

Justice, Urban Systems and Technology

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The constellation is an interdisciplinary research group who draw on urban studies, social psychology, science and technology studies (STS), and sociology to understand the complex interplay between technology, inequalities, and social justice within the ever-evolving landscape of urban spaces. Urbanization, while providing opportunities, has also seen rising concerns related to health, housing, education, and water, exacerbated by existing social relations of gender, caste, class, religion, and ability. The constellation aims to understand urban development through a critical lens, focusing on the processes of urbanization and globalization that shape the experiences of urban residents? Furthermore, it aims to explore questions such as understanding the challenges and possibilities of technology in enabling people's access to health, and studying the role of public spaces in exacerbating or challenging social inequalities.

The overarching questions that guide our research are:

- How do we understand urban development through a critical lens? How have processes of urbanisation and globalisation shaped the experiences of urban residents?
- What role does the nexus between state, capital, and technology play in labour surveillance?
- What are the challenges and possibilities of technology in enabling people's access to health?
- How does the design of public spaces in our cities exacerbate or challenge existing social inequalities?
- How might we envision a city that cares, despite the atomisation and anonymity that is inherent to cities?

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Beyond academic publishing, he has written extensively on politics, development, democracy, caste, and social justice for public-facing platforms, including The Wire, The Quint, and East Asia Forum. He engages with contemporary debates on governance, democracy, social exclusion, and the experiences of marginalised communities in India and South Asia.

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She has published in *Mobilization*, *Advances in Gender Research*, *The Global South*, *Current Sociology*, *Indian Anthropologist*, and *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research*.

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PROJECTS

Human Development Index (HDI) for cities

We propose a "People's HDI" focusing on resident experiences. Going beyond income and health, it will measure factors like access to technology, accessibility, safety, and community engagement. This resident-centric approach aims to identify thriving urban spaces and inform policies that prioritise well-being for all, especially the marginalised.

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Exploring the Significance of Spaces for Urban Underprivileged Children

Through this project, we plan to examine play spaces as experienced by children from construction workers, safai karamcharis, and slum dweller families as compared to those occupying gated community parks within our cities. Without traditional public parks, economically disadvantaged children utilize alternative spaces for play around their neighbourhood, imbuing meaning into those environments, even in resource-limited contexts. We examine how environments – gated communities and alternative spaces – influence how children navigate play and community and the crucial role of city planning in children's lives.

Namesh Killemsetty, Chetan Sinha, Preethi Krishnan, Vidya Subramanian

Sidestepping Aarogya Setu: Exploring Non-Adoption in India's Covid-19 Tech Landscape

This project intends to investigate how digital interventions for health play out in an urban space, by studying the nature of non-adoption of Aarogya Setu. As the Covid-19 pandemic raged on in India, and the use of the app became mandatory in several settings (air travel, entry into some offices, etc), several people did not use the app for reasons of privacy and quality of the app, several others did not use or have cellphones and therefore could not use the app, and yet others simply did not need to use it. The use of this app in a tightly controlled situation such as the Covid-19 lockdown can provide useful insights into the public attitudes in India to the politics of technologies.

Vidya Subramanian

Delhi Evictions: Reshaping Space, Displacing Lives

This project investigates the socio-spatial impact of evictions in Delhi over the past decade. It explores the complex interplay between urban development, forced displacement, and global economic forces driving these evictions. Through a mixed-methods approach, the research will analyse past large-scale evictions using secondary literature. This analysis will map demographic shifts caused by these evictions and identify areas most affected. To capture the lived experiences of these evictions, the study will then delve deeper through ethnographic research in select case study slums. By engaging with communities displaced or facing imminent eviction, the project aims to capture their narratives and understand the long-term repercussions of evictions on their lives. This combined approach will shed light on the spatial dimensions of urban inequality in Delhi, revealing how evictions not only displace people but also reshape the city's social and economic landscape.

Namesh Killemsetty

Claiming Care Claiming Equality

This project examines the Anganwadi as a social reproduction site where inequalities of gender, caste, and class are both reinforced and challenged. The project addresses the question: How does gender, caste and class structures influence how women claim entitlements of care from the state? Ethnographic fieldwork for this project was conducted in Anganwadis in Tamil Nadu. Primary data for this study includes (1) ethnographic notes and observations at the Anganwadis, official meetings, and rallies (2) semi-structured interviews with Anganwadi workers, mothers, Anganwadi union leaders, and state representatives. (3) archival data, including policy documents, training manuals, newsletters, government orders, and documents from the Anganwadi workers union.

Preethi Krishnan

ONGOING PROJECTS

Invisible Margins: Socio-Economic Deprivation and the Politics of Slum Classification in Srinagar

This study examines how slums in Srinagar are simultaneously recognised and obscured within policy frameworks and urban governance. Using household-level deprivation indicators and the Slum Severity Index across 78 slums, the study aims to reveal widespread multidimensional poverty across the city, highlighting the politics of classification, visibility, and tenability in conflict-ridden urban geographies.

