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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- Fall 2013-present    **Assistant Professor of Global Environmental Politics (Tenure Track)**  
**School of International Service**  
Environment Team Co-Lead, Antiracist Research and Policy Center  
Faculty Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Center, School of Public Affairs  
**American University, Washington, DC**
- 2011-2013            **Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy**  
Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science &  
Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology  
**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

## EDUCATION

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- November 2010    **PhD, Energy and Resources Group | Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies**  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
*Fluid Hegemony: A Political Ecology of Water, Market Rule, and Insurgency at Bangalore's Frontier*  
Committee: Ananya Roy (Doctoral Committee Chair; Professor and Meyer and Renee Luskin Chair in Inequality and Democracy, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA); Isha Ray (Associate Professor, Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley); Peter Evans (Professor Emeritus, Sociology, UC Berkeley)
- May 2005            **Master of Science, Energy and Resources Group**  
**University of California, Berkeley**
- May 2001            **Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry (Concentration in Environmental Science)**  
Co-winner of prize for senior who contributed most to the academic life of the college  
**Bard College, NY**

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Urban India
- Water Politics
- Land, Housing, & Property-Making
- Climate Change Politics
- Race, Empire, and Liberalism
- Urban Political Ecology & Environmental Justice
- Ethnographic, Historical, & Spatial Analysis
- Critical Social Theory

## SCHOLARLY PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPACT: HIGHLIGHTS

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- 2018 SIS Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award Co-Recipient
- Recipient of National Science Foundation, American Institute of Indian Studies, Antipode Foundation, and American Council of Learned Societies-Andrew W. Mellon Foundation external research awards
- 10 peer-reviewed articles, including in top-ranked journals *Progress in Human Geography* (2018) and *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* (2017) since the start of tenure-track career (Fall 2013)
- 12 invited campus lectures and keynote talks in 2018-2019 alone
- Service on the editorial boards of *Annals* and *EP: D (Society and Space)*

### [Google Scholar Citation Indices](#)

	All	Since 2014
Citations	674	465
h-index	10	9
i10-index	11	9

## EXTERNAL PEER-REVIEWED GRANTS

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2018-2019	<p><b>Antipode Foundation International Workshop Award</b>  <b>Malini Ranganathan, Co-recipient and Host Organizer</b>          Co-recipients: M Gergan, Florida State University; S Smith, UNC Chapel Hill; S Krishnan, Oxford University; S Doshi, University of Arizona, Tucson; and Jesús F. Cháirez-Garza, Leeds University  <i>Rethinking Difference in India: Racialization in Transnational Perspective</i> to be held at American University, Washington, DC April 1-2, 2019          Amount: £10,000</p>
2017-2019	<p><b>American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)-Andrew W. Mellon Collaborative Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences</b>  <b>Malini Ranganathan, Principal Investigator</b>          Co-Investigators: S Doshi, University of Arizona, Tucson and D Pike, American University  <i>Corruption Plots, Imagined Publics: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City</i>          Amount: \$160,000</p>
2007-2009	<p><b>National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Geography and Spatial Sciences Program.</b>  <b>Malini Ranganathan, Co-Principal Investigator, University of California, Berkeley</b>          Principal Investigator: A Roy (Doctoral Chair), University of California, Berkeley  <i>Seeing Like a Citizen: Technologies of Governance and Urban Service Delivery in Bangalore</i>          Amount: \$8,000</p>

## INTERNAL GRANTS

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2016-2017	<p><b>American University Faculty Research Support Grant</b>  <b>Malini Ranganathan, Principal Investigator</b>          Urban Revolution? Anti-Corruption and Environmental Justice in India.          Amount: \$5,000</p>
2015-2016	<p><b>American University Metropolitan Policy Center Faculty Research Grant</b>  <b>Malini Ranganathan, Principal Investigator</b>          Co-Investigator: E Bratman, American University          Tackling Urban Vulnerability: Lessons for Building Community Resilience and Climate Justice in Washington, DC          Amount: \$10,000</p>

