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E²SHI presents a
seminar by

Chitra Venkataramani

Chitra is a PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. Her research addresses collaborative planning and sustainable low-income housing to understand the relation between residents and their lived spaces and the long-term effects of resettlement. She is a recipient of the 2011-2012 E²SHI Fellowship.

Wed, Oct 10 at 3:00 pm

Sherwood Room, Levering Hall (JHU Homewood campus)

Picturing the Environment: Mapping and Drawing in the Coastal Regulatory Zone in India

E²SHI fellow Chitra Venkataramani will discuss her year-long research that examined how visions of a sustainable future emerge through the interplay of local level citizen groups and state-led efforts. Drawing from ethnographic work with fishing communities in the newly created Coastal Regulatory Zone in Mumbai, Chitra looks at how different groups engage in representational practices such as mapping and planning to stake specific claims to land and resources. She also looks at how the acts of drawing are not just a means of claiming rights, but also a means of re-forging a relationship with the environment.



Photo: Fishermen looking at a plan for open spaces in Mumbai at the National Gallery of Modern Art.