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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctoral Scholar | Sapienza Università Di Roma, Italy** [2024 – Present]

Doctoral Researcher at the Department of Methods and Models for Economy, Territory, and Finance (MEMOTEF) at Sapienza Università di Roma
- Post-Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law | National Law University, Delhi and Centre for Environmental Law, WWF-India** [2019 – 2020]

Thesis: The Climate Change Paradox-Assessing the Vulnerability and Capacity in Varanasi
- Master of Planning (Urban Planning) | School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi, India** [2017 – 2019]

Secured a total GPA of 8.26/10, Master's thesis GPA: 8/10
Thesis: Planning for Blue-Green Infrastructure in Patna
- Bachelor of Planning | Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, India** [2013 – 2017]

Secured a total GPA of 8.49/10, Bachelor's thesis GPA: 7.7/10
Ranked 3rd in a class of 34 students
Thesis: Development Model for the Peri-Urban area of Gaya: A Case of Manpur

WORK EXPERIENCES

- Research Fellow | Institute for Research on Population & Social Policies - National Research Council, Italy** [Sept 2024 – present]
 - Research Fellow at Institute for Research on Population & Social Policies (IRPPS-CNR) working on the **Economic Research Council (ERC)** project *"Illicit Labour: Unveiling the Dark Sides of the Global Photovoltaic Industry"* under the scientific supervision of **Dr. Carlo Invernizzi-Ferri**. Investigating the intersection of economic geography, political ecology, and informal labor economies in the solar photovoltaic (PV) industry, analyzing illicit labour structures, solar waste governance and policy interventions to contribute to sustainable energy transitions.
- Business Analyst | Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and NBCC (India) Limited: (IQVIA)** [May 2022 – Nov 2023]
 - Consultant at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), New Delhi rendering handholding support and assisted the Delhi Division (MoHUA) on matters concerning NBCC (India) Limited, all Municipal Corporations in Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, Land & Development Office, and National Capital Region Planning Board.
 - Gathered, scrutinized and assessed data information on Central policies (Land mutation in Delhi, Land Pooling & TOD policy, DD Act 1957, Master Plan of Delhi-2041, 7 GPRP project, Road network Plan for G-20 summit, etc.) to provide knowledge-based inputs in decision making.
- Research Assistant | University College London, UK & Institute of Economic Growth, India** [June 2021 – Feb 2022]
 - Worked on UK-India collaborative research project funded by **Economic and Social Research Council (UK) and Indian Council for Social Science Research (India)** titled, *"Learning from Small Cities: Governing Imagined Futures in India's Smart Urban Age"* under the supervision of **PIs Prof. Ayona Datta, Prof. Sanjay Srivastava and Co-Is Dr. Sophie Hadfield-Hill, Prof. Melissa Butcher** to understand how small cities undergo urban transformations and realise their new urban futures.
 - Coordinated fieldwork across three Indian cities: Nashik, Jalandhar, and Shimla including the transcription of recorded interviews; data archiving, managing project exhibition logistics (30+ invited speakers and 150+ attendees in a hybrid mode), final project report.
 - Contributed to the production of collaborative research outcomes in the form of Story Maps, Animation scripts, Exhibition panels, Videos/blogs etc.
- Research Assistant | University College London, UK** [Oct 2019 – Sept 2020]
 - Worked on three-year international research project funded by **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)** and jointly conducted by the **University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland and University College London, UK** titled, *"Smart Cities: 'Provincialising' the Global Urban Age in India and South Africa"* under the supervision of **PI Prof. Ola Söderström and Co-I Prof. Ayona Datta** to research globally circulating urban development narratives around ICT and data-driven urbanism.
 - Responsible for project coordination, especially around collection of interviews, primary and secondary data collection in Varanasi (India case: Class I town with 11 lakh+ population).
 - Worked on designing surveys for fieldwork, digitisation and systematic storage of data collected.
 - Engaged in discussions with various stakeholders at the municipal and SPV offices, civil society organizations and grassroots actors.
 - Research contributions as writings (as primary author or co-author), participating in generating and/or curating multimedia outputs (e.g., webinars, infographics, posters, workshops) around the project themes, presenting research within India & UK and in international forums.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Soft Skills	Transferrable Skills	Technical Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ArcGIS tools (ArcMap, QGIS) Graphic design tools (Adobe Photoshop, Corel Draw) Microsoft Office Suite (MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint) AutoCAD Sketchup NVIVO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong Analytical & Research Ethics Data Collection and on-site field surveys Stakeholder management and Communication skills Problem solving and Time management Academic writing and Presentation skills Ability to collect, understand and interpret complex data & communicate it to a variety of audiences Contribute and accomplish objectives in both independent and team-oriented research environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy transitions, political ecology, labour geographies Economic geography Urban Policy making Postcolonial Smart Urbanism Central programmes like: AMRUT, HRIDAY, Smart City Mission

