

Short Profile

Dr. Swaminathan Ramanathan is an urban researcher. He has a PhD in Political Science and is well versed with several research techniques. In recent years, he prefers to use ethnographic research methods to pursue issues of daily urban life from a multidimensional and intersectional perspective. He is the author and editor of several books and research papers.

Books [Forthcoming]

- [2022/March/Author/Under Review] *Notes of a Digital Gypsy: Decoding the Other India*, Governance Now & National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), Delhi

Books [Published]

- [2008/Author] *Small Hands, Big Deeds: New Forms of Labour Mobilisation*, Samskriti, Delhi, ISBN: 978-81-87374-52-7
- [2008/Editor] *Gujarat: Perspectives of the Future*, Academic Foundation, Delhi, ISBN 13: 9788171885954 ISBN 10: 8171885950
- [2006/Co-Editor] *Mumbai Vision 2015: Agenda for Urban Renewal*, Editor, Macmillan India, Delhi, ISBN 13: 978-1403-93128-3 ISBN 10: 1403-93128-3
- [2005/Co-Editor] *Healthcare Issues in Large Federal Countries*, Co-editor, Forum of Federations, Canada, ISBN: 81-86818-12-X
- [2005/Author] *Free Power for Farmers: Policy Issues for Maharashtra*, Editor, Observer Research Foundation, Delhi

Book Chapters & Peer Reviewed Papers

- [2021/May/Forthcoming/Author/Chapter] 'In the city of deals, we store all of God's good luck with us' Laxmi: Dealer in emotions', *Bombay Brokers*, Bjorkman, Lisa (ed.) Duke University Press: <https://www.dukeupress.edu/bombay-brokers>
- [2019/Chapter/Author] 'From Sustainable Development to Sustainability as Development: Is it Even Possible?', *Former som Formar: Musik Kulturarv, öar*, Ingemark, Camilla Asplund, et. al. (eds), Uppsala Universitet, 2019, Uppsala: <http://uu.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1319127/FULLTEXT02.pdf>
- [2019/Paper/Author] 'India's Urban Moment: The Pressing Need for a New Thought Architecture', Observer Research Foundation, *ORF Occasional Paper*, 196, June 2019, Delhi: https://www.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/ORF_Occasional_Paper_196_Urban_Moment.pdf
- [2019/Paper/Author] 'Food Sovereignty and Local Agency: Pathways to Urban Sustainability', Observer Research Foundation, *ORF Issue Brief*, May 2019, Delhi: https://www.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ORF_Issue_Brief_297_Food_Sovereignty.pdf
- [2019/Paper/Author/Conference/Under Review for Publication] 'Islands of Faith: Dargahs and Secularisation of Everyday Work and Leisure in Mumbai', European Academy of Religions Conference, 2019, Bologna [Currently under review for publication by *Shima*]: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8f958c_a590f81aebfd4dc485f826f0cb320ab5.pdf.
- [2018/Paper/Author/Conference/Under Review for Publication] 'It is worthless for you, but it is gold for us' From Vulnerability to Sustainability to Resilience: Narratives of Ragpickers in Mumbai', SANT/FAS Conference, Uppsala, 2018 [Currently under review for publication by

Urban Studies]: http://www.sant.engagingvulnerability.se/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SANT_FAS_Complete_v3.pdf

- [2018/Paper/Author/Conference] 'Girlfriends are complicated, my doll never complains' Digisexuals of Mumbai, The 3rd Asiascape: Digital Asia Conference - Rethinking Communities in the Age of the Digital, Leiden, 2018 [Currently under review for publication by *Asiascape Journal*]: <http://www.politicseastasia.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/DIAS-2018-Programme-version-2018-05-22.pdf>
- [2018/Co-Author/Chapter] 'Cities and Urbanisation' The *Routledge International Handbook of Island Studies: A World of Islands*, Taylor & Francis: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315556642>
- [2017/Paper/Author] 'The Emergent Artificial Intelligence of Green Space: Digital Gaze and Urban Ecology in Asia', *Asiascape*, Digital Asia 2, pp. 236-276.
- [2016/Co-Author] 'Returning from the Horizon: Introducing Urban Island Studies', *Urban Island Studies*, 1(1), pp. 35-54.
- [2015/Author] 'Ports and Digital Ports: The Narrative Construction of Mumbai as an Island', *Urban Island Studies*, 1(1), pp. 35-54.
- [2014/Author] 'The Epistemology of a Sea View: Mindscapes of Space, Power and Value in Mumbai', *Island Studies Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 2, 2014, pp. 277-292.
- [2014/Author] 'Politics of Technoscapes: Algorithms of Social Inclusion & Exclusion in a Global City', *Journal of International and Global Studies* Volume 6, Number 1, pp. 90-105
- [2014/Unpub.] 'Digitally Coded Citizenship: Aadhaar and the Changing Spatiality and Territoriality of State in Asia', 6th International ADI Conference on Intra-Asian Connections: Interactions, flows, landscapes, University of Copenhagen
- [2014/Unpub.] 'Self, Selfhood and a Selfie: The Anatomy of a Digital Body and Virtual Identity', 6th Global Conference on Gendering Strangers, Aliens and Foreigners, November 2014, Prague
- [2014/Unpub.] 'Afterlife as a Metaphor: Narratives of Dead Websites and Outdated Codes', 11th Global Conference on Making Sense of Suffering, Dying and Death, November 2014, Prague

