

**About Prof. Pratyush Shankar**  
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Prof. Shankar is an Associate Professor and was the Acting Dean at the Faculty of Architecture, CEPT University, Ahmedabad, India. He is now a Humboldt fellow at the Department of Asian and Islamic Art History (AIK) at the Universität Bonn.

He is an architect by training, and has been involved in research on Himalayan architecture and urban history of South Asia for many years. He has published widely in journals, books (chapters) and conference proceedings and was recipient of the Ford-Asia fellowship in 2008-9.

His extensive research in the Himalayas has resulted in a book: *Himalyan Cities: Settlement Pattern, Public Places and Architecture* by Niyogi publishers, New Delhi. His present research interest includes the historic evolution of Indian cities due to their specific landscape conditions. During the Humboldt fellowship at the Universität Bonn, he will try to derive a model to look into questions of South Asian urban history.

He is presently also editing a book on contemporary urbanism, entitled *The Spaces of Digital*, which looks at the transformation of cities due to globalization and digital technologies.

Prof. Shankar is very passionate about teaching and conducts courses in Indian Urban History, History of Architecture, Urban Theory and Design Studios. He likes to draw and conducts many workshops on creative analytical drawings.

Prof. Shankar also runs a design practice and has done numerous projects in India and Nepal. He was recently awarded Architect of the Year in India for the year 2012 in the Residence Design category by J K Cement, India.

You can see more of his design and writings at [www.pratyushshankar.wordpress.com](http://www.pratyushshankar.wordpress.com)