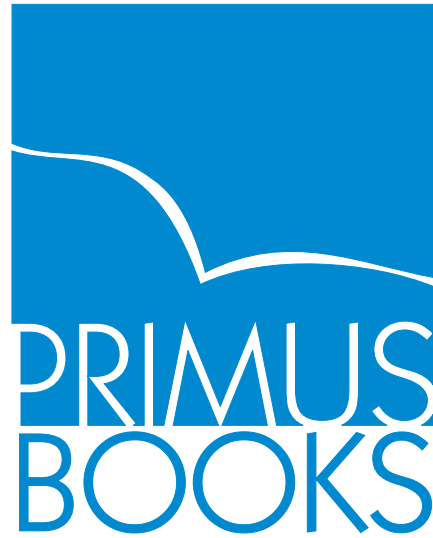




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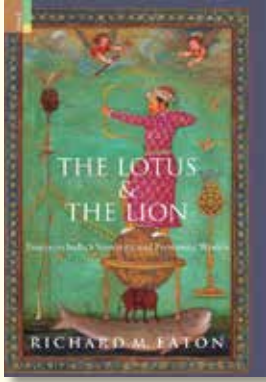
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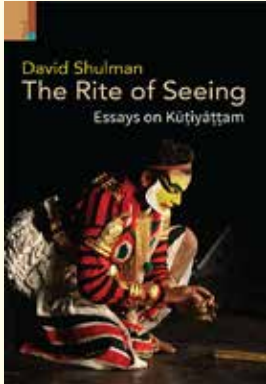
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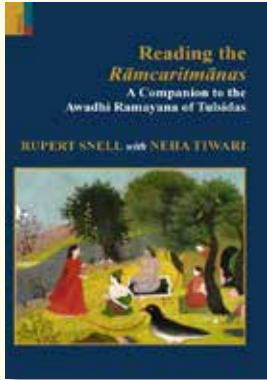
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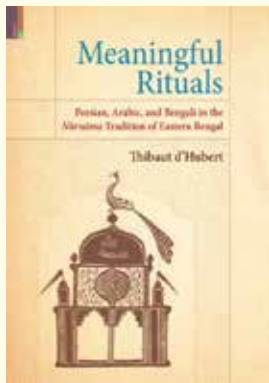
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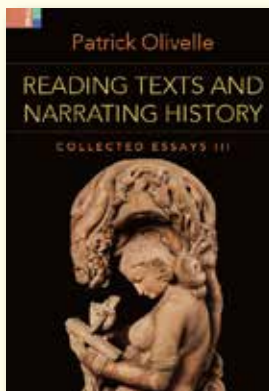
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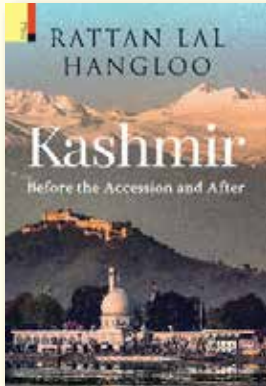
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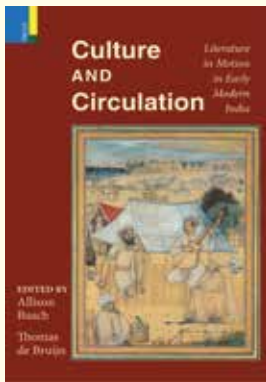
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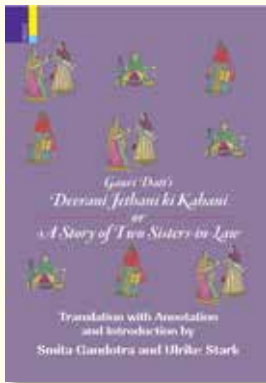
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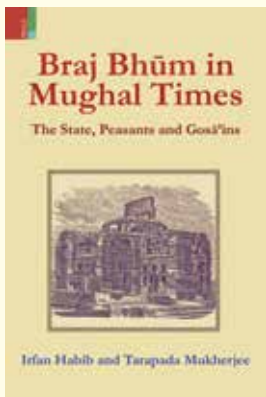
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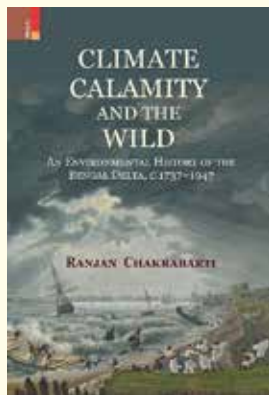
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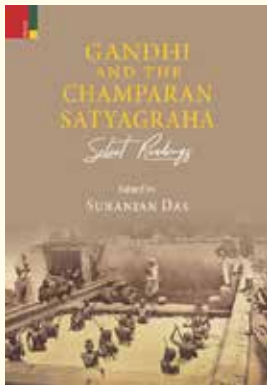
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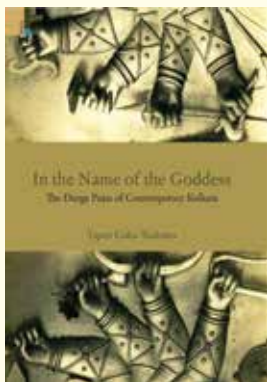
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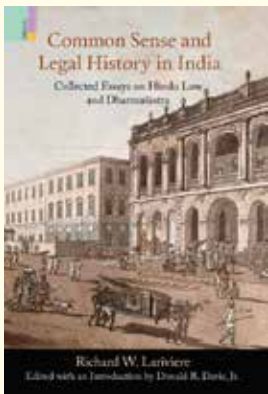
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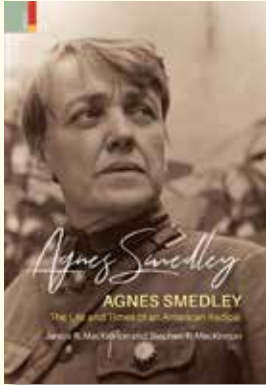
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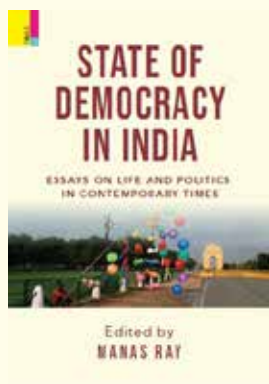
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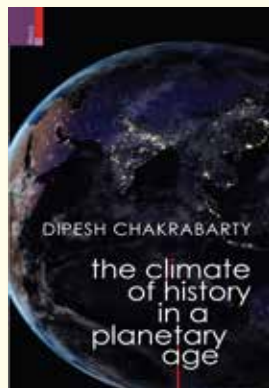
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Collections on Indian democracy are plentiful. Yet, rarely are the questions of how ongoing democratic mobilizations impact the mundane, everyday lives of ordinary citizens and the world around them studied. The guiding principle of this book is that democracy is not merely a psephological number game, but a whole way of life, touching every department of life, collective and individual, a force-field of interests and new imaginations. The topics span from authoritarian populism, democratic history of monuments in the city of Aurangabad and the festival mode of populist politics to climate migration and COVID-19 migration to reservation and historical ontology of caste to Dalitization of politics to democratic aspirations of Dalit literature and so on.



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The Climate of History in a Planetary Age*

Dipesh Chakrabarty

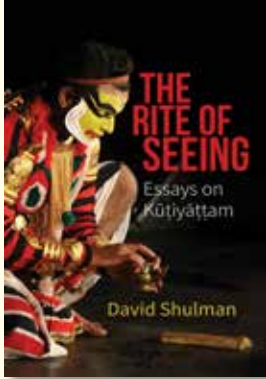
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For the past decade, historian Dipesh Chakrabarty has been one of the most influential scholars addressing the meaning of climate change. Climate change, he argues, upends long-standing ideas of history, modernity, and globalization. The burden of *The Climate of History in a Planetary Age* is to grapple with what this means and to confront humanities scholars with ideas they have been reluctant to reconsider—from the changed nature of human agency to a new acceptance of universals.

Chakrabarty argues that we must see ourselves from two perspectives at once: the planetary and the global. This distinction is central to Chakrabarty's work—the globe is a human-centric construction, while a planetary perspective intentionally decenters the human. Featuring wide-ranging excursions into historical and philosophical literatures, *The Climate of History in a Planetary Age* boldly considers how to frame the human condition in troubled times. As we open ourselves to the implications of the Anthropocene, few writers are as likely as Chakrabarty to shape our understanding of the best way forward.

'One of the first thinkers to reckon with the concept of the Anthropocene and its relation to humanism and its critics, Chakrabarty forges new territory in his account of the planetary. If globalism was an era of human and market interconnection, the planetary marks the intrusion of geological forces, transforming both the concept of "the human" and its accompanying sense of agency. This is a tour de force of critical thinking that will prove to be a game changer for the humanities.'

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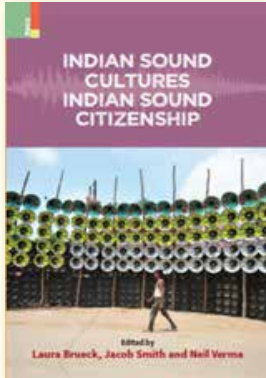
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The Rite of Seeing Essays on Kūṭiyāṭṭam

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Kūṭiyāṭṭam, the only surviving live Sanskrit theatre in the world, was defined by UNESCO as ‘a masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity’. Full performances—almost always a single act taken from a multi-act Sanskrit play—range from 12 to 150 hours and display an aesthetic brilliance and dizzying complexity that are almost beyond description. *The Rite of Seeing: Essays on Kūṭiyāṭṭam* reflects the work of the Hebrew University Kūṭiyāṭṭam team and of our colleagues from Tuebingen, Paris, Groningen, and elsewhere, over many years of annual pilgrimages to Kerala to watch and study this art in action. It offers interpretations of seven classical performances in the light of the actors’ traditional handbooks (Āṭṭaprakāram), the Sanskrit base text, and the artists’ oral commentary that emerged naturally over the course of many days of attentive viewing. The essays are accompanied by links to extended performance moments, so the readers can see with their own eyes something of what we have seen in Mūlikkuḷam and Kiḷḷimaṅgalam. Interpretative essays of this kind have never been attempted for Kūṭiyāṭṭam.



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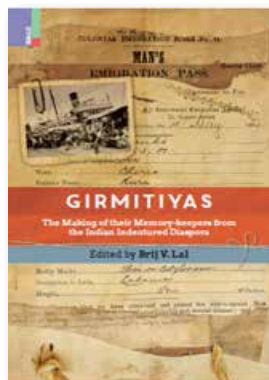
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The essays in *Indian Sound Cultures, Indian Sound Citizenship* argue that sound, from the cinema hall to the recording studio and the public festival ground, is inextricably linked to issues of citizenship, identity, and belonging in India. Together, the contributions in this volume investigate the sonic turn in the study of South Asia by understanding sound in its own social and cultural contexts, and by exploring the diverse ways in which sound has been and continues to be crucial to the ideological construction of a unifying postcolonial Indian nation-state. Integrating interdisciplinary scholarship at the nexus of sound studies and South Asian studies with questions of nation/nationalism, postcolonialism, cinema, and popular culture in India, this volume offers fresh and sophisticated approaches to understanding the sonic world of the subcontinent.

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Girmitiyas

The Making of Their Memory-Keeper from the Indian Indentured Diaspora

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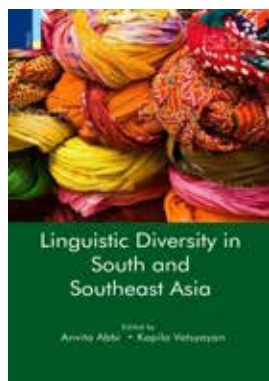
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They are scattered around the globe now, descendants of girmitiyas, indentured labourers, and other subaltern groups of Indians. The journey of their forebears, from India to the tropical sugar colonies in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries was fraught, but they emerged from the debris of subalternity to lay the foundations of many a colony, from South Africa to Suriname and many places in-between. For the most part, however, they have been ignored by history books as a people without agency or humanity, unworthy of consideration. This picture has been changing in recent decades largely as the result of scholars such as those represented

in this volume. In the essays in this volume, scholars from the Indian subaltern diaspora write about their improbable journeys and serendipitous transformations in the face of great odds, of the influences that shaped their thinking and approach to the study of the past of their forebears. Fascinating, often moving stories in themselves, the essays collectively provide indispensable insights into the emergence of a field of history which their intervention has rescued from certain obscurity.

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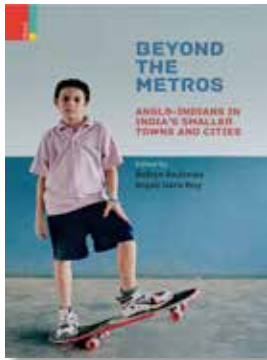
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Linguistic Diversity in South and Southeast Asia is a collection of essays written by scholars from Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, and India. It is a compendium on the depleting linguistic diversity, loss of oral cultures, erosion of indigenous knowledge systems, and the widening gap between dominant and dominated languages which has created a linguistic apartheid in this part of the world. The scholars here are concerned that globalization is not only destroying biological and cultural diversity, but also leading to language shifts through linguistic imperialism and linguistic marginalization. However, despite globalization, some communities have managed to retain their languages, which must now be sustained and treasured. This volume documents the first-hand experience of those working with the linguistic communities of South and Southeast Asia.



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Beyond the Metros Anglo-Indians in India's Smaller Towns and Cities

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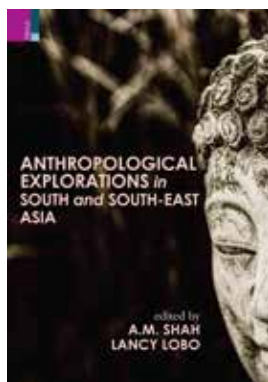
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Beyond the Metros focuses on Anglo-Indians residing in a number of small towns and cities, away from the metropolitan centres of modern India, such as Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai. It provides a socio-historical account of what it means to be an Anglo-Indian in cultural and materially varied environments, highlighting the impact on the formation of identities.

The researchers in this volume highlight the concept of diversity in the lived experiences, aspirations, memories and sense of identity within this community. They question the methodology of looking at minority communities as homogenized and ethnicized categories. The book demonstrates the importance of place as a crucial variable in the social histories of communities. In addition, it interrogates both the received scholarly wisdom as well as exoticized popular stereotypes by looking closely at Anglo-Indian lives and perceptions.

'...the book is an eye opener and a must read for the outstanding ethnographic fieldwork which the researchers have conducted to make readers aware of different historical and sociological contexts...'

—SOMDATTA MANDAL, *The Statesman*



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Anthropological Explorations in East and South-East Asia

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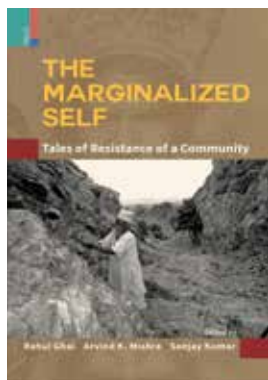
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This volume is a collection of eighteen ethnographic essays on Anthropological Explorations in East and South-East Asia, reprinted from Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay, published during 1886–1936. Divided into five parts, it includes works on history, religion, tea cult, the Torii of Japan and the Torans of India; a paper that deals with the veneration of dead in China; eight papers on Tibet: on its customs, devil driving processions, book procession of Lamas, Tibetan folklore in eastern Himalayas, and the method of computing distance by means of tea-cups; a paper on Burma on the monastic institution and its Phongys; and four papers on Malaysia dealing with the tiger in Malay folklore, folk medicine, etiological folktales, Burmese and Indian folk beliefs about the man tiger and the Malay version of two ancient Indian apoloques.

Carrying an epilogue by Patricia Uberoi it suggests that the history of anthropological writings in India is much older than is believed to be.