By Dr. Namesh and Saqib

Bookshelves to Bandwidth: The Changing Life of Libraries in India

This project studies how libraries are increasingly becoming digital hubs, not only through digitised catalogues and e-books, but also as access points for government-backed digital learning platforms, knowledge repositories, or simply as places offering free WiFi. Rather than imagining a complete transformation, it traces the subtle ways in which digital access is reshaping the everyday meaning of libraries: from reading rooms to nodes of online connectivity, from book borrowing to digital browsing, and from study spaces to leisure and browsing rooms. At the same time, library infrastructure in the country remains unevenly distributed across regions. The study maps how these shifts unfold in practice across metropolitan centres and smaller towns, and how communities engage with the changing nature of libraries, if such forms of access exist at all. By examining access to these transforming spaces alongside relevant policies, the project reflects on both the possibilities and the tensions of reimagining libraries as spaces of digital access in contemporary India, foregrounding the larger question of equity.

By Dr Gayatri Balu and Dr Vidya Subramanian

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Our Work will be Far, and the Roads are Unsafe: Housing Insecurity through an Intersectional Lens

This project examines how housing insecurity shapes the lives of Muslim migrant domestic workers in Gurugram. Through interviews and focus groups, it explores intersections of gender, class, migration, and religion. Emerging findings reveal housing as safety, rest, religious freedom, and community, while exposing systemic neglect and calling for inclusive urban policies.

By Dr. Namesh and Dr. Preethi Krishnan

EVENTS ARCHIVE

The event was organized as an E-Symposium on Urban Development: Injustices and Resistances in Our Cities

04th May, 2024

The organized symposium engaged critically with urban development as a pathway of injustice and resistance.

In the first panel of the symposium, please join for a critical conversation with Anuj Behal, Journalist, Researcher and Urban Planner and Dr. Amit Patel, Associate Professor of Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Boston, on how evictions worsen the adverse conditions that people live in.

In our second panel, Tikender Singh Panwar, Former Deputy Mayor of Shimla City, Rikta Krishnaswamy, Delhi-NCR Coordinator of the All India Gig Workers Union, and Dr. Khalid Wasim Hassan, Assistant Professor, Central University of Kashmir discussed urban development through a critical lens.

Watch Here:

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Samagana : Working paper series, Anganwadi as a Site for Resistance

05th May, 2024

Sāmagāna: Working Paper Series featured a compelling discussion on “Anganwadi as a Site for Resistance” by Dr. Preethi Krishnan, Associate Professor at JGLS and Assistant Director & Senior Research Fellow at IDEAS. The session explored how Anganwadi workers challenge unequal caste and gender structures in their everyday work as unionised caregivers, while navigating social reproduction and contesting entrenched norms within communities, the State, and even among workers themselves. The discussion was enriched by reflections from discussant Dr. Chetan Sinha, Professor at JGLS and Senior Research Fellow at IDEAS.

The poster is for a Sāmagāna Working Paper Series event. It features a purple and orange color scheme. At the top, there are logos for J.P. Jindal Global University, a 15th Anniversary seal, and IDEAS. The title 'SĀMAGĀNA' is in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'WORKING PAPER SERIES' in smaller white letters. The event title 'Anganwadi as a Site for Resistance' is in white. Below it, a paragraph describes the topic: 'How have Anganwadi workers challenged unequal structures of caste and gender in their daily work as unionised caregivers? the paper argues that the Anganwadi is a social reproduction site where gendered and casteist norms are contested, sometimes with the State, the community or even among the workers themselves.' The poster lists two speakers: Dr. Preethi Krishnan (Associate Professor, JGLS; Assistant Director & Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS) and Dr. Chetan Sinha (Associate Professor, JGLS; Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS). It also provides the date and time (5th May 2024, 10:00 - 11:00 am) and a Zoom link (https://zoom.us/j/93709885001). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'TO KNOW MORE' and 'CONTACT US' with the email ideas@jgu.edu.in.

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DISCUSSANT
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IDEAS Open House 2024

05th June, 2024

On 5 June 2024, IDEAS hosted an Open House for doctoral students and early career researchers, offering participants an opportunity to learn more about the programme's interdisciplinary approach to research, teaching, and public engagement. Conducted online via Zoom, the session attracted aspiring scholars interested in exploring academic and research opportunities within the IDEAS community.

The Open House featured insightful discussions with Prof. Deepanshu Mohan, Dean, IDEAS, and Director of the Centre for New Economics Studies, and Dr. Nimesh Kilimisetty, Assistant Director (Research) and Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS. The speakers shared their perspectives on interdisciplinary scholarship, research pathways, and the evolving role of social sciences in addressing contemporary global challenges.



