

# 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**

MISHA (Maison interuniversitaire des sciences de l'homme – Alsace)  
5, allée du Général Rouvillois, Strasbourg

## PROGRAMME



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

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## 14 FEBRUARY

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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*

## 15 FEBRUARY

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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***

- Thibault Lukacs (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*