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 **BUILD**

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1ST LECTURE ON **SEE**

WHEN 9th February, 2012 – 6:30pm
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AGENDA

6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Opening

Welcome

Christoph Bertrams, *Director Goethe Institut /
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Tilke von Damm, *MOD-Institute Bangalore/Berlin*

Lecture

Dr. Solomon Benjamin, *Manipal School of
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THE LECTURES SERIES is organised around the themes of 'SEE', 'ACT' and 'BUILD' respectively, to critically address various issues related to urban transformation in India in applied and innovative ways.

The first lecture begins with Richard Saul Wurman's famous call for "making the city observable" to interrogate different practices of seeing the city through cartography and other visual means and how those shape our everyday urban experiences and decisions. In the first lecture, we are especially interested in having a discussion on how specific ways of 'seeing' or 'visualising' the city can create or dismantle urban hierarchies, and also what ways of 'seeing' the city dominate the urban discourse in India.

The second lecture will gather a number of urban practitioners and actors from Bangalore to discuss and compare various strategies and tactics undertaken by them to intervene in city processes.

The third lecture will focus on the processes and politics of the built fabric of contemporary cities – addressing the current realities in Bangalore and also radically new ideas and methods for building cities.

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SOLOMON BENJAMIN

Solomon Benjamin is an urbanist operating out of Bangalore, faculty at the Manipal School of Architecture and Planning, and a senior research associate with the French Institute Pondicherry. Solomon is associated with the City as Studio program of the SARAI- Cybermohalla, and his research looks at how land based territorialisation shapes the globalization of cities and towns, where politics joints economy and land. He is also interested in connections between Indian and Chinese Urbanism. Benjamin has published in journals like the the SARAI reader, Int. Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR), Environment and Urbanization (E+U), GeoForum, and, as well as in European journals with articles in French, German, and Spanish. He has a PhD from Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

JÖRG STOLLMANN

Jörg Stollmann is co-founder of urbaninform and an architect and urban designer based in Zurich. His practice ranges from design projects to urban research and curatorial work. He was educated at the University of the Arts Berlin and Princeton University. He has taught at the University of the Arts Berlin, ETH Zurich and Technical University Berlin and is currently Professor for Architecture and Urban Design at the Technical University Berlin. He has cooperated with the artist Ines Schaber and was principal of INSTANT Architects with Dirk Hebel from 2002-2008. In 2008, he founded urbaninform with Rainer Hehl.

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ZAINAB BAWA

Zainab Bawa is a PhD scholar at the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore. Her thesis is titled "Politics and Economy in Contemporary Indian Cities" where she investigates the emerging role of property, property rights and property markets in Indian metropolises, and how changing regulations, regimes and property relations are transforming the landscape of politics and economy in these large cities.

Zainab Bawa also works as an independent researcher on issues of governance, society, technology and politics. She initiated research on Nemmadi kiosks in association with Servalots, Bangalore and Dr. Bhuvanewari Raman under the aegis of the SIRCA grant awarded by the IDRC (Canada) and NTU (Singapore). She has also been associated with the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS) where she is writing a monograph on the history of transparency, politics and information technologies in India. Between 2008 and 2009, Zainab was involved with the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) on the India-South Africa three cities comparative project.

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