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2018	SIS Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award Co-recipient
2015	Certificate of Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing for <i>Geoforum</i> (Elsevier)
2009	Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, UC Berkeley
2007	John L. Simpson Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, UC Berkeley
2007	American Institute of Indian Studies Dissertation Fellowship
2006	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2006	Center for South Asian Studies Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2005	Center for Human Rights Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2005	Center for African Studies Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2004	United Nations <i>Bridging the Divide</i> Research Fellowship
2004	E8 Sustainable Energy Development Full Tuition Graduate Scholarship, UC Berkeley
1997	Distinguished Scientist Full Tuition Undergraduate Scholarship, Bard College, NY

## DOUBLE-BLIND PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND IMPACT FACTORS

(\*) Indicates SIS Student

- Ranganathan, M and E Bratman. Accepted and Forthcoming. "From Urban Resilience to Abolitionist Climate Justice in Washington, DC", *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* [IF 3.108]
- Ranganathan, M. 2018. "Rule by Difference: Empire, Liberalism, and the Legacies of Urban 'Improvement'", *Environment and Planning: A (Economy and Society)* 50 (7): 1386-1406. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X18781851> [IF 2.152]
- Kiefer, K (\*) and M Ranganathan. 2018. "The Politics of Participation in Cape Town's Slum Upgrading: The Role of Productive Tension", *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. Published online March 21, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X18761119> [IF 2.328]
- Doshi, S and M Ranganathan. 2018. "Towards a Critical Geography of Corruption and Power in Late Capitalism", *Progress in Human Geography*. Published online January 31, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132517753070> [IF 6.885]
- Doshi, S and M Ranganathan. 2017. "Contesting the Unethical City: Land Dispossession and Corruption Narratives in Urban India", *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 107 (1): 183-199. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24694452.2016.1226124>. [IF 2.097]
- Ranganathan, M. 2016. "Thinking with Flint: Racial Liberalism and the Roots of an American Water Tragedy", *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 27 (3): 17-33. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10455752.2016.1206583>
- Ranganathan, M. 2015. "Storm Drains as Assemblages: The Political Ecology of Flood Risk in Postcolonial Bangalore", *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* 47 (5): 1300-1320. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/anti.12149> Video abstract: <http://antipodefoundation.org/2015/06/03/storm-drains-as-assemblages/> [IF 3.108]
- Ranganathan, M and C Balazs. 2015. "Water Marginalization at the Urban Fringe: Environmental Justice and Urban Political Ecology Across the North-South Divide", *Urban Geography* 36 (3): 403-423. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2015.1005414> [IF 2.307]
- Ranganathan, M. 2014. "Paying for Water, Claiming Citizenship: Political Agency and Water Reforms at the Urban Periphery", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 38 (2): 590-608. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.12028> [IF 2.239]
- Ranganathan, M. 2014. "Mafias in the Waterscape: Urban Informality and Everyday Public Authority in Bangalore", *Water Alternatives* 7 (1): 89-105. <http://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/volume7/v7issue1/235-a7-1-6> [IF 2.65]
- Ranganathan, M, L Kamath and V Baindur. 2009. "Piped Water Supply to Greater Bangalore: Putting the Cart Before the Horse?", *Economic and Political Weekly* 44 (33): 53-62. [https://www.jstor.org/stable/25663447?seq=1#page\\_scan\\_tab\\_contents](https://www.jstor.org/stable/25663447?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents)
- Haya, B, M Ranganathan, and S Kirpekar. 2009. "Barriers to Sugar Mill Cogeneration in India: Insights into the Structure of Post-2012 Climate Financing Instruments", *Climate and Development* 1 (1): 66-81. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.3763/cdev.2009.0002> [IF 2.405]
- Chaurey, A, M Ranganathan, and P Mohanty. 2004. "Electricity Access For Geographically Disadvantaged Rural Communities—Technology And Policy Insights", *Energy Policy* (32) 15: 1693-1705. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0301-4215\(03\)00160-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0301-4215(03)00160-5) [IF 4.039]

Prasad, R., **M Ranganathan**, P B Singh, and I H Rehman. 2003. "How Community Participation Can Integrate Energy Transitions into Rural Development—The Experience of Four North Indian Villages", *The Journal of Energy and Development* (28) 2: 159-172.

