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Worlding Valuing: Introducing the Recursive Mediation Framework

A talk to be delivered by

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Abstract

This talk introduces the Recursive Mediation Framework (RMF) as a radically new way of analyzing how humans value each other and the world around them. RMF reconceptualizes how power operates and how social systems sustain themselves. RMF argues that continuous mediation through embodied experience forms the basis of all value creation across five worldings: sensing through embodiment, being-with other humans and nonhumans, multiversal dwelling, forming multimaterial tools and infrastructures, and multisymbolic meaning. Social systems and power regimes configure these mediations and manage different levels of recursivity, shaping patterns of continuous valuing, disruption, consciousness, structured deliberation, and philosophical conceptualization. The framework reveals how value cosmologies amplify or mute different forms of recursive relationships. Drawing on field research on healthcare in India, the talk demonstrates how RMF explains complexities that other theories have struggled to address. The talk concludes by exploring implications for analyzing power and value creation in contemporary India, offering a new way of understanding social change. RMF not only advances social theory but also provides new tools for engaging with issues in governance, justice, and development.

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Seminar Room 1,
Patuli Campus, CSSSC
All are welcome

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