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Events

The [Second Annual Conference on Empirical and Computational Social Sciences in India](#) was held between December 15-17, 2019 at Ashoka University. Participants included Aditi Shah (Ashoka University), Basim U Nissa (Ashoka University), Brian Min (University of Michigan), Debayan Ghosh (Ashoka University), Deepak Malghan (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), Emily Russell (University of Michigan), Gaurika Kumar (Ashoka University), Gilles Verniers (Ashoka University), Huzaafa (Ashoka University), Ishika Sharan (Ashoka University), Kesar Majethia (Ashoka University), Naveen Bharathi (Harvard University), Rasika Gopalakrishnan (Ashoka University), and Sadam Hussain (Ashoka University).



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December 17, 2019: The first session of the workshop was with [Brian Min \(University of Michigan\)](#) on *Night Lights Data Workshop: Tracking Human Activity from Space*.



The second session was with [Naveen Bharathi \(Harvard University\)](#) on *Measuring Residential Segregation in Indian Cities*



And the last session was with [Aditya Dar \(Indian School of Business\)](#) on *Geospatial Data in Agricultural Economics*.

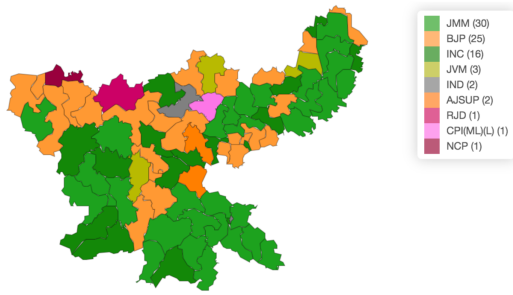


LokDhaba Update

[LokDhaba](#) has been updated with the [2019 Jharkhand Assembly Election results](#).

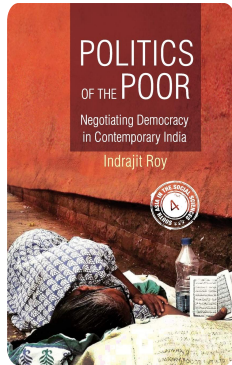
December 18, 2019: Ajit Phadnis (IIM Indore) and **Saloni Bhogale (Ashoka University)**: "[Explaining Disruption in the Legislature: Evidence from India](#)" at the 15th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at the Indian Statistical Institute in Delhi.

December 24, 2019: [CPR Election Adda](#)

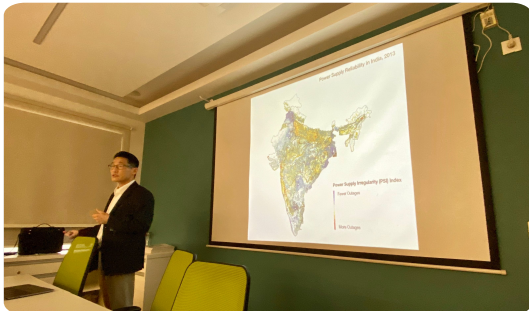


External Engagements

December 4, 2019: [CPR-TCPD Dialogues: Book discussion on 'Politics of the Poor: Negotiating Democracy in Contemporary India' by Indrajit Roy](#). Discussed by **Gilles Verniers**.



December 13, 2019: [CPR-TCPD Dialogues: Discussion on 'Blackout: The Political Dynamics of Power Outages' by Brian Min](#). Discussed by **Neelanjan Sircar** and Ashwini Swain and moderated by **Gilles Verniers**.



on '[Analysing the 2019 Jharkhand Assembly Election Results](#)' with Rahul Verma, **Neelanjan Sircar**, and **Gilles Verniers**. Moderated by Yamini Aiyar.

In the Media

Gilles Verniers. December 12, 2019. [Wolf in Shepherd's Clothing: Religious identity, not persecution, is the defining criterion for faster access to citizenship](#). *Economic Times*.

Gilles Verniers. December 25, 2019. [Jharkhand Assembly election results 2019: A balanced representation of castes](#). *Hindustan Times*.

Gilles Verniers. December 26, 2019. [Understanding the local, in Jharkhand and beyond](#). *Hindustan Times*.

2019 TCPD Winter Internship

We received an overwhelming number of great applications this year. All applicants have been informed of the final decision.

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