Lives of Information Workshop
The Sarai Programme, CSDS

Day 01 | Friday, February 21, 2014

09:30-09:45 | **Introduction**

09:45-10:45 | **Plenary Lecture**

Matthew Hull, University of Michigan
What's in a Claim? The Ontology of Land Holdings in South Asia

10:45-11:00 | **Tea and Coffee**

11:00-12:15 | **Session #1 – Information, Circulation**

Monika Halkort, Lebanese American University, Beirut
On Information, Rights and Self-Determination: A Case Study in Nahr el Bared, a Palestinian Refugee Camp in North Lebanon

Nishaant Choksi, University of Michigan
Circulating Scripts, Creating Networks: Santali Language Media Production and Transformations in Adivasi Politics

Discussant: Ravi Sundaram, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

12:15-01:30 | **Session #2 – Authority, Network**

Ritam Sengupta, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
Understanding Universal Service Obligation in India: Towards a Critical Approach

Rolien Hoyng, Lingnan University, Hong Kong
Marching with Nonhumans: Technological Renderings of Authority in Urban Politics

Discussant: Awadhendra Sharan, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

01:30-02:30 | **Lunch**

02:30-03:15 | **Session #3 - Resistance**

Vidhi Shah, University of Delhi
Narrating Sousveillance: A Look at Hasan Elahi's Orwellian Project

Discussant: Laura Stein, University of Texas, Austin

03:15-04:30 | **Discussion #1 – Studying Information Practices**

Bhuvaneswari Raman, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

Laura Stein, University of Texas, Austin

Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

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09:30-10:45 | **Session #4 – Rhetoric, Governmentality**

Prasad Khanolkar, University of Toronto
Of Storytelling and Governmentalities

Tarangini Sriraman, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi
A Petition-like Application? Rhetoric and Rationing Documents in Wartime Delhi, 1941-45

Discussant: Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

10:45-11:00 | **Tea and Coffee**

11:00-12:15 | **Session #5 – Body, Document**

Anindita Majumdar, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
The Culture of Anonymity: Information, Technology and Kin in Commercial Surrogacy Arrangements in India

Rijul Kochhar, University of Delhi
The Inscription of Desire: The Disability Certificate as an Effecting Device, and More

Discussant: Ravi Sundaram, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

12:15-01:30 | **Session #6 – Text, Image**

Debjani Dutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Picturing Words, Writing Images: Reading the Korean Wave through Fansubs

Shaunak Sen, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Spectral Cellular: Cell Phones and the Supernatural in Hindi Cinema

Discussant: Ravi Vasudevan, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

01:30-02:30 | **Lunch**

02:30-03:45 | **Session #7 – Archive, Database**

Parnisha Sarkar, Jawaharlal Nehru University
The Material that Remains: Preserving the Trace in the Imperial Record Department, 1910-1940

Sumandro Chattapadhyay, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
What Kind of 'Database State' is the Aadhaar Project Proposing? A Study of Policy History and Code

Discussant: Matthew Hull, University of Michigan

03:45-05:00 | **Discussion #2 – Archives and (New/Old) Technologies**

Amlan Das Gupta, Jadavpur University

Kaushik Bhaumik, Jawaharlal Nehru Univerity

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