

# SUSMITA RISHI

B.Arch. M.Arch. Ph.D.  
Kansas State University  
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## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D.</b> Interdisciplinary program in Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington, Seattle Dissertation Project: "Alternate Conceptualizations of Value and Space: Learning from the slumdweller of Delhi"	2019
<b>Master of Architecture</b> [Urban and Community Design Specialization] Pennsylvania State University, State College Dissertation Title: "Temporal Control Mechanisms in Heterotopias- The case of Apni Mandis in Chandigarh, India"	2008
<b>Bachelor of Architecture</b> , Bachelor of Building Science Chandigarh College of Architecture, Panjab University, Chandigarh	2006

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Landscape Architecture & Community and Regional Planning College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	2019- Present
<b>Instructor</b> Department of Landscape Architecture & Community and Regional Planning College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	2018-19
<b>Teaching Assistant/Lecturer</b> Department of Urban Design and Planning & Department of Geography University of Washington, Seattle	2012-18

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Architect and Urban Designer</b> MALIK Architecture, Mumbai, India Masterplanning, Basic design schematics, Construction and working drawings Key Projects: IIT Hyderabad Masterplanning Project, Vedanta Cancer Hospital and Research Center, R&D center for Deepak Fertilizers Ltd., GMS Grande Palladium	2009- 11
<b>Junior Architect/Intern</b> Raj Rewal Associates, New Delhi, India Key Projects: International Center for Genetic Engineering & Biological Research Phase II, Delhi Metro Corporation Headquarters, Delhi Metro Corporation Headquarters	2004

## RESEARCH FIELDS

**Disciplinary:** housing, land use planning and informality; social justice; urbanization; value and space; informal settlements/slums; planning theory; interdisciplinary approaches to planning

**Regional:** global urbanization; urban global South; South Asia; postcolonial theory

**Methods:** qualitative methods and methodologies; critical ethnography; textual and visual analysis

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>Collaborator</b> Community Solutions to Affordable Housing (CSAH) CECD and LARCP Kansas State University	2018- current
<b>Research Assistant</b> Center for Preservation and Adaptive Reuse (CPAR) Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Buildings Project College of Built Environments, University of Washington	2017
<b>Co-PI with Dr. Manish Chalana</b> Pilot Study on In-Situ Rehabilitation of Slums in Delhi, India University of Washington	2012-16
<b>Co-founder and Organizer</b> (with James Thompson and Lynda Turet) Critical Design Graduate Interest Group Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington	2012-13
<b>Research Assistant</b> Rebuilding After Katrina Project Hamer Centre for Community Design, Pennsylvania State University	2007-08

## RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

<b>Rishi, Susmita</b> and Shruti Syal. "Megacity and Slums: Learning from Delhi's Experience." In <i>Planning Cities in the global South</i> . Routledge.	Under print
<b>Rishi, Susmita</b> . "World population at 7 Billion (2011)". In <i>Geography in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Defining Moments that Shaped Society</i> ed. Jayson Funke, Waquar Ahmed, Ipsita Chatterjee and Steve McCauley. ABC-CLIO.	Forthcoming in 2021
<b>Rishi, Susmita</b> and Amy Piedalue. "Quiet Social Movements and Engaged Southern Theory". <i>Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space</i>	Forthcoming in 2020
Barry, Janice, Megan Horst, Andy Inch, Crystal Legacy, <b>Susmita Rishi</b> , Juan J. Rivero, Anne Taufen, Juliana M. Zantotto, and Andrew Zitcer. "Unsettling Planning Theory." <i>Planning Theory</i> 17 (3): 418–38. [Authors alphabetized]	2018
Piedalue, Amy, and <b>Susmita Rishi</b> . "Unsettling the South through Postcolonial Feminist Theory." <i>Feminist Studies</i> 43 (3): 548–70. [equal authors]	2017

Chalana, Manish, and **Susmita Rishi** (equal). "Making Sense of the Order in the Disorder in Delhi's Kathputli Colony." In *Messy Urbanism: The Dynamic Landscape of "Other" Cities*. HKU Press. 2016

Chalana, Manish, and **Susmita Rishi** (equal). "Twilight in Delhi: The Failure of Slum Rehabilitation Programs in Creating a Healthier City." In *Transforming Distressed Global Communities: Making Inclusive, Safe, Resilient, and Sustainable Cities*. Ashgate. 2015

### Special Issue - Editor

**Rishi, Susmita** and Amy Piedalue. Quiet Social Movements & Everyday Life in the urban global South. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*. Forthcoming in 2020

