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CIS HAS HIRED INTERNS FROM VARIOUS FOREIGN AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES LIKE THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, YALE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH, NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, ETC.

Foreign Interns

Rebecca Schild	University of Toronto	She worked as a Research Assistant and contributed to the book on Openness in India.
Elonnai Hickok	University of Toronto	Elonnai is specialising in international development studies from the University of Toronto. She is a Policy Advocate in the Privacy in Asia project and has been associated with CIS from 2010 onwards. She participated in many events during her stint in India and has produced some key research outputs and blog posts.
Glover Wright	Columbia University	Glover worked in the Open Data project at CIS. He was a co-author of the Open Government Data Study and gave a lecture on Data Activism and Grassroots Empowerment in India at the Innovate/Activate Unconference in New York Law School.
Tom Dane	University of Sydney	Tom worked on e-Governance and Open Access at the CIS for three months in 2011. Previously he studied ethics at the University of Sydney, IT at the Sydney Institute of TAFE and internet governance at the Australian National University. Tom produced a series of blog posts, podcasts and reports.
Yelena Gyulkhandanyan	University of Toronto	Yelena is researching de-licensed spectrum policies on a national and international level. She coordinated in organizing seminars, the first of which Exposing Data: Art Slash Activism held in November 2011. Yelena is studying in the International Development Specialist program at the University of Toronto.
Natasha Vaz	University of Toronto	Natasha is a Research and Policy Associate in the Privacy in Asia Project. She is in the process of completing her BA in International Development Studies and a minor in Health Sciences, at the University of Toronto. She worked in the privacy project.
Jadine Lannon	University of Toronto	Jadine is pursuing two specialist BAs in International Development Studies and Political Science. Her areas of interest include gender identity and sexuality, political engagement as a form of empowerment, and feminist legal studies. She is working as a research assistant for Pervasive Technologies project.
Maria Xynou	University College, London	Maria is a Policy Associate on the Privacy Project at the CIS. She has previously interned with Privacy International and with the Parliament of Greece. Maria holds a Master of Science in Security Studies from the University College London (UCL).
Bernadette Längle	University of Munich	Bernadette Längle recently graduated in social and cultural anthropology, philosophy and computer science. She is also a so-called hacktivist together with one of the oldest hacker associations of the world, the Chaos Computer Club, having a lot of influence in German politics. As one of the core-team organizer of Chaos Communication Congress in Germany she also has a lot of experience in organizing events.
Maesy Angelina	Erasmus University of Rotterdam	Maesy, a Chinese Indonesian, has shared stories, questions, and reflections that emerged along her journey of exploring the questions on youth digital activism with Blank Noise on the CIS website. The blog series is a part of her MA research with the International Institute of Social Studies – Erasmus University of Rotterdam called ‘Beyond the Digital: Understanding Contemporary Forms of Youth Activism’, which is a part of the Hivos-CIS larger ‘Digital Native with a Cause?’ knowledge program. She produced ten blog posts.
Grace Armstrong	Yale University	Grace Armstrong is an associate based in the São Paulo office. She received a J.D. degree from Yale Law School in 2011 and an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College in 2006. In 2007, she was a Fulbright Scholar in Brazil.
Sara Morais	Leuphana University, Lueneburg, Germany	Sara Morais dos Santos Bruss is a postgraduate Student at the Leuphana University in Lueneburg, Germany. During her studies of "Culture, Arts and Media", as the course is called, had an encounter with CIS Director of research, which led to her joining Nishant at CIS for his academic research on Digital Natives and Postcolonial Science and Technology Studies.

