The presentation titled "Historical Urban Form of Indian Cities" gives an overview of the key historical phases of India from the perspective of development of Urban form. The process of historical spatial development of cities and their public places have been little understood in the context of India and the information available is rather patchy. Through the presentation of certain phases of the past, Prof. Pratyush Shankar will try and illustrate the patterns and key defining features of historic urban form in India and its relationship with the nature of landscape and political economy.