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The Marginalized Self

Tales of Resistance of a Community

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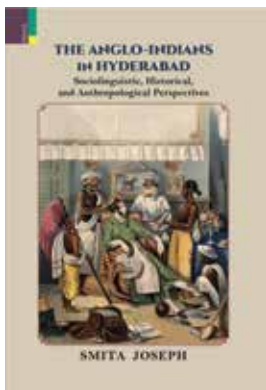
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The Marginalized Self questions the century-old perception of the Musahar community as rat-eating, pig-rearing, habitually drunk, lazy and unmotivated; a perception fostered by the dominant discourse of development, and the historically prevalent hierarchical social system. This collection of essays argues that these victims of the dominant model of development acquire a different kind of power and critical consciousness due to their marginality, which helps them to examine the processes, practices, and institutions that give rise to and justify poverty, displacement, corruption, greed, competition, and violence in the name of development.

Ethnographic studies focussing on the Musahars have demonstrated that the people of this community are capable of offering resistance to the might of the development regime in terms of a comparative critique of modern civilization. They can assert the value of their own worldview and epistemology, and in doing so, they subvert the superiority that is generally assigned to the logical and formal schema in understanding the world.



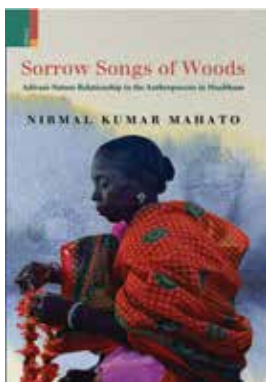
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The Anglo-Indians in Hyderabad Sociolinguistic, Historical and Anthropological Perspectives

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By discussing the use of various strategies by which Christian names have adapted according to their ecology in the Indian context, this book provides new dimensions in the field of socio-onomastics. It gives a fascinating account of how the Anglo-Indians of Hyderabad maintain their ethnic identity through the use of proper names and slang. The data on slang and names has been elicited through a combination of interviews, surveys and ethnographic methods. The relationship between ethnicity and language has been explored by comparing the usage of slang across three age groups, as well as by comparing the usage of proper names across three decades. The status of slang and names as ethnic markers has been examined through the use of statistics.



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Sorrow Songs of Woods Adivasi-Nature Relationship in the Anthropocene in Manbhum

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This book focuses on the fine and complex relationship between Adivasis and Nature in Manbhum. It analyses colonial intervention in 'indigenous' societies and the politics of identity formation of Adivasis. It provides an empirically detailed and region-specific study of the ethnic version of 'ecological nationalism'. It also studies Adivasi survival strategies and resource utilization practices. From the late-nineteenth century, the recurrent famines that plagued this area as a consequence of the changes brought by colonial policies on centuries-old modes of production and environmental resource management, deprived Adivasis of nutrients, and their health declined. Adivasi medicine men ascribed causes of diseases to individuals, especially women.



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Bihar Crossing Boundaries

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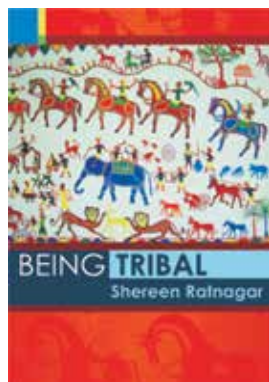
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This book binds together essays that study Bihar's development, cultural changes, violence, governance, etc., over a long durée and across a vast region. The state's profile on these parameters has undergone change several times in the last century. These essays present some of these changes in a vivid manner and set the agenda for new research. Ethnographic, anthropological, and sociological analyses, and macroeconomic policy models have been used to analyse the changes in Bihar. Translated versions of vernacular manuscripts, unpublished letters/correspondence, and other archival accounts not exhibited so far, oral evidence, folktales, myths, and memoirs have been used to show the dynamics of the region. Sacred places, shrines, films, rural capital, agricultural mechanization technologies, paintings, and literary traditions have also been analysed. In these essays, authors cross not just geographical and temporal boundaries, but gender, class, ethnic, and cultural boundaries in different contexts to present a unique and syncretic collection of essays on Bihar.



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Being Tribal

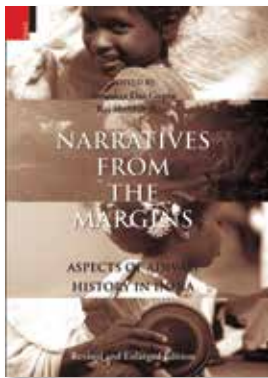
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This book attempts to define tribal society, traces tribal migrations in history, and examines their modes of agricultural production. It is the result of ethno-archaeological research amongst tribal peoples in eastern Gujarat. It comes to the conclusion that tribal culture is robust, and that Indian society owes it to its tribal population—repeatedly displaced and marginalized in the interests of the powerful—to give them full scope to live out their destinies in their own way.

'The book . . . is about the sustainable subsistence system of the Rathwa and Dhanak communities in Tejgarh-Chhota Udepur area in eastern Gujarat, which forms the huge tribal belt of central India.'

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Narratives from the Margins Aspects of Adivasi History in India (Revised and Enlarged Edition)

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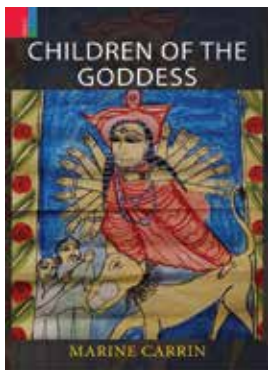
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Adivasis have principally been studied in the context of rebellion, environmental history and the politics of identity. However, preoccupations with definitions and notions of identity, while important in themselves, tend to shift attention away from the inner lives of these communities. This book deals with different aspects of the histories of adivasi communities—from Rajasthan in the west to Bengal and Orissa in the east. The essays in this book discuss a range of issues affecting the socio-economic and cultural life of adivasis and explore the long term continuities and discontinuities between different political regimes. They also reflect some of the new concerns that have come up relating to methodology and sources, historiography and colonial concerns, the impact of missionaries, gender issues, the agrarian situation, famines and migration.

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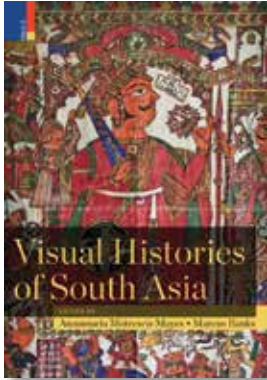
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Children of the Goddess Devotion and Female Priesthood in Bengal

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The women featured in this book live on the frontier between the tribal and the low-caste society in Bengal, and turn to religion in order to forge a new identity. The book provides a window to a little-known world where social marginality, subaltern assertion, the politics of gender, and the contestation between tribal religion and Hinduism merge to produce a unique perspective on popular Hinduism.



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Visual Histories of South Asia

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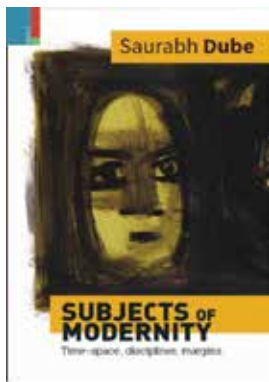
This is one of the first comprehensive contributions to the rapidly developing cross disciplinary scholarship that connects visual studies with South Asian historiography. The key purpose of the book is to introduce scholars and students of South Asian and Indian history to the first in-depth evaluation of visual research methods as a valid research framework for new historical studies. The volume identifies and evaluates current developments in visual sociology and digital anthropology relevant to the study of contemporary South Asian constructions of personal and national identities. Owing to its wide-ranging theoretical methodology, from concepts of visual perception to media semiotics, *Visual Histories of South Asia* covers a rich thematic agenda with contributions ranging from ethnographic research to gender studies, fine arts analyses, theoretical and methodological questions, economic structures, international politics and contemporary cultural patterns. Owing to its wide-ranging theoretical methodology, from concepts of visual perception to media semiotics, in charting the theoretical and historical advances in visual and historical studies dedicated to South Asia, and by addressing issues of private and national memory within regional, national, and contemporary South Asian iconography, from the mid-seventeenth century to the early twenty-first century, and the thirteen contributions selected for this volume are of immediate relevance to visual theorists and historians, sociologists and cultural anthropologists, as well as to students and scholars of South Asian history and culture.

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'This is a remarkable, genuinely interdisciplinary collection, and both a marvellously rich addition to the study of the life of visual images in South Asia, and a highly sophisticated contribution to debates of the interdisciplinary study of visual culture.'

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Subjects of Modernity Time-space, Disciplines, Margins*

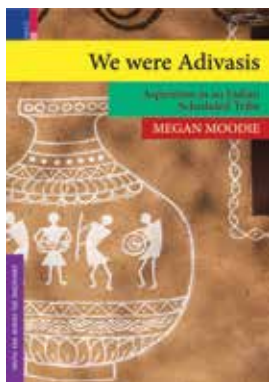
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In *Subjects of Modernity*, Saurabh Dube thinks through modernity and its representations by exploring critical considerations of time and space. Drawing on anthropology, history and social theory, he investigates the oppositions and enchantments, the contradictions and contentions, and the identities and ambivalences spawned under modernity. Crucially, Dube understands the antinomies of modernity not as analytical errors, but as constitutive elements of modern worlds. Dube questions routine portrayals of homogeneous time and antinomian blueprints of cultural space, while acknowledging the production of time and space by social subjects. Instead of assuming a straightforward, singular trajectory for the phenomena, it views modernity as involving checkered, contingent and contended processes of meaning and power, which have found heterogeneous historical elaborations over the past five centuries. Bringing together past and present, theory and narrative, it sows the historical, ethnographic and methodological deep into his critical procedures, offering an innovative understanding of cultural identities and imaginatively exploring the relationship between history and anthropology.

‘Saurabh Dube’s provocations offer a challenging break with frameworks that for too long have carried colonialism’s intellectual heritage forward even after its political demise.’

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We Were Adivasis Aspiration in an Indian Scheduled Tribe*

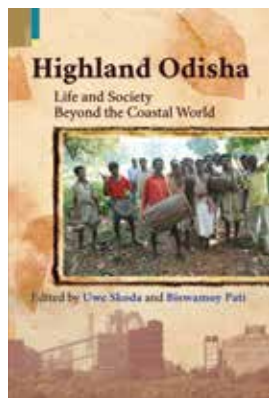
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In *We Were Adivasis*, anthropologist Megan Moodie examines the Indian state’s relationship to ‘Scheduled Tribes’, or adivasis—historically oppressed groups that are now entitled to affirmative action quotas in educational and political institutions. Through a deep ethnography of the Dhanka in Jaipur, Moodie brings readers inside the imaginative work of these long-marginalized tribal communities. She shows how they must simultaneously affirm and refute their tribal status at a range of levels, from domestic interactions to historical representation, by relegating their status to the past: we were adivasis.

‘*We Were Adivasis* is a shining ethnography that reveals new vistas for feminist studies, while casting fresh light on patterns of inequality and social mobility in India.’

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Highland Odisha Life and Society Beyond the Coastal World

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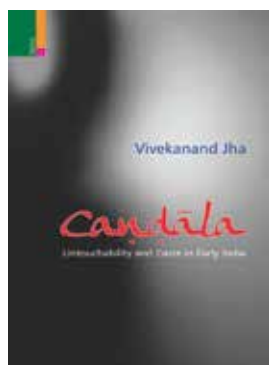
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This volume inverts the othering characteristic of most studies of Odisha by drawing attention to the highlands in the west and south. Based on fieldwork, participant observation, oral traditions, archival materials and long-term historical and anthropological research by a range of scholars negotiating this region and its people, this volume examines the less visible and often misrecognized highlands of Odisha, thus questioning dominant coast-centric views and acknowledging a multitude of perspectives on Odisha beyond simplified dichotomies. The nine essays herein cover themes such as social structures and patterns of kinship and relatedness; concepts of food, music or death and their significance to wider cosmologies; interdependencies among highland communities and the position of migrant farmers between caste and Adivasi society; and processes of resistance and ideas around Nehruvian industrialization projects set up in the supposed 'wilderness'.



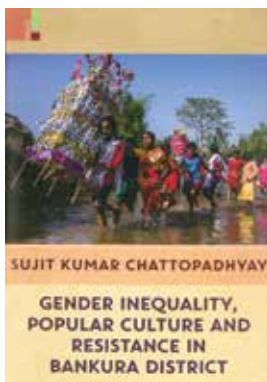
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Caṇḍāla Untouchability and Caste in Early India

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This volume is a collection of essays on untouchability written by Professor Jha at various points of his long and illustrious career. It dwells on the manner in which social stratification in ancient India developed to exclude castes like Caṇḍālas and Niṣādas, leading to their exploitation and sub-human treatment. The book begins with tracing the origin and condition of Caṇḍālas (1000 BC to AD 600), who were first mentioned in later Vedic literature (1000 to 600 BC) at the Puruṣamedha (symbolic human sacrifice) dedicated to deity Vayu. Another essay examines the acculturation of the Niṣādas—who were mainly fishermen and hunters by profession—which started from the Later Vedic Period. Caṇḍālas and Niṣādas were both over time assimilated into the Brahmanical caste structure as degraded śudras, and ultimately relegated to being untouchables. The book also examines the *Bhagavadgita* and Asoka's Dhamma from the perspective of caste and untouchability. It provides key insights into the origin and growth of the caste system, especially untouchability, extending beyond the brahmanical lens. It is a valuable addition to the study of early Indian social history and social structures.



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Gender Inequality, Popular Culture and Resistance in Bankura District

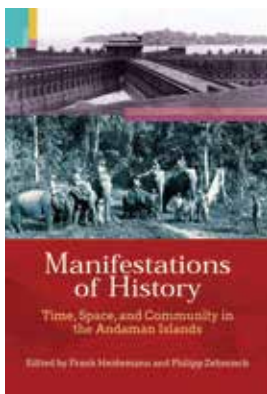
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This book examines the connections and interrelationships at play between gender inequality, popular culture and resistance on the basis of case studies conducted in the district of Bankura, an area well known for its tradition and variety of popular culture. In contemporary India, gender-based prejudice is perhaps the most pervasive form of inequality, arguably more so in the rural society of Bengal, where the deep rooted and complex forms of gender inequality are largely reproduced and legitimized in popular culture. Accordingly, this book argues that if the exercise of power inherently involves resistance, then gendered power is countered by some aspects of popular culture in favour of a more equitable relationship between men and women. The text also examines resistance to the ideological forms of gender bias and inequality depicted in popular culture such as folk songs, riddles, rhymes, and proverbs operative in the rural society of Bankura, and explores the intimate connection between popular culture and the everyday life of the general population.

‘... this book is a scholarly contribution to our ever increasing corpus on fast disappearing folk cultures and gender inequality.’

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Manifestations of History

Time, Space, and Community in the Andaman Islands

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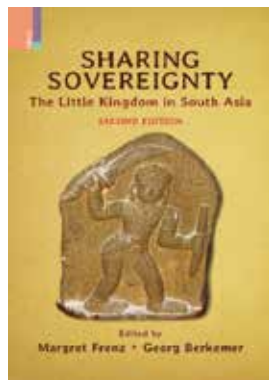
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This volume highlights the significant yet underestimated place of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in socio-cultural and historical studies of the Indian Ocean region. It brings together interdisciplinary theorizing rooted in historical theory and scholarship stemming from ethnographic observation, macro-level studies of South Asian nation-states, and micro-level studies of local communities in vivid and meaningful dialogue with each other. The essays herein challenge the analytical usefulness of Euro-centric perceptions of time-structured historical models as the only means of explaining the present, and explore alternative analytical avenues opened by a space-bound concept of history.

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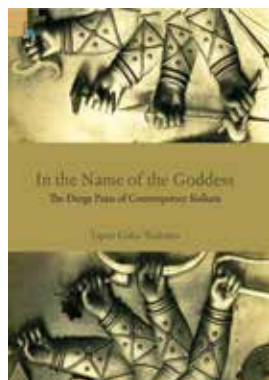
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This volume focuses on little kingdoms, a concept developed by anthropologists and historians to characterize a specific type of local rulership in South Asia. It emphasizes the role of Hermann Kulke, whose work on the little kingdoms of Odisha took forward the explorations of Bernard Cohn and Nicholas Dirks. It also integrates the most comprehensive of these models, i.e. the little kingdom model, with post-modern historiography, which is an important and hitherto neglected issue in current historiographical debates. The essays herein seek to formulate models in analogy to the textual and anthropological studies that have elaborated the idea of the little kingdom as a multifaceted reality—a reality expressed in ritual and performative processes, as well as in textual and oral representations.

