an HDR for Tamil Nadu. State Planning Department Govt. of Tamil Nadu and the UNDP
- 1999 Lectures tour to the US: Dept. of Urban Studies, MIT, Cambridge Mass, Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, Cambridge Mass, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, University of California at Berkeley.
- 1999 Presentation of research findings from Bangalore in a workshop: 'Urban Governance, Partnership, and Poverty' at the School of Public Policy, The University of Birmingham.
- 1999 Presentation of paper 'Housing Transformation For Livelihood Generation' in *Transformation of Government Built Dwellings as Housing Supply* National Institute of Urban Affairs, and the Centre for Architectural Research and Development Overseas (CARDO), University of Newcastle Upon Tyne
- 1999 'Sustainable Urban Development: The case of Bangalore' A consultation workshop for stakeholders organized by the Sustainable Development Research Institute, University of British Columbia, Tata Energy Research Institute, Institute of Social and Economic Change, and TIDE funded by the Canadian International Development Agency. Bangalore

- 1999 ` UNDP India Poverty Consultation Workshop for the World Development Report on poverty 2000/1' New Delhi. *Discussant and Rapporteur for Session on the Urban Sector: 'Opening up Urban Poverty Issues'*
- 1998 Formulation of a National Urban Slum Policy -- Regional Expert Group Meeting organized by the Department for International Development, British High Commission, Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment. Bombay. *Inputs on issues of urban land management, tenure to stimulate neighborhood economies.*
- 1998 Meeting on the 73rd. and 74th. Constitutional Amendments to decentralize governance. The Swiss Development Co-operation (SDC) Bangalore *Presentation on the 74th. CA for urban local bodies: Their operational experiences*
- 1997 `Managing Local Economic Development: Skill Development and Capacity Building for Municipal Governments' a technical session in `Training strategies for capacity Building of Municipal Governments' a policy workshop by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation New Delhi
Presentation of case material and discussions on implications for training policy
- 1997 `Operational lessons and research agendas from EU funding for urban poverty' in a workshop: `Utilization of AID in Local Development' Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore
- 1996 Participation in `Manufacturing Cities' an International Symposium held at Harvard University. Presentation of my dissertation research by Prof. Lisa Peattie
- 1995 `Channelization of the River Yamuna: Destruction through Development?' Paper presented at a seminar on `Delhi's Water Problems & Alternatives' arranged by the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage. India International Center New Delhi
- 1991 Co-author, and presented paper: `Community Participation: The Indian Experience' in the 3rd Habitat International Seminar on `Community Participation' held at Medellin, Colombia
- 1988 Paper presented at an international conference, `Income & Housing' sponsored by Housing and Urban Development Corporation and Institute of Housing Studies Rotterdam, New Delhi
- 1987 Paper presented (with Prof. William Doebele) *Land Policy and Urban Productivity* in SIGUS (Special Interest Group for Urban Settlements) International Workshop: `Housing & Urban Development', MIT Cambridge
- 1987 *Neighborhood Factories* Presentation (with Prof. William Doebele) in an international workshop on Urban Land Policy, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge
- 1985 International conference on High Density Urban Architecture, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia sponsored by the Malaysian Institute of Architects, and the Aga Khan Program at MIT and Harvard
- 1984 Display Panel Monastic Settlements in Ladakh (with Pratap Patrose) for Environment Design Research Association (EDRA) Conference, San Diego
- 1984 Paper on Informal Housing Transformations in Urban India presented at the 'Built Form & Culture Conference', Lawrence, Kansas

Critical Art Practice and Pedagogy

- 2016-17 Invitation by the Asian Art Archive Hong Kong to their `15 Invitations' program inviting artists and media practitioners to conceptualize art practice. Working in collaboration with Prof. Wing Shing Tang at HKBU, HK, and local artists. December January 2017 <http://www.aaa.org.hk/15Invitations>
- 2010 Mentor to the City as Studio program of the SARAI- Cybermohalla's group of media artists, writers, dancers, and filmmakers exploring Delhi's emerging and past urbanism by way of city walks. See: *City-as-Studio: Process as Frame*

