



GUEST LECTURE

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Care infrastructures for autistic adults in India: Of institutions, experiments, and projects.

How do families caring for autistic adults in India imagine and actualize long-term care? What are their aspirations about future living in a context where uncertainty looms large? These are some of the questions that we engage with in our ethnographic research on long-term care in the context of neurodivergent families. Through conversations with parents and siblings of autistic adults, particularly autistic adults with high support needs, as well as participant observations across different 'projects' of assisted living, we reflect on how families seek to make future lives habitable for their autistic adults and themselves.

This presentation focuses on two urban models to explore how families negotiate with the anxiety encapsulated in the question: "What after us?". We use these two examples to illustrate the creative potential of uncertainty in imagining divergent disability futurities.

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