

How Infrastructure Works

Digital Society

Infrastructure, Agency and Care

A talk by

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Infrastructure provides our water, energy, and information. From big structures like bridges to smaller yet equally crucial elements like sewers and cables, infrastructural systems shape -- and are shaped by -- society in many ways. They mostly go unnoticed when working properly, but when they fail, marginalized communities are often the most impacted.

Deb Chachra will present insights from her recent book «How Infrastructure Works: Inside the Systems That Shape Our World», which explores these critical utilities, showing how they function and the effort it takes to maintain them. Her talk will address the challenges these systems face, including neglect and climate change, and will propose ways to make them fairer, more robust, and environmentally friendly.

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