List of PhD Scholars at CEPT University

Debarati Bhattacharya
Dissertation title: Urban Poor Women Negotiating Empowerment: Housing Titles in Delhi

Research interest: The research aims to understand if conferring housing titles to women enables them to negotiate empowerment within their household and community.

Amruta Patel
Dissertation title: Coproduction of 'Slum' Improvement Interventions: Sustainability of Impact(s)

Research interest: To explore genesis of housing informality in contemporary urban India. To study housing informality and its correlation with the land ownership. To gain knowledge about the socio-economic impact of land tenure status on the people staying in informal settlements. To explore how the existing laws, legislation, policies run by government agencies could be modified formalize the existing housing stock.

Priya Gupta
Dissertation title: Controls on Residential Architecture: Transformations within Chandigarh

Research interest: Deciphering the role of aesthetic regulations in the codification of private row houses in Chandigarh that have impacted domestic space use and living conditions in the neighborhood units of the modern planned city of India.

Siddh Pankaj Doshi
Dissertation title: Participatory Urban Water Governance for Water Sensitive Cities

Research interest: The broader domain of interest includes Urban Water Governance. The research considers spatial planning as an entry point while exploring the research domain and its paradigms. The thesis would try to understand the processes and conditions required for preparation of water sensitive spatial plans and how such plans could be contextualized in the Indian context.

Gargi Mishra
Dissertation title: Water Sensitive Urban Planning Guidelines for Secondary Indian Cities: Bhuj and Bhopal

Research interest: The broader research interest lies in the planning and design of urban water systems at multiple scales in the Indian context. The doctoral research seeks to explore the opportunities for mainstreaming various aspects of water-sensitive planning into the existing practice of spatial planning, particularly for the fast-growing secondary Indian cities.

Pooja Raval
Dissertation title: Investigating the Processes and Debates of Urban Citizenship in Town Planning Scheme Mechanism in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Research interest: With cities getting urbanized, the peripheries are pressured to generate revenue from serviced land. My research tries to investigate how the TPS mechanism in Ahmedabad alters citizenship rights and negotiates with the state and market to redefine the urban landscape.

Ekta Idnany
Dissertation title: The Making of the Architecture Profession in India

Research interest: How ideas travel in architecture and the conditions under which they manifest at the site of reception- A Survey of Architecture in Contemporary India.

Riby Rachel Mathew
Dissertation title: An Inquiry into the Transformative Potential of Technology in Enhancing Service Delivery and Accountability in Urban Governance

Research interest: Contemporary approach to city transformation is highly branded on emerging technologies enabled by digital infrastructure, digital data, its real time processing, informed decision making etc. The key research interests are to identify the attributes of digitally driven cities and whether the key institutions at local level are equipped to handle the disruptive transformation induced by digital infrastructure and technologies.

Shoonya Ramesh
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: This research aims to understand the relationship between architecture and cinema. It intends to understand the aspect of moving images and how cinematic data can be a valuable tool to address the element of narratives in spaces, exploring spaces' social and cultural values.

Disha Singh
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: The research interest is the study of human perception of the built environment. It analyses the impact of the built environment on human behaviour and human psyche.

Neethu Mathew
Dissertation title: Everyday Practices of Domesticity and the Architecture of Chawls: Mapping the Archive Constructed by People, Territories, and Temporality

Research interest: The research interest covers urban working-class heritage. I intend to understand through critical urban and heritage theories, typification, meanings of heritage, and its production in urban context, especially in sites with class hierarchy and social differences.

Shivani Seshadri GBS
Dissertation title: Sites and Tools for Collaboration in Studio Pedagogy

Research interest: The research aims to explore the evolution of contemporary architectural pedagogy in India. Investigate place and local impact and its correlation to architectural learning and understand it in terms of critical place-based pedagogies. And understand government and regulatory body policies, regulations and legislation with respect to architecture education.

Ashna Patel
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: The research focuses on problematising the role of tourism in regenerating historic cities in the Indian context. It aims to investigate the influence of tourism, collectively determined by internal and external stakeholder groups associated with the historic city, on patterns of change and continuity at various scales in the built environment.

Mrudula Mane
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: The primary interest is heritage conservation and documentation practices, focusing on Military Heritage in Western Maharashtra. Technological advancements are redefining how we perceive, document, analyse and interpret heritage assets. I aim to explore how technology can improve the management and conservation of heritage assets situated in complex topography.

Himadri Das
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: How do independent repair persons manage to sustain a livelihood? This is the trigger question that I intend to explore through my research. Repair persons make a living by selling their services in the fringes of the city. Repair services are abundant and accessible to all classes of society which is a common trait in developing economies.

Tarunkumar Sharma
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: The research interests are primarily focused to explore the dynamics of urban development, delving into the interplay of aspects like agglomerations, economic structures, urban competitiveness. It would explicitly cover why private sector's role in the urban landscape is critical to study and how it influences the urban development paradigm.

Daniel Neville D'Souza
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: The research is broadly situated at the intersection of Urban Planning and Urban Design. The Research aims to explore the question - "Why are certain parts of the city more vital than others?".

Maulik Chauhan
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: Contestations observed in the production of street amongst the varying state and non-state actors and how these contestations define the street space.

Haaris Zafar Khan
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: The interest centers on the historical evolution of architectural thought and its intersections with other disciplines. Currently, my focus is on different knowledge systems and ways to codify them in Indian architectural education. My broader research interest lies in investigating the various architectural pedagogical frameworks and its impact on the architecture production.

Surbhi Bhatt
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: The research interest aims to understand the relationship between ecology and the economy of hilly cities. I intend to understand sustainable urban development in the context of the geographical constraints of hills. through a comprehensive understanding of the built and natural environment there.

Sonali Gurung
Dissertation title: NA

Research interest: Exploring the cultural landscape of Darjeeling. With a key concentration on ‘People Place and Time’, the research intends to unveil the 'historic layer' that consolidates the understanding of the region.