

Guest Lecture

Wednesday 12 September, 12.15 - 14.00
Meeting Room 1A and B,
Niels Bohrs Vej 9, 6700 Esbjerg

A Risk Assessment Study of the Proposed Greenfield International Airport Project in West Bengal, India

On the basis of a concrete example from West Bengal in India, Dr. Prasenjit Maiti will discuss how to apply risk assessment studies. The example is the effort to establish a private, greenfield airport. This implies statutory risks, technology risks, environmental risks, social risks, commercial, operational and maintenance risks. Among other general debates, the example points at the difficult balance in India's developmental strategy between development and displacement of people and between capital interests and liberal democracy.

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