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Indian Interns

Prashant Ramdas	Gujarat National Law University	Prashant was a student of Arts and Law at the Gujarat National Law University, had interned at Trilegal, Legally India, Ashira Law, etc.
Amlan Mohanty	National Law School of India University	Amlan Mohanty is a final year student at the National Law School of India University. His interest in intellectual property rights was unwittingly kindled in high school by discussions on music piracy and file sharing, digital rights and internet freedoms.
Snehashish Ghosh	Christ University	Snehashish Ghosh is a Policy Associate at CIS. He is a lawyer with specific interest in copyright law, telecom law and policy and internet governance. At CIS, he mainly does research work on telecom law and policy.
Vishal Makhija	Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta and University of Bangalore	Vishal worked as an intern in the Digital Natives project at CIS. He has 7 years of experience in the e-learning industry.
Vikram Hegde	National Law School of India University, Bangalore	Vikram Hegde works with Pranesh Prakash for the book on Openness in India.
Deepti Bharthur	University of Hyderabad	Deepti worked with Nirmita Narasimhan for the Accessibility programme. She produced 4 blog posts.
Noopur Rawal	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Noopur worked with the Research Policy Praxis – Information Ecosystems (IDS project) in CIS. She conducted surveys of policy actors in Bangalore. Noopur is a student of Arts and Aesthetics in Jawaharlal Nehru University besides being a Digital Native.
Shilpa Narani	Jamia Millia Islamia	Shilpa worked with the Privacy project in CIS. She is a graduate in journalism and had worked with a newspaper and news channel in Delhi before joining CIS. She is pursuing her masters in media governance from Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi.
Sahana Sarkar	Jamia Millia Islamia	Sahana worked with the Privacy project in CIS. She had filed an RTI application to the UIDAI and had investigated into a spam mail that she received from Shell BP Manchester England. Sahana produced one blog post on her experiments with scam baiting.
Merlin Oommen		Merlin worked with the Privaccy project in CIS. She did BA in Journalism and Mass Communication from Delhi and is pursuing MA in Media Governance from Jamia Millia Islamia. Before joining CIS, she worked as an intern in UNI and Prabhatam Advertising Pvt. Ltd. Merlin has produced two blog posts.
Suchitra Menon	Kerala Law Academy College	Suchitra has interned at Kerala State Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe Commission. She was a speaker at CIS's All India Privacy Symposium.
Deva Prasad	National Law School of India University	Deva is a masters student at the national law school in Bangalore. He worked on the UID project and has produced 3 blog posts.
Danish Sheikh	Nalsar University of Law	Danish Sheikh is a Researcher at the Alternative Law Forum in Bangalore. He is also a writer, actor, pop culture geek and LGBT activist.
Adrija Das	National Law School of India University, Bangalore	Adrija is a student at the national law school in Bangalore. She participated in the All India Privacy Symposium.
Nilofar Ansher	University of Mumbai	Nilofar Ansher is a writer, editor and researcher from India. Previously, she was the Community Manager for the 'Digital Natives with a Cause?' project, and a columnist for PC Tech Magazine Africa. Currently she is the Web Producer for G3ict.
Malavika Chandu	West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences	Malavika Chandu is a law student based in Bangalore. She was a speaker at the All India Privacy Symposium organised by CIS.
Sanjana Govil	National Law School of India University, Bangalore	Sanjana is a fifth year student at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. Her areas of interests are intellectual property rights, jurisprudence and the law and literature movement. She wrote one blog post.
Ujwala Uppaluri	West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences	Ujwala is a fourth year student at NUJS. She regularly writes on free speech initiative. She produced one blog entry.
Smarika Kumar	National Law Institute University	Smarika is interested in multidisciplinary research concerning the usage of internet, has researched extensively upon IP and privacy laws in the cyber law sphere and is engaged in study of human rights law. She produced one blog post on issues in internet governance.
Nehaa Chaudhari	NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad	Nehaa's core area of interest is IP law, and over the course of her four week internship at CIS, she worked on IP and allied areas. Her areas of work at CIS included parallel imports and intellectual property law aspects of the Pervasive Technology Project; with forthcoming research on punishments under the IT Act, analyzing Wikileaks cables for US pressures on India on IP issues and an analysis of ISP licensing vis a vis privacy.
Yogesh Kumar	Laxmi Devi Institute of Technology, Alwar	Yogesh works as a technical intern. He has collected information of books for engineering and medical courses including the cost, publishing date, publisher, edition and ISBN of the books from flipkart.com and amazon.com. The spread sheets were utilized by Pranesh Prakash to support the case on parallel importation. Yogesh also assisted Smitha K. Prasad in doing an analysis of the data for different public libraries in Karnataka.
R. Parvathy	Jamia Millia Islamia	Parvathy is a student at Jamia Millia Islamia. She has done research on media pluralism. Before joining CIS, she worked with leading newspapers like the Hindu, Statesman and Deccan Chronicle.