### Works in progress

**Rishi, Susmita**. "We made this land": spatialized narratives of belonging and property from Kathputli Colony, Delhi. To be submitted to *Journal of Urban Studies*. In Progress

**Rishi, Susmita**. Beyond Exchange: Value, Space and Informal Settlements. To be submitted to *Planning Theory and Practice*. In progress

**Rishi, Susmita**. Slums and Urban Climates: Finding Value in squalor and filth. To be submitted to *Urban Studies*. In progress

**Rishi, Susmita**, Brandon Irwin and Katie Kingery-Page. State of Housing in Manhattan, Kansas. White paper. In progress

### Conference Presentations, Panels & Workshops

"Seeing more-than-capitalist values in Space: Learning from the Slumdweller of Delhi" in Value/s, space and place in geography paper session at *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2020*, London, UK. 2020  
*\*postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic*

"We made this land": spatialized narratives of belonging and property from Kathputli Colony, Delhi in "Seek your own land": Enacted Narratives, Spatialized narratives paper session at *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Denver. 2020  
*\*cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic*

"ORDPSG Panel: Development Challenges across Global and Local Regions", at *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Denver. [Invited Panelist] 2020  
*\*cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic*

"Slums and Urban Climates: Finding Value in squalor and filth", in *Urban Climates: Power, Development and Environment in South Asia Workshop*, Dartmouth College, Invited Participant. (Urban Studies Foundation Seminar Series) 2019

"What if the global South is not where we think it is? Unsettling colonial geographies of knowing", in *Critical Theory from the South: Everyday Politics and Southern Feminisms* at *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington DC. Paper with Amy Piedalue. [Presenting Author] 2019

- “Urban Climates: Power, Development and Environment in South Asia”, at 2019  
*American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington DC. [Invited  
 Panelist] (Urban Studies Foundation Seminar Series)
- “Critical Theory from the South: Everyday Politics and Southern Feminisms”, at 2019  
*American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington DC. 3 paper  
 sessions and 1 discussion session with Amy Piedalue. [organizer]
- “Engaging Southern Theory: Decolonizing Territories of Thought in Urban  
 Geography”, in *The Costs of Decolonizing Knowledge* session at *American  
 Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, New Orleans. Paper with Amy  
 Piedalue. [Presenting Author] 2018
- “Outside the wage: Seeing politics and possibilities with critical comparisons”, at 2018  
*American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, New Orleans. [Invited  
 Panelist]
- “Engaging Southern Theory: Challenging Hierarchies of Knowledge & Place”, at 2018  
*American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, New Orleans. 2 paper  
 sessions with Amy Piedalue. [Organizer]
- “Reflections of Planning and the Mutual imprint of country and city”, in *Poetics of  
 Subaltern Life-Worlds: New Imaginaries of Informal Economies in Contemporary  
 India* Symposium, University of Washington. [Invited paper presentation and  
 Panelist] 2017
- “Towards a Relational Understanding of Urban Informality and Planning II”, 2017  
*Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting*, Denver.  
 Organized with Danielle Rivera. [Panelist and Organizer]
- “Quiet Social Movements & Everyday Life in the urban global South:  
 Towards New Geographies of Social Change” at *American Association of  
 Geographers Annual Meeting*, Boston. Panel with Amy Piedalue. [Organizer] 2017
- “Evidence and Planning”, *Annual Symposium* for Interdisciplinary Program in 2017  
 Urban Design and Planning. [Moderator]
- “Towards a Relational Understanding of Urban Informality and Planning”, 2016  
*Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting*, Portland.  
 Organized with Danielle Rivera. [Organizer and Panelist]
- “Boundaries, Exclusions and Alliances”, *11<sup>th</sup> Critical Geographies Mini-  
 Conference*, Seattle. [Moderator] 2016
- “Re-Placing ‘the South’ in Postcolonial Research” at *American Association of  
 Geographers Annual Meeting*, San Francisco. Paper with Amy Piedalue.  
 [Presenter] 2016
- “Alternative Conceptualizations of Value and Space: Learning from the  
 Slumdweller of Delhi” at *South Asian Conference of the Pacific Northwest*,  
 Portland. [Paper presentation] 2016
- “Doing Research in South Asia” South Asia Center, Jackson School of 2016  
 International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle. Organized with Amy  
 Piedalue. [Organizer and Panelist]
- “History, Policy and Politics: Envisioning Delhi as a more Humane and Just 2015

