

## THE 'DIGITALISING STATE' SYMPOSIUM

September 4-5, 2023

Location: Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) - Forum  
South Wing, Wilkins Building, University College London  
Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT

### SCHEDULE

September 4 <sup>th</sup>					
Time	Session	Duration	Speakers	Affiliation	Title
9:30	Symposium open	0.30	Ayona Datta	UCL	Introduction to the Digitalising State Symposium: A conceptual map
10.00	Keynote 1 - John Harrison	1.00	John Harrison	Loughborough University	Planning Regional Futures: What role should digitalisation and digital planning play?
11:00	Coffee break	0:15			
11:15	Paper session 1: 'Spatio-temporalities of the digitalising state'	1.15  (20 mins per speaker + 15 mins Q&A)	Ayona Datta, Mariana Reyes, Fenna Hoefsloot	UCL	Timing the digitalising state
			Claudio Coletta	University of Bologna	Downscaling climate knowledge, upscaling urban governance, reshaping the state
			Oren Yiftachel	University of Ben Gurion	Digitalization and urban peripheries: evidence from Beersheba



12:30	Lunch	1.00			
13:30	Keynote 2 - Manu Luksch	1.00	Manu Luksch	Royal College of Arts	Moonwalking into the Future
14:30	Paper session 2: 'Encountering the digitalising state'	1.15  (20 mins per speaker + 10 mins Q&A)	Saskia Greyling and Jennifer Barella	University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland	Dissecting digitalising states: Juxtaposing the use of digital artefacts in Cape Town, South Africa and Geneva, Switzerland
			Iphshita Basu and Joe Devine	Westminster University and Bath University	Embedding the digitalising state in social relations of power and rule
			Dennis Muthama and Fenna Hoefsloot	BIEA UCL	Sweet talking with the State: Land brokers strategies in the digitalising Nairobi Metropolitan Region
15:45	Coffee break	0.15			
16:00	Paper session 3: 'Genealogies of the digitalising state'	1.15  (20 mins per speaker + 15 mins Q&A)	Catherine Gateri, Dennis Muthama and Melissa Wangui	BIEA	Law as weapon: Governing Maasai land
			Neha Gupta and Abdul Shaban	TISS	Framing the digital state: A genealogy of the information and communication laws in India
			Juan Demerutis and Jesús Flores	UDG	Disruption from below: Municipalities are in the room
17:15	End of Day 1				



September 5 <sup>th</sup>					
Time	Session	Duration	Speakers	Affiliation	Title
9.30	Keynote 3 - Stefania Milan	1.00	Stefania Milan	University of Amsterdam	Big data from the South(s): Beyond data universalism
10.30	Coffee break	0.15			
10:45	Paper session 4: 'Data politics in the digitalising state'	1.40  (20 mins per speaker + 20 mins Q&A)	Josie Wittmer	University of Lausanne	Digitalizing sewage: the politics of producing, sharing, and operationalizing data from wastewater-based surveillance in South Asian cities
			Jinghan Li	UCL	IPv6 and Yeti DNS Project, the digital earthquake of the domain name revolution
			Eesha Kunduri	University of Minnesota	Lockdown lessons: Analysing food relief efforts in an Indian megacity
			Arushi Sharan	Oxford University	Performing digitalisation, ensuring survival: What the story of Pune 'Smart' City tells us
12:25	Lunch	1.00			
13:25	Panel discussion: 'Methodological approaches to the digitalising state'	1.00  (5 mins per panellist + 35 mins discussion)	Mariana Reyes Fenna Hoefsloot Jesus Flores Dennis Muthama Neha Gupta	UCL UCL UDG BIEA TISS	Researching the digitalising state: fieldwork experiences and qualitative methodologies
14:25	Travel to Design Museum				
15:00	Tour around the Design Museum and drinks (optional)				