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In the Name of the Goddess The Durga Pujas of Contemporary Kolkata

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This book unravels the anatomy of the newly-conjured 'art' event of Kolkata's Durga Pujas by tracking the new production processes, the mounting trends of publicity and sponsorship as well as the practices of mass spectatorship that make for the transformed visual culture of the festival. The book's central concern lies in conceptualizing a contemporary and artistic history of this urban festival. It examines the diversity of images and practices—from the consumerist spectacle and the bonanza of awards to the efflorescence of public installations and art and craft productions—that unfurl in this season 'in the name of the goddess'. While profiling Durga Pujas as Kolkata's biggest public art event, the book also addresses the ambivalence of the designations of 'art' and 'artist' in this field of production and viewership. The new artistic nomenclature of the festival, it is shown, is not easily secured, and has to struggle to assert itself within the body of the religious event and the ephemeral mass spectacle.

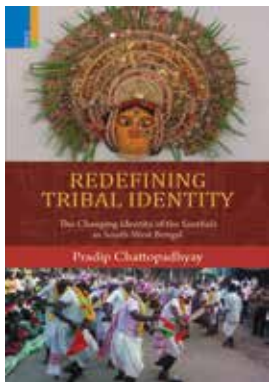
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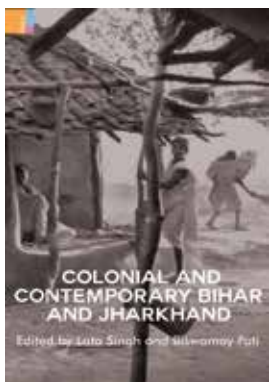
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Redefining Tribal Identity The Changing Identity of the Santhals in South-West Bengal

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This book seeks to explore the evolution of Santhal ethnic identity, taking into account changes that the Santhals have undergone in their mental and material world as a result of the impact of modernization—both during the colonial as well as the post-colonial periods. Major events of Santhal history, like the Santhal Hool (1855), the Jharkhand movement, and Santhal participation in the Indian National Movement have been commented upon in this book to explore changing notions of Santhal ethnic identity, including the twists and turns in the process of their identity assertion. The demand for Constitutional recognition of Santhali language and their separate religion, and demand for a territory of their own in the post-Independence period, are all part of their changed mode of identity assertion. Accordingly, this study tries to cover almost all the debates, from different perspectives, that have raged about the tribal world in recent times.



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Colonial and Contemporary Bihar and Jharkhand

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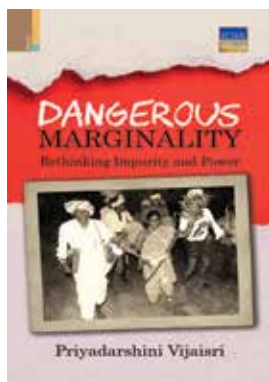
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This volume highlights how popular culture and oral cultural traditions emerged as a site for multiple articulations—articulation of marginalization, as well as resistance and subversion—in Bihar, and Jharkhand. In doing so, it tries to capture the complexities of some of the diverse movements prevalent in these regions. The formation of the state of Jharkhand, which was earlier part of Bihar and known as Chotanagpur, has been the result of such movements, some of which have not only created a democratic space in these regions but also brought about a paradigm shift in Indian politics. Unfortunately, the rich popular/subaltern culture of these regions has been overshadowed and eclipsed in most of the scholarly work on this region, and this volume aims to be a corrective to this scholarly oversight.

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'This book provides a valuable insight into the social history, political, cultural and particularly tribal studies of Bihar and Jharkhand. . . . Overall, it is a well-complied collection of articles with substantial worth from a researcher's point of view.'

—SANJAY KUMAR, *Indian Historical Review*



Dangerous Marginality Rethinking Impurity and Power

Priyadarshini Vijaisri

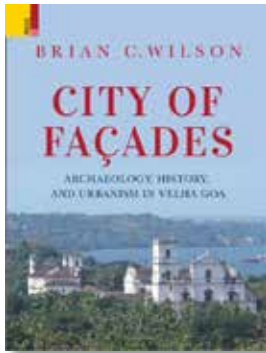
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This book focuses on village festivals invoking Matangi, an outcaste clan goddess in Andhra Pradesh, to explore the ambiguous category of outcaste priest and priestess, whose intriguing presence appears in fleeting images in colonial archives and missological accounts. These striking personae challenge the assumptions predominant in discourses on caste, making it apparent that the constraints in engaging with such seemingly inscrutable sites lies not only in the paucity of sources but also about the dread that comes with the loss of secure ideologies. The compelling evidence of this ritual space suggests the need to move beyond the frame of pathos that has come to define not only the past of outcastes but also their very being. Based on field data and historical sources, this book offers a framework to critically examine the ways in which outcastes shape caste culture in definitive ways even as their presence signifies a deeper tension in historical processes.

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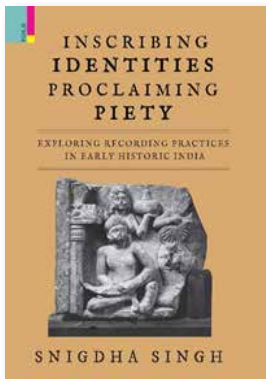
City of Façades Archaeology, History, and Urbanism in Velha Goa

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City of Façades: Archaeology, History, and Urbanism in Velha Goa revisits early modern colonial urbanisms through an archaeological project conducted in 2012 at the Portuguese colonial site of Velha Goa, India. Histories written about the city's growth and decline from 1510 to the current day are unavoidably structured by elite, top-down understandings of social processes, owing principally to the limits of the colonial archives themselves. As a result, quotidian material transformations, essential to urban processes, remain largely unconsidered. The archaeological data explored in this volume allows us to reflect on these transformations and how they shaped colonial life, both during and after Portuguese rule.

By unravelling the biases about the existing descriptions of Goa and its hinterland, analyses of the archaeological data argue that the dominant historical narratives characterizing it as the 'Rome of the East' substantiate a vision of the city that erases other social groups and cultures. Historical tropes of ruination in the description of Goa from the seventeenth century onwards mask the rich and varied archaeological evidence of enduring forms of urbanisms. This book, while questioning overarching narratives of urban decline, allows for a characterization of the concealed failures of colonial urban governance and its legacies in perpetuating ideal urban forms that still influence both heritage management and urban planning in Goa today.



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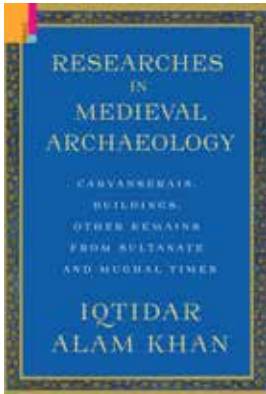
Inscribing Identities, Proclaiming Piety Exploring Recording Practices in Early Historic India

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Inscribing Identities, Proclaiming Piety: Exploring Recording Practices in Early Historic India focuses on votive inscriptions from the second century BCE to the second century CE found in four areas: Bharhut, Sanchi, the Western Ghats and Mathura. In Bharhut and Sanchi, votive inscriptions have been found on the architecture of the stūpas and in Mathura on statues, while they have been found in caves and tanks along the Western Ghats.

Focusing on the differences between the ecclesiastic and the laity, this volume examines and highlights the gendered differences within them. Gender relations have been constructed and analysed on the basis of markers such as occupation, place of residence and kinship patterns of monastic and lay donors. The book is an attempt to understand how the donated gifts were gendered, and how nuances of social identification made the construction of social identity a striking one. Its focal points are the social complexities within and without the sangha along with ideas of agency and social identity irrespective of varṇa identity.



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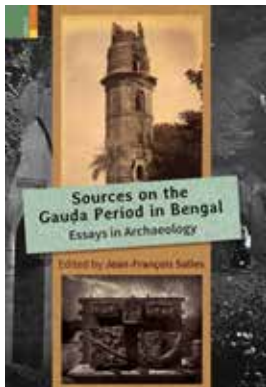
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The essays in this volume focus on the surviving remains in India of premodern public buildings like serais, bridges and water-works of different types as well as masonry structures meant to extract indigo or sugar from plants. Much of this evidence is significant for the study of economic history as well as war technology of the post-Turkish conquest phase. The attempt here is to present this evidence in the perspective of the evolving production technology which appears to have received an impetus with the establishment of Turkish rule. The archaeological data cited in this collection of essays indicate the presence of extensive premodern remains along the Mughal highways, many of which have not been recorded so far. These make for very promising objects of study for archaeologists as well as students of economic history interested in determining the factors responsible for India's sluggish transition to modernity.

"...the book under review brings to light not only many hitherto unknown structural remains belonging to medieval India such as dyeing vats, dykes and makeshift capitals but also aims to dispel the notion that archaeology as a discipline is only associated with the remote past or with 'remains dug out from under the earth'."

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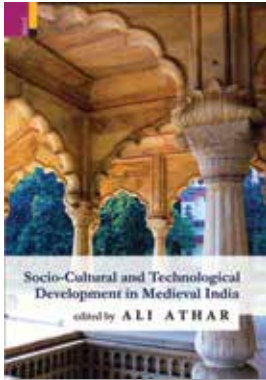
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The century following Śaśāṅka's death stands as an obscure period of the Bengal-Magadha region—matsyanyāyam—with a succession of local conflicts and a multiplicity of independent sovereignties as well as a few invasions from outside. A noticeable event is Yaśovarman's conquest of Kanauj, celebrated in the poem 'Gaṇḍavaho', with two lines that possibly refer to the 'slaughter' of the king of Magadha, vassal of Gauda. The period of darkness came to an end in c.750 with the rise of the Pālas. *Sources on the Gauda Period in Bengal: Essays in Archaeology* deals with the history and archaeology of Gauda, especially inscriptions, literary sources, sculptures, ceramics, and regional organizations of the period.

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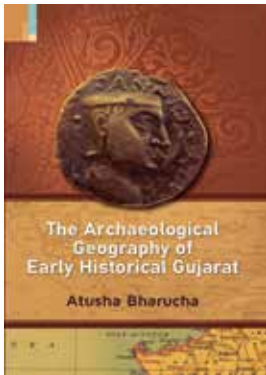
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Socio-Cultural and Technological Development in Medieval India

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This volume contains well researched papers based on primary sources and archaeological explorations and presents new findings on medieval Indian administration, culture, science and technology. It also has a study of new literary sources, both Persian and Europeans, with a full section to literary sources. The section on state and administration highlights Central Asian and European influence on state craft and the army. Mysticism and its impact on medieval policy, architecture and the new genre of literature known as 'Shahr Ashob' helps in the reconstruction of the eighteenth-century history of Shah-Jahanabad. The chapter on science and technology studies the military technology of the Delhi Sultanate and the impact of metal technology of the later Mughal period on the state of Bikaner in the skill development of both urban and rural workers. This chapter also includes a study of water harvesting and agricultural produce. This volume covers a large canvas of medieval Indian history examining many unexplored aspects of the period.



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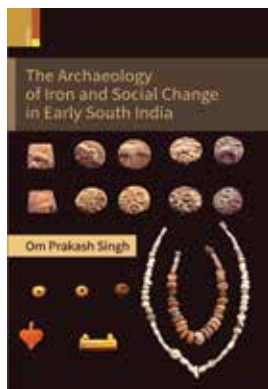
The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat

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The early history of Gujarat has generally been limited to political history and the genealogy of the Western Kshatrapas constructed from a study of coins and inscriptions of the period. *The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat* argues that Gujarat was the meeting point of cultures from mainland India as well as the gateway for goods from overseas and offers important information regarding Indian Ocean trade in ancient India taking place from the west coast of the peninsula. Gujarat was also the hub where the overland trade routes met, where goods from north India, the Deccan, and what is today Afghanistan, as well as areas surrounding the east of the river Indus landed.

Besides providing an account of the hinterland of the north-western coast of India, this volume also provides information on the nature of the ancient settlements of the modern state of Gujarat, and their connections with each other. The book pieces together the history of the common man. For instance, several minor inscriptions commemorating the death of people and the digging of wells throw light on the limitations in practicing agriculture faced by people then. It also looks at Gujarat as an important Buddhist centre, much like Sind, as evidenced by the brick stupas found in the state.



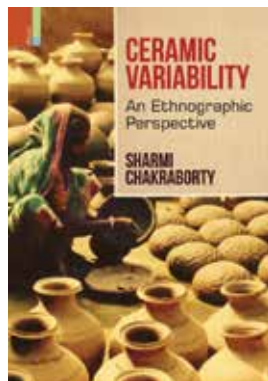
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The Archaeology of Iron and Social Change in Early South India

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Beginning with the Neolithic-Chalcolithic phase to the introduction of iron technology in the Megalithic period and its consequent impact in the early historic times, this book examines the variations in iron making in peninsular India. Using archaeological data, where available, of the various regions of Andhra Pradesh (including Telengana), Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala, a phase-wise analysis has been presented to highlight the material conditions of the various regions prior to, and after the introduction of iron technology, and to reflect changes in agricultural patterns, artisanal and structural activities and civilizational progress over time. An attempt has also been made to show the regional variations that exist in terms of the adoption of iron and its impact on the agricultural development and the proliferation of arts and crafts. Since it takes into account theories and empirical studies in peninsular India, this book makes a substantial contribution to the literature on iron technology and social change in India.



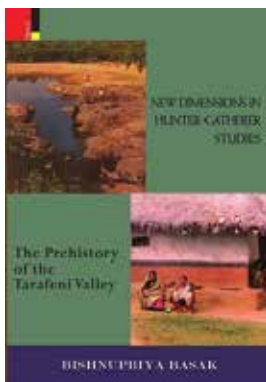
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Ceramic Variability An Ethnographic Perspective

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Variations in ceramics are culturally significant. These are an expression of the functions that they are meant to perform, the identity of a community and a reflection of time. It is therefore of great interest to archaeologists and anthropologists. *Ceramic Variability* is based on a survey of villages in different parts of West Bengal to see ceramic variability that is noticed these days within a linguistically similar community occupying different regions. The research work attempts to locate the nature of variations within regions and analyse its causes. This volume ultimately aims at developing a conceptual framework for analysing archaeological ceramic.



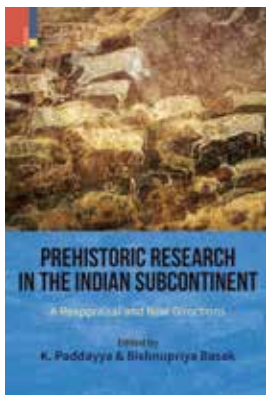
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New Dimensions in Hunter-Gatherer Studies The Prehistory of the Tarafeni Valley

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In the last decade or so, there has been substantial development in understanding the behavioural patterns of past hunter-gatherers societies. Although images of existing hunting-gathering populations continue to be used as analogues in drawing inferences about the past, there has been a considerable shift in the analyses of both, the archaeological record and the ethnographic data as well as more meaningful engagement with inquiries in territoriality, mobility strategies, and the use of raw materials by past hunter-gatherer societies. This volume tries to explore these questions vis-à-vis the prehistory of a small river valley in West Medinapur, West Bengal to assess how far some of the theoretical issues raised in hunter-gatherer studies are relevant to the Indian context. Although remarkable advances have been made in expanding the database on new sites in Indian prehistory, in the appreciation of the palaeoenvironment and the chronology of the different cultures, yet studies highlighting theoretical issues are relatively few. This volume, therefore, will be of great interest to both, students and researchers alike.