- ‘Global City’, at *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting*, Houston. [Paper Presentation]
- “Through Transience and Uncertainty: Understanding Reconstructions of Identity and Citizenship in Kathputli Colony, Delhi” at *South Asian Conference of the Pacific Northwest*, Seattle. Paper with Patrick Flajole. [Presenting Author] 2014
- “Twilight in Delhi: Uneven Development in India’s Capital City”, at *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles. [Paper Presentation] 2013

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

### Academic Excellence Fellowships and Grants

- Faculty Medal (for exceptional work in theory and research, and providing intellectual leadership), Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington 2015-16
- UW Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington 2015-16
- Taraknath Das Foundation Grant, Taraknath Das Foundation, Columbia University (\$3000) 2015-16
- Jay Bee Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence, College of Built Environments, University of Washington (\$10,000) 2014-15
- Outstanding Student Award (for exceptional academic record and research), Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington 2014-15
- Hall-Ammerer-WRF Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Washington 2011-12

### Travel Grants and Scholarships

- South Asia Center Graduate Student Grant, South Asia Center, University of Washington 2015-16
- Gill-Chin Lim Travel Award 2015-16, Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG), Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 2015-16
- Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Travel Award, The Graduate School, University of Washington 2015 & 2013

## TEACHING

### Kansas State University

- World Cities (3 credit required course for undergraduates in Regional & Community Planning, elective for other undergraduates) 2020  
 syllabus design and course development, course content dissemination, grading and assessment
- Urban Design and Development (3 credit core course, open to upper level undergrads and grad students in the college) 2018  
 2019
- Co-Taught with Blake Belanger (2018)
- Updated course content, led community engagement project in Beloit, KS, taught

hybrid seminar-lecture format classes, graded assignments

Tech Mod – I (1 credit core course) 2018-21  
 Taught lectures, updated tutorials, added course content, created and graded assignments and final project, mentored students through the final project

Housing and Development Programs (3 credit elective course open to upper level undergrads and grad students in the college) 2019  
 2021  
 hybrid seminar-lecture format classes, syllabus design and course development, course content dissemination, grading and assessment

Housing and Community Development (3 credit elective online course, offered through the GP IDEAS) 2019  
 2021  
 Syllabus design, course development, course content curation, adapted course content to online environment, conducted online office hours, graded assignments

**University of Washington**

**Instructor-of-Record**

Social Justice and the City (5 credit elective- upper-level undergraduates) 2017  
 medium-lecture format classes, syllabus Design and course development

Social and Political Geographies of South Asia (5 credit elective- upper-level undergraduates) 2017  
 hybrid seminar-lecture format classes, syllabus Design and course development

Asian Cities: Today and Tomorrow (3 credit elective- graduate and upper-level undergraduates) 2017  
 hybrid seminar-lecture format classes, syllabus design and course development

Cities of the Global South (3 credit elective- graduate and upper-level undergraduates) 2015  
 2016  
 syllabus design and course development, taught hybrid seminar-lecture format classes, graded assignments and final exam

Urbanization and the Asian City (3 credit elective- graduate and upper-level undergraduates) 2014  
 syllabus design and course development, taught hybrid seminar-lecture format classes, graded assignments and final exam

**Teaching Assistant**

Communication and Analysis for Planners (3 Credit MUP required core course) 2018  
 Instructor of Record: Dr. Manish Chalana  
 Update Course content, teach some lecture classes, lead technical lab sessions on using software to analyze and communicate planning and design projects, mentor students, update and grade course assignments.

Introduction to Urbanization (5 credit university-wide undergraduate general ed. elective) 2015-  
 2017  
 Instructor of Record: Dr. Mark Purcell  
 Led two project discussion-based sections (20-25 students), graded for main

section

Applied Research in Urban Design and Planning (3 credit MUP required core course) 2016

Instructor of Record: Dr. Qing Shen

Updated course content, created course website, graded assignments, mentored students through research projects

Modern Literature of South Asia

(3 credit South Asian Studies elective through Dept. of Asian Languages and Literature) 2016

Instructor of Record: Dr. Jennifer Dubrow

Led two discussion-based sections (25 students each), guided discussions and grading in main section

Digital Design Practicum (3 credit MUP elective, open to selective upper-level undergraduates) 2013  
2014

Instructor of Record: Dr. Manish Chalana

Taught lectures, updated tutorials, added course content, created and graded assignments and final project along with the instructor, mentored students through the final project

Comprehensive Planning and Implementation (3 credit MUP required core course) 2013  
2014

