

DR. TARA VAN DIJK
Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 12/2014 PhD Human Geography
University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

Thesis: Subaltern Urbanism in India Beyond the Mega-city Slum: The Local Politics of Occupancy and Locality Development
- 04/2006 Master's International Development Studies, *Cum Laude*
University of Amsterdam, Department of Geography, Planning, and International Development Studies

Thesis: Urban Governance in Mumbai: De Facto Political Realities
- 06/2001 Bachelor of Sociology, *Magna Cum Laude*, Minors in Women's Studies and Literature Studies,
Southern Oregon University, United States

EMPLOYMENT

- 09/2017 to 08/2019 **Marie Curie Research Fellow**
School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 08/2016 to 8/2017 **Lecturer of Globalization and Development**
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, Netherlands
- 03/2016 - 08/2016 **Housing and Livelihoods Expert**
Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 12/2007 - 02/2013 **PhD Research Fellow**
Department of Geography, Planning, and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 08/2002 - 06/2004 **Teacher**
American International School in Gaza, Language Arts and Literature Department, Palestinian Territories
- 07/2001 - 07/2002 **Communications Specialist**
Microsoft Global Technical Engineering Center, Shanghai, China

Employment Break

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

2017. "The Impossibility of World Class Slum Free Cities and The Fantasy of "Two Indias"" in Kuldova, Tereza and Varghese Mathew (eds) *Urban Utopias: Excess and Expulsion in Neoliberal South Asia*. Palgrave.
2016. "When Participatory Development Meets Urban Informality: The Case of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region," *International Area Studies Review* 19 (1) 45-59. (First Author)
2015. "Governance Networks: Conceptualization, Genealogy and Research Frontiers," in Goopta, J., Pfeffer, K., Verrest, H. and Ros-Tonen, M. (eds) *Geographies of Urban Governance*. Switzerland: Springer.
2011. "Livelihoods, Capitals, and Livelihood Trajectories: A More Sociological Conceptualization," *Progress in Development Studies* 11 (2) 101-117.
2011. "Networks of Urbanization in Two Indian Cities." *Environment and Urbanization: ASIA* 2 (2) 303-319.
2011. "Municipal Councilors: Friend and Foe to Mumbai's Development," *Human Geography: A New Radical Journal* 4 (2) 31-47.
2011. "E-government Tools, Claimed Potentials/Unnamed Limitations: The Case of Kalyan-Dombivli." (Co-author) *Environment and Urbanization: ASIA* 2 (2) 223-2342.
2007. "Reservation in India and Substantive Gender Equality," *International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations* 7 (11) 22-38.

Conference Proceedings

2011. "Unpacking Urban Livelihood Inequalities Using the Critical Realist Livelihoods Approach." Development Studies Association International Conference, University of York.
2009. "Profile of an Urbanized Society? Slums, Gaothans, and Lifestyle City in Kalyan-Dombivli, India." In International Forum on Urbanism Conference, University of Delft (second author: N. Sridharan).
- 2009 "Unpacking Urban Inequalities: The Strategic-Relational Livelihoods Approach." NAERUS Conference Paper, Rotterdam.

Other Publications

2013. "The Development of Kalyan-Dombivli, India: A 'Satellite' City in a Metropolitan Region." Co-author, Working Paper: Chance2Sustain: <http://www.chance2sustain.eu>.
2009. "Key Issues in Urban Development: What India Shows Us." In De Stad: Knooppunt van Wegen Naar de Toekomst. Ministry van Buitenlandse Zaken, Den Haag.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

