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**I.D.E.A.S. Periodical** is a monthly newsletter that brings you the latest updates on research, news, and activities from across the I.D.E.A.S. constellations. It also features important ‘What’s Next: Mark Your Calendar!’ announcements for upcoming events. Our sections, “In Print: Voices of Our Scholars” showcase recently published scholarly work, highlighting the impactful contributions of our I.D.E.A.S. Fellows.

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## Dr Mouzayian Khalil

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Dr Mouzayian Khalil is an Assistant Professor in International Development and Global South Politics. She is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) and current Warwick International Higher Education Academy (WIHEA) Fellow. She is also the Course Director for MA in International Development. Prior to joining PAIS she was a Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations, Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja. She has both her MA in Globalisation and Development and PhD in Politics and International Studies from PAIS, Warwick, and her undergraduate degree in Sociology from Olabisi Onabanjo University (formerly Ogun State University) Nigeria.

She is currently Co-Director of the Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID), co-editor of WICID's Think Development blog, and convenes its Think Development Out Loud series. She has experience as a technical lead consultant on gender and social impact investment in agribusiness, health and education projects in Nigeri



## **Dr. Patrick Neveling (PhD)**

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Senior Lecturer in Social Sciences  
Programme Leader BA (Hons) Sociology  
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Campaigns Coordinator, BU University  
& College Union Branch

Dr. Patrick Neveling completed a Magister Artium (pre-Bologna reform) in Cultural Anthropology, Indonesian Philology, and Philosophy from the University of Cologne and a PhD in Social Anthropology from Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. His research, writing and teaching seek to advance our understanding and critique of colonial, plantation-driven racialised capitalism and postcolonial, sweatshop-labour driven neoliberal capitalism. Patrick works on the historical political economy of colonial plantation regimes, racialised capitalism, gendered super-exploitation, and neoliberalism in postcolonial special economic zones. His publications further cover the invention of tradition debate, the anthropology of tourism, secular rituals, and prospects for an antifascist anthropology.

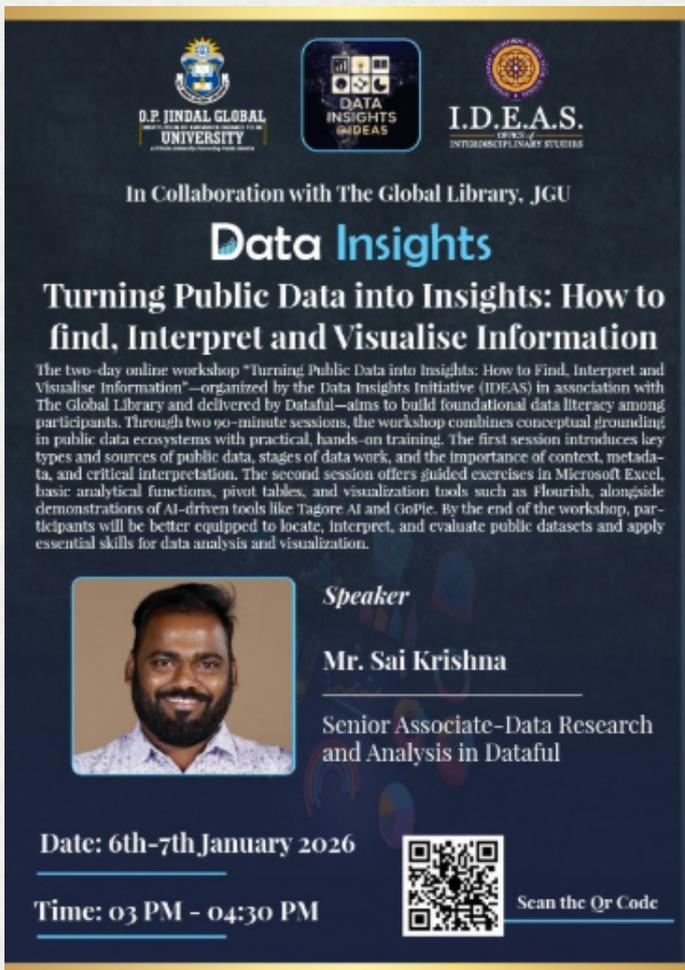
Patrick is lead-editor of FocaalBlog, one of the longest-running blogs in social anthropology, and serves on the editorial boards of Focaal – Journal for Global and Historical Anthropology and Social Analysis as well as for Marxism & Sciences, a journal edited by colleagues in Turkey and across the Global South. He is also co-founder and current President of the Commission on Global Transformations and Marxian Anthropology in the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences/World Council of Anthropological Associations.

