BIO NOTES: SPEAKERS AND PAPER PRESENTERS

- **Jean-Thomas Martelli**

Jean-Thomas Martelli is am a mixed methods ethnographer in political science and sociology. His interdisciplinary work examines the renewals of representation in South Asia from the standpoint of political aspirants and novices. By combining computational and field-centric approaches of everyday political labour such as speech-making, campaigning, digital outreach and brokerage, he explores youth and student activism, political ambition, populist discourses, and practices of the self in contemporary India. He is currently a researcher at the Politics and Society research division at the Centre de Sciences Humaines in New Delhi. Prior to joining CSH, he was postdoctoral fellow at Sciences Po Paris. He holds a doctoral degree from the King's India Institute, King's College London. Research repository: jtmartelli.com.

- **Insiyah Vahanvaty**

Insiyah Vahanvaty is an Indian journalist and commentator. She writes on social concerns and politics, particularly communalism, human rights, hate politics and democracy. Her work has appeared in The Indian Express, Asian Age, India Today, Asia Democracy Network, The Quint and Rediff.com. She is currently a scholar at King's College London, conducting research on the intersection of the rise of ethnonationalism in India and the role of the media therein.

- **Nazneen Shekh**

Nazneen Shekh is a Research Associate at Ideosync Media Combine. She researches digital inclusion, gender and media literacy with Prof. Venu Arora.

- **Prof Maya Dodd**

Dr. Maya Dodd received her Ph.D. from Stanford University and subsequent post-doctoral fellowships at the Committee for South Asian Studies at Princeton University, USA and at the Centre for Law and Governance, JNU, India. In South Asian studies, a new opening for contemporary engagement with archives and digital tools has allowed for an exploration of new practices via "digital humanities" (or Dh/dh). As a means to bringing new questions in imagining cultural issues to the fore in India, especially in terms of public history, she has been associated with DH in India and her current research is focused on questions of the digital in India. Currently she serves as Director of the FLAME Centre for Legislative Education and Research and is working on a digital resource for legislative history in India. You can find her on twitter @mayadodd

- **Lorna MacBean and Jessica Reid**

Lorna MacBean and Jessica Reid are AHRC-funded PhD researchers at the University of Glasgow. In 2021, they co-founded the Symposium for Seventeenth-Century Scottish Literatures and they are now working on an online Forum for Archipelagic Studies. Their research interests cover travel writing, masculinities, and the colonial public sphere in seventeenth-century Scotland.

- **Puthiya Purayil Sneha**

Puthiya Purayil Sneha is a senior researcher with the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS),Bengaluru, India. Her areas of interest and work include arts and humanities, digital media and cultures, higher education and pedagogy, and access to knowledge. She worked on a report on mapping digital
humanities in India in 2016. Her recent work includes writing on the digital turn in archival practices in India, and exploratory research and collaborative work on mapping digital language practices and efforts to create a multilingual internet.

- **Ayesha Gautam**

Dr. Ayesha Gautam is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Philosophy, Delhi University. She completed her Ph.D. from the Department of Philosophy, Delhi University in the year 2015 on the topic "Moral Knowledge: It's Possibility, Source, and justification." Her area of interest lies in the field of Metaethics, Virtue Epistemology, and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence. She received a minor research grant under the Faculty Research Programme (FRP) of the IoE (Institute of Eminence) scheme of Delhi University in the year 2021 and is currently pursuing research on the epistemic status of verbal testimony in the digital world.

- **Deepa Singh**

Deepa Singh is a Doctoral researcher in Artificial Intelligence Ethics at the Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, where she is an Indian Council of Philosophical Research Fellow. Her current work focuses on Fairness, Accountability and Transparency in AI in the Global South. She was one of the '100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics'™ in 2021 and has previously worked as a policy consultant and social entrepreneur. She is one of the founding directors of the grassroots NGO 'Arth Samvarta Foundation' based in Uttar Pradesh, India.

- Shivangi Narayan

Dr. Shivangi Narayan is working on a three-year project studying digital policing in India, funded by the Oslo Metropolitan University and Norwegian Research Council. She has an MPhil and PhD from JNU, Delhi and is the author of Surveillance as Governance - Aadhaar |Big Data in Governance. She is interested in looking at facial recognition technologies and the overarching infrastructure of police surveillance that informs current ideas of governance.

- **Azam Danish**

Azam Danish is an independent researcher based in Delhi. He completed his bachelor's degree in History from Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi in 2018, and master's in Environment and Development from the School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University Delhi in 2020. He is currently with Vasundhara, an advocacy organization working towards democratizing natural resource governance. His research interests include environmental governance, political ecology and digital media studies.

