

## CONCEPT

Sharing a common interest in urban studies, the Forum Urban Spaces, the project Mobile Spaces and the HERA project SINGLE have joined hands in organising a series of events on urbanity. A varied collection of lectures and film screenings will highlight different disciplinary and regional approaches to this dynamic field of study that is also part of the Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies' (HCTS) Initiative on Urban Spaces.

### Project SINGLE

explores new cultural geographies of gendered urban space in Delhi and Shanghai. Funded by HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area), it follows an interdisciplinary approach linking researchers from across Europe and Asia.  
<http://herasingle.uni-hd.de>

### Forum Urban Spaces

connects research on urbanisms across disciplines and regional foci. It is led by Christiane Brosius, Chair of Visual and Media Anthropology at Heidelberg University, in collaboration with Hans Harder, Professor of Modern South Asian Languages and Literatures at the South Asia Institute, and is coordinated by Dr. Marie Sander.  
<http://urbanspaces.uni-hd.de>

### Mobile Spaces

traces ways in which understandings of cities of the 'global South' and the 'global North' can be explored together. The project is headed by Christiane Brosius, Ulrike Gerhard, Professor for Human Geography of North America and Beatrix Busse, Professor of English Linguistics, all at Heidelberg University.

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### Venues:

Karl Jaspers Centre (KJC)  
Voßstraße 2, Building 4400  
69115 Heidelberg  
Room 212; Library Room 002

Kunstverein Heidelberg  
Hauptstraße 97  
69117 Heidelberg

South Asia Institute (SAI)  
Im Neuenheimer Feld 330  
69120 Heidelberg  
Room z10

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Event Series Summer 2014

# SPOTLIGHT: URBAN RESEARCH



## PROGRAMME

### Monday, May 5

3 pm to 4 pm

*Lecture:* Prof. Aparna Rayaprol: "Return Migration and the Transformation of Hyderabad City"

*Venue:* KJC Library

*(please register with [sander@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:sander@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de))*

### Tuesday, May 6

7 pm

*Seminar Film Series:* "At Home in the City"

*Filmtitle:* "Delhi, Mumbai, Delhi" (2006)

*introduced by:* Prof. Aparna Rayaprol

*Venue:* KJC Room 212

### Friday, May 16

10.30 am to 5.30 pm

*Workshop:* "The Vernacular City: Urbanism in Modern and Contemporary Literature and Film from South Asia"

*Venue:* KJC Library

*(please register with [H.Harder@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:H.Harder@uni-heidelberg.de))*

### Wednesday, May 21

7 pm to 8 pm

*Talk:* Prof. Christiane Brosius and artist Sophie-Therese Trenka-Dalton: "Global Village - World Class City: Urbanisierung und Nostalgie in Dubai und Delhi"

*Venue:* Kunstverein Heidelberg

### Monday, June 2

8.45 am to 6 pm

*Workshop:* "Mobile Spaces - Everyday Practices in Indian, North American and European Cities"

*Venue:* KJC Room 212

*(please register at <http://urbanspaces.uni-hd.de>)*

### Tuesday, June 3

7 pm

*Seminar Film Series:* "At Home in the City"

*Filmtitle:* "Transfusión" (2013)

*introduced by:* Robert Lemon

*Venue:* KJC Room 212

### Thursday, June 5

6 pm

*Lecture:* Prof. Sujata Patel: "Beyond Divisions and Towards Internationalism: Social Sciences in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

*Venue:* SAI Room z10

### Tuesday, June 17 (cancelled)

7 pm

*Seminar Film Series:* "At Home in the City"

### Tuesday, July 15 (film change)

7 pm

*Seminar Film Series:* "At Home in the City"

*Filmtitles:* "The Ghetto Girl" (2012) and

"Who Can Speak of Men?" (2003)

*introduced by:* Prof. Nadja-Christina Schneider

*Venue:* KJC Room 212

### Seminar Film Series:

The seminar film series "At Home in the City" is part of the MA course "Transcultural-Placemaking: Urban Spaces, Migration and Belonging" and provides its students with new perspectives on urban spaces. The five documentaries cover a range of actors and cities. The screenings of selected scenes will be accompanied by a first round of discussions to be followed up on in class.

## Guest Speakers

### Prof. Dr. Nadja-Christina Schneider

is Junior Professor for Mediality and Intermediality in Asian and African Societies at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and currently a Fellow at the HCTS. She specialises in processes of medialisation and sociocultural change in South Asia and debates on Islam and Gender. While in Heidelberg, she works on film, protest and urban space.

### Prof. Dr. Sujata Patel

is Professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad and specialises in the areas of social theory, political sociology and urban sociology. She is Series Editor of Studies in Contemporary Society (Oxford, India), Cities and the Urban Imperative (Routledge, India) and Sage Studies in International Sociology.

### Prof. Dr. Aparna Rayaprol

holds a position at the Department of Sociology and is Director of the Study in India Program, University of Hyderabad. Her areas of interest include gender studies, Indian diaspora, qualitative research methods and urban sociology.

### Robert Lemon

is a lecturer in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at University of California, Berkeley. He is also a documentary filmmaker and produced his first films on urban food cultures.