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

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S Doshi and **M Ranganathan**. Forthcoming (2019). "Corruption as a Keyword in Late Capitalism" in Antipode Editorial Collective (Eds), *Keywords in Radical Geography*. Antipode Book Series.

**Ranganathan, M** and S Doshi. 2019. "Political Ecologies of Dispossession and Anticorruption in Urban India: A Radical Politics for the Anthropocene?" in H Ernstson and E Swyngedouw (Eds), *Urban Political Ecology in the Anthro-Obscene: Interruptions and Possibilities*. Routledge: London and New York.

**Ranganathan, M**. 2018. "Rethinking Urban Water Informality" in K Conca and E Weinthal (Eds), *Oxford Handbook on Water Politics and Policy*. Oxford University Press: Oxford and New York.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199335084.001.0001>

**Ranganathan, M**. 2017. "Hydraulic Politics in/beyond the World Class City". Review Forum for Bjorkman. L. 2015. *Pipe Politics, Contested Waters: Embedded Infrastructures of Millennial Mumbai*. Duke University Press: Durham. *Dialogues in Human Geography* 7 (3) 349-352.  
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/2043820617733204> IF 10.214

**Ranganathan, M**. 2017. "Endangered City by Austin Zeiderman and Hydraulic City by Nikhil Anand". *Society and Space* <http://societyandspace.org/2017/11/28/endangered-city-by-austin-zeiderman-and-hydraulic-city-by-nikhil-anand-review-forum-2/>

**Ranganathan, M**. 2013. "Financialized and Insurgent: The Dialectics of Participation in Bangalore's Neoliberal Water Reforms", pp 65-88 in K Coelho, L Kamath, and M Vijayabaskar (Eds), *Participolis: Consent and Contention in India's Neoliberal Urban Governance*. Routledge: Abingdon and New Delhi.

**Ranganathan, M**. 2012. "Reengineering Citizenship: Municipal Reforms and the Politics of 'e-Grievance Redressal' in Karnataka's Cities", pp 109-132 in R Desai and R Sanyal (Eds), *Urbanizing Citizenship: Contested Spaces in Indian Cities*. Sage: Thousand Oaks and New Delhi.

**Ranganathan, M**. 2011. "The Embeddedness of Cost Recovery: Water Reforms and Associationism at Bangalore's Fringes", pp 165-190 in J Anjaria and C McFarlane (Eds), *Urban Navigations: Politics, Space, and the City in South Asia*. Routledge: Abingdon and New Delhi.

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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**Ranganathan, M**. 2018. "Beyond Third World Comparisons: America's Geography of Water, Race, and Poverty", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight Series on "Parched Cities, Parched Citizens" <http://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on-overview/parched-cities-parched-citizens/beyond-third-world-comparisons/>

**Ranganathan, M**. 2017. "The Environment as Freedom: A Decolonial Reimagining", Social Science Research Council's *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences* Series on "Just Environments" <http://items.ssrc.org/the-environment-as-freedom-a-decolonial-reimagining/> Reprinted in *Black Perspectives* <https://www.aaihs.org/the-environment-as-freedom-a-decolonial-reimagining/>

**Ranganathan, M** and S Doshi. 2017. "The Color of Corruption: Whiteness and Populist Narratives", *Society & Space Open Site*, the academic blog for the top-ranked journal *Environment and Planning: D*. \*Top 10 most read *Society and Space* blog in 2018 according to the editors\*  
<http://societyandspace.org/2017/02/07/the-color-of-corruption-on-the-perverse-morality-of-whiteness/>