- <http://interventionsjournal.net/2011/09/07/city-as-studio-process-as-frame/> ; City as Studio 01 and <http://www.sarai.net/publications/occasional/city-as-studio-2010> ; and, City as Studio 02 <http://www.sarai.net/practices/media-forms/city-as-studio-edition-2> <http://www.sarai.net/practices/media-forms/city-as-studio-exb>, 'Arguments for the Imperfect City' in the program's publication, 'The City as Studio' (Edition 1) RAQs Cyber Mohalla Press. (<http://www.sarai.net/publications/occasional/city-as-studio-2010> July 2011.
- 2005 RAQs media collective's film of Benjamin's lecture for an exhibition at the Kunstverein Stuttgart. See: *City Guide I* Lecture performance/Video, 17 min. - Solomon Benjamin - (1960) Production year: 2005 Sarai Media Lab at: Building Sight: Curatorial Project for On Difference #2 City Guide I <http://www.sarai.net/practices/media-forms/city-guide-i>
- 2001-2006-09 'The Locality of Politics: As faculty at the Dept. of Political Science University of Toronto, Canada. developed this game by drawing on a real case of an Asian Development Bank loan to the towns in Coastal Karnataka, and with a project team organized this in local colleges there in 2001. Over 2006-09, further developed this game to include mega project interventions to 'globalize' the case town used in teaching at the National Law School, Bangalore, as a gaming session, 'The Politics of Urban Law: Urban Politics Game'.

Individual Grants, Awards, and Positions

- 2013-14 IIT-M / MHDR start up grant
- 2011-12 Fellowship to Lichtenberg Kolleg Institute of Advanced Studies / MPI-Max Plank Institute, Gottingen Germany (7 months)
- 2006-07 Connaught Startup grant University of Toronto, Application by U of T Political Science Dept. to the Canada Research Chair in Governance and Innovation, SSHRC
- 2004-05 Sarai Fellowship to develop a research program on Emerging Urbanism
- 2000 Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar
- 1999-2000 Grants by the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy for documentation of the evolution of an industrial cluster and the role of land development on employment generation
- 1986,87 Grant by the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy for documentation of land values and markets in a peripheral area of East Delhi
- 1985 Aga Khan travel grant to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to attend Workshop and Conference on High Density Urban Architecture
- 1985 Aga Khan travel grant to Ladakh to document High Altitude settlements.
- 1984 Grant from the Council for the Arts at MIT (with Pratap Patrose) for a multi-sensory presentation "A Sense of Place" on the Monastic environment in Ladakh.
- 1983 Inlaks scholar to MIT for excellence in academics
- 1982 First class First, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

Online Media

- 2017 A video made by IIHS at Rahul Merhotra' State of Housing" .

<https://youtu.be/y64fZNYC58E>

<http://www.stateofhousing.in/>

https://www.goethe.de/ins/in/en/m/ver.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&event_id=2116531

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvraEISZuNs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9v0rnGo65sM&t=445s>

<https://digimat.in/nptel/courses/video/109106183/L35.html>

2023 Video Lecture NPTL: Lecture 35 - Globalized Space Centres Cities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvraEISZuNs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9v0rnGo65sM&t=445s>

<https://digimat.in/nptel/courses/video/109106183/L35.html>

2014 Governing land: managing urban expansion in Governing urban expansion in India and

China - Urban Age conference [http://www.rickrubens.com/UA-](http://www.rickrubens.com/UA-Delhi.htm#_Toc405747691)

[Delhi.htm#_Toc405747691](http://www.rickrubens.com/UA-Delhi.htm#_Toc405747691) <https://urbanage.lsecities.net/talks/governing-urban-expansion-in-india-and-china#slides>

2013 A Suburban Revolution: New Theories of Urban Geography - Where Exactly is Global?

Nov 27, 2013 Panel discussion from the Suburban Revolution Conference at York

University, Sept. 27. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3tCdy3vt9U

2010 The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (MPI-MMG), 22

September “Intersections between Indian and Chinese vernacular urbanisms”

Solomon BENJAMIN (National Institute for Advanced Study, Bangalore)

<https://www.mmg.mpg.de/70616/online-lecture-2010-09-22-benjamin>