

“What is an Archive in India and Europe?” #2:
**Archiving the Contemporary: Memory,
Technology and People**

Indian Institute of Technology – Madras

6 – 8 April 2022

15 Indian and 11 International contributors

Day 1 – Wednesday 6 April 2022

Venue: IC&SR Auditorium

Inaugural Ceremony 9 to 10 am

9.00 Tamizhthai Vaazhthu [Tamil anthem]

9.05 **Welcome Address**

9.20 **Inaugural Address** by Dean, Global Engagement

9.30 **Address by Chief Guest – Prof. Rajan. K**

Academic and Research Advisor, Archaeology Department, Government of Tamil Nadu

Historical Records in Tamil Nadu through the Ages

10.00 **Vote of Thanks**

10.05 **National Anthem**

Opening of the Poster Presentations

Tea/Coffee Break (10:15 – 10:45)



Day 1 – Wednesday 6 April 2022

Theme – Archives, Science and Technology

Session 1 Chairperson to be confirmed

10:45 – 11:45

Senthil Babu, Researcher, French Institute of Pondicherry
Mathematics as Work: Rebuilding Archives and Rewriting Histories in India

Kumaran Sadasivam, Heritage Centre, IIT Madras
Presenting Science and Technology Using a Photographic Archive

Tea/Coffee Break (11:45 – 12:00)

12:00 – 13:00

Blandine Ripert, Director, French Institute of Pondicherry
Collections of the French Institute of Pondicherry

Albert Varghese, Research Scholar, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, Chennai
Archives and People's Science Movements in India

Lunch Break (13:00 – 14:00)

Session 2 Chairperson to be confirmed

14:00 – 15:00

Vanessa Caru, Researcher, CEIAS (UMR8564 CNRS/EHESS) *Writing a Social History of Technology: Private Archives of Public Works Department Engineers (1860-1960)*

Sébastien Soubiran, Director of the Jardin des sciences, University of Strasbourg, and President of the European University Heritage Network UNIVERSEUM
STS and the Raising Concern with Archiving Science in France, 1980 – 2010

15:00 – 16:00

Sofia Talas, Curator, Museum of the History of Physics, University of Padua
Archiving Contemporary Scientific Instruments: What? How? What for?

Marta Lourenço, Director of the Museum of Natural History and Science, University of Lisbon, and President of UMAC (Committee for University Museums of ICOM)
The History of Recent Science in the Portuguese Research Infrastructure of Scientific Collections

Tea/Coffee Break (16:00 – 16:30)

16:30 – 17:30

Concluding remarks (Round Table)

17:30 – 18:00

Visit to the Heritage Centre and discussion

Coffee/Tea and Snacks at the Heritage Centre



Day 2 – Thursday 7 April 2022

Theme – Archives, People and Memory

Session 3 Chairperson to be confirmed

9.30 – 11.00

Maya Dodd, Associate Professor, FLAME University

Making Histories Public in India

Venkat Srinivasan, Archives at NCBS, Bangalore

The Lives of Others and the Right to be (In) Visible: Tackling Ethics and Privacy in Contemporary Archives

Aparna Vaidik, Associate Professor of History, Ashoka University

Making Histories Public in India

Tea/Coffee Break (11:00 – 11:30)

11.30 – 13.00

Benedetta Zaccarello, ITEM, Institut des Textes et Manuscrits Modernes, CNRS/ENS, Paris
An Intercultural, Transnational, Contemporary Archive: Sri Aurobindo Ashram Collections

Thamarai Selvan, Research Scholar, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras

Memory and Practice of Instrument Making

Madhu Narayanan, Research Scholar, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras

Archiving Memories: Bamboo Basket Weaving in South India

Lunch Break (13:00 – 14:00)

Session 4 Chairperson to be confirmed

14.00 – 15.30

Shalom Gauri and Siddarth Ganesh, QAMRA Archival Project at NLSIU, Bengaluru

Digital Fever: Reflections of A Queer Archive

Sundar G, Director, Roja Muthiah Research Library

Archives and Collective Memory

Zoe E. Headley, Codirectrice du CEIAS (UMR8564 CNRS/EHESS)

Documentary Evidence and Digital Dilemmas. A View from the Village

Tea/coffee Break (15:30 – 16:00)

16.00 – 17.00

Isabelle Alfandary, Collège international de Philosophie, Paris

Archiving Contemporary Cultural Institutions

Albert Dichy, IMEC, Caen, France

Networks, Movements, Interactions: The Collective Making of Theory

17:00 – 18:00

Concluding remarks (Round Table)



Day 3 – Friday 8 April 2022

Theme – Archives, Communities and Society

Session 5 Chairperson to be confirmed

9.30 – 11.00

Ravi Ahuja, Prof, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen
Modern India in German Archives

Roland Wittje, Assoc. Prof., Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras
Indian and German Archives in Contemporary Science and Technology

Bharat Sundararajan, Archivist, French Institute of Pondicherry
Reimagining the IFP Archives: Methodologies and Processes

Tea/Coffee Break (11:00 – 11:30)

11.30 – 13.00

Jayaprabha Ravindran, Assistant Director (Retd.), National Archive of India
In Search of Unsung Heroes/ Freedom Fighters in India's Struggle for Freedom: Exploring Records in the National Archives of India, with Special Reference to the Indian National Army

Prof. Jayanta Sengupta, Victoria Memorial, Kolkata
Intercultural Issues Related to Archival Practices

Lunch Break (13:00 – 14:00)

Session 6 Chairperson to be confirmed

14.00 – 16.00

Gabriele Alex, Professor and Head, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Tübingen, Germany
Oral Archives in Motion: A View from a Peritetic Community

Srijan Sandip Mandal, Center for Public History, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru
Curating a Contemporary Archive: The Construction of the Published Record on Constitution-Making in India.

Round Table – Way forward

16.00 – 17.00

Concluding remarks