# 1. Events Recap

## A. Data Insights

As part of the Data Insights initiative, IDEAS, in collaboration with the JGU Global Library, organized an online workshop titled “Turning Public Data into Insights: How to Find, Interpret, and Visualise Information.” The two-day workshop was designed to build foundational and practical skills in working with public datasets, focusing on methods to locate credible data sources, interpret complex information, and present insights through effective visualisation.

Held on 6–7 January 2026, the workshop comprised two interactive sessions of 90 minutes each, engaging participants in hands-on learning and critical discussions. Data Insights Initiative is led by Prof Shamindra Nath Roy, Assistant Director and Assistant Professor, IDEAS







In Collaboration with The Global Library, JGU

### Data Insights

#### Turning Public Data into Insights: How to find, Interpret and Visualise Information

The two-day online workshop “Turning Public Data into Insights: How to Find, Interpret and Visualise Information”—organized by the Data Insights Initiative (IDEAS) in association with The Global Library and delivered by Dataful—aims to build foundational data literacy among participants. Through two 90-minute sessions, the workshop combines conceptual grounding in public data ecosystems with practical, hands-on training. The first session introduces key types and sources of public data, stages of data work, and the importance of context, metadata, and critical interpretation. The second session offers guided exercises in Microsoft Excel, basic analytical functions, pivot tables, and visualization tools such as Flourish, alongside demonstrations of AI-driven tools like Tagore AI and GoPie. By the end of the workshop, participants will be better equipped to locate, interpret, and evaluate public datasets and apply essential skills for data analysis and visualization.



*Speaker*

**Mr. Sai Krishna**

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Senior Associate–Data Research and Analysis in Dataful

**Date:** 6th-7th January 2026

**Time:** 03 PM - 04:30 PM



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## B. Masterclass

The Masterclass Seminar Series at IDEAS, JGU is a cornerstone of the MSc Development Practice program and reflects its broader mission of fostering critical dialogue and knowledge dissemination. While the series is an essential component of the MSc curriculum, it also welcomes participants from across JGU's diverse programs as well as external audiences, particularly from the Delhi-NCR region, thereby creating a vibrant and inclusive intellectual space.

The January sessions brought together a remarkable line-up of global scholars and thought leaders who offered fresh insights into pressing issues of development, economy, and democracy.

On 10 Jan, 2026: Ms Sandhya Drew, City St George's, University of London talked on "Do Human rights undermine Development?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHFpk5--whk&t=97s>

On 24 Jan, 2026: Dr. Jessica F, Researcher, writer and educator Adjunct Associate Professor, JGU took a session on "Eviction: A Social History of Rent"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6A9c\\_qo99E&t=1347s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6A9c_qo99E&t=1347s)

On 28 Jan, 2026: Ms. Avani Kapur, Founder and Director of ResGov took a masterclass on "Following the Money: How Public Finances Shape Development Outcomes"



## C. IDEASx

### IDEASx Workshop

It is an online learning initiative by the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.). It provides a platform for researchers, students, and curious learners to explore knowledge at the intersections of diverse fields.

### Introduction to spatial thinking and spatial data visualisation

Our instructors were: Mr. Teja Malladi specializes in applying spatial data science techniques to analyse urban morphology, measure spatial inequalities, and assess climate and disaster risk. He has over a decade of experience in the application of spatial analytics for urban development, urban risk and vulnerability assessments and developing interactive online decision support systems.

### Session

The course introduces participants to the core concepts of spatial thinking and demonstrates, through real examples, how visualising data as maps can reveal patterns and insights that traditional methods often miss. The course equips participants with key concepts and terminology related to GIS, remote sensing, types of geospatial data and commonly used data formats. Through hands-on sessions, participants will learn to convert tabular data into interactive maps primarily using web-based tools such as Google Earth, Datawrapper, Flourish, ArcGIS Online, and Felt.



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ONLINE WORKSHOP

**INTRODUCTION TO SPATIAL THINKING AND  
SPATIAL DATA VISUALISATION**

THE COURSE INTRODUCES PARTICIPANTS TO THE CORE CONCEPTS OF SPATIAL THINKING AND DEMONSTRATES, THROUGH REAL EXAMPLES, HOW VISUALISING DATA AS MAPS CAN REVEAL PATTERNS AND INSIGHTS THAT TRADITIONAL METHODS OFTEN MISS. THE COURSE EQUIPS PARTICIPANTS WITH KEY CONCEPTS AND TERMINOLOGY RELATED TO GIS, REMOTE SENSING, TYPES OF GEOSPATIAL DATA AND COMMONLY USED DATA FORMATS.

