

Urban Transformations and Marginalisation in Contemporary India: Social Practices and Cultural Representations

*Transformations urbaines et marginalisation en Inde contemporaine :
pratiques sociales et représentations culturelles*

Symposium - 14–15February 2024

University of Strasbourg

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PROGRAMME



Bazar in a Muslim Mohallah, Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh. Photo credits: Arnaud Kaba, Firozabad, 2019.

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SALLE DE CONFERENCE

13h-13h15 **Welcome – *Accueil des participant.e.s***

13h15-13h30 **Introduction** - Marianne Hillion (University of Strasbourg) & Arnaud Kaba (University Paris 8)

13h30 – 14h45 **Waste, labour and marginalisation – *Déchets, travail et marginalisation***

- Priyam Tripathi (Excelia Group, Cachan): The Dumping Grounds: Toxic Air and Necropolitics in Mumbai.
- Gayatri Jai Singh Rathore (Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne): Urban Planning, Marginalisation and Configuring the Contemporary City through the Case of Scrap Markets of Delhi.

Chair: Marie Caroline Saglio-Yatzimirski

Coffee Break – Pause café

15h-16h15 **Capturing urban marginalisation through poetry and nonfiction**
Saisir la marginalisation à travers la poésie et le journalisme littéraire

- Alex Tickell (Open University, London): Literary Journalism, Atmosphere and the Undercity
- Manon Boukhroufa-Trijaud (Sorbonne Université, Paris): *Bombay/Mumbai Bilder einer Mega-Stadt*, Stegmüller, Chitre, Dhasal - Capturing an Invisible and Vanishing Cityscape across Languages and Forms

Chair: Gayatri Jai Singh Rathore

16h15-17h **Book presentation – *Présentation d'ouvrage***

- Marie-Caroline Saglio-Yatzimirski (INALCO, Paris): Dharavi, Heart of Bombay/Mumbai: Resistance and Fiction of/in an Indian Slum

Chair: Marianne Hillion

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SALLE DE LA TABLE RONDE

9h15-10h30 The city and its new margins – *La ville et ses nouvelles marges*

- Pushpa Arabindoo (University College London): Chennai/Madras: Neo-marginalities in a split city
- Binti Singh (KRVIA, Mumbai): Urban Infrastructure, Neoliberal Urbanism and Inequalities in the Indian City

Chair: Rémi de Bercegol (French Institute of Pondicherry)

Coffee Break – Pause café

10h45-12h Security and violence in the Indian neoliberal city

Sécurité et violence dans la ville indienne néolibérale

- Hugo Kardosz (EHESS, Paris) : Incarnations du Mafia Raj dans le bassin minier de Jharia
- Damien Carrière (École d'urbanisme de Paris, CESSMA) : Security Guards and the Entrepreneurial Takeover of Delhi's Street

Chair: Arnaud Kaba

12h-14h15 Lunch at Le 32 (32 boulevard de la Victoire, Strasbourg)

14h15-15h30 Roundtable: Writing about minorities in contemporary India

Table ronde : Ecrire sur les minorités en Inde contemporaine

- Arnaud Kaba: Writing on marginalized working classes: the case of Muslim workers in contemporary India
- Marianne Hillion: Literary nonfiction and the writing of marginalised lives: the case of Aman Sethi

Chair: Jérôme Beauchez (LinCS, Université de Strasbourg)

Coffee Break – Pause café

15h45-17h Mobilities and Density in Shifting Urbanities

Mobilités et densité au sein d'urbanités en transformation

- Kamala Marius (University of Bordeaux Montaigne) and Venkatasubramaniam (French Institute of Pondicherry): Daily work mobility and gender inequalities in the urban periphery of a smart city: the case study of Pondicherry smart city
- Emmanuelle Rombach (ENSAS, Strasbourg): Strasbourg Mumbai – complex densities seen through the lens of the 'Villages in the City'

Chair : Binti Singh