The poster is for the IDEAS Open House 2024, held on June 5th, 2024. It features a purple background with a large circular image of the IDEAS building. The text is white and yellow. At the top, it says 'JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY' and 'IDEAS'. A red circular badge with '15' is also present. The main title is 'An Open House'. Below it, the date and time are listed: 'Date: 5th June, 2024 (Wednesday)' and 'Time: 5:00 pm IST'. It also mentions 'Online via Zoom'. The section 'Who is invited?' lists 'Doctoral Students' and 'Early Career Researchers'. The speakers are 'Prof. Deepanshu Mohan' and 'Dr. Nimesh Kilimisetty'. A 'Register Here' button with a URL is provided. At the bottom, there are links for 'TO KNOW MORE' and 'CONTACT US'.

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- Doctoral Students
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In conversation with:

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Dean, IDEAS (Office of Interdisciplinary Studies), Director, Centre of New Economic Studies, Professor of Economics USUK, O.P. Jindal Global University

Dr. Nimesh Kilimisetty
Assistant Director (Research) and Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS (Office of Interdisciplinary Studies), Associate Professor & Assistant Dean (USGP), O.P. Jindal Global University

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Nazariya: A Critical Dialogue Series

“Psychology for Social Change: Why Do We Need a Critical Psychology of Caste?”

26th April, 2024



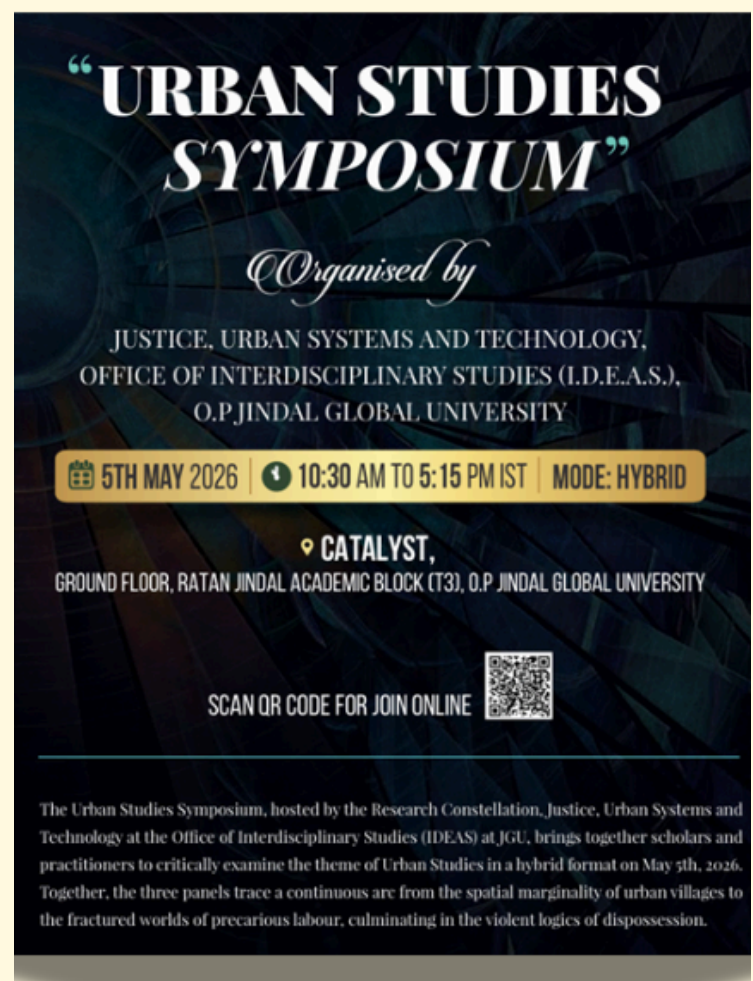
This event brought together a distinguished group of psychologists, political scientists, and educators to examine caste through psycho-political and interdisciplinary lenses. Panel I explored caste identity, emotions, and justice, while Panel II addressed the psychology of caste in higher education. Speakers included scholars from Jawaharlal Nehru University, OP Jindal Global University, Kamala Nehru College, and Symbiosis Law School. The panels were moderated by Dr. Chetan Sinha and Dr. Swapnil Dhanraj, both senior researchers at IDEAS. The event emphasized the need to integrate caste analysis into psychological and educational frameworks for inclusive social transformation.

Urban Studies Symposium

05th May, 2026

The Research Constellation on Justice, Urban Systems and Technology (JUST) at IDEAS, O.P. Jindal Global University, organized the Urban Studies Symposium on 5 May 2026 in a hybrid format. The symposium brought together scholars, researchers, and practitioners to engage in critical discussions on contemporary urban challenges and the evolving field of Urban Studies.

The event explored themes related to urbanization, governance, infrastructure, inequality, and the social dimensions of city life. Through a series of presentations and panel discussions, participants examined how cities are shaped by economic, political, and technological transformations, while also addressing issues of justice, inclusion, and sustainability.



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At its core, IDEAS operates as an intellectual incubator, supporting collaborative scholarship, experimental pedagogy, and research that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. Through its initiatives and field-based programmes, it promotes critical inquiry, applied learning, and engagement with pressing development concerns.

With a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary dialogue, global academic exchange, and community-linked research, IDEAS aims to cultivate a dynamic academic environment that connects theory with practice and advances socially relevant scholarship.