**Ranganathan, M**. December 10, 2015. "Why Bengaluru is not Immune to Floods: It's All About Land (and Money)", *Citizen Matters* <http://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/why-bengaluru-is-not-immune-to-floods-it-s-all-about-land-and-money-17973>

**Ranganathan, M**. 2014. "Bangalore: High Tech and the Monsoon" in R Burdett, P Rode, P Shankar, and S Vahidy (Eds), *Governing Urban Futures (Urban Age Series)*, London School of Economics and Political Science  
[https://lsecities.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/GoverningUrbanFutures\\_newspaper\\_screen.pdf](https://lsecities.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/GoverningUrbanFutures_newspaper_screen.pdf)

## POLICY BRIEFS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

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Ranganathan, M. 2008. "Grievance Redressal Mechanisms in Urban Service Delivery: How Effective Are They?" *Asian Development Bank Governance Brief 17*. Asian Development Bank, Manila.

Ranganathan, M and E Reynaers. 2003. "Enabling Environments for Technology Transfer". Technical paper commissioned by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, Bonn.

Ranganathan, M, R Prasad and P B Singh. 2003. "Participatory approach for linking rural energy transitions and developmental needs in Uttar Pradesh, India", *Boiling Point*, 49: 15-17.

## INVITED LECTURES AND KEYNOTE TALKS

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*Forthcoming*. Mellon Research Initiative in Racial Capitalism Lecture Series. Invited by Mark Jerng to speak at the **University of California, Davis**, April 29, 2019.

*Forthcoming*. Racial Liberalism and Environmental Racism in Flint, MI. Invited by Margaret Hicken to speak at the **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, RacismLab, March 20, 2019.

*Forthcoming*. Unauthorized Urbanism: Empire, Property, and the Ecological Present. Invited to give the annual honorary Treacy Lecture (voted on as a "renown pre-tenure scholar" by Geography PhD students) at the **University of Wisconsin, Madison**, March 14, 2019.

Empire and Property in the Ecological Present. Invited by Gabriela Valdivia to speak at the **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**, November 9, 2018.

The Infrastructural Turn in Urban Studies and Political Ecology. Invited by Majed Akhter as a panelist at **King's College, London**, October 10, 2018.

Unauthorized Urbanism: Liberal Property-Making and the Coloniality of Rule". Invited by Austin Zeiderman to speak at the **London School of Economics and Political Science**, October 9, 2018.

Unauthorized City: Entanglements of Water, Property, and Rule in Bangalore". Invited by Erika Weinthal to speak at the Duke India Initiative, Nicholas School of the Environment, and the Franklin Humanities Institute at **Duke University**, September 20, 2018.

From Urban Resilience to Anti-Racist Climate Justice in Washington, DC. Invited by Frances Moore to speak at the Environmental Justice Speaker Series, **University of California, Davis**, June 4, 2018.