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Prehistoric Research in the Indian Subcontinent A Reappraisal and New Directions

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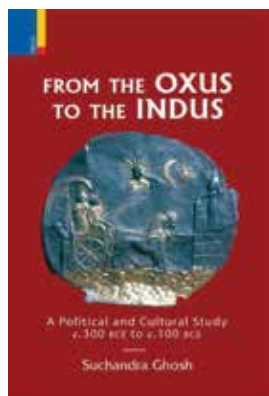
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This volume is a timely study of recent researches in the prehistory of the Indian subcontinent, highlighting regional and subregional variations. The first three essays in this volume are extremely valuable in their critical stocktaking of prehistoric research, palaeontological studies and palaeoenvironmental reconstructions in the subcontinent. The regional and subregional variations of prehistoric cultures are brought out in papers focusing on a variety of areas like the Son Valley, the Narmada, the Hunsgi Valley, the Teri dune sites and the central Ganga valley where research has continued for over three decades. Essays on lesser known areas like the Ayodhya hill region of West Bengal, cave sites in the limestone karst zone of Nagaland bordering upon Myanmar, and the Chakalpunji area in north-eastern Bangladesh add to our knowledge with their unique findings.

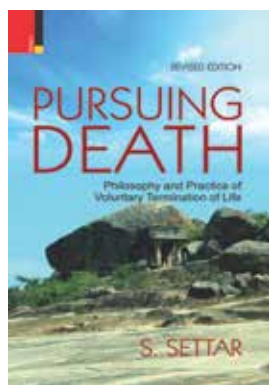


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From the Oxus to the Indus A Political and Cultural Study, c.300 BCE to c.100 BCE

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From the Oxus to the Indus explores the political and cultural history of the Indo-Iranian borderlands during the reign of the Bactrian and the Indo-Greek rulers known as *Yavanas* in the subcontinent. This was a region *sans frontière* and shows unrestricted exchanges between cultures. In a sweeping survey of the power politics of the region this book identifies certain salient features of the political processes in the period discussed. One of the major themes this book explores is that of 'Hellenism', and its changing nature. From a study of the sites from the Oxus to the Indus, the foremost among them being Ai Khanum, it is evident that the region should be treated as an independent cultural zone. The iconography and languages used by the Indo-Greek rulers have a direct relationship with their own religious beliefs and cultures as well as with the ethnicity of their subjects.

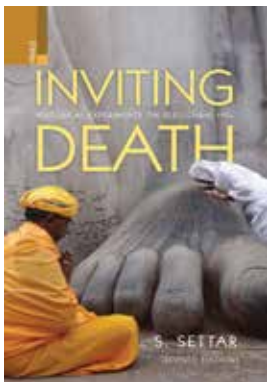


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Pursuing Death: Philosophy and Practice of Voluntary Termination of Life (Revised Edition)

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This book widens the canvas of enquiry on the Jaina practices of voluntary termination of life, identified with terms such as Santāra, Sallekhanā, Samādhi, Sanyasana, Arāadhanā, Bhaktapratyakhyana, Pañchapada, Prāyopagamana, Ingīṇī, etc. It undertakes an in-depth study of both the philosophy and the practice of death, as revealed in a wide variety of texts written in Prakrit, Sanskrit, Kannada as well as a vast body of historical records dated between the third century BCE and nineteenth century CE.



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Inviting Death: Historical Experiments on Sepulchral Hill (Revised Edition)

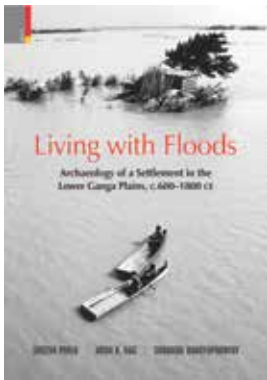
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This book presents the history of Jainas spread over a millennium and half on the *Samadhi-betta*, or the Sepulchral Hill at Sravana Belogola, the foremost of the Digambara Jaina centres in the world. The Jainas are one of the foremost communities to have paid serious attention to death. Indeed, their preoccupation with it has been so intense that without understanding their philosophy of death, it is almost impossible to make out their notion of life. The Jainas did not consider death a subject of intellectual exercise; they held it as a force that permeates the social, religious and philosophical sinews of life. The codified rules of the art of inviting death, descriptive accounts of Puranic and historical personalities who embraced it, and an interesting body of epigraphical and archaeological remains provide a rich corpus of information on those who voluntarily terminated their lives.

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Living with Floods Archaeology of a Settlement in the Lower Ganga Plains, c.600–1800 CE

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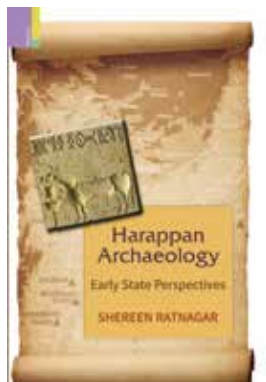
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This book seeks to understand archaeological sites unearthed upon excavations at Balupur and their relationship with the dynamic alluvial environment of north Bengal during c.600–1800 CE. Moving away from the prevalent emphasis on the study of art and architecture, it aims to bring back the ‘human’ to the study of these cultural periods through a study of the formation and changing character of past habitation settlements. It is a multidisciplinary work involving archaeology, geography, zoology, botany, sedimentology, and palaeoanthropology, seeking to understand the interaction between changes in the landscape and various aspects of cultural adaptation in a zone where humans are constantly living with floods and shifting river courses. An important contribution of this book is a diachronic study of the fluvial environment of this region using rare maps, satellite images, and field studies.



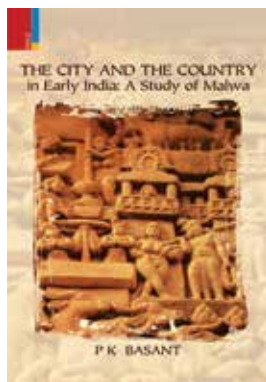
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The City and the Country in Early India: A Study of Malwa

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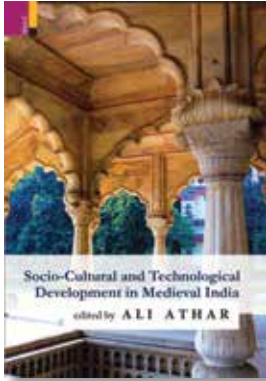
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This book is about the emergence of urban centres in the sixth century BC, and analyses the processes and spatiality of urbanization taking Malwa as its case study. Research on urbanism has focussed on either literary or archaeological sources. While literary sources tend to locate the agency for change exclusively in preachers and rulers, in archaeology the forces of change become nameless and faceless. Using insights from anthropology and studies of early states, this book attempts to look for new ways to account for urbanization in this period. It also tries to recover the histories of their complex interrelations: since caste and kinship are considered central to the world of Indian sociology, the book also attempts to understand the relationships between caste, kinship and urbanism. Finally, it also examines changes in the attitude of the literati towards the city and the country in this period.

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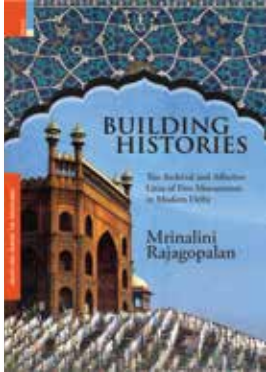
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This volume contains well researched papers based on primary sources and archaeological explorations and presents new findings on medieval Indian administration, culture, science and technology. It also has a study of new literary sources, both Persian and Europeans, with a full section to literary sources. The section on state and administration highlights Central Asian and European influence on state craft and the army. Mysticism and its impact on medieval policy, architecture and the new genre of literature known as 'Shahr Ashob' helps in the reconstruction of the eighteenth-century history of Shah-Jahanabad. The chapter on science and technology studies the military technology of the Delhi Sultanate and the impact of metal technology of the later Mughal period on the state of Bikaner in the skill development of both urban and rural workers. This chapter also includes a study of water harvesting and agricultural produce. This volume covers a large canvas of medieval Indian history examining many unexplored aspects of the period.



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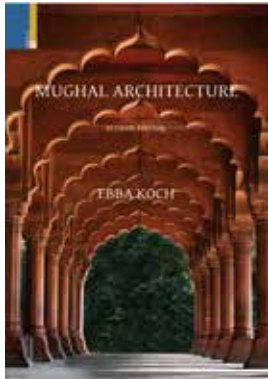
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This book offers innovative accounts of five medieval monuments in Delhi—the Red Fort, Rasul Numa Dargah, Jama Masjid, Purana Qila, and the Qutb complex—tracing their modern lives from the nineteenth century into the twentieth. Mrinalini Rajagopalan argues that the modern construction of the history of these monuments entailed the careful selection, manipulation, and regulation of the past by both the colonial and later postcolonial states. Although framed as objective 'archival' truths, these histories were meant to erase or marginalize the powerful and persistent affective appropriations of the monuments by groups who often existed outside the centre of power.

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Professor of Art History, University of Vienna, Austria

This book provides a concise and richly-illustrated survey of the history of Mughal architecture and various influences exerted on the Mughal style by Central Asian-Timurid, earlier Indian and Persian architecture, as well as European engravings. All building types are considered, not only the well-known masterpieces but also country houses, hunting palaces, gardens, mausoleums, mosques, bath houses, bazaars, and other public buildings. Many of these are still unknown to specialists. This unique book, covering the whole range of Mughal architecture and including numerous new photographs and detailed plans, presents the results of the author's extensive field work in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh as well as Iran and the central Asian region of the Soviet Union. The author's in-depth knowledge of the original sources provides the reader with invaluable background information.

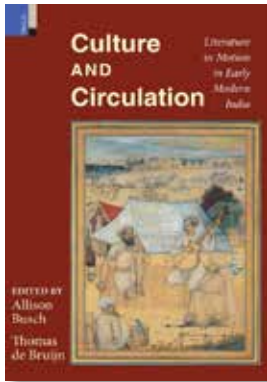
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Culture and Circulation Literature in Motion in Early Modern India

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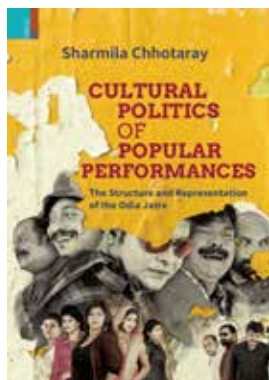
Late Associate Professor of Hindi literature in the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies at Columbia University, New York

Thomas de Bruijn

Independent scholar

Culture and Circulation takes an innovative approach to early modern Indian literature. The authors foreground the complex hybridity of literary genres and social milieus, capturing elements that have eluded traditional literary history. In this book, jointly edited by Allison Busch and Thomas de Bruijn, Hindi authors rub shoulders with their Persian counterparts in the courts of Mughal India; the fame of Mirabai, a poetess from Rajasthan, travels to Punjab; the sayings of Kabir are found to be as difficult to pin down as the wandering holy men who transmitted them. Drawing on new archives in several Indian languages, this volume presents fresh ideas that will be of interest to scholars of Indian literature, religious studies, and early modern history. The current reprint makes this book available to a larger audience in India, where it will find a readership among those interested in the history of cultural traditions that continue to have a meaning in present-day Indian society.

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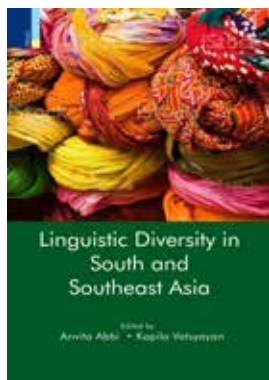
Cultural Politics of Popular Performances The Structure and Representation of the Odia Jatra

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Cultural Politics of Popular Performances: The Structure and Representation of the Odia Jatra explores how, as a consequence of modernity, the hybridization of living theatre forms like jatra, allows 'authentic' folk traditions to not only survive but flourish by taking on new shapes without losing their traditional identity. The evolution of jatra from folk theatre in the premodern era to popular/mass theatre in modern Odisha has led to it attaining a dominant position in the entertainment industry. It is consumed by a large audience and is mediated by mechanisms of the capitalist market, surpassing the scale of modern Odia cinema. By responding to socio-cultural forces, it has expanded its cultural consumption, production and participation, and now caters to the entertainment needs of the masses in both urban and rural areas.

This book explores how this dominant form has revived mythological interpretations in modern, secular stories, thereby creating new spectacles in the countryside by producing a cinematic-hybrid culture in the changing social structure of modern-day Odisha.



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Linguistic Diversity in South and Southeast Asia

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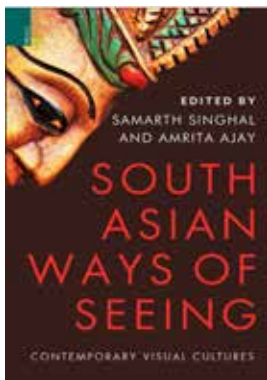
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Linguistic Diversity in South and Southeast Asia is a collection of essays written by scholars from Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, and India. It is a compendium on the depleting linguistic diversity, loss of oral cultures, erosion of indigenous knowledge systems, and the widening gap between dominant and dominated languages which has created a linguistic apartheid in this part of the world. The scholars here are concerned that globalization is not only destroying biological and cultural diversity, but also leading to language shifts through linguistic imperialism and linguistic marginalization. However, despite globalization, some communities have managed to retain their languages, which must now be sustained and treasured. This volume documents the first-hand experience of those working with the linguistic communities of South and Southeast Asia.



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South Asian Ways of Seeing Contemporary Visual Cultures

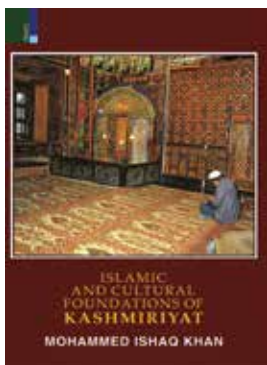
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South Asian Ways of Seeing brings together eminent as well as new scholarly voices from across disciplines to explore South Asia from a visual standpoint, exploring multiple mediums and multiple ways of seeing, including tarot, film, graphic novels, painting, death pictures, graffiti, and installation art. With an intent to establish conversations between and across disciplines like history, sociology, literature, art history, culture and media studies, the discursivity of visual cultures in framing a South Asian imaginary is attempted. Attention to the production, circulation and consumption of visuals, which recognizes their embeddedness in material and cultural practices, is combined with an in-depth analysis of form, technique and the afterlife of less-examined media/genres. Through this wide-ranging exploration, we ask the compelling question: Is there a South Asian way of seeing?



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Islamic and Cultural Foundations of Kashmiriyat

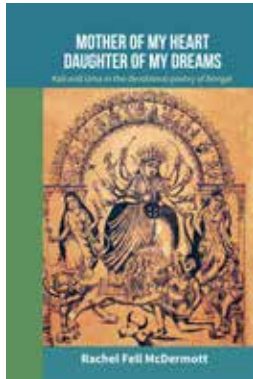
Mohammad Ishaq Khan

Former Professor and Head, Department of History, and Director, Centre for Kashmir Studies

In this collection of essays, the late Professor Mohammad Ishaq Khan (1946–2013) caps a lifetime of research into the history of Kashmir, especially of its cultural heritage. These essays are a broad selection from years of scholarship and give a clear view of Professor Khan's contribution to the field. Their main theme is Kashmiriyat, the essence of Kashmiri culture that can be traced through history. Professor Khan forcefully argues that Kashmiri Islam is 'neither syncretism nor synthesis'. In other words, Kashmiri culture should not be understood as a watered-down version of a 'pure' Islam, but rather the result of a cultural transformation in no way at odds with Islam as a religion. Professor Khan traces Kashmir's history as an outward looking and culturally self-assured society, tied closely to the rest of the Indian subcontinent, but maintaining unique traditions available to both Muslims and non-Muslims. The essays address the range of available historical sources, the relationship between Brahmanism and Islam, the role of saints and ritual in Kashmiri Islam, the Persian influence on Kashmir, and other topics. Professor Khan ends with a candid examination of his own experience as a Kashmiri living through the second half of the twentieth century.

