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*Communicating Space: Framing Communication
and Urbanism in Bombay*

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Recent times have witnessed a resurgence of architecture and urban scholarship on the social makings of cities, particularly involving issues of plurality and social inclusivity. Engaging politics and policies, this scholarship has pushed the architectural and aesthetic understanding of space beyond its commonly accepted view as a designed object. Continuing along this critical spatial trajectory, this talk will focus attention on the relationship between space and communication. Specifically, the presentation will juxtapose distinct narratives on Bombay, and bring previously-unrelated perspectives on the city and its spatial practices together in a conversation. By contrasting various expectations, the paper will illustrate the many ways in which the relationship between space and communication at once re-frames questions of voice and difference, and speaks to multiple urbanisms in Bombay. Throughout, the presentation will explore the notion of communication as a form of action that influences, inspires, and defines practice.

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