

Invitation SHSS Lecture Series

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Topic of the Lecture:

"Ask anyone where it is! How and why addresses became computational."

Synopsis of the Lecture

This talk argues against the conflation of digital and computational that ails contemporary discourse. Searching for a common logic among analog, digital, and quantum computing, I ask what exactly is computation if not digitality and find an answer in the individuating backbone that runs through histories of postal, civic, and technological addresses. In doing so, I not only theorize addressability as a core operational logic for all computation and an alternative, cultural-technical analytic to the digital but also suggest considering the ubiquitous digitality today as a mere subset of modern state apparatuses and their urban infrastructures. Reflecting on this addressability and its relationship with ideological interpellation, I propose studying computation as a political-technique.

About the Speaker

Dr. Ranjodh Singh Dhaliwal is Ruth and Paul Idzik Collegiate Chair in Digital Scholarship and Assistant Professor of English and Film, Television, and Theatre at the University of Notre Dame. His research is situated at the crossroads of media theory, science and technology studies, and literary criticism. His book project, *Rendering: A Political Anatomy of Computation*, charts a history and theory of the computer as a machine for politico-economic and sociocultural formations. He is also the co-author (with Théo Lepage-Richer and Lucy Suchman) of *Neural Networks* (University of Minnesota Press and Meson Press, forthcoming fall 2023), and his award-winning writing can be found in *Critical Inquiry*, *Configurations*, *American Literature*, *ACM Foundation of Digital Games*, and *Design Issues*, among other venues.



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Date and Time:
**Thursday, August 3, 2023
6 pm (IST)**

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