



# The Mumbai Münster Institute of Advanced Studies (MMIAS) University of Mumbai

## MMIAS Fellowship Lecture 2024-2025

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### Mapping Mumbai through the Lens of Selected Indian Women Filmmakers

By

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This talk analyses the representation of urban spaces in selected films like Mira Nair's *Salaam Bombay!* (1988) and Kiran Rao's *Dhobi Ghat: Mumbai Diaries* (2010). The urban space analysed in the presentation is just not the physical space but goes beyond that, something that carries undercurrent meanings created out of individual and collective experiences of the selected women filmmakers. Through different urban spaces like the ancient architecture, edifices – old and new, local trains, streets, brothels, cemeteries, slums, construction sites and so on, the structures become meaningful as each becomes a 'lived space', the space to which we attribute meaning through experience, emotions and symbols. The women filmmakers selected for this presentation depict the city, Bombay/Mumbai in their own unique individual way, exploring the themes of isolation, detachment, helplessness, chaos, transformation, monotony, dynamism and constant interaction between people and their surroundings. In this context, to understand the urban space in films, the talk also briefly delves into the history of Indian cinema highlighting those phases and the works that brought to light the images of the city, Bombay/Mumbai, in the films.

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