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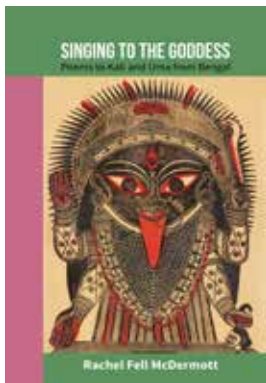
Mother of My Heart, Daughter of My Dreams Kālī and Umā in the Devotional Poetry of Bengal

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This book chronicles the rise and subsequent fortunes of goddess worship, or Śāktism, in the region of Bengal from the middle of the eighteenth century to the present. The primary documents are lyrics directed to the goddesses Kālī and Umā, beginning with those of the first of the Śākta lyricist-devotees, Rāmprasād Sen (c.1718–75) and Kamalākānta Bhaṭṭācārya (c.1769–1821), and continuing up through those of the gifted poet Kājī Najrul Islām (1899–1976). Rachel Fell McDermott has used extensive research from primary historical texts as well as from secondary Bengali and English source materials. She places the advent of the Śākta lyric in its historical context and charts the vicissitudes over time of this form of goddess worship, including the nineteenth-century resurgence of Śāktism in the cause of Nationalist politics. The main theme of the book is the way in which the images of the two goddesses evolved over the centuries. Kālī is sweetened and democratized over time. Much of her fierce, wild, dangerous, and bloody character disappears, and she is increasingly seen as a compassionate and loving divine mother to her children. Umā, for her part, is gradually transformed from the gentle and remote wife of Śhiva to the adored daughter of Bengali parents, increasingly humanized and coloured with regional Bengali characteristics.

Rachel Fell McDermott's accomplished translations of the poems on which this book is based appear in *Singing to the Goddess: Poems to Kālī and Umā from Bengal* (2000).



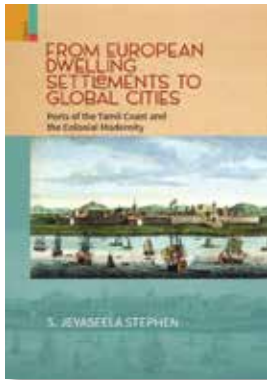
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This vibrant collection presents 145 brief Bengali lyric poems dedicated to the Hindu goddesses Kali and Uma. These poems—many of which are presented here for the first time in English translation—were written from the early eighteenth century up to the contemporary period. They represent the unique Bengali tradition of goddess worship (Saktism) as it developed over this period. Included are forty poems by the most famous of all Sakta poets, Ramprasad Sen (c.1718–1775) and ten lyrics by the renowned 20th-century poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. McDermott's lucid introduction places these works in their historical context and shows how images of the goddesses evolved over the centuries. Her lively translations of these poetic lyrics evoke the passion and devotion of the followers of Kali and Uma and shed light on the history and practice of goddess worship.



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From European Dwelling Settlements to Global Cities Ports of the Tamil Coast and the Colonial Modernity

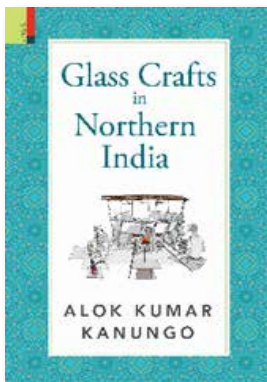
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Directeur, Institut pour études Indo- Européennes.

The book looks at the pattern of urbanization, planning and development of spatial culture on the Tamil coast in the early modern world and the historical processes that shaped them. It examines the establishment and growth of the towns Porto Novo, Tuticorin, Nagapattinam, Mylapore, Pulicat, Tranquebar, Cuddalore, and Madras that developed in the age of European commerce and empire, from the clustered villages around the umland, the vast hinterland and the wide expanse of maritime foreland. The study makes a comparative understanding of these cosmopolitan ports and how they superseded interior capital cities like Madurai, Thanjavur, and Tiruchirapalli.

Stephen argues that the network and gateway functions connecting the several ports of the Atlantic and a multitude of trading marts in Asia enabled them to rise from European dwelling settlements to fortified commercial towns and global cities. These enclaves used information and technological changes to enhance their living conditions, employment opportunities and longevity.

This book also analyses the phenomena of urbanism and colonialism through the study of topography, cartography, demography, and Western iconography.



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Glass Crafts in Northern India

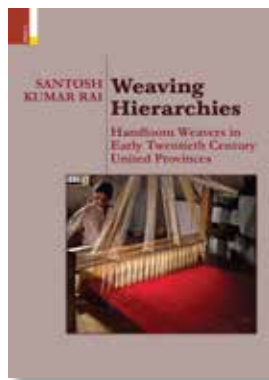
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Glass Crafts in Northern India is not only about beads and bangles and their production cycles, but also about one of the most important glass-craft clusters of the world. The evolution of technology and skills with regard to the making of the furnace and kiln over the centuries and invention of new methods for producing variety of beads are the essence of this volume. The archaeological community has reconstructed ancient cities with glass-making and/or glass-working workshops and has formulated many hypotheses about them, thereby recording ethnographically and visually a cluster of glass cities identical to those which existed millennia ago. When read in combination with the first volume of the trilogy on Indian glass, i.e. Mapping Indo-Pacific Beads vis-à-vis Papanaidupet, one gets a clear idea of what to expect in the archaeological field if the site was engaged with the production of glass beads and bangles. The volume discusses the history and context of research on Indian glass, drawing its data from ancient literature, archives, and ethnohistorical and archaeological sources.

“Drawing from multiple ancient literature, mythology, ethno-historical and archeological sources, Kanungo brings to life the socio-economics of the ancient cities of Northern India and their craft clusters. We get an understanding of the cultural and economic role glass played—in the lives of both makers and users.”

—LAILA TYABJI, Designer, craft activist and writer



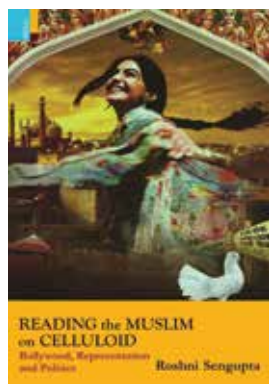
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Weaving Hierarchies Handloom Weavers in Early Twentieth Century United Provinces

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This book combines primarily historical data with extensive field research to give us new insights into the structures of artisan trades and the lives of weaving communities in the hubs of Azamgarh, Gorakhpur and Faizabad of eastern Uttar Pradesh during the first half of the twentieth century. Thus, it fills an important gap in the existing labour historiography, which has tended to focus more on 'modern' sites of labour such as factories, mines and plantations. The book explores the modernity/tradition dichotomy, demonstrating that some of the categorizations fundamental to these understandings are in fact profoundly misplaced. Indeed, the argument regarding processes of 'localization' made here is particularly promising in the sense that it does not posit localization in opposition to but in tandem with global processes. The book explores historically grounded, tension-filled categories like class, caste and community, and traces the history of the Julaha community.



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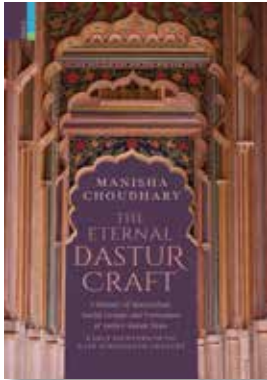
Reading the Muslim on Celluloid Bollywood, Representation and Politics

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The question of how religious and sectarian identities are represented in Bollywood has emerged as crucial and complex. The notion of the cinematic representation of identities also contains within it ideas about visualities and their impact. The contribution of Hindi cinema to such an ideological milieu is immense and it has emerged as one of the most powerful tools of propaganda.

This book aims to bring some of the cinematic narratives under the analytical lens and contextualize the representation of the Muslim in popular Hindi cinema. It also argues that a transformation in the representation of Muslims through the 1990s and 2000s culminated in the emergence of a secularized portrayal which can be perceived as problematic. Can one discern an attempt to construct a visual binary where Muslims can be categorized as 'good' and 'bad'? Does Hindi cinema perceive the Muslim through a simplified worldview of loyalty and nationalism? This book seeks to answer some of these questions.



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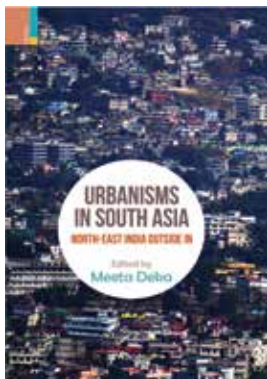
The Eternal Dastur Craft **A History of Mannerism, Social Groups and Formation of Amber-Jaipur State** **Early Eighteenth to Late Nineteenth Century**

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Rituals pervaded medieval society, up and down the social strata. Royal courts were a constant arena of ritual movements. Who was positioned higher than whom, who sat where, who exchanged what with whom, whose hand turned, a gift rendered and a counter gift returned, all these are suggestive of the language of gestures and indicative of the power and delicacy of rituals.

This volume is a study of the Rajlok, Khojas of the state and the political and religious dignitaries and protocol applied to them in the court of the Jaipur State from early eighteenth to late nineteenth century. While appearing in court, the protocol laid out for different social groups depended on the status of the individuals and their castes. Interestingly, the state accommodated nearly all the sections, clans and castes in the court. Being attached to the court, political and religious groups became representative of the court and exercised political pressure.



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Urbanisms in South Asia **North-East India Outside-In**

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Urban studies or urban history has recently emerged as a compelling framework for historical inquiry as it is a potent tool for the discovery of variations in urbanism and urbanization. This volume focuses on space syntax and social identity, power and governance, environment and ecology, culture and modernity, lived experiences, and the establishment of the transnational as pivotal for understanding the process of urbanization. With chapters based on primary sources, the book offers new information on cities evolving on diverse topographies as it attempts to examine the inner dynamics of cities and beyond. As the developing countries of South Asia undergo rapid urbanization, and urbanism takes on an increasingly global perspective, this volume strives to help its readers to look 'Outside-In' through comparative, transnational or cross-cultural approaches. With an interdisciplinary approach to understanding urbanism, these essays tease out further research prospects while stimulating interest on urban studies in general.



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Bihar Crossing Boundaries

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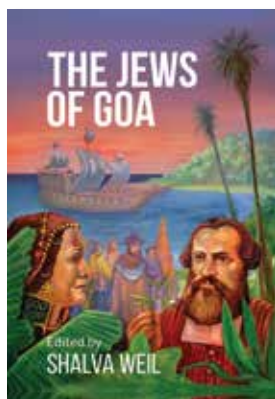
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This book binds together essays that study Bihar's development, cultural changes, violence, governance, etc., over a long durée and across a vast region. The state's profile on these parameters has undergone change several times in the last century. These essays present some of these changes in a vivid manner and set the agenda for new research. Ethnographic, anthropological, and sociological analyses, and macroeconomic policy models have been used to analyse the changes in Bihar. Translated versions of vernacular manuscripts, unpublished letters/correspondence, and other archival accounts not exhibited so far, oral evidence, folktales, myths, and memoirs have been used to show the dynamics of the region. Sacred places, shrines, films, rural capital, agricultural mechanization technologies, paintings, and literary traditions have also been analysed. In these essays, authors cross not just geographical and temporal boundaries, but gender, class, ethnic, and cultural boundaries in different contexts to present a unique and syncretic collection of essays on Bihar.



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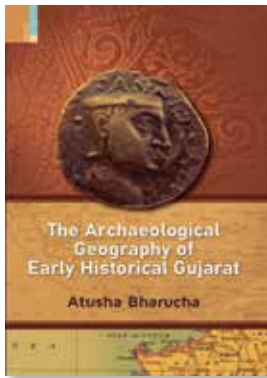
The Jews of Goa

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The Jews of Goa brings together scholars and researchers of international repute to discuss the history and legacy of the Jews and New Christians, through texts and primary documents, missionary literature and records of the Inquisitorial trials from the Lisbon and Goan archives. The volume covers new ground in examining the early and medieval history of the Jews, with a focus on the Portuguese period after Goa became a major power centre in India. It breaks the silence that has surrounded the Jews and New Christians and their descendants in Goa for the past few hundred years.

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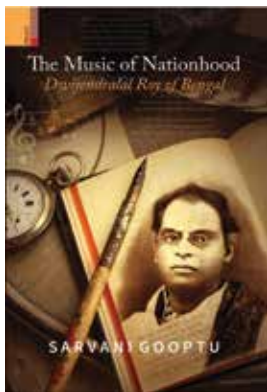
The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat

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Independent researcher in early historical archaeology

The early history of Gujarat has generally been limited to political history and the genealogy of the Western Kshatrapas constructed from a study of coins and inscriptions of the period. *The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat* argues that Gujarat was the meeting point of cultures from mainland India as well as the gateway for goods from overseas and offers important information regarding Indian Ocean trade in ancient India taking place from the west coast of the peninsula. Gujarat was also the hub where the overland trade routes met, where goods from north India, the Deccan, and what is today Afghanistan, as well as areas surrounding the east of the river Indus landed.

Besides providing an account of the hinterland of the north-western coast of India, this volume also provides information on the nature of the ancient settlements of the modern state of Gujarat, and their connections with each other. The book pieces together the history of the common man. For instance, several minor inscriptions commemorating the death of people and the digging of wells throw light on the limitations in practicing agriculture faced by people then. It also looks at Gujarat as an important Buddhist centre, much like Sindh, as evidenced by the brick stupas found in the state.



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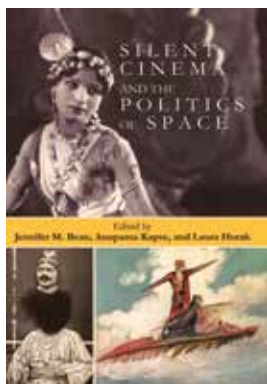
The Music of Nationhood Dwijendralal Roy of Bengal

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During his lifetime, Dwijendralal Roy (1863–1913) was one of Bengal's best known poet-musician-dramatists, and his lyrical songs and comic poetry which captured the imagination of the people, were used in historical and social dramas and satires of the period. His songs (called *Dwijendra-geeti*) combined Western music styles with sophisticated lyrics in Bengali and in doing so marked a breakthrough in the Indian music tradition. Dwijendralal skilfully used historical memory in his plays to highlight values that he considered crucial for the creation of an ideal India nation, based on compassion and integrity.

Winner of Hira Lal Gupta Research Award for the best book by a woman historian on any period of Indian History at Indian History Congress 2019.



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Silent Cinema and the Politics of Space*

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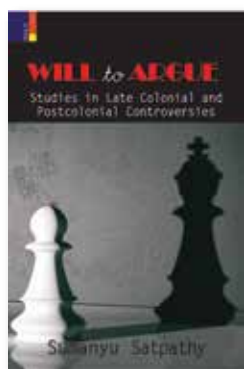
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Laura Horak

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In this cross-cultural history of narrative cinema and media from the 1910s to the 1930s, leading and emergent scholars explore the transnational crossings and exchanges that occurred in early cinema between the two world wars. Drawing on film archives from around the world, this volume advances the premise that silent cinema freely crossed national borders and linguistic thresholds in ways that became far less possible after the emergence of sound. These essays address important questions about the uneven forces—geographic, economic, political, psychological, textual, and experiential—that underscore a non-linear approach to film history. The 'messiness' of film history, as demonstrated here, opens a new realm of inquiry into unexpected political, social, and aesthetic crossings of silent cinema.



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Will to Argue

Studies in Late Colonial and Postcolonial Controversies

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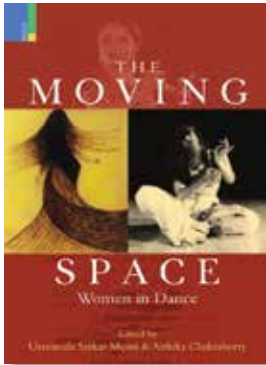
We live in a world of controversies, and often wonder what controversies do to a culture. Do they interpret it? Can one conceive of them as a genre? Can they offer serious diagnostic tools to the social scientist or the cultural historian? In this pioneering study, the author addresses these and similar questions, and examines if and how controversies help us understand the ways in which forms of nationalism and identity formation imagine, shape, and construct themselves. Focusing on major controversies at local and the national levels during colonial and postcolonial times, he deals with seemingly unconnected subjects, such as language, khadi, sexuality, textuality and authorship, and also personalities as diverse as Sarala Das, Radhanath Ray, Fakir Mohan, Tagore, Gandhi and Premchand.

'The book traverses a vast canvas of the progressing discourse of Indian nationhood and nationalism through the colonial and postcolonial times and offers an acute insider's view of rich Odia literary Culture.'

