



# Writing Urban History

Online Workshop | 05 - 08 June 2020

## WHAT

Indian cities have not really been understood with respect to their historical evolution. Often the information is patchy or is just not available. We, at CityLabs wish to address this gap by guiding Architects, Designers and Planners create a narrative around the Urban Histories of their own cities or cities of their choice.

Writing Urban History is a four-day **intensive online workshop** on learning to conceptualise and narrate the historical evolution of Indian cities using different mediums. It is a part of a year-long series of workshops conducted under the narrative of CityLabs. All the workshops organised in this year fall under the theme of **Public Open Spaces**.

## WHEN

The workshop is scheduled to be conducted online between **05 June - 08 June 2020**.

## HOW

During this workshop, the participants will be given daily theoretical inputs over **video conferencing** on key urban theories and will be exposed to techniques and mediums they can use to narrate the urban histories of the cities of their choice in the best way possible.

## OUTCOME?

The workshop will end with each participant producing a **publication/ dissemination ready presentation/essay, comic** on the urban history of a city.

## THE LARGER RESEARCH PROJECT

This workshop is the first workshop from a series of 5 workshop under the theme Public Open Spaces. The other workshops are going to be conducted in different locations across the Indian subcontinent namely- **Kathmandu, Baroda, Mysore and Panjim**. The Research project aims to build a narrative around these workshops and release a publication at the end of the year.

## WHO



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