THROUGH HANDS-ON SESSIONS, PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN TO CONVERT TABULAR DATA INTO INTERACTIVE MAPS PRIMARILY USING WEB-BASED TOOLS SUCH AS GOOGLE EARTH, DATAWRAPPER, FLOURISH, ARCGIS ONLINE, AND FELT. BY THE END OF THE COURSE, THEY WILL UNDERSTAND KEY MAP ELEMENTS, LEARN TO CREATE CHOROPLETH AND CHOROCHROMATIC MAPS, SELECT APPROPRIATE COLOUR SCHEMES FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, GEOCODE TABULAR DATASETS, CONVERT BETWEEN GEOSPATIAL DATA FORMATS, AND PRODUCE COMPELLING SPATIAL DATA VISUALISATIONS USING THEIR OWN PROJECT DATA.

**INSTRUCTOR**

**TEJA MALLADI**  
MapSolve AI

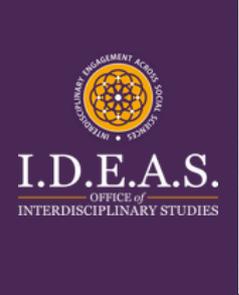
<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>SESSION 01</b>	<b>08</b>	02:00PM - 03:00PM IST
	<b>SESSION 02</b>	JANUARY 2026	03:30PM - 05:00PM IST
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>SESSION 01</b>	<b>09</b>	02:00PM - 03:00PM IST
	<b>SESSION 02</b>	JANUARY 2026	03:30PM - 05:00PM IST

\*Certificate will be provided to attendees

**More Information**  
<https://www.ideasx.in/>

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## A. IDEASx

### Doing Fieldwork: Hands-on Workshop on Using Visual Tools & Mixed Methods in Ethnographic Practice

This workshop introduces participants to the foundational concepts of informality and explores how ethnographic tools can be used to study, document, and analyze informal social, economic, and spatial practices. Participants will learn how ethnographic methods allow researchers to engage with informal worlds, whether informal labour, settlements, markets, or governance systems, and gather nuanced, contextualized data that goes beyond statistical aggregates.

Instructors:

**Prof. Deepanshu Mohan**

Dean, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.), Professor of Economics, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities, O. P. Jindal Global University

**Mr. Najam Us Saqib**

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Registration Link

<https://www.ideasx.in/courses/Understanding-Informality-Approaches-to-Studying-and-Researching-Using-Ethnographic-Tools-698038b431122a1a751d126a>

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**MR. NAJAM US SAQIB**  
Senior Research Analyst, CNES  
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**DAY 1**

<b>SESSION 01</b>	<b>07</b> MARCH 2026	<b>10:00AM - 11:30AM IST</b>
<b>SESSION 02</b>		<b>12:00PM - 01:30PM IST</b>
<b>SESSION 03</b>		<b>02:30PM - 03:30PM IST</b>

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

This article examines how eviction and housing insecurity constitute a form of gendered and intersectional violence, often overlooked even within movements protesting gender-based violence. Drawing from incidents in Mumbai and Gurgaon, it highlights how Dalit Bahujan and Muslim migrant women experience eviction not merely as a housing issue, but as a threat to their safety, dignity, work, caregiving roles, and community life

Prof. (Dr.) Preethi Krishnan, Associate Director, IDEAS & Associate Professor, JGLS alongwith Prof (Dr.) Namesh Killemetetty and Gati Kochar