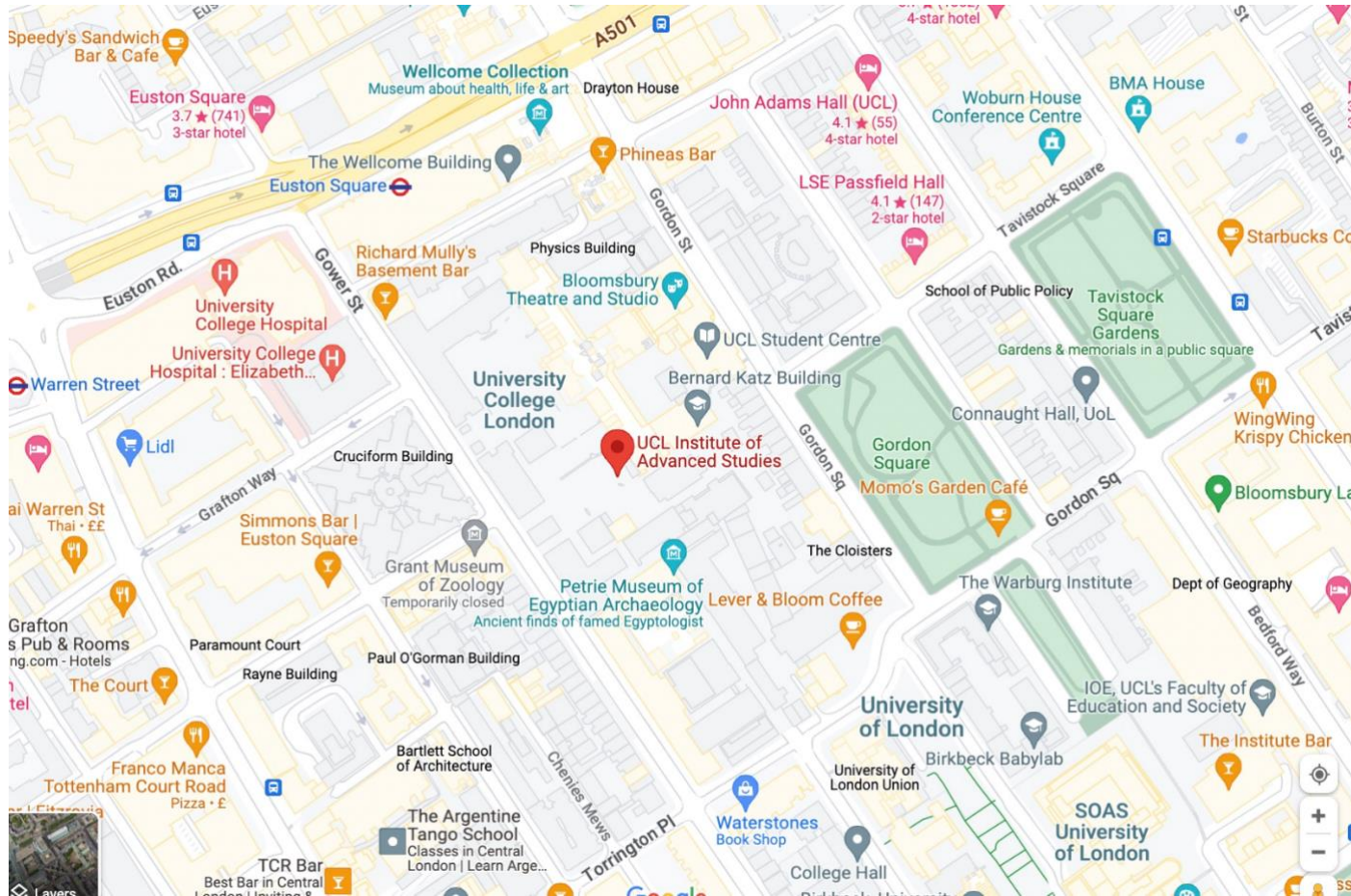
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