

Counter Surveillance Panel: DiscoTech & Hackathon

Date : Saturday, 1st March 2014

Time : 9:00am to 5:00pm (Registration 9am sharp)

Venue : Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore.

Map : <http://bit.ly/1fcDDLG>

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OVERVIEW : Mirroring the call by MIT Civic Media Lab [Co-Design Studio](#), this event brings together students, technologists, designers and citizens to explore counter-surveillance strategies. The event will be held simultaneously across various locations including Boston, Palestine, Lisbon and Buenos Aires. Click here for the definition of [DiscoTech](#).(Discovering Technology)



Illustration by Pragya Joshi, student @ Srishti.

AGENDA : We shall begin with brief contextualized introductions catalyzed by researchers in the field of privacy & surveillance, followed by workshops and hackathons led by expert practitioners. Participants are welcome from diverse backgrounds looking to be involved in designing engaging and creative ways to counter surveillance . The event shall close with a featured talk by renown information activist and maker lab innovator [Smari McCarthy](#) , titled “**Privacy for Humanity**” -5pm

Introductory Catalyst Sessions:

- **Malavika Jayaram** – Berkmann Fellow/Fellow at cis-india.org
- **Laird Brown** – DesiSec Project- cis-india.org/ University of Toronto
- **Kaustubh Srikant** – [Head of Technology](#), Tactical Technology Collective
- **Abhay Raj Naik** – [Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University](#)

Design and Hackathon Lead Catalysts :

- **Yashas Shetty** – Faculty @ www.srishti.ac.in, Co-Founder Hackteria.org (DNA Spoofing, Surveillance Camera : Avoidance, Microscopic Re-Appropriation & Bacterial Discotheque)
- **Hari Dilip Kumar** – [Co-Founder, FluxGen](#) - (Introducing data transmission protocols , Software Defined Radio (SDR) design and surveillance detection)
- **Sharath Chandra Ram** –Researcher and Coordinator @ CIS [Open Lab](#), Faculty@Srishti (Civic Media solutions using open citizen networks and the web, spectrum scanning, SDR Open Hardware, visual communication design strategies, finger print mash-up publishing)

Featured Talk and Interactive Closing Session by [Smari McCarthy](#)

(Executive Director, International Modern Media Institute
Founder, Icelandic Pirate Party & Icelandic Digital Freedom Society)

Title of Talk : PRIVACY for HUMANITY- 5:00pm