INTERNSHIPS

Work Intern | SKY GROUP, Bengaluru, India

[Aug 2019 – Sept 2019]

- Worked on the preparation of GIS based Master Plans for Package 1 (Tadepalligudem) and Package 7 (Madanapalle) towns in Andhra Pradesh under AMRUT: Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation programme.
- Prepared Field Survey and Existing Situation Reports, worked on GIS mapping through ArcGIS and presentations for Package 1&7 towns through fieldwork, intensive data mining and background research on development scenarios of towns under the guidance of **Urban Planner Gargi Ghosh**.

Professional Summer Intern | IPE Global Limited, Shimla, India

[June 2018 – July 2018]

- Worked on ADB funded project titled “PMC for Infrastructure Development Investment Program for Tourism (IDIPT) on behalf of Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board, Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Govt. of HP” under the guidance of **Team Leader, Sunil Koul**.
- Involved in site visits to various districts of Himachal Pradesh for tourism assessment and analysis. Spatial identification of Tourism Promotional Areas (TPAs) to calculate carrying capacity of tourist destinations (existing and potential) through physical and social infrastructure surveys.

Professional Summer Intern | Development Design Consultants Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh

[May 2016 – June 2016]

- Assisted in the preparation of Capacity Development Technical Assistance (CDTA) project report on ADB funded project titled “ADB TA-8072 BAN: Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project – Transit Oriented Development and Improved Traffic Management” in Gazipur City Corporation (Dhaka, Bangladesh) under the guidance of **Director & PEng Mahbubur Rahman and Urban Planner Brishti Basak**.
- Performed reconnaissance survey of project stretch (16 kms) consisting of BRT corridor from Tongi Bridge to Gazipur terminal, which falls in Gazipur City Corporation (GCC) area; Facilitated procurement of primary data & provided support in preparing land use map on ArcGIS.

Professional Summer Intern | TROYEE Associates, Dhaka, Bangladesh

[June 2016]

- Assisted in preparation of presentation and report on “Feasibility Studies and Conceptual Master Plan of Keraniganj Upazilla, Dhaka, Bangladesh” under the guidance of **Mr. Fazle Reza Sumon (CEO) and Urban Planner Mr. Sanjib Saha** to be presented to the Minister, Bangladesh.
- Study and detailed analysis of Structure Plan of Dhaka (2016-2035); presented relevant suggestions in the feasibility analysis.
- Performed site visits and “drone-based mapping” of selected area for developing an understanding of the topography of the area.

Professional Summer Intern | Gaya Municipal Corporation & INTACH, Gaya, India

[May 2015 – June 2015]

- Study of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) on Ghats and Sarovars in Gaya under Support Program for Urban Reforms (SPUR) project in Bihar.
- Conducted site visits with Team INTACH, Delhi Chapter under HRIDAY: Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana scheme on Gaya to the heritage buildings and precincts including religious structures, havelis, ponds and baolis, old city area (gates to the old city) etc.
- Facilitated the documentation process in the form of photographs and mapped the physical attributes on a GIS based app through ‘Building listing’.

PUBLICATIONS

Book chapters forthcoming:

- Aditi, Anwasha, Lovreglio, Julian, Marturet, Tomás Nehuén, Venneri, Nicola. (2025). Deriving an Urban–Rural continuum index for Italian municipalities: a quantitative assessment using official statistics. *Rethinking Rural*. (ISBN 9780443456374). *Elsevier*. (In press).