- Climate of Dispossession: On the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited by Mabel Gergan and Nathan Hensley to give the keynote talk at the Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on the Anthropocene, **Georgetown University**, Washington, DC, April 5, 2018.
- Dispossession, Liberalism, and the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited by Nikhil Anand to speak at the Penn Program on Environmental Humanities, **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, March 15, 2018.
- Situated Ethics of the City: Narrating Corruption and Land in Contemporary Urban India. Invited by Hemangini Gupta and Carol Upadhyia to speak at the Urban Mobility Studies Program Speaker Series, **National Institute for Advanced Studies**, Bangalore, India, February 2, 2018.
- Situated Ethics of the City: Narrating Corruption and Land in Contemporary Urban India. Invited by Champaka Rajagopal to speak at School of Policy and Governance, **Azim Premji University**, Bangalore, India, February 1, 2018.
- Racial Liberalism and the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited by Leila Harris to speak at the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice's Noted Scholars Series, **University of British Columbia, Vancouver**, November 2, 2017.
- Corruption Plots, Imagined Publics: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City. Invited to give a School of International Service Research Roundtable, **American University**, September 27, 2017
- Qualitative GIS for Critical Urban Geography. Invited to speak on a panel on Geospatial Analysis for Enhancing Research at "Conference for High-Impact Research" organized at **American University**, May 15, 2017.
- Thinking with Flint: Structural Racism in Planning, Pipes and Policy. Invited by Anne Short Gianotti to speak at **Boston University**, February 23, 2017.
- Anti-Racist Struggle: Past, Present, and Future. Invited to speak at a teach-in "Teach, Organize, Engage: A Forum on Contemporary Politics and the Future" organized at **American University**, January 18, 2017.
- Water, Space, and the Politics of Urban Citizenship Across the North-South Divide. Invited by Colin Studds and David Lansing to speak at the Geography seminar, **University of Maryland, Baltimore County**, November 9, 2016.
- Water, Race, and the Politics of Urban Belonging. Invited by Ruth Wilson Gilmore Earth to speak at Water and Class Struggle Symposium, **State University of New York, Purchase College**, April 22, 2016.
- Race, Class, and the Legacies of Colonial Urban 'Improvement'. Invited by Senior Vice-Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs Mary Clark to speak at AU Workshop on Critical Approaches to Race, Class, and Gender, **American University**, February 24, 2016.
- The Performativity of Urban Anti-Corruption Politics. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Erik Swyngedouw to speak at Environmental Humanities Laboratory, *Rupturing the Anthro-obscene! The Political Promises of Planetary Urban Ecologies.*, **KTH Royal Institute for Technology**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 16-17, 2015.
- Registering Urban Inequality in the Post-Colony. . Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Jia-Ching Chen to speak at *Urban Beyond Measure: Registering Urban Environments in the Global South*, **Stanford University**, May 8-9, 2015.
- Is the Right to the City an Effective Framework for Advancing Environmental Justice? Invited to speak at *Class, Race, and the Environment: Impacts on People of Color and Lower-Income Communities*, Earth Justice Week. Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs Program, **American University**, Washington, DC, April 14, 2015

- Drains of Labor: Filth, Commodification, and Risk in Bangalore's Wetland Assemblage. Invited by Rosalind Fredericks to speak at Infrastructures of Labor Speaker Series, Urban Democracy Lab, **New York University**, December 10, 2014.
- The Everyday Life of Reforms: Urban Struggles for Water, Citizenship, and Sustainability in Millennial Bangalore. Invited by Miriam Greenberg to speak at Sociology Department, **University of California, Santa Cruz**, December 4, 2014.
- (Wet)Land Grabs, Capital Flows, and the Politics of Flood Risk in Millennial Bangalore. Invited to speak at the Center for Health, Risk, and Society, **American University**, November 5, 2014.
- Emancipatory Urban Politics Through the Everyday State: Improvisations and Translations at the Frontlines. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Edgar Pieterse to speak at *Radical Incrementalism: Theories/Practices of Emancipatory Change*, **African Center for Cities, University of Cape Town**, October 23-24, 2014.
- Beyond the 'Slum': Urban Informality in the Global South. Invited to speak at the International Development Program Student Association, Weekly Colloquium Series, SIS, **American University**, September 22, 2014.
- Stormwater Drains, (Wet)land Grabs, and the Assembling of Flood Risk in Bangalore. Invited by Lalitha Kamath to speak at the School of Habitat Studies, **Tata Institute for Social Sciences**, Mumbai, India, July 21, 2014.
- Urban Informality as the New Normal in Millennial Capitalism. Invited by Rashmi Sadana to speak at the *Cities at the Center of the World*, Center for Global Studies, **George Mason University** and **Woodrow Wilson Center**, Washington, DC, April 22, 2014.
- Stormwater Drains as Assemblages: The Geography of Flooding in Bangalore. Invited by Trevor Birkenholtz to speak at *the Future of Water and Waste in South Asia*, **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, February 7-9, 2013.
- Financing Infrastructure in India's Slums: Rajeev Gandhi Awas Yojana's Prospects and the Political Economy of Urban Reforms. Invited by Ananya Roy and Raka Ray to speak at *the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Indian City: Working Towards Being Slum Free?*, **University of California, Berkeley**, April 27, 2012.
- Representing Vulnerability: Maps, Narratives, and Political Action*. Invited by Jesse Ribot to be a discussant and panelist at **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**, September 23-24, 2011.
- Informal Water, the State, and the Peripheralized Middle Class. Invited by K Sivaramkrishnan to speak at *Urban India: Historical Processes and Contemporary Experiences Conference*. **Yale University**, April 30, 2011.
- Governing an Urban Water 'Crisis': Political Ecological Insights from India. Invited by Jonathan Shapiro Anjaria to speak at the Environmental and Urban Studies weekly colloquium series, **Bard College**, May 3, 2011.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