—KALYANEE RAJAN, Department of English, University of Delhi

'Will to Argue is an extremely significant work having the virtues of being concise, subtle and historically nuanced...'

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The Moving Space: Women in Dance

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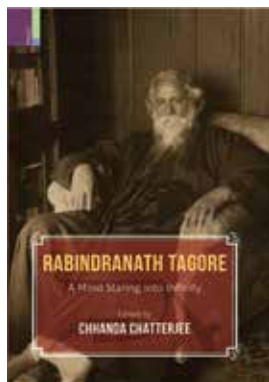
Aishika Chakraborty

Associate Professor and former Director of the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Aimed at addressing the lacunae in academic publications on women dancers in India, *The Moving Space* highlights the idea of the 'space' created, occupied and negotiated by women in Indian dance. It initiates a conversation between dance scholarship and women's studies, and brings together scholars from a multidisciplinary background, emphasizing that research and practice have roots in both these specific areas. This book takes dance as a critical starting point, and endeavours to create an inclusive discourse around the female dancer and the historic, gendered and contested 'space(s)' that accommodate or are created by her. This collection of essays contextualizes women dancers from diverse historical and social milieu—from temple to courtyard, from silver screen to dance bars and from national to regional stages—within the larger rubric of dance studies, and brings out stories of survival, struggle, empowerment, subjugation and subversion.

'The entire volume is extremely interesting and informative and positively contributes to dance studies, especially in the area of women practitioners. The different accounts of survival, struggle, empowerment, subjugation and subversion that women dancers have faced throughout history are analysed and depicted with understanding and sincerity.'

—AMITA DUTT (MOOKERJEE), *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*



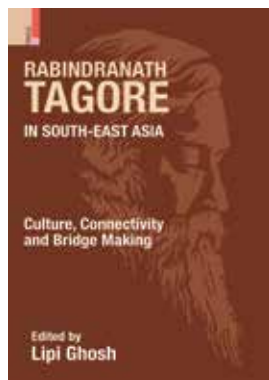
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Rabindranath Tagore A Mind Staring into Infinity

edited by
Chhanda Chatterjee
Professor of History, Visva-Bharati, West Bengal

This volume explores the multifaceted genius of Rabindranath Tagore in rescuing the stagnant cultural life of Bengal from its many inhibitions. He was an ardent supporter of women's participation in dance and drama. His art was a precursor of Indian abstract art. In education, he was heavily influenced by the New School Movement, teaching young children to live in harmony with nature. His works often explore the relationship between human experience and the landscape and atmosphere, and he mobilized the energy of his dedicated children (bratibalakas and bratibalikas) for rural resuscitation. A bitter critic of the aggressive nationalism of the West, he acted as a cultural mascot for the 'submerged nationalities' of war-ravaged East Europe. The essays herein explore these works and legacies of Tagore, a man much ahead of his time.

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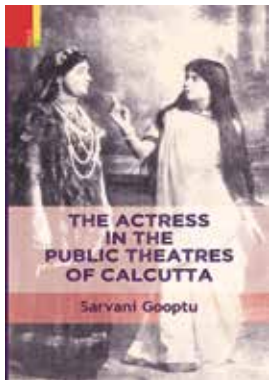
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Rabindranath Tagore in South-East Asia Culture, Connectivity and Bridge Making

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Professor of South and South-East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata

This volume focuses on Rabindranath Tagore's relations with the many mainland and maritime countries of South-East Asia he visited in the early twentieth century. The essays herein probe the intellectual bases of Tagore's theory of civilization, his ideas of East and West, his theory of cultural encounter in the context of South-East Asia, and also provide an in-depth analysis of his philosophy, i.e. his concepts of nationalism, internationalism, and universalism. They also show how Tagore's visits to South-East Asian countries led to the establishment of cultural ties between India and South-East Asia over the years, ties which finally resulted in a kind of permanent civilizational and cultural bond between them.

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The Actress in the Public Theatres of Calcutta

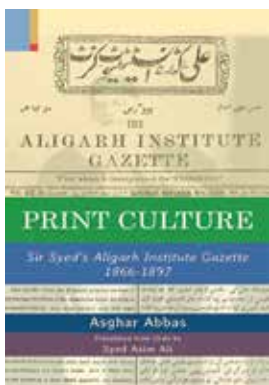
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This book tells the story of a bold new generation of women who, for the first time in the history of Bengali theatre, performed in the public theatres of Calcutta. Women managed to break into the exclusively male-dominated terrain of amateur and private Bengali theatre only in 1873, when actresses made their appearance on stage for the first time. This book traces the journey of these women who not only dared to be part of these Calcutta-based theatre groups but also put their life and soul into this world. It also examines their relationship with their male mentors and patrons, and considers whether their attempts to break their shackles and to speak with an independent voice was successful.

'... a rich pool of resources for researchers and theatre enthusiasts in search of the roots of theatrical practice in Calcutta. It provides useful material through which the intimate histories of women can be written and addresses questions around the agency and the struggle of women in the public theatre.'

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Print Culture

Sir Syed's Aligarh Institute Gazette, 1866–1897

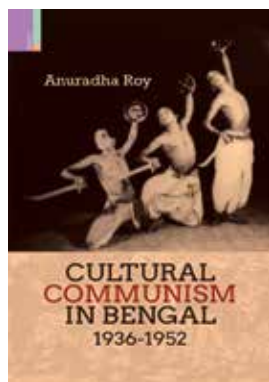
Asghar Abbas

Former Professor of Urdu, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

This book begins with a brief account of the life and achievements of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and goes on to examine the role of the Scientific Society—which remained active from 1864 to 1884—in highlighting the need for social, educational, and political reforms in the Indian subcontinent. *The Aligarh Institute Gazette* was an organ of this Society and was popular throughout the subcontinent for its encouragement of scientific temperament amongst the peoples of India. An important feature of this *Gazette* were the editorials penned by Sir Syed himself on social and educational reforms. This book is an important contribution to the understanding of Urdu journalism and throws light on Sir Syed's ideas and character.

'Overall, this is a wonderful book that is organizationally articulate, theoretically lucid and empirically rigorous. It should be an essential reading for the scholars engaged in the field.'

—M.A. JAUHAR, *Indian Historical Review*



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Cultural Communism in Bengal, 1936–1952

Anuradha Roy

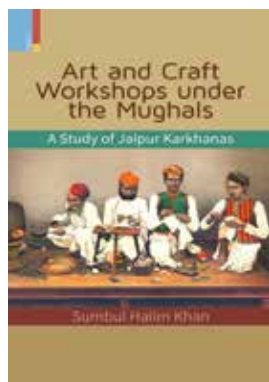
Professor of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

This book is about Communist-inspired cultural activism in Bengal that had strong national and international links, and responded to the critical social and political climate of the late colonial and early-Independence years. One of the main objectives of this activism was to give political direction to the middle-class and help them reach out to the labouring 'other'. The ultimate aim was to establish a cultural counter-hegemony in society by preparing people for a big revolution. The objectives of this movement, however, remained largely unfulfilled even though it ignited creative talents of many writers and artists, and at the same time induced in them a political commitment that generated new themes and bold experiments in a range of art forms. This book, therefore, seeks to critically understand this cultural activism by examining three art forms, viz., music, theatre, and pictorial art. It also locates reasons for its failure in the middle-classness of this activism and in the lack of a long-term political mission, arguing further that this void was filled up by excessive stress on arts and aesthetics and that Bengal communism at its best remained cultural communism.

Awarded the Savitri Chandra Shobha Memorial Prize at the 76th Indian History Congress

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Art and Craft Workshops Under the Mughals A Study of Jaipur Karkhanas

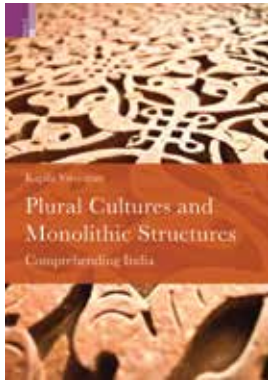
Sumbul Halim Khan

Associate Professor, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

This book focuses not only on the materials used and the means of production in the *karkhanas* of Jaipur, but also on the technical aspects of production. Tapping into rich statistical data and profusion of micro level details locked in regional sources such as the *karkhanajat* papers comprising *roznama*, *arhsatta*, *siyah*, and *taujih*, and rare documents in the Town Hall Museum at Jaipur and the Rajasthan State Archives at Bikaner, this book showcases the literary corpus of the *karkhana* documents which allow for a better understanding of the conditions of production, cost prices of raw materials, as well as the economic organization of these workshops. With specialized skills in bookbinding, cartography, textile designing, gem encrustation, and even manufacture and decoration of canons, the products manufactured in these *karkhanas* were not merely utilitarian items but also exquisite masterpieces of art and craft.

'... those interested in craft production and material culture of the Mughal court will find much to explore in the rich empirical detail and numerous illustrations in this modest tome.'

—MARTHA CHAIKLIN, *New Books Asia*



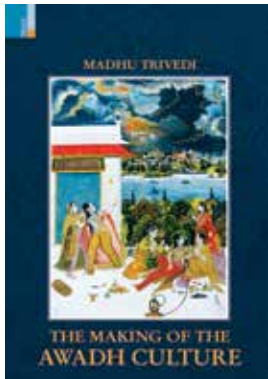
Plural Cultures and Monolithic Structures Comprehending India

Kapila Vatsyayan

Chairperson, IIC-International Research Division, India International Centre, New Delhi

This book raises a set of highly pertinent questions with regard to comprehending the complex issues that arise when plural cultures meet monolithic structures of administration and policy that accompany the aspirations of the nation state. How does the nation state with its commitment to the quantifiable collectives of caste, religion, community, and culture respond to the fluid and multiple matrixes of region, history, social identity, ritual, and language in India? The essays herein explore the problems that arise when shifting cultural categories are juxtaposed against the more rigidly constructed categories created by institutions of the state. The issues enlarged upon here are those that the author has often discussed, including the interconnectedness of the arts and the integration of body, mind and senses in Indian artistic traditions.

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The Making of the Awadh Culture

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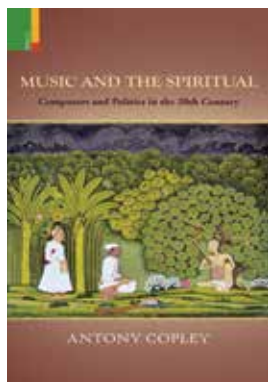
This book deploys evidence scattered in a variety of primary and secondary sources, especially in Persian and Urdu, to study visuals and artefacts as well as the performance traditions and craft techniques which are derived from the Nawābi period. It comments on the Nawāb's creation of a Shi'a heritage in northern India, which had strong associations with other Indian cultural traditions. Highlighting the literary milieu of the period, and developments in the realm of music, painting, architecture, and the industrial arts, this book also explores how some of the arts and crafts assumed considerable European colour due to interaction between Europeans and the Awadh elite, and demonstrates how the ethos of the syncretic Indo-Persian culture—the renowned ganga-jamunī tahrīb that represented Persian aesthetics and Indian cultural values—remained intact.

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'This well researched work is indeed a significant and valuable contribution to the realm of knowledge and could be a spring board for further researches in socio-economic and cultural history. The presentation of the book is praiseworthy. The lucid and convincing language makes the book all the more an interesting reading.'

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Music and the Spiritual Composers and Politics in the 20th Century*

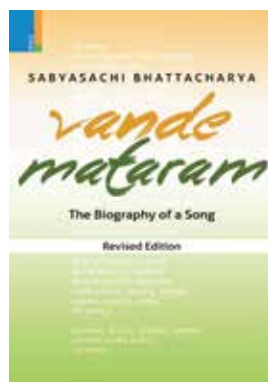
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This book discusses select twentieth century continental European composers. Its commentary will evoke the horrors of that age: war, violence, totalitarian systems of Left and Right, Gulag and Holocaust, and Occupations, both Nazi and Soviet. These compositions were an exploration of the spiritual—both this-worldly and transcendental—and are variously immersed in Indian culture. Indian philosophy mesmerized Scriabin, the Krishna story inspired Messiaen's *Turangalila Symphony*, and Aurobindo's supramentalism strongly influenced Stockhausen. Accordingly, this book contextualizes these twentieth century pieces in terms of family, sexuality, politics, and religion.

'This is an accessible and thoughtful study, the aim of which is to examine music as an expression of the spiritual within an "Age of Fear" ...'

—CHRISTOPHER PARTRIDGE, *Religious Studies Review*



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Vande Mataram The Biography of a Song (Revised Edition)

Sabyasachi Bhattacharya

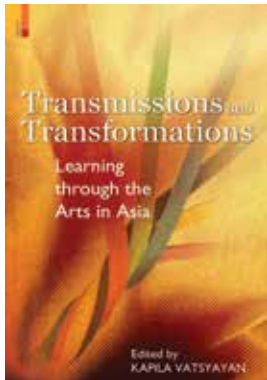
Former Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, West Bengal

This book revisits the fascinating story of the song *Vande Mataram*, an exceptional cultural and historical artefact of the Indian nation and peoples. Published in 1882 and written even earlier, *Vande Mataram* has been subject to many contestations and claims since its genesis. This book considers reasons for the special place it holds in the Indian national psyche; how the song became a battle cry in the freedom struggle; what inspired poets to translate it into all major languages; how it was recognized as a 'national song' after Independence; and why it has been a subject of communal controversy in the decades preceding Independence and in our times as well.

'Not many in India—and it is not just the Generation Next—know that *Vande Mataram* has been dogged by controversy right through its over-a-century-old history. For this alone, Sabyasachi Bhattacharya's biography of the national song ought to be read. ...'

—ANITA JOSHUA, *The Hindu*

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Transmissions and Transformations Learning through the Arts in Asia

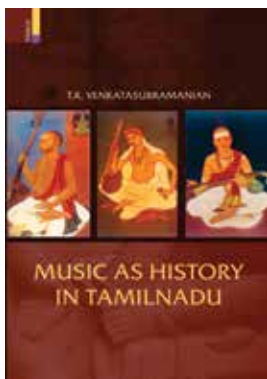
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This volume highlights the diverse and distinctive ways of transmitting knowledge through arts and crafts, which also contribute to the recent focus on evolving alternative pedagogical tools in the formal and non-formal systems of education. The essays herein stress the need for identifying characteristic features of the numerous strategies for transmitting information, knowledge and techniques that existed in the Asian continent, not only through the written word but also through the oral, the visual and the performative mediums. They will give readers an idea of the innovative projects undertaken by educationists across Asia for sensitizing the younger generation towards their cultural heritage.

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Music as History in Tamilnadu

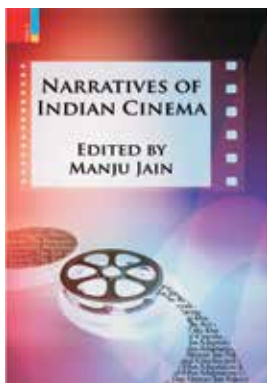
T.K. Venkatasubramanian

Former Professor of History, University of Delhi, New Delhi

This book examines the ways in which interdisciplinarity between music and history may be established and also how history and aesthetics exist in reciprocal relation to one another. Musicologists focus on the study of musical activity, while ethnomusicologists examine this activity first-hand using 'field' research methods of cultural anthropology. The historian's task, then, is to interpret the musical past as part of cultural production, and thereafter relate music to general historical trends. This is precisely what this collection of essays seeks to establish by studying interdisciplinarity between the Karnatak music system and the history of Tamilnadu.

'Musical heritage . . . territorially binds all the four linguistic States of southern India. The book traces the historical growth of music as a classical art in the Tamil-speaking areas of south India. . . . An interesting dimension of this evolutionary process is the deification of the king, with musical pieces singing his glory and attributing divinity to his persona.'