- “What Drives Urban Informality in Asian Cities?” Guest Lecture, Erasmus University. Rotterdam, Netherland, March 30, 2017.
- “Fetish and Fantasy: A Zizekian Analysis of Development’s Fixation and Trepidations Regarding the Agency and Voices of the Poor.” Paper Presentation, The Hauntological Turn: Psychoanalysis and Political Economy, Wageningen University, Wageningen, Netherlands, May 12-13, 2017.
- “Decolonizing History and Social Justice.” Guest Lecture, Frans Seda Foundation Conference, Den Haag, June 8, 2016.
- “Comparing Urban Informality in India and China” Paper Presented at the Decoding the Urban workshop, Centre of South Asian Studies, Paris, France May 18-20, 2016.
- “What is this a Case of: Informalized Municipal Administration.” Guest Lecture, Research Design Lecture Series, Institute of Housing Studies and Urban Development, Rotterdam, May 3, 2016
- “Plurality of Settlement Formations in Urbanizing India.” Guest Lecture, India Lecture Series, University of Amsterdam, March 4, 2015.
- “Mediatory Institutions and Networks in Urban Governance.” Guest Lecture, Governance for Inclusive Development Masters Course, University of Amsterdam, November 27, 2014.
- “Subaltern Urbanization?: The Development of Kalyan-Dombivli, India.” Paper presented at the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes Conference, Bonn, Germany, June 24, 2014.
- “Subaltern Urbanism Beyond the Mega-City Slum.” Guest Lecture at the Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, Urban Studies Group, March 10, 2014
- “Social Relations of Water Inequities in the Mumbai Metro Region.” Guest Lecture at the UNESCO-IHE, Delft, Netherlands, September 28, 2012.
- “Water Apartheid?: Processes, Politics, Practices and Prospects of Water Governance in the Mumbai Region.” Innovations in International Water Series Lectures—Sponsored by the Institute for Water and Watersheds, Oregon State University, July 9, 2012.
- “Looking Awry with David Harvey and Slavoj Žižek.” Guest Lecture at Wageningen University: The World Economy in Crisis Lecture Series. Wageningen, Netherlands, January 23, 2012.
- “Capitalism without Capitalism and Politics without Politics: Using Žižek to Critique International Development Studies.” Guest Lecture at ISS Marxian Study Group, Institute for Social Sciences, Den Haag October 27, 2011.
- “Critiquing Amartya Sen Using Slavoj Žižek and Carol Gilligan.” Paper presented at Human Development and Capability Approach Conference, Den Haag, September 2011.
- “Diverse ‘Rights-to-the-City’ Regimes in Urbanizing India.” Spatial Information Infrastructure and Tackling Urban Inequalities Workshop Paper, Habitat Centre, Delhi, India February 2011.
- “Varieties of political agency within the mediated state: A study of Mumbai’s Municipal Councilors.” CERES Conference Paper, Institute of Social Sciences, Den Haag, July 2010.
- “Egovernance in India: A Faltering Panoptic Strategy.” Paper presented at International Sociological Association Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2010.
- “Tales of the community toilet block: Local politics wins again.” Guest Lecture at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India, March 2010.
- “Actually Existing Informality in Indian Cities.” Presented at the Development Studies Association Conference. University of Ulster, Ireland, September 2-4, 2009.
- “Ward Councilors: Friend or Foe to the Urban Poor in India?” Presented at the Citizen Participation and Democratic Engagement CINEFOGO Workshop. University of Bristol, October 27-28, 2008.
- “Reservation in India and Substantive Gender Equality.” Presented at the Seventh International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations. Amsterdam, Netherlands July 6, 2007.

SUCCESSFULLY SUPERVISED MASTER'S THESES

2017. Matthias Gilch. “Promoting the Political Inclusion of the Disabled in Somaliland.” Master’s Thesis in Globalization and Development. Maastricht University, Netherlands.
2017. Katherina Beckers. “Investigating the Conceptual Utility of Participation in Development.” Master’s Thesis in Globalization and Development. Maastricht University, Netherlands.

2016. Sneha Gokale. "Exploring Discrimination in the Informal Rental Market in Mumbai." Master's Thesis in Urban Management and Development. Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.
2016. Prachi Jha. "Avoiding Resettlement in New Delhi: the role of social capital and urban informality. Master's Thesis in Urban Management and Development. Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.
2014. Michelle Allen. "Antinomies of Community Participation in Slum Redevelopment Schemes." Research Master's, University of Amsterdam.
2012. Cummings, Clare. "Contesting the Governance of Slum Resettlement in Chennai, India." Master's Thesis in International Development, University of Amsterdam.
2012. Higgler, Laurens. "Access to Water in Mira-Bhayandar, India: A Structure-Agency Analysis." Master's Thesis in International Development, University of Amsterdam.
2009. Jones, Briana. "The Myth of Access for All Health Care in Urban India: Vulnerable Households Ability to Access Preventative and Curative Health Measures." Master's Thesis in International Development, University of Amsterdam.

UNIVERSITY COURSES/MODULES

Researching Development/Development Research: Frontiers and Reflexive Practice
 Politics and Theories of International Development (co-taught)
 Research Methodologies and Fieldwork in International Development Studies (co-taught)
 India Lecture Series (undergraduate, co-convenor)
 Research Design and Proposal Writing Seminar
 Globalization and Inequality (undergrad)
 East Asia as a Site and Source of Development
 Global Health and Development (undergrad elective for pre-med students)
 Urban Livelihoods in the Global South (co-taught)

GRANTS

2008 PhD grant from Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
 2017 Marie Curie Fellowship -European Research Council

MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research—WOTRO Integrated Program "Using spatial data infrastructures (SDI) in urban governance networks: reducing urban deprivations in Indian cities?" Senior and PhD researchers from University of Amsterdam, University of Twente, School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Mumbai), and four Indian municipalities collaborated on this project.

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Frans Seda Foundation: Network of Dutch and Indonesian Cooperation
 Asia Studies in Amsterdam Network (ASiA)
 Development Studies Association (DSA)
 International Sociological Association (ISA)
 European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)