Seminar 2
Network Mobilities (Debjani Ganguly)
Tuesday 6 June, 9.30-12.30

We live in a networked world enabled by the Internet, the World Wide Web, and a plethora of digital technologies. Our daily life is almost unimaginable without our digital devices and apps. In the science of computing, a network is a collection of interconnected devices that communicate with each other to exchange data. Network mobilities refer to the movement of individuals, goods, information, ideas, and cultures via interconnected networks.

Advancements in technology have greatly enhanced network mobilities, allowing for faster and efficient movements across the globe. These have brought in their wake both opportunities and major challenges in the way we live in the twenty-first century.

This seminar will introduce students to the philosophical and theoretical scholarship underpinning network science. We will explore the impact of networks on our social and political worlds, and the ways in which networks shape aesthetic forms. The format of the seminar will be interactive and will involve group discussion and writing in the second half. All readings are available in electronic form.

Readings

· Alexander Galloway and Eugene Thacker, *The Exploit: A Theory of Networks* (Minneapolis MI: University of Minnesota Press, 2007)
· Patrick Jagoda, *Network Aesthetics* (Chicago IL: University of Chicago Press, 2016), Introduction, Coda and Chapter 4
· Tiziana Terranova, *Network Culture: Politics for the Information Age* (London: Pluto, 2004), Chapters 2, 4 & 5
· Tiziana Terranova, 'The Degree Zero of Politics: Virtual Cultures and Virtual Social Movements', Lecture at the London School of Economics