



(Re)Thinking Smart, (Re)Building Scale in a Digital Urban Age

Building Centre, 26 Store St, London WC1E 7BT

12-13 November 2021

Day 1 (Friday 12th November)

Time	Session	Duration	Speakers	Affiliation	Title
09:30	Conference Open	0:15	Ayona Datta	University College London	Introduction to Conference theme
09:45	Opening Keynote Chair: Ayona Datta	0:45	Susan Parnell [virtual]	University of Bristol	Exploring digital interfaces across the multiple systems of the city
10:30	Coffee Break	0:15			
10:45	Paper Session: Scaling smart cities Chair: Sophie Hadfield-Hill	1:15	Ipshita Basu	University of Westminster	"Lilliputians vs Leviathans": The Politics of Scale in Futuristic Urban Imaginations
			Ayona Datta & Sanjay Srivastava	University College London	Simulating democracy: ICCC in India's smart cities
			Adam Michael Packer	University of Oxford	'CAVs for All': Thinking through scale in simulations of the city
			Tooran Alizadeh, Deepti Prasad, & Robyn Dowling [virtual]	University of Sydney	Multi-scalar smart city governance in Bhubaneswar and its implications on-the-ground
12:00	Coffee	0:15			

12:15	Paper Session: Scaling infrastructures Chair: René Veron 15 minutes per speaker + discussion	1:15	Jaideep Gupte	Institute of Development Studies	Blended Data Infrastructures and Localisation: Smart Urbanism in the Age of Pandemic
			Andrés Luque-Ayala & Alejandro de Coss-Corzo	Durham University University of Bath	Bearing witness: human agency, disaster response and the limits of digital technologies in Mexico City
			Matt Birkinshaw	University College London	Infrastructural integrity? Rescaling urban water governance through corporate management
			Ignacio Pérez	University of Oxford	The problematisation of big data circulation in Santiago de Chile's Public Transport
13:30	Lunch	0:45			
14:15	Keynote 2 Chair: Jaideep Gupte	0:45	Sarah Elwood [virtual]	University of Washington	Reorienting toward 'small' digital urbanisms: Pandemic, protest, and their afterlives
15:00	Coffee Break	0:15			
15:15	Paper Session: Rethinking smart Chair: Ursula Rao 15 minutes per speaker + discussion	1:30	Philippa Williams	QMUL	Feminist digital geopolitics, privacy and everyday life
			Varun Patil [virtual]	Max Weber Institute of Advanced Social Studies, University of Erfurt, Germany	Hindustan ban nahi raha, bana hua hai: Building a smart city bottom up through frugal technologies of shared auto systems, bazaars, and local councillors
			Arunima Ghoshal	De Montfort University	Fragments of a kaleidoscope: Rethinking smart urbanisms through the small Indian city
			Melissa Butcher	Birkbeck, University of London	Storying India's Smart Cities: a multi-scalar narrative analysis of cities yet-to-come
			& Srilata Sircar [virtual] Robert Cowley	King's College London King's College London	Making sense of the emergent smart city: the role of local storytelling
17:00	Exhibition launch				

Day 2 (Saturday 13th November)					
Time	Session	Duration	Speakers	Affiliation	Title
09:30	Keynote 3 Chair: Ayona Datta	1:30	Ursula Rao	Max Planck Institute	In between tinkering and the grand development vision. Towards an alternative theory of digital innovation
			René Véron	University of Lausanne	Everyday governance and the smart city: Insights from research on municipal agency in small Gujarati and Bengali towns
11:00	Coffee Break	0:15			
11:15	Paper Session: Living in the smart city Chair: Philip J Nicholson 15 minutes per speaker + discussion	1:45	Kavita Dattani	Queen Mary, University of London	In the city, out of digital place: Learning from urban peripheries
			Oren Yiftachel [virtual]	University College London	Digital gray space and urban coloniality: new struggles in Israel/Palestine
			Thomas Chambers	Oxford Brookes University	Gendering the (not so) Smart City: Muslim Women, Claim-Making & Brokerage in India
			Rohit Negi [virtual]	Ambedkar University, Delhi	The Materiality of Social Mobility in Small Town Himalaya
			Shilpa Dahake [virtual]	Abohar Municipal Corporation and IISER, Mohali	Political Ecologies of Godavari Riverscape in 'Smart' Nashik City
			Anwasha Aditi	University College London	Living with Smart Heritage in Varanasi
13:00	Lunch	1:00			
14:00	Keynote 4 Chair: Sophie Hadfield-Hill	0:45	Katharine Willis	University of Plymouth	Digital Placemaking: thinking about smart cities at a neighbourhood scale
14:45	Coffee Break	0:15			
15:00	Paper Session: Rebuilding Scale Chair: Ipshita Basu	1:30	Philip J Nicholson	University College London	Scaling India's smart cities with ESRI and GIS data
			Ana Branducescu [virtual]	McGill University	How do public investments shape AI governance?
			Sophie Hadfield-Hill	University of Birmingham	Soundscapes of smartness: rethinking tools for everyday participation

15 minutes per speaker + discussion	Michiel de Lange [virtual]	Utrecht University	A smaller smart city: learning from 'controversing Amersfoort'
	Paolo Cardullo	Universitat Oberta de Catalunya	Tensions of scale: Decidim platform from the ground up

17:00

Final thoughts and conference close