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- Urban Land Grabs as the New-Old Frontier of Capitalist Accumulation and Racial Violence, Presenter, Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 22, 2018.
- Pedagogies of Race and Racialization (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 14, 2018.
- The Political Ecology of Flood Risk and Management Across the North and South (Organizer, Discussant), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 13, 2018.

- From Urban Resilience to Abolitionist Climate Justice in Washington, DC (Presenter), Abolition Ecologies Paper Session, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 13, 2018.
- Water and Climate Justice (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 11, 2018.
- Racial Finance Capitalism (Discussant), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10, 2018.
- Land Justice in the City (Discussant). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10, 2018.
- An Authors-Meet-Critics Panel (Invited panelist) on *Hydraulic City* by Nikhil Anand (Duke University Press 2017) and *Endangered City* by Austin Zeiderman (Duke University Press 2016), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 5, 2017.
- An Authors-Meet-Critics Panel (Invited panelist) on *Encountering Poverty* by Ananya Roy (UC Press 2016), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 7, 2017.
- Radical Crosscurrents: EJ, Political Ecology, and Traveling Theory (Organizer, introducer, panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 1, 2016.
- Infrastructural Engagements and Urban Re-Imaginations in the Global South 2 (Invited discussant), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 1, 2016.
- Middle Class Cities of the Global South? 3: Inhabiting the Middle (Invited discussant), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 30, 2016.
- Urban India's New Anti-Corruption Politics: Unsettling State, Capital, and Land in Bangalore, Methodological Innovation in Urban Political Research in the Developing World, American University, October 30, 2015.
- Contesting (Wet)Land Grabs: The Politics of "Elite" Urban Informality and Anti-Corruption Discourse in Bangalore, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 23, 2015.
- Conjuring Land from Water: Law, Materiality, and Discursive Politics in Urban Wetland Redevelopment (paper competitively selected). *Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country*, The 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial McGrann Conference, Rutgers University, Department of Geography, May 1-2, 2015.
- Assembling Flood Risk in Postcolonial Bangalore (Invited presenter). *STS and Urban Infrastructure in the Global South*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 24, 2015.
- Doing Urban Political Ecology: Fieldwork Methods and Ethical Concerns (Invited panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 23, 2015.
- The Ethical City? Critical Geographies of Corruption and Accountability in Urban India (Panel co-organizer and co-presenter with Sapana Doshi), *Critical Geographies of Corruption and Accountability*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, April 8-12, 2014.
- Pluralizing 'the State' in Urban Political Ecology: State Formation and Water Politics in Bangalore, India, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, February 27-29, 2014.
- Mafias in the Waterscape: Public Authority and Informality in Bangalore (paper competitively selected). *Informal Space in the Urban Waterscape*, UNESCO Conference Delft, December 4-6, 2012.



The Production of Everyday Flood Risk and the Politics of Blame at the Urban Periphery. Initiative for Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS) Annual Conference Columbia University, New York City, May 16-19, 2012.

A Spatial History of Bangalore's Waters. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, April 13-15, 2012.