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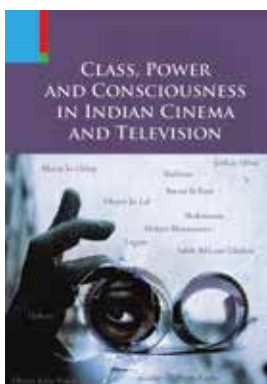
Narratives of Indian Cinema

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This volume attempts to address some of the questions that arise when considering the complex role that cinema has performed and continues to perform in the public sphere in India. The essays herein focus on issues related to the shifting responses of the colonial state, the Indian nationalists and intellectuals, and the popular press to the emerging medium of cinema and its creative potential. It also examines the threats as well as the challenges to this medium; the transitions and the continuities, the filiations and the ruptures from the colonial to the postcolonial as represented in cinema. The schisms, fissures, and conflicts of the colonial state, and later of the postcolonial nation state which is increasingly marked by the economic and cultural processes of globalization, accompanied paradoxically by bitter local and ethnic conflicts, are critically analysed in the context of the local, national, and global financial networks within which cinema is located.

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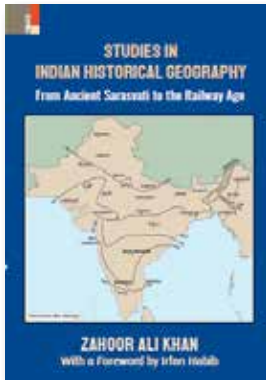
Class, Power and Consciousness in Indian Cinema and Television

Anirudh Deshpande

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This book offers a historical understanding of the Indian Audio-Visual media. It asserts that media is essential to the bourgeois domination of a system in which democracy normally does not work for the poor. Hence, in narrating the history of Indian cinema it simultaneously examines the histories of the Indian nation portrayed in this cinema. It is a well-known fact that cinema, and its cousin television, comprise a media which is central to the self-perception of contemporary Indians. Indeed, it would not be wrong to say that the visual representations of social realities in this media shape popular mentality in a country with an old, influential and thriving film industry. In sum, being Indian today is often expressed in the idiom popularized by Hindi cinema and television, and these idioms are what this book comments on.

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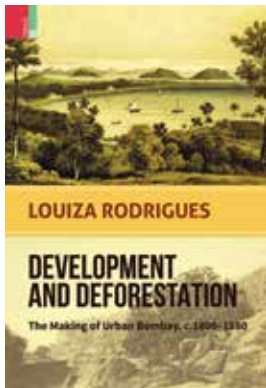
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Studies in Indian Historical Geography From Ancient Sarasvati to the Railway Age

Zahoor Ali Khan

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Historical geography in India, so far, had mainly meant the drawing of boundaries of different states that have emerged and then disappeared over time. This is certainly an important aspect which needs attention, and some of Zahoor Ali Khan's articles in *Studies in Indian Historical Geography* deal directly with issues of this nature. But historical geography has a much wider compass, ranging from alterations in river courses to territorial variations in cultural features such as religion and language use or economic phenomena. The author has used cartographic instruments to test existing hypotheses such as the common belief relating to the river Sarasvati or to find answers to questions relating to regional alterations in prices and wages as a result of the construction of the railways. He also provides answers to such queries through maps prepared after an astonishing amount of labour, which the places shown in the maps may not fully indicate. The results are not only definitive in most cases, but open the doors to enquiry and speculation in new fields.



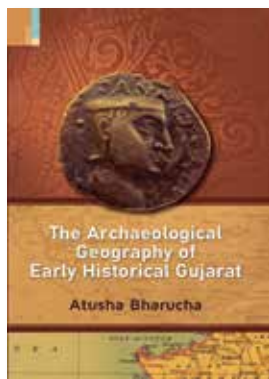
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Development and Deforestation The Making of Urban Bombay, c.1800-1880

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This book studies the green dense in scaling the urbanization of Bombay in the nineteenth century. In particular, the book traces the principal consequences of the political intervention of the British in reshaping the ecological landscape of western India. In metamorphosing political intervention into the colonial control, the British botanists, conservators and military engineers undertook scores of forest surveys. This book underscores the colonial psyche in articulating conservation policies and uncovers strategies that have been overlooked in the literature on the Environmental history of the Bombay Presidency.



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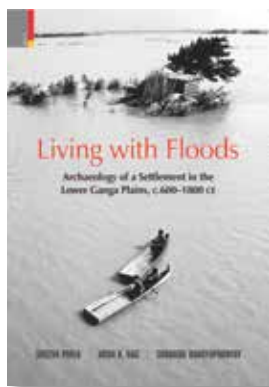
The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat

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The early history of Gujarat has generally been limited to political history and the genealogy of the Western Kshatras constructed from a study of coins and inscriptions of the period. *The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat* argues that Gujarat was the meeting point of cultures from mainland India as well as the gateway for goods from overseas and offers important information regarding Indian Ocean trade in ancient India taking place from the west coast of the peninsula. Gujarat was also the hub where the overland trade routes met, where goods from north India, the Deccan, and what is today Afghanistan, as well as areas surrounding the east of the river Indus landed.

Besides providing an account of the hinterland of the north-western coast of India, this volume also provides information on the nature of the ancient settlements of the modern state of Gujarat, and their connections with each other. The book pieces together the history of the common man. For instance, several minor inscriptions commemorating the death of people and the digging of wells throw light on the limitations in practicing agriculture faced by people then. It also looks at Gujarat as an important Buddhist centre, much like Sind, as evidenced by the brick stupas found in the state.



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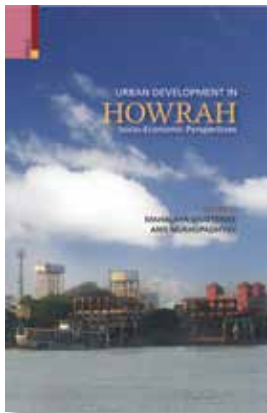
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This book seeks to understand archaeological sites unearthed upon excavations at Balupur and their relationship with the dynamic alluvial environment of north Bengal during c.600–1800 CE. Moving away from the prevalent emphasis on the study of art and architecture, it aims to bring back the 'human' to the study of these cultural periods through a study of the formation and changing character of past habitation settlements. It is a multidisciplinary work involving archaeology, geography, zoology, botany, sedimentology, and palaeoanthropology, seeking to understand the interaction between changes in the landscape and various aspects of cultural adaptation in a zone where humans are constantly living with floods and shifting river courses. An important contribution of this book is a diachronic study of the fluvial environment of this region using rare maps, satellite images, and field studies.



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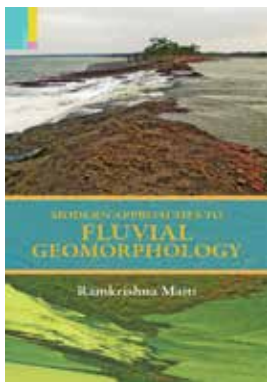
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This volume is the first comprehensive effort to understand and analyse various aspects of the urban development of the district and the city of Howrah, as well as its economy, transport, environment and its future prospects. It flourished as a centre for diverse industries during the colonial period, but post-independence planning for balanced industrial growth of the country and later the new economic policies wiped away most of the advantages it had as a manufacturing centre and pole for industrial growth. It retained, however, its premier position as an important transport hub and is now re-emerging as a logistics centre. A new Howrah, buoyed by market forces is straining to break out: this volume is a chronicle and a manifesto for Howrah's future.

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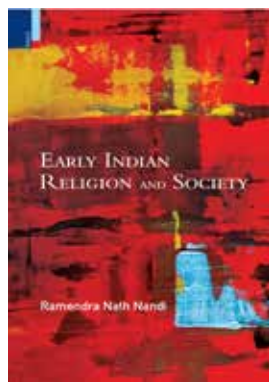
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This book provides all the technical aspects of fluvial processes and landforms as a process-response system. Theoretical details of the mechanism of initiation and development of channels, the hydraulic characters of rivers, the energy threshold for erosion, transport and deposition, mechanism of bank erosion, the dynamic nature of channels and all major landforms like alluvial terrace, fan, flood plain, delta, etc., are discussed in lucid language with detailed illustrations. These are supplemented with experimental studies based on sound research that will help the reader verify his/her theoretical understanding with practical experience. This book will be of tremendous help to students and researchers on fluvial geomorphology, engineers, hydrologists and managers dealing with bank erosion, flood, and estuarine protection.



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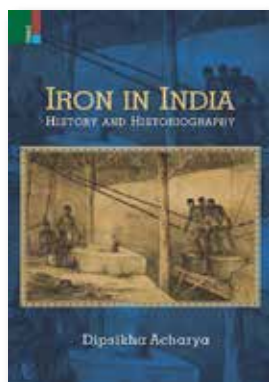
Early Indian Region and Society

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Early Indian Religion and Society examines the gradual disappearance of sacrificial liturgy in South Asia in the first millennium BCE, prompting priestly brāhmaṇas to look towards subaltern rituals and clients, particularly śūdras. The growth of urbanization intensified social tensions as well as dissent against sectarian authorities, ultimately leading to the break-up of all major religious sects. As a result, the ideology of total devotion (Bhakti) to a supreme personal lord—lauded in the Ramayana, the Mahabharata and the Bhagavad Gītā—spread across the subcontinent. The Bhakti movement and the increasingly restrictive caste system prompted lower castes to aspire to a higher social status.

The volume then moves into exploring how temple-centric cults became the norm in the first millennium CE. During this period, the overarching influence of tantric cults engulfed most major religious sects, encouraging the proliferation of black magic and superstition. The increasing regimentation of the caste organization prompted upward social mobility in lower stratas of society. The predominance of matrilocal and matrilineal families in the peninsular region put women at par with men. The urban places flourished or declined as according the society to which these were integrated. This book examines the evidence for these important shifts and provide a comprehensive view of the early Indian social and religious context.



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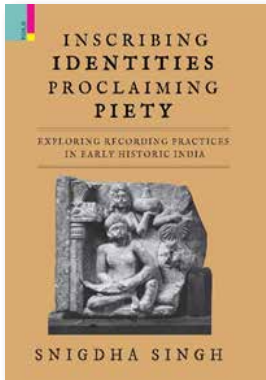
Iron In India

History and Historiography

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Integrating material culture with the worldview or mentalités of people, a more comprehensive understanding of the historical significance of objects emerges. Reading the historians perceptions of the past, *Iron in India: History and Historiography* presents a transdisciplinary narrative aimed at a reconstruction of the history of Indian iron before its industrial production. This book looks at the pre-industrial period with a two-fold perspective: by understanding the material culture that has survived through the passage of time, and by examining the process through which historians have discovered, interacted, and interpreted those trails of the past. This book includes a detailed discussion on a new set of evidence unearthed in the recent years and examines diverse historical explanations/narratives such as the precolonial penchant for superior quality of Indian iron, details on Indian iron as a part of systematic knowledge production during the colonial period, and post-colonial interpretations of the subject mostly guided by colonial framework. It also highlights the nature of settlement dynamics with regards to the production and use of iron, thus establishing a meaningful synergy between archaeological findings and historical discourses.



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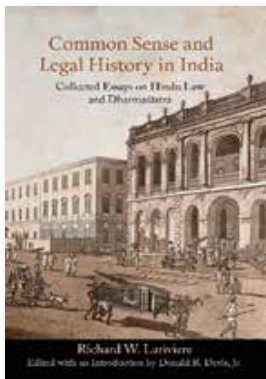
Inscribing Identities, Proclaiming Piety Exploring Recording Practices in Early Historic India

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Inscribing Identities, Proclaiming Piety: Exploring Recording Practices in Early Historic India focuses on votive inscriptions from the second century BCE to the second century CE found in four areas: Bharhut, Sanchi, the Western Ghats and Mathura. In Bharhut and Sanchi, votive inscriptions have been found on the architecture of the stūpas and in Mathura on statues, while they have been found in caves and tanks along the Western Ghats.

Focusing on the differences between the ecclesiastic and the laity, this volume examines and highlights the gendered differences within them. Gender relations have been constructed and analysed on the basis of markers such as occupation, place of residence and kinship patterns of monastic and lay donors. The book is an attempt to understand how the donated gifts were gendered, and how nuances of social identification made the construction of social identity a striking one. Its focal points are the social complexities within and without the sangha along with ideas of agency and social identity irrespective of varṇa identity.



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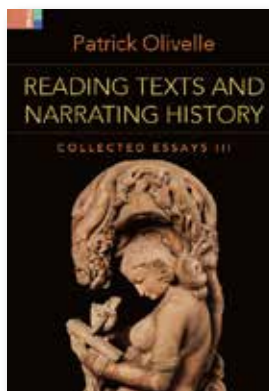
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Common Sense and Legal History in India: Collected Essays on Hindu Law and Dharmaśāstra brings together the shorter works of Richard W. Lariviere on one important tradition of law in classical and medieval India—the corpus of Sanskrit legal texts called dharmaśāstra. Lariviere's contributions to both general and specific topics of Hindu law have changed our understanding of the depth and complexity of legal ideas, the possibilities and limits of Sanskrit legal sources for historical study, and the continuing relevance of *dharmaśāstra* in colonial and contemporary India. The essays collected here demonstrate the value of careful philological study of Sanskrit materials and exemplify an approach to Indological studies that highlights the achievement of traditional scholarship while maintaining critical modern perspectives. Lariviere's research and interpretations, now all collected in one place, are essential reading for legal historians of India.



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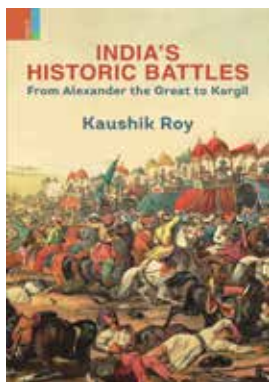
Reading Texts and Narrating History Collected Essays III

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‘The close attention required for editing and translating gives Olivelle an unparalleled understanding of the texts and inspires numerous articles and essays contained in this volume that draw out key ideas and insights from those same sources. Only careful philological editing and the hard interpretive choices of translation enable progress in our historical understanding of India. Among the advances that philology makes possible is an improved sense of chronology in ancient India. Although uncertain chronologies still pose challenges for this period, readers are invited to note how often Olivelle makes arguments based on historical simultaneity or sequence. His feel for the texts and his scrutiny of the historical markers in them enables him to place ideas, institutions, and authors in plausible chronological contexts. Taken together, Olivelle’s many editions and translations function as both the foundation and the justification for the shorter writings in this volume. In addition to questions of social history and material culture, the volume also addresses the subject of law, affirming that law in India has a history. Olivelle practices enabling scholarship, a form of academic work that makes other scholarship possible. It opens conversations rather than closing them, and it invites instead of concluding.’

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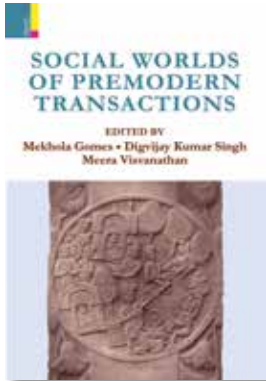
India's Historic Battles From Alexander the Great to Kargil

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This book focuses on the decisive battles that have shaped the course of Indian history. Taking into account recent research, especially in the fields of technology, military theory and demography, it attempts to analyse the twelve great battles that have had a crucial impact on the fate of the subcontinent. Moving freely across time and space, and focusing on cross-continental analysis to bring out the uniqueness of the big battles fought in India as well as their commonality, each chapter dwells on the nature of the weapons used, type of leadership displayed, and the experience of the soldiers in each battle.

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Social Worlds of Premodern Transactions

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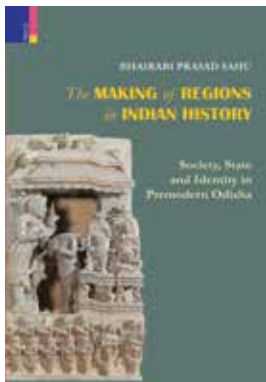
Focusing on inscriptional materials from South Asia, the essays in this volume bring together a range of new perspectives on social and economic history.

They show how exchange is not only about commodities or items, but also about interactions and relationships between people.

The essays span a broad time frame, starting from the early historic and extending into the medieval. They range from studies of sites and micro-regions to translocal communities and transcontinental voyages.

Through a close engagement with inscriptions, what is offered is a history that views South Asia as a region framed by diverse, overlapping, and complex transactions.

