

## **Ashwin VS**

### **His Internship Report ( May 2014-July 2014)**

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During my stay, I was exclusively involved in studying the UID (Aadhar card) in the context of the refugee problematic. While my topic initially dealt with the existing literature on the 'surveillance' aspect of the UID, I later focused on the aspect of 'financialization' and tried to understand the dimensions of 'security' and 'welfare' which became the principal focus of my study. The purpose of my study was to provide a broad speculative theoretical framework to understanding the implications of the UID project.

#### **Concluding Note:**

I'm extremely grateful to everyone at CRG for this internship opportunity and thank them again. I would like to wish CRG the very best for the IUCN conference and the Fifth Critical Studies Conference and look forward to continue my association with the Organization.