Prone to Floods: A Political Ecology of Everyday Risk at the Urban Frontier. *Risky Endeavors*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, February 24, 2012.

Peri-Urban Flood Vulnerability: Evolving a Political Ecological Agenda through Insights from Bangalore. *Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Marginal Peoples and Environments*, ICARUS Annual Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 6, 2011.

Banking on Water: Debt, Discipline, and the Financialization of Policy Expertise in Bangalore. (Co-organizer). *Politics of Expertise in Urban and Regional Development*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, April 16, 2011.

Capitalizing on Water: The Techno-Politics of Greater Bangalore's Piped Water Supply Project. *Water Resource Technologies and Politics*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington DC, April 18, 2010.

The Right to Water as the Right to the City. Right to Water Conference, Syracuse University, March 9, 2010.

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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May 2014	Improv Cities: Urban Peripheries and the Future, American University TEDx Talk, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlfBxWo1SqY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlfBxWo1SqY</a>
January 2015	Obama's visit to India includes climate change talks by David Jackson, <i>USA Today</i> , <a href="https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/22/obama-india-narendra-modi-taj-mahal/22154027/">https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/22/obama-india-narendra-modi-taj-mahal/22154027/</a>
September 2014	Africa's Population Will Quadruple by 2100. What Does That Mean for its Cities? by Sam Sturgis, <i>Atlantic Cities</i> , <a href="https://www.citylab.com/design/2014/09/africas-population-will-quadruple-by-2100-what-does-that-mean-for-its-cities/380507/">https://www.citylab.com/design/2014/09/africas-population-will-quadruple-by-2100-what-does-that-mean-for-its-cities/380507/</a>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2008-2009	Consultant	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat
2005	Intern	Urban Sustainability Initiative, Berkeley Institute for the Environment
2005	Intern	China Energy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
2005	Intern	Programme Energie, ENDA-Tiers Monde, Senegal
2004	Intern	Low Income Energy Programs, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco
2001-2003	Research Associate	Renewable Energy Technology Applications, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi



## COURSES TAUGHT AND OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATINGS

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Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014 (2 sections), Fall 2015 (2 sections), Fall 2017 (2 sections), Fall 2018 (2 sections)	SISU 250: Environmental Sustainability and Global Health, overall instructor ratings <b>6.14/7, 6.73/7, 6.72/7, 6.67/7, 6.73/7, 6.75/7, 6.87/7, 6.83/7, 6.92/7</b>
Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017	SIS 620: Urban Political Ecology, overall instructor ratings, <b>6.75/7, 6.36/7, 6.38/7</b>
Spring 2015, Spring 2017	SISU 349: Global Cities, Justice, and the Environment, overall instructor rating <b>6.48/7, 6.87/7</b>
Fall 2011, UIUC	GEOG 496: Climate Change and Social Vulnerability (Lecturer), no rating available
Spring 2011, UIUC	HDES 595: Human Dimensions of Environmental Systems (Co-Instructor), no rating available
Fall 2008, UC Berkeley	ER 175: Water and Development (Graduate Student Instructor), overall instructor rating <b>6.12/7</b>
Spring 2006, UC Berkeley	CP 270: Global Metropolitan Studies: Theories of the North and South (Graduate Student Co-Organizer), no rating available
Fall 2005, UC Berkeley	ER 100: Energy and Society (Graduate Student Instructor), overall instructor rating <b>6/7</b>

