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## Research and Teaching Interests

Urban theory, history, and design, Globalization and International development

## Education

- 2008 Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Dissertation: Informalizing the formal & localizing the global: Inappropriate appropriations of urban form
- 2005 Master of Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2003 Master of Architecture in Human Settlements, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium (cum laude)
- 1991 Bachelor of Architecture (Honors): Sir J.J. College of Architecture, University of Bombay, India

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- 2009 Honorable Mention, Distinguished Dissertation Award, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2008 Honorable Mention, Gill-Chin Lim Award for Best Dissertation in International Planning, American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP).
- 2007 Junior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, Chicago.
- 2006 Discretionary Award, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2006 Environmental Protection Agency P3 Award, (Co-Investigator).
- 2005 Discretionary Award, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2004 Block Grant, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan.
- 2004-2007 Conference travel grants, International Institute, University of Michigan.

## Publications & Presentations

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Vidyarthi, S. 2010. Coincidental Neighbors or Conjoined Twins? Planned neighborhoods and 'slums' of an Indian city. Paper submitted to *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.
- Vidyarthi, S. 2010. Inappropriately appropriated or Innovatively indigenized? Neighborhood unit concept in post-independence India. Paper submitted to *Journal of Planning History*.
- Vidyarthi, S. 2009. Local, Global, or Hybrid: Comprehending city-building processes. Paper submitted to *Journal of Urbanism*.
- Norton, R.K., Brix, A., Trevor, B., Davidian, E., Dinse, K., & Vidyarthi, S. 2007. Transforming the University Campus into a Sustainable Community. *Planning for Higher Education*, 35(4): 22-39.
- Vidyarthi, S. 2004. What happened to the 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of India? *Journal of the Indian Town Planning Institute*, 1(3): 65-69.

Book chapters

- Vidyarthi, S. 2010. Reimagining American neighborhood unit for India. In Patsy Healey and Richard Upton (Eds.) *Planning Ideas and Planning practices: A critical look at the International exchange in the planning field*. Routledge.
- Vidyarthi, S. 2007. Introduction and perspective for Jaipur city. In *Sommaire Jaipur: Une Ville Nouvelle Du XVIII<sup>e</sup> Siecle Au Rajasthan*, Alan Borie, Françoise Catalaa, and Remi Papillaut (Eds.) Thalia Edition, Paris.

In Progress

- Vidyarthi, S. Constructing a 'World class' city: Contentious Imaginations and Curious Modalities. In Gavin Shatkin (Ed.) *Contesting the Indian city: State, Space, and Citizenship in the Global Era*. Wiley-Blackwell
- Vidyarthi, S. Don't Ask, Don't Tell : Collaborative Transfigurations in Nehruvian Neighborhoods. To be Submitted to *Urban Studies*.
- Vidyarthi, S, Curt Winkle, Moira Zellner, Tingwei Zhang, Kazuya Kawamura, and Charles Hoch. Using the Studio Experience to Teach Plan Making in the Core. To be submitted to a special issue of *Journal of Planning Education and Research* on "The State of Studio."

Invited Colloquia, Symposium, and Lectures

- "Informalizing the Formal and Localizing the Global." Centre for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- "Secondary Indian Cities and the World-city debate." Emerging Voices Lecture Series, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- "Fetishizing 'World city' status: Jaipur's Global Ambitions and Built Patrimony." Workshop at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta. March 5-6, 2010.
- "American Neighborhood unit in India." Emerging Asian City symposium, Woodbury University, Los Angeles. November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Conference papers and presentations

- Vidyarthi, S. 2009. *Coincidental Neighbors or Conjoined Twins?: Planned Neighborhoods and adjacent "Slums" of an Indian city*, Paper presented at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Washington DC
- Vidyarthi, S 2009. *From Profound to Profane: Providence of a Planning Idea*, Paper presented at the Society for American Regional Planning History Biannual Conference, Oak Land, CA
- Vidyarthi, S. 2008. *Comprehending the conjoined twins: An American neighborhood unit and the abutting Informal settlement*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- Vidyarthi, S. 2007. *Nine Lives of a Simple Planning Idea*. Paper presented at the ACSP Annual Conference, Milwaukee
- Vidyarthi, S. 2006. *Neighborhood unit concept to 60/40: Travel and travails of a global planning idea*. Paper presented at the International Planning History Society Conference, New Delhi, India
- Vidyarthi, S. 2005. *Informalizing the formal & localizing the global: Theoretical framework to understand acts of appropriation*. Paper presented at the ACSP Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri
- Vidyarthi, S. 2005. *India shining (albeit in bits and pieces): Spatial Perception and Political Choice-Making in and around globalized Indian Cities*. Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- Vidyarthi, S. 2005. *Mapping the Morphological Growth of a North Indian City*. Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI.

## Academic Appointments

Fall 2009	<b>Faculty Associate</b> , Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago
Fall 2008	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago
1998-2002	<b>Associate Professor</b> , Aayojan School of Architecture, Jaipur, India
1993-1994	<b>Lecturer</b> , Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, India

## Academic Service

- Chair, International Development concentration committee, UPP, UIC 2009-2010
- Member Urban and Public Affairs undergraduate program committee. UPP, UIC 2008-2009.
- Member Physical planning concentration committee. UPP, UIC 2008-2009.
- Member International development concentration committee. UPP, UIC 2008-2009.
- Coordinator exchange program between Ecole d'architecture de Toulouse, Ecole d'architecture de Paris Malaquais, France and Aayojan School of Architecture, Jaipur. 2000-2002
- Member school accreditation committee, Council of Architecture, New Delhi, India, 2000-01
- Member Architecture curriculum committee, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India, 1999-2000

## Special Training

- Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS) and Spatial Analysis
- Survey Research, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- Computer aided Design, Visualization, and 3D modeling (Certified Autodesk Instructor)

## Professional Consulting

Following is a select list of consultancy projects designed and supervised between 1994 and 2002 as a partner of the leading architecture and planning consulting firm in Jaipur, India.

- Urban design of Education Complex, Shiksha Bhawan, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur
- Master Plan for Mount Abu, Avas Vikas Limited, Jaipur
- World Bank aided District Primary Education Program (DPEP), Designing of school buildings, Rajasthan
- World Bank aided India Population Project –IX, audit of civil works, Twenty seven districts of Rajasthan
- Pre-construction visualization of State's new Legislature Building, Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Campus extension plan for Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner
- Neighborhood facility complex, Chitrakoot scheme, Jaipur Development Authority