- **Nivedita Tuli**

Nivedita Tuli is an independent researcher based in Delhi, India. She completed her bachelor's degree in journalism and history from Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi in 2018. She received her master's degree in Environment and

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- **Nilanjana Bhattacharya**

Nilanjana Bhattacharya is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IISER Bhopal. She did her Masters in English Literature from Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2020. Her area of interest is in Samuel Beckett, Modernist Literature, Critical Theory, and Continental Philosophy.

- **Mohammad Shad Ahmad**

Mohammad Shad Ahmad is currently a Ph.D. student in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IISER Bhopal. He did his Masters in Philosophy from Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2019. His area of interest is in Immanuel Kant, Kierkegaard and the Question of Radical Evil, and Continental Philosophy

- **Shabana M**

Shabana M is currently pursuing her PhD in cultural studies at the English and foreign languages university, Hyderabad, in the area of Muslim women discourses from Kerala

- **Divya Patnaik**

MPhil Scholar at IIT Bombay, working on the intersections of Gender and Technology.

- **Shobha Elizabeth John**

Shobha Elizabeth John is a Research Scholar at the Humanities and Social Sciences Department, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal. She completed her Master of Arts degree in English from the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad. Her fields of interest include Memory Studies, Technology/Digital Cultures, and Medical Humanities.

- **Sunanda Kar**

Sunanda Kar is a research scholar in the department of HSS, NIT Silchar. Her area of interest is Digital Hunanities and Culture, and literary studies.

- **Ayesha Khan**

Ayesha Khan is an Assistant Professor with three years of work experience. She is currently working at a private engineering college in Indore where she teaches English, French and Verbal Ability. She is passionate about languages, literature and social justice (not necessarily in that order) and how they pertain to contemporary society.

- **Saddam Hussain Shah**

PhD scholar centre for political studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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- **Dr Payel C Mukherjee**

Dr Payel C Mukherjee is currently a faculty member at the SSH department of IIIT Delhi and an adjunct professor at the Dept of English, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Her work focuses on Cosmopolitanism, Home, Colonial and Postcolonial Literature, Indian Nationalism, Women and Gender, History of Ideas, and South Asian Studies. She has written for several scholarly publications including Routledge Research in Postcolonial Literatures, South Asian Review, Journal of Human Values, Sahitya Akademi, Gandhi Marg to name a few, and has presented her research at academic forums like The European Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (EACLALS), The South Asian Literary Association (SALA), Association for Asian Studies (AAS, USA) and Canadian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (CACLALS)

- **Dr. Aasim Khan**

Dr. Aasim Khan is Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, IIIT-Delhi and Director at The News Initiative. As a social scientist he has cross-disciplinary interests in theories of social media, social networks and Big Data. His research themes concern the rise of new media platforms and digital technologies in society, and their implications for politics, policy and more broadly democracy in contemporary world. He earned a Bachelor of Science from St Stephen's College, Delhi University and then an MA in mass communication at AJK Mass Communication Research Center, Jamia Millia Islamia. Subsequently he worked for many years in broadcast news journalism (CNN-IBN) and international development (inc. Oxfam GB). In 2010, he moved to the UK and completed an MA from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Subsequently, he joined his doctoral research at King's College London and, in 2018, he was awarded a PhD in Politics and Public Policy (Contemporary India). Over the years, Aasim has received several grants and fellowships for his research work. These include the Global Institutes Studentships and the Mazumdar Fellowship (2012-2015) in the course of his doctoral studies at King's India Institute, KCL. In 2014, he was awarded the Global Governance Futures fellowship by the GPPi Institute (Berlin) to join a international study group on Internet governance. Their report was subsequently published by GPPi and the Brookings Institute, Washington DC. His research and commentaries have also appeared in academic and popular media publications, including the Economic and Political Weekly, Culture Unbound, Global Policy, Television and New Media and he has also published several book chapters and more recently aoauthored a chapter in a volume on digital transformations in urban India (DigiNaka, Orient Blackswan, 2020). He is currently undertaking multiple research projects, and is a co-Investigator for a project supported by the GCRF (in collaboration with Goldsmiths University, UK). Aasim is also the Director on a project funded by the IMPRESS scheme of the ICSSR, which aims to study environmental policy and politics in 'millennial India'. At IIIT-Delhi, he has established an independent research project NewsLab that aims to explore the social science, ethics and practices of digital journalism in South Asia.

- **Dr Manohar Kumar**

Dr Manohar Kumar, Assistant Professor at IIIT, Delhi, SSH Department. He completed his PhD in Political Theory from LUISS University, Rome in 2013. He has a Masters in Development Studies from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and a Bachelors in Economics from Hindu College, University of Delhi. He is currently finishing a co-authored book project titled 'Speaking Truth to Power. A Theory of Whistleblowing' slated to be published in 2018. Prior to joining IIIT-Delhi, Manohar held postdoctoral fellowships at IIT Delhi (2015-2017) and AMSE, Aix Marseille University (2017-2018).

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