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Two Worlds Apart, yet so Similar? **Comparing Disability Policies and Employment Experiences of Youth with Visual Disabilities in Oslo and New Delhi**

a talk by

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A talk by disability studies scholar, Gagan Chhabra on the similarities within disability policy developments in Oslo and New Delhi since 1990s and the employment barriers encountered by disabled youth. Since he is a visually impaired researcher who was born and brought up in India and has been working in Norway, he is acutely aware of problems concerning equality of opportunities, access to infrastructure and ICT, and the rampant discrimination prevailing not just in the labour market but also in society.

SPEAKER BIO: Gagan Chhabra is a research scholar working in the areas of disability studies. He is specifically interested in the laws and policies concerning the employment of disabled people in Norway and India. He is the author of two forthcoming research articles: *Two worlds, too apart to converge? A comparison of social regulation policies targeting the employment of disabled people in Norway and India* (under review in *Alter European Journal of Disability Research*) and *Three driving forces, two different countries, one direction of policy change: Why Norway and India adopted similar social regulation policies targeting the employment of disabled people?*, (under review in *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*). Gagan is currently pursuing his Ph.D in the Department of Social Work & Social Policy at Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway. He holds two MA degrees, the first in International Social Welfare and Health policy from Oslo Metropolitan University and the second in Special Needs Education from University of Oslo. In addition, he is also an alumni of the Indian Institute of Management - Bangalore.

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