

Writing Urban History

17 - 20 December 2020

What

Indian cities have not really been understood with respect to their historical evolution. Often the information is patchy or is just not available. We, at CityLabs have started addressing this gap by conducting workshops on Indian Urban History. This third writing workshop will help Architects, Designers and Planners create a narrative around the Urban Histories of their own cities or any city of their choice.

Writing Urban History is a four-day intensive online workshop where the participants will learn to conceptualise and narrate the historical evolution of Indian cities using different mediums and frameworks. It is a part of a year-long series of workshops conducted under the narrative of CityLabs. Selected outcomes of this workshop will find their way to a book publication. The work produced in our previous workshops is being published as a 'Young Scholar Series' on Indian Urban History.

When

The workshop is scheduled to be conducted online between 17 - 20 December 2020.

The fees for the workshop is 7500 INR.

This workshop is ideal for students and professionals from the field of Architecture, Planning, Design, Geography, History and Arts.

How

An orientation session will be conducted a week prior to introduce the subject to the participants and help them choose their cities. During this workshop, the participants will be given daily theoretical inputs over video conferencing on key urban theories and will be exposed to techniques and mediums they can use to narrate the urban histories of their selected cities in the best way possible.

Outcome

The workshop will end with each participant producing a publication/ dissemination ready presentation/ essay/ comic on the urban history of a city. Selected works from the workshop will be offered the opportunity to publish their writings in an edited volume and will be guided through the whole process by Prof. Pratyush Shankar.

The Young Scholars Series

The Citylabs Editorial team is currently working on publishing selected works from the recent workshops guided by Prof. Pratyush Shankar. The participants' work will be featured in an edited Anthology of Indian Urban History. The volume aims to bring together a group of young authors with different yet complementary approaches by the means of thought-provoking articles, drawings and critiques on Indian cities.

Who

Pratyush Shankar, Dean of SEDA Navrachna University, Vadodara, India, is a practicing architect and academic. Previously an Adjunct Professor and Acting Dean at the Faculty of Architecture, CEPT University, he is also a Visiting Professor at TU Darmstadt, Germany, and was Senior Humboldt Fellow at University of Bonn, 2015-17. He has written the book Himalayan Cities and his forthcoming publication is titled "History of Urban Form" for Oxford University Press. He has been closely associated with the students and young professionals for over 2 decades. For more information log on to www.pratyushshankar.com.



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