Instructor of Record: Dr. Jan Whittington

Delivered lectures, graded assignments and final paper, mentored students

Survey of Urban Planning (3 credit MUP required core course) 2012

Instructor of Record: Dr. Donald Miller 2013

Graded papers and exams, mentored students through writing a research proposal

Research Seminar in Urban Planning (3 credit MUP required core course) 2012

Instructor of Record: Dr. Donald Miller 2013

Graded papers and exams, mentored students

## **Pennsylvania State University**

### **Teaching Assistant**

Architectural Design Studio (5 Credit Architectural Engineering Undergraduate core course) 2006-2008

Instructors of Record: Dr. Pierre Bandini and Dr. Robert Holland

Developed studio project, mentored students, led site and field trips, desk crits and presentation crits

### **Guest Lectures**

International Development in the context of Urban Informality 2019

Guest presentation in UHP 189: Honors Seminar, KSU

Indian Cities and Informality 2019

Guest lecture in PLAN 215: World Cities, LARCP, KSU Alternate Conceptualizations of Value & Space: Learning from the Slumdwellers of Delhi <u>Brown Bag presentation</u> , Department of Urban Studies, UW Tacoma	2018
Informality in Urban India <u>Introduction to Urbanization</u> (100+ students), University of Washington	2017
Informality, Morphology and Form- Case of Kathputli Colony, Delhi <u>The Urban Form</u> (50+ students), University of Washington	2016
Urbanization, Informality and Cities in the global South- Delhi in Focus <u>Introduction to Urbanization</u> (100+ students), University of Washington	2016
Informality and Social Movements in India <u>Social Movements in Contemporary India</u> (15 students), University of Washington	2016
Ethnography and Other Qualitative Methods in the Field <u>Participatory Research Methods for Community Development</u> , Portland State University	2016
Urban Form in Informal Housing- Case of Kathputli Colony <u>The Urban Form</u> (35+ students), University of Washington	2015
Informality, Informal Settlements and Ethnographic Research Methods <u>Research Methods in Planning</u> (30+ students), Jindal Global University	2015
Urbanization and the Indian City <u>Introduction to Urbanization</u> (100+ students), University of Washington	2014
Informality in Asian Cities- Delhi in Focus <u>Introduction to Urbanization</u> (100+ students), University of Washington	2013
Land Use Planning in the International Context <u>Comprehensive Planning and Implementation</u> (30+ students), University of Washington	2013

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Service Positions

Member, Built Environments Working Group, Region Reimagined, Manhattan Kansas	2019- current
Member, Access MHK committee, City of Manhattan, Manhattan Kansas	2018- current
Member, Curriculum Committee Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional and Community Planning College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	2018- current
Member, Interdisciplinary Studies Committee College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	2018- current
Member, Academic Affairs Committee Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional and Community Planning	2018- current



College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	
Ed Blakely Award Committee, People of Color Interest Group	2019-20
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning	
Member, APDesign Dean 5-year Reappointment Committee	2018-19
College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	
Student Representative, Equity Council	2017-18
College of Built Environments, University of Washington	
Student Representative, Diversity Committee	2014-16
Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington	
Student Representative, PhD Steering Committee	2012-14
Interdisciplinary Program in Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington	
Student Member, Decennial Review Committee	2014
Interdisciplinary Program in Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington	
<b>Student Design Jury and Peer Facilitation</b>	
Final Reviews, Landscape Architecture Site Analysis and Design Studio	2019
Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional and Community Planning	
College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	
Final Reviews, Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio	2018-19
Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional and Community Planning	
College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	
Final Reviews, Community Engagement and Development Studio	2018-19
Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional and Community Planning	
College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	
Final Reviews, Landscape Architecture Design Studio	2018-19
Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional and Community Planning	
College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University	
Senior capstone projects, Community, Environment, & Planning (Undergraduate Program)	2015-17
College of Built Environments, University of Washington	
Final Project Night- Communication and Analysis, Masters in Urban Planning	
Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington	2016
Humans and the Environment in the Northwest Bioregion: Keio University	2014
Summer Program	
Peer Facilitator, University of Washington Educational Outreach, University of Washington	
Senior design studio projects, Department of Architectural Engineering	2007-08
Pennsylvania State University	

### **Peer Reviewer Activities**

Reviewer, *CITY: Analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*

Reviewer, *Antipode: A Radical Geography Journal*

**Professional Memberships**

Faculty Member, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)

Faculty Member, American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Member, American Planning Association (APA)