Select Articles

- [2019] 'Our Digital Future Holds the Key to Urban Sustainability and Resilience', Observer Research Foundation, Jun 18, 2019: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/our-digital-future-holds-the-key-to-urban-sustainability-and-resilience-52140/>
- [2019] 'Approaching Sustainable Development through an Urban Lens', Observer Research Foundation, Jun 18, 2019: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/approaching-sustainable-development-through-an-urban-lens-50896/>
- [2018] 'Quantum Urbanism in Action: Energy as the New Value System for Redesigning Daily Life', *Governance Now*, Vol. 09, Issue 24, Dec 01-15: <https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/quantum-urbanism-in-action-to-protect-earth-rethink-waste>
- [2018] 'Quantum Urbanism in Action: Energy as the New Value System for Redesigning Daily Life', *Governance Now*, Vol. 09, Issue 8, Apr 15-30: <https://www.governancenow.com/news/regular-story/moving-people-not-cars-the-future-of-mobility-and-urban-life>
- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism in Action: Moving People, Not Cars: The Future of Mobility & Urban Life', *Governance Now*, Vol. 08, Issue 19, Nov 16-30:

<https://www.governancenow.com/news/regular-story/moving-people-not-cars-the-future-of-mobility-and-urban-life>

- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism in Action: Rethinking Shelter for People and Communities', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 19, Nov 01-15:
<https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/rethinking-shelter-for-people-and-communities>
- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism in Action: Moving Beyond Weekend Entertainment and Global Tourism', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 18, Oct 16-31:
<https://www.governancenow.com/news/regular-story/moving-beyond-weekend-entertainment-and-global-tourism>
- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism in Action: Feeding Yourself in the City of the Future: Food as Urban Sovereignty', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 17, Sep 16-30:
<https://www.governancenow.com/news/regular-story/feeding-yourself-in-the-city-of-the-future-food-as-urban-sovereignty>
- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism in Action: Transforming Jobs in Work and Why It is Good for Us and our Planet', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 17, Sep 01-15:
<https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/transforming-jobs-into-work--why-its-good-for-us-and-the-earth>
- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism, Step Three: Don't Reinvent the Wheel, Learn from the Masters', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 16, Aug 16-31:
<https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/quantum-urbanism-step-three-dont-reinvent-the-wheel-and-learn-from-the-masters->
- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism, Step Two: Let it Roll Counter Intuitively', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 16, Aug 01-15: <https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/quantum-urbanism-step-two-let-it-roll-counterintuitively>
- [2017] 'Quantum Urbanism, Step One: Dismantle Systems Thinking Once and for All', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 14, July 16-31:
<https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/quantum-urbanism-step-one-dismantle-systems-thinking-once-and-for-all->
- [2017] 'Restating the Indian Urban Problem Anew One More Time', Governance Now, Vol. 08, Issue 13, July 01-15: <https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/restating-the-indian-urban-problem-one-more-time-anew-urbanisation-metropolitan-cities-architecture>

Select Talks, Conferences, Panels, Workshops/Hackathons & Seminars

- [2020/Talk] Invited by *The Bridge & Altitude Meetings* to be a Speaker at *Bridge Summit 2020* at Lund: <https://2020.thebridge.se/>
- [2019/Organiser] Key organiser of India@Almedalen series of seminars in Visby, Gotland: <https://www.uu.se/en/news/news-document/?id=12750&area=2,6,16,19,22&typ=artikel&lng=en>
- [2019/Paper] Islands of Faith at European Academy of Religions Conference, March 4-7, 2019, Bologna
- [2019/Paper] Narratives of Ragpickers of Mumbai at SANT/FAS Conference, March 4-7, 2019, Bologna
- [2018/Panel] Invited by Embassy of India, Sweden India Business Council (SIBC) to be a panellist for discussing Biocircular Economy at Sweden India Innovation Day: <https://www.evensi.com/india-sweden-business-day-12-november-2018-sustainable-development-innovation-epicenter/271955217>

- [2018/Jury] Invited to be a jury member of a jury for judging a hackathon for sustainable solutions for cities and urban spaces: <https://ihubssweden.se/en/article/india-smart-city-innovation-hackathon-stockholm/>
- [2018/Conference] Shifting identities at Digital Asia at the 3rd Asiascape: Digital Asia Conference 28–29 May, 2018
- [2017/Workshop] Just Data Workshop on Big Data, Central European University (CEU), Budapest 11–12 May, 2017