

How sustainable are India's Smart Cities? Critically assessing the projects and politics underpinning the Smart City Mission

Wednesday May 29th, 2019. 9:30 – 18:00
Institut d'études avancées de Paris, 17 Quai d'Anjou, 75004 Paris

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome

9:30 – 11:00 Session I. Situating India's Smart City Mission in international perspective

Morning Discussant: Pushpa Arabindoo, UCL, Institut d'études avancées de Paris

Cities and the (re)ordering of elite coalitions under advanced neoliberalism

Ipshita Basu, University of Westminster, London

Leveraging international support for SCM: which criteria guide lenders/donors?

Gautier Kobler, Agence Française du Développement, Paris

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee / tea

11:30 – 13:00 Session II. Cutting-edge or ordinary - how sustainable are SCM projects?

Analysing the 'environment' of Smart Cities in India: Issues of sustainability and equity

Seema Mundoli (Presenter), Hariprasad VM, Preeti Venkatram and Harini Nagendra, Azim Premji

University, Bengaluru

Of photovoltaics and puffed rice: the politics of energy and climate change in India's Smart Cities

Ankit Bhardwaj, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

13:00 – 14:30 Buffet lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Session III. Smart Cities as political projects

Afternoon Discussant: Eric Leclerc, Université de Lille

Depoliticising Smart Cities in India

Persis Taraporevala, King's College London

Countering the national Smart City Mission: alternative 'green' projects in Kolkata

Anna Dewaele, CELAS, Paris

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee / tea

16:30 – 17:15 Session IV. Exceptional instruments for governing the smart city

Exceptional governance structures at the heart of the SCM: an evaluation of Special

Purpose Vehicles

Marie-Hélène Zérah, CESSMA and Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

17:15 – 18:00 Round Table Discussion / Q & A

Moderator: Loraine Kennedy, CELAS, Paris

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