## ADVISING

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2018 – 2019	Substantial Research Project Advisor for Wendy Atieno, MA in Global Environmental Politics: “Urban Risk in Nairobi: Slums, Floods, and the Role of the State”
2017 – 2018	Substantial Research Project Advisor for Kathryn Strelevitz, MA in Global Environmental Politics: “Inundation and Resettlement: From Dam Projects to Sea Level Rise”
2016-2017	Substantial Research Project Advisor for William Gee, MA in Global Environmental Politics: “Land-Use Policy and Racial Discrimination in Washington, DC”
2016-2017	Substantial Research Project Advisor for Attiya Saed, MA in Global Environmental Politics: “Trapped in Temporary Permanence: The Challenges of Multi-Level Water and Sanitation Governance in Jordan’s Refugee Camps”
2014 – current	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Anne Kantel, PhD in International Relations: “Situating Legitimacy: Encounters between State-Based and Local Fisheries Lifeworlds in Uganda”
2014 – current	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Abby Lindsay, PhD in International Relations: “Multiscalar Complexities of Urban Water Politics: The role of scientific and technical knowledge”
2015 – 2016	Thesis Advisor for Tayeba Batool, MA in International Affairs: “Remodeling Identity in Lahore”
2015 – 2016	Honors Capstone Research Project Advisor for Christine Chipko, BA in International Studies: “Unmasking the Gendered Approach to Conditional Cash Transfers”
2014-15	Substantial Research Project Advisor for Karly Kiefer, MA in Global Environmental Politics: “Partnership in Tension: Negotiating Citizen-State Engagement in Cape Town’s Slum Upgrading”

2013-14	Honors Capstone Project Advisor for Evan Anderson, BA in International Studies: "Tarlabasi's Renewal: A Case of Urban Transformation in 21st Century Turkey"
2013-14	Thesis Advisor for Brianna Suarez, MA in International Affairs: "The Struggle Continues: Mexico's Neoliberal Policies and Rural Indigenous Water Rights"
2013-14	Substantial Research Project Advisor for Averelle Talbott, MA in Global Environmental Politics: "Race, Public Housing, and Rooftop Farming in New York City"
2013-14	Substantial Research Project Advisor for Jackson Stubbs, MA in Global Environmental Politics: "Achieving Zero Waste in Washington, DC"

## INTERNAL SERVICE

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2018-2020	Invited Member, President's Council on Diversity and Inclusion (campus-wide)
2017-2019	Elected Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (campus-wide)
Fall 2017	Planning Committee Member, SIS Fall 2017 Faculty and Staff Retreat "Enabling Our Future Leadership"
2016-2017	Interview Committee Member, Target of Opportunity Hire for Ibram X. Kendi, SIS/CAS
2016-2017	Elected Member, Faculty Actions Committee, SIS
2015-2016	Elected Member, Task Force on Restructuring of MA Programs, SIS
2013-2015	Undergraduate Thematic Area Coordinator, Environmental Sustainability and Global Health, SIS
Fall 2014	Undergraduate Mentor, SIS
Fall 2014	Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Global Urban Studies, SIS
Fall 2013	Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods, SIS

## EXTERNAL SERVICE

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Ongoing	Peer Reviewer for the following university presses and peer-reviewed journals: <i>Oxford University Press</i> , <i>Environmental History</i> , <i>Environmental Politics</i> , <i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i> , <i>International Journal of Urban and Regional Research</i> , <i>Urban Geography</i> , <i>Environmental History</i> ; <i>Geography Compass</i> , <i>Antipode: A Journal of Radical Geography</i> , <i>Geoforum</i> , <i>Climate and Development</i> , <i>Environment and Planning: A (Economy and Space)</i> , <i>Environment and Planning: C (Politics and Space)</i> ; <i>Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space)</i> , <i>Journal of Material Culture</i>
2019-present	Invited Editorial Board, Member, <i>Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space)</i>
2016-2019	Invited Editorial Board Member, <i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i>
2015-2017	Invited Editorial Board Member, <i>Geography Compass</i> (Urban Section)
2015-2017	Elected Officer-at-Large, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

2015-2017	Elected Board Member, Urban Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2015-2016	External Evaluator, PhD Thesis "Altering Urban Ecology of Bangalore: Politics of Land and Water Resources", CEPT University, Ahmedabad, India
2014	Peer Reviewer for National Science Foundation CAREER Proposal
2013	Peer Reviewer for National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Sciences Program Proposal