**Routledge**

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

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#### Abstract

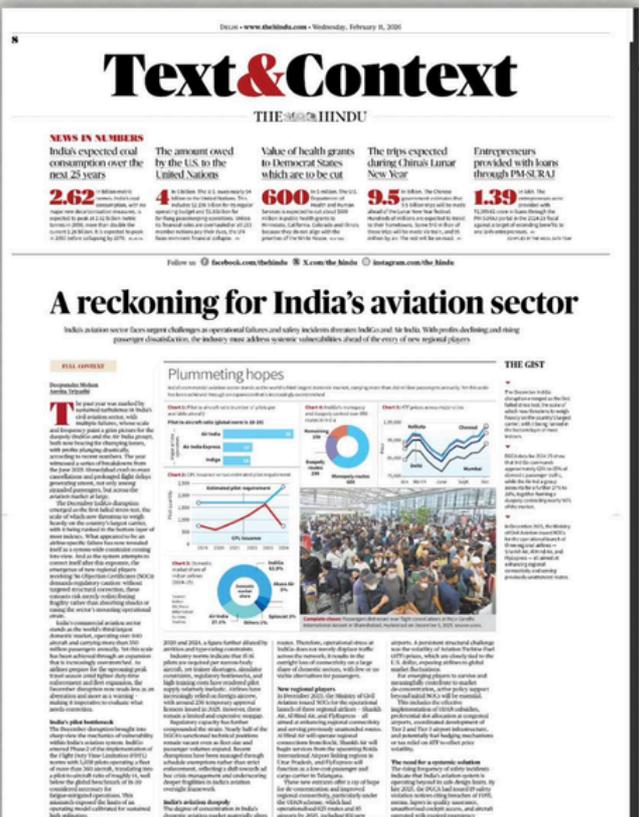
Housing insecurity has implications for the lives of Muslim migrant domestic workers not only in the context of shelter and economic distress but also in relation to care, violence, religious freedom, and labour rights. Drawing on data from focus group discussions and interviews with domestic workers living under the threat of eviction in the Indian city of Gurugram, the chapter aims to understand how gender, migrant status, religious identity, and class intersect to create distinct patterns of vulnerability and resilience in the context of housing insecurity. Actors such as the state and the employers exercise power in varied ways in these women's lives as they navigate the eviction process. Our findings highlight four themes: Working class women see housing as gendered safety for themselves and their loved ones. Domestic workers see housing as central to their right to rest. For migrant Muslim women, housing security also offers protection for their religious freedom. Finally, housing security offers women the ability to foster community. These micro level insights about domestic workers' experiences of housing insecurity point to larger systemic issues such as hostile working conditions, absence of legislative protection, lack of state accountability and gendered and casteist violence in an environment where care is increasingly privatised. The chapter discusses the implications and potential interventions to promote equitable and inclusive urban development, specifically for vulnerable groups.

## A reckoning for India's aviation sector

India's aviation sector faces urgent challenges as operational failures and safety incidents threaten IndiGo and Air India. With profits declining and rising passenger dissatisfaction, the industry must address systemic vulnerabilities ahead of the entry of new regional players

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**The Hindu**



## Fear and the Beings We Learn to Despise: A Professor’s Open Letter to Students

‘For All the Students with Fear’

By Aashita Dawer

November 21, 2025



## Fear and the Beings We Learn to Despise: A Professor’s Open Letter to Students

The piece is a reflective open letter written by a professor (Aashita Dawer) addressed to students who have internalized fear — particularly fear of animals like dogs — and how that fear can shape our perceptions and actions.

Aashita Dawer is Co-Lead, Climate and Sustainability, IDEAS, and an Associate Professor, JGLS, O.P. Jindal Global University

[newsreel.asia](http://newsreel.asia)

## Can indigenous political representation improve forest conservation? India’s experience

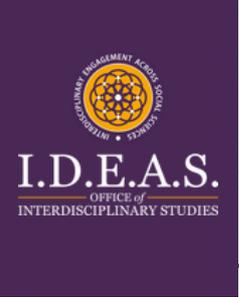


Can political representation by indigenous communities – often seen as stewards of forests – help enhance forest conservation? Or would indigenous political control over forests catalyse greater extraction for revenue gains? Does the level of representation matter? This paper addresses these under-researched questions, drawing on India’s multi-layered enactments which granted Scheduled Tribes political representation, and hence influence over local resources including forests, in constituencies reserved for them in state assemblies and village councils.

Prof (Dr.) Shamindra Nath Roy, Assistant Director and Assistant Professor, IDEAS along with Bina Agarwal, Professor of Development Economics and Environment University of Manchester & Shiva Chakravarti Sharma, George Washington University, Washington DC, USA

**World Development**

# 4. Our Scholars in Spotlight



Awarded a research grant of ICSSR for Research Project Proposals on “Family and Family Systems in India” (2025-26)

Title of the Project: Family - Community Co-Care: Strengthening Geriatric Care through Local Self-Government Institution

## **Prof (Dr.) Gayatri Balu**

Assistant Director and Assistant Professor, IDEAS

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Description: This project examines India’s demographic ageing with a focus on Kerala, where changing structures are reshaping elderly care needs and possibilities. It studies how Local Self Government Institutions co-produce family community co-care, redistributing care across families, communities, and decentralised governance. Using mixed, multi-sited methods, the research documents lived experiences and institutional practices to understand how family, community, and governance interact in responding to ageing.



Started her tenure as a Visiting Professor at the Institute of International Relations at USP - Universidade de São Paulo! Brazil

**Dr. Devika Misra**

Research Fellow, IDEAS and Assistant Professor, JSIA

 **Glimpses from the Event**





Invited by Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay for book discussion on his upcoming book *“The Practice of Visual Ethnography: Examining Identity and Lived Experiences of Marginalised Communities”*

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