Publications (Journal Articles, Book chapters & Review Papers):

- Das, Diganta, Chowdhary, Bikramaditya, Vardhan Mishra, Swasti, Aditi, Anwasha. (2024). Varanasi – The Making of a Smart Heritage City. *Environment and Urbanization ASIA*. *Sage Journal*, 0(0), 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09754253241230588>.
- Tiwari, Pallavi, Aditi, Anwasha & Kanungo, Arka. (2022). Chapter 11: Education for Sustainability. *Sustainability Education for a Better World*. *Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd., Newcastle upon Tyne, UK*. 156-167.
- Datta, Ayona, Aditi, Anwasha, Ghoshal, Arunima, Thomas, Arya & Mishra, Yogesh. (2020). Apps, Maps and War rooms: on the modes of existence of ‘COVtech’ in India. *Urban Geography*, 42(3), 382-390. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2020.1807165>.
- Aditi, Anwasha. (2019). Rise of Growth Centers: Current Trend in Strategic Spatial Planning. *International Journal of Scientific and Engineering Research*, 10(4), 1199-1205.
- Shukla, Sankalp & Aditi, Anwasha. (2015). Mass Transit in India: A Need for Change. *Journal of Civil Engineering & Environmental Technology*, 2(12), 50-55.

Articles and Creative Writing:

- Aditi, Anwasha. (2015). Revamping the Heritage of Gaya City. *National Organisation of Students of Planning (NOSPLAN) NEWSPLAN*, 2(3).
- Aditi, Anwasha. (2014). “Life is Real! Life is Earnest!”. *The Institute of Town Planners, India, MPRC - ITPI newsletter* (January – March). 58.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Panel Discussion:

- Discussant: **Regional Futures and the Dynamics of Digitalisation-as-Urbanisation**. 2022. Speaker: Professor Ayona Datta. *The State of Cities - #CityConversations*. IMPRI Impact and Policy Research Institute, New Delhi

Paper presentation in Conference/Workshop:

- Aditi, Anwasha. 2025. From Timelessness to Timebound: The Digitalisation of Varanasi’s Urban Future and the Territorial Politics of Heritage. **‘Regional Futures: The politics of digitalization-as-urbanisation’** conference of the *Regional Futures*. September 1-3. University College London, UK.
- Aditi, Anwasha & Lovreglio, Julian. 2025. Labour, Territorial Conflicts, and the Uneven Geographies of Solar Energy in Puglia, Italy. *Community and diverse economies research and practice by Prof. Katherine Gibson*. May 27-29. University of Sapienza, Rome.
- Girgaonkar, Piyush & Aditi, Anwasha. 2022. **‘Migration, peri-urbanization and Planning Crisis in India: Understanding New Spatial imaginaries and New Approaches in Governance for Regional Cohesion.’** *Lisbon Early-Career Workshop in Urban Studies*. October 2022. ICS-ULisboa, Lisbon.
- Das, Diganta, Aditi, Anwasha & Ghoshal, Arunima. 2021. Provincialising Data Power: Landings, ruptures and reinventions (India). **‘Urban Data Politics in Times of Crisis’** conference of the *Smart Cities: ‘Provincialising’ The Global Urban Age in India and South Africa*. November 25-26. University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
- Aditi, Anwasha. 2021. Living with Smart Heritage in Varanasi. **‘(Re)thinking Smart, (Re)building Scale in a Digital Urban Age’** conference of the *Learning from Small Cities*. November 12-13. University College London, UK.

- Aditi, Anwasha & Tiwari, Pallavi. 2019. Climate Change and Rural Development interventions through Sustainable food production. **International Conference on Future Cities**. December 11-13. IIT Roorkee, India.
- Aditi, Anwasha & Tiwari, Abhinav. 2015. Integrated Urban Development for Smart City Building through Rurbanization Approach. **National Conference on Sustainable and Smart Cities**. April 10-11. SVNIT Surat, India.

Poster presentation in Conference:

- Aditi, Anwasha. 2022. Understanding the Role of India's Climate Policy in achieving the SDGs through Long-term Viability of CCS. **16th International Conference on Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies (GHGT-16), Lyon, France**. October 2022. IEAGHG, France.
- Gangrade, Apoorva, Gumber, Anshula & Aditi, Anwasha. 2015. Sustainable Transport: A Need or Demand. **International Conference on Sustainable Energy and Built Environment**. March 12-13. VIT University, India.



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Institute of Town Planners, India – Associate Member (2020-025)
- American Association of Geographers
- Planners for Climate Action (P4CA) - UNHABITAT



REFERENCES

Dr. Carlo Inverardi-Ferri, Senior Lecturer & Primo Ricercatore

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