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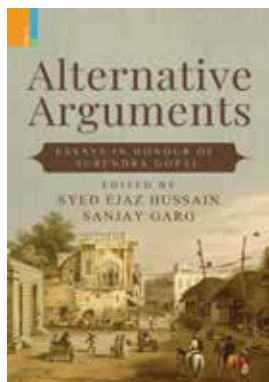
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The Making of Regions in Indian History Society, State and Identity in Premodern Odisha

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Historical regions evolved in different parts of South Asia during the first half of the second millennium CE as a consequence of the gradual convergence of society, culture, language and territory. However, in spite of the discernible commonalities in terms of the processes of change, the constituent ingredients and chronologies varied across spaces, leading to the unfolding of spatially identifiable and culturally distinguishable regions. This volume, focused on Odisha, situates the region in the wider context of its trans-regional background for as the archaeological and epigraphic evidence available shows that it was an integral part of a wider zone from the early historical period. Juxtaposing the patterns obtaining in the region with developments in other parts of the subcontinent, *The Making of Regions in Indian History: Society, State and Identity in Premodern Odisha* delineates the cultural transactions within and beyond that went into the making of Odisha.



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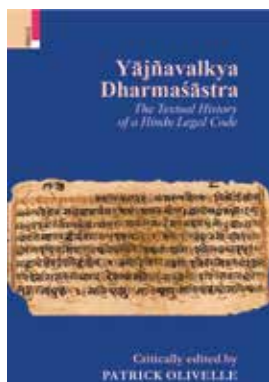
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Alternative Arguments is a tribute to Professor Surendra Gopal, a truly extraordinary historian, well known for his undisputed and sterling scholarship. This collection of essays by his former colleagues, students and friends from India and abroad, comprises thirty-seven scholarly contributions that have been broadly grouped into six sections: the Idea of India; Bihar: Ancient, Medieval and Modern; Indian Economy, Trade and Commerce; Nationalism and Freedom Struggle; Original Sources; and History through Art and Media. *Alternative Arguments* is an attempt at evolving new contours in historical research, focusing on the multi-layered dynamism of India's past.



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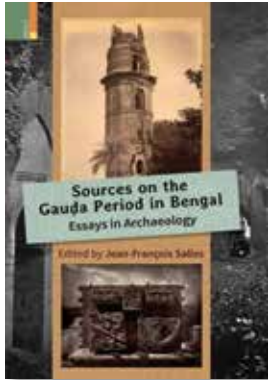
Yājñavalkya Dharmaśāstra The Textual History of a Hindu Legal Code

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The Dharmaśāstra ascribed to Yājñavalkya is a text on religious, civil, and criminal law and jurisprudence composed around the fourth or fifth century. Precision of thought and expression and technical legal terminology distinguish it from its predecessors. The text illuminates major cultural innovations, such as the prominence given to documents in commercial and legal matters, the importance of ordeals in resolving disputes, and the growing importance of Yoga in religious practice.

The treatise became the most influential text in medieval India, and, as interpreted by Vijñāneśvara, came to be considered 'the law of the land' under British rule. In spite of its importance for legal traditions, the Sanskrit text has never before been critically edited. This critical edition, along with the translation published in the Murty Classical Library of India, open to modern readers both the 'golden age' of the Guptas and a central text in the long and distinguished Indian legal tradition.



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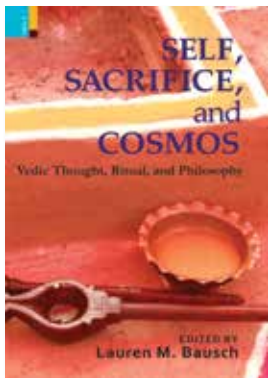
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In the late sixth century CE, Śaśāṅka extended his power over Magadha and northern Bihar. His kingdom is acknowledged by modern-day historians as the prime political unity of Bengal, which included part of eastern India. His reign was not long but it was a period of relative peace and good administration and we know that his kingdom was visited by the Chinese monk Xuanzang.

The century following Śaśāṅka's death stands as an obscure period of the Bengal-Magadha region with a succession of local conflicts and a multiplicity of independent sovereignties as well as a few invasions from outside. A noticeable event is Yaśovarman's conquest of Kanau. The period of darkness came to an end in c.750 with the rise of the Palas.

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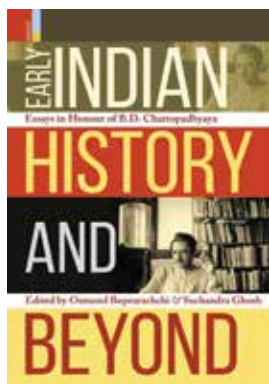
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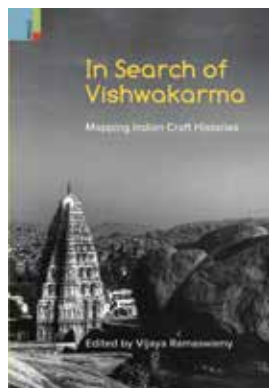
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Early Indian History and Beyond is a tribute to Professor B.D. Chattopadhyaya's profound scholarship by a community of well-known scholars, his former colleagues, and students sharing his enthusiasm in the field of Early Indian history. The first section of the book is devoted to a personal reminiscence, write ups on his contributions and a list of books and papers published by him. Stimulated by Chattopadhyaya's areas of scientific interests, the second section is a bouquet of twenty-six essays, arranged in five subthemes: Historical Perspectives from Texts; Looking through the Epigraphic lens; Art and Religion; City, Trade and Markets and Historiography. Through these outstanding essays, tribute is paid to Chattopadhyaya's remarkable efforts to develop a distinctive historiography in the studies of Indian history. This collection reflects the sincerity and respect of his admirers.



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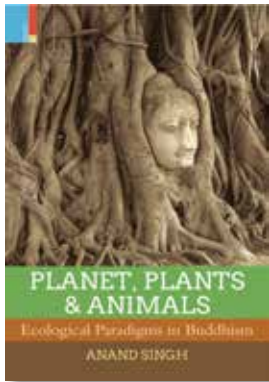
In Search of Vishwakarma Mapping Indian Craft Histories

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'The Indian craftsman conceives of his art, not as the accumulated skill of ages, but as originating in the divine skill of Vishwakarma and revealed by him', wrote Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy, in his book *The Indian Craftsman*. For the traditional Indian craftsman, crafts and worship have a symbiotic relationship. Vishwakarma is both God and man, the divine architect of the Gods and the God of craftsmen, worshipped by all the artisanal communities, across the country. He is both signifier and signified. Vishwakarma is 'the sum total of consciousness, the group soul of individual craftsmen of all times and places' and simultaneously a community of craftsmen living their everyday lives—crafting icons and building monumental structures, while struggling to eke out a living as artisans. This volume on the conception and perceived realities of the Vishwakarma seeks to explore the hermeneutics of 'Vishwakarma' and to document a rich tapestry of images as well as historical information regarding crafts and craftsmen through the ages.



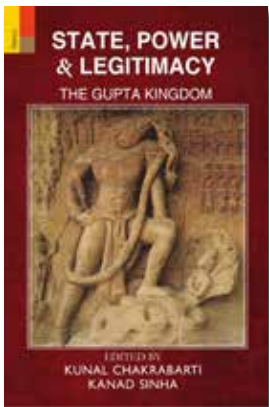
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Planet, Plants and Animals Ecological Paradigms in Buddhism

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This book is a modest attempt to look at and examine the beginnings of ecological concerns in the Buddhist religious traditions, based on a meticulous examination of diverse narratives pointing towards a correlation between Buddhism and environmental issues. By examining the seminal teachings of the Buddha through the concepts of Paticcasamuppāda, Kamma (Karmat), the eightfold path, ahimsā, Pañcaśīla and in literature, like the Jātakas, Therīgāthā and Theragāthā in relation to animals, population dynamics, yajñas and animal sacrifices as well as flora and fauna associated with the Buddha, this book attempts to discover the inescapable connection between the individual's well-being and Nature.



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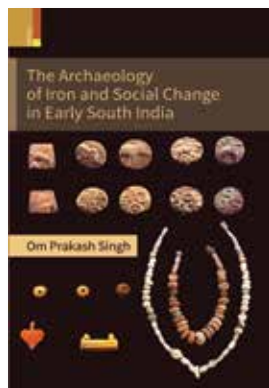
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State, Power and Legitimacy: The Gupta Kingdom presents a comprehensive account of the Gupta state, with particular emphasis on its strategies of legitimizing its power. The political strategies that characterized this crucial juncture of early Indian history, termed 'threshold times' by Romila Thapar, employed certain features of ancient Indian polity even as new political mechanisms were emerging. This volume argues that this unique combination of political strategizing was a part of the process of legitimizing royal authority, in which religion, literature and art were essential tools. The volume also includes a large selection of pre-published essays which provide the reader with a comprehensive idea of how the Gupta state has been studied by earlier historians together with recent articles which help us to look at the Gupta state and the manner in which it exercised and legitimized its power. A substantive introduction suggests the need to move beyond the nationalist perspective that views the rule of the Guptas as the 'Golden Age' or the Marxist model of 'Indian feudalism'.



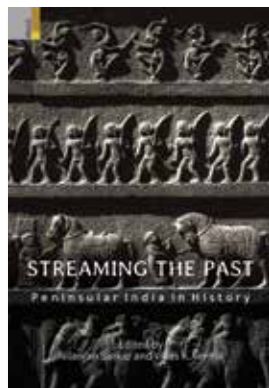
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The Archaeology of Iron and Social Change in Early South India

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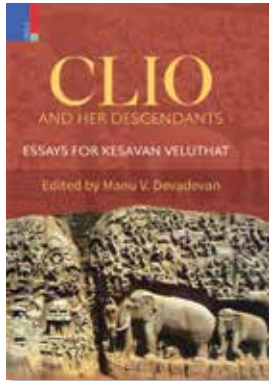
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In a conscious bid to avoid the categorization of 'south' India *Streaming the Past: Peninsular India in History* changes the framework of the historical meta-narrative of the nation, which has failed to integrate the history of premodern peninsular India within it. This book demonstrates that a collection of varied essays is, in fact, a woven tapestry with perforated boundaries and a stage for interdisciplinary voices to speak to one another in several ways.

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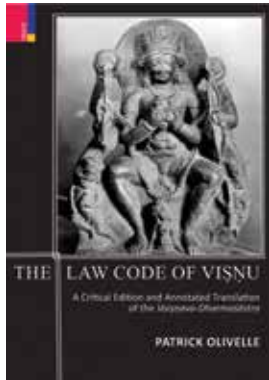
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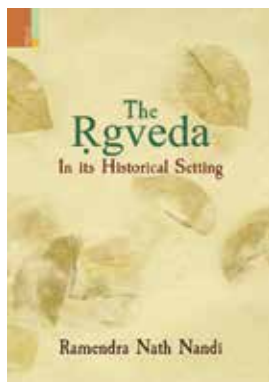
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In this first critical edition of the legal treatise of Viṣṇu (*Viṣṇu Smṛti*), Olivelle locates the text geographically in Kashmir and dates it to around the seventh century CE based, among other factors, on the iconographic description of Viṣṇu. The text was composed by a scholar who belonged to the Kāṭhaka Branch of the *Yajur Veda* and who was also an adherent of the Vaiṣṇava Pañcarātra tradition. This is the only legal text that shows a deep influence of the *bhakti* tradition.

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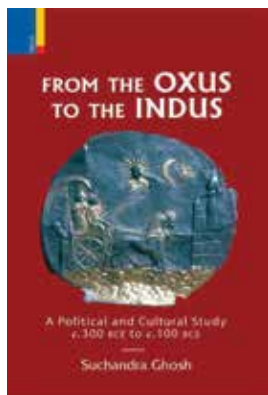
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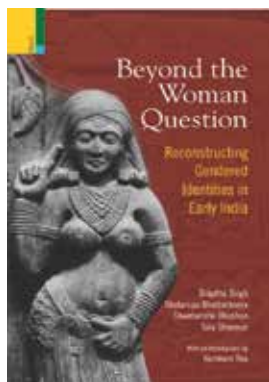
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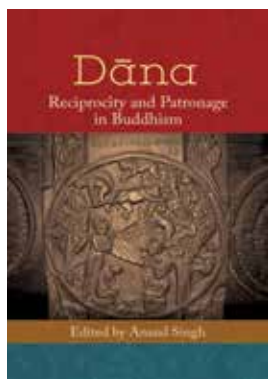
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Beyond the Woman Question both revisits and interrogates some of the central tenets of the 'woman question' as it emerged in colonial India and shaped (and continues to shape) subsequent historiography. These include issues of women's access to resources, ritual 'rights', and locations within the family, primarily relating to an unmarked category of upper-caste/class women. In terms of chronology, the essays range from the mid-first millennium BCE to the turn of the first/second millennium CE. Spatially, they deal with regions as diverse as Kashmir, and parts of north and central India. Using a wide range of sources—inscriptional and visual as well as normative and narrative texts—this book contends that gender identities were not monolithic, even as elite women seem to be the most visible/accessible. The issues explored include participation in gift exchanges and their economic, social, political and cultural significance; the construction of gender identities through rituals; and the representation of gender relations in literary traditions. Collectively, the volume contributes to the growing body of historical research on gender relations in early India.



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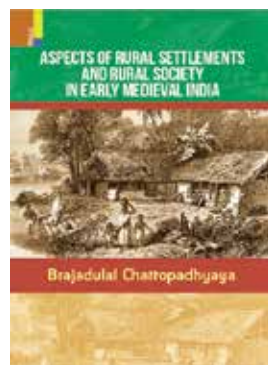
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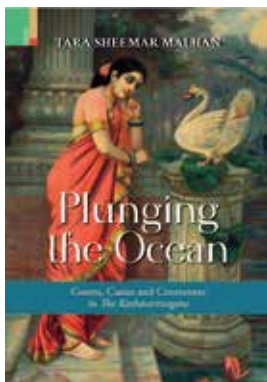
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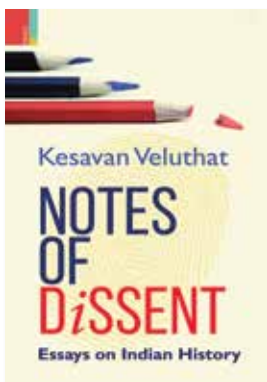
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This book engages with the voluminous content of the *Kathāsaritsāgara*, a text meant for courtly entertainment. It locates various points of its retelling, weaving gender as the discursive mesh with themes such as caste, class, occupations, control and flow of resources or wealth, religious practices, sexuality and power structures. In their creation and negotiation with the past, the narratives in the *Kathāsaritsāgara* crucially demonstrate the importance of 'social space', the organization of space itself, and the reflection of social relations of production and reproduction. The structures of power that create systems of knowledge are essentially projected as ominously omnipresent in this 'Ocean of Stories', and this book comments on these in light of the folk antecedents and monarchical elite appropriation of the *kathās*.



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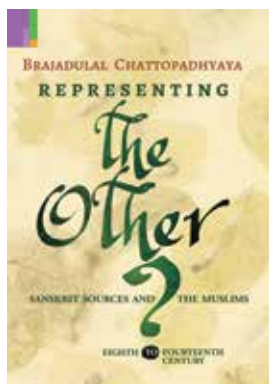
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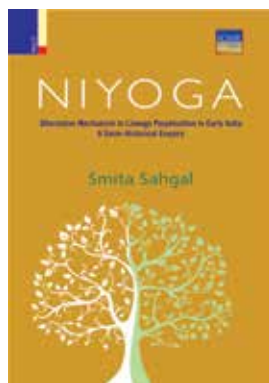
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Representing the Other?, originally published almost two decades ago, makes an attempt to construct perceptions of new ethnic groups in India in an important phase of its history, from the eighth to the fourteenth century. The evidence though insufficient, reveals not homogenous religious communities, but ethnic groups of diverse origins, located in different socio-political contexts as traders, raiders and plunderers, as well as rulers and administrators. The contexts define the characterization of these different categories by either invoking terminologies from the past for others or by coining ethnic terms. Based mainly on contemporary Sanskrit epigraphic and textual sources, this book is expected to be a major corrective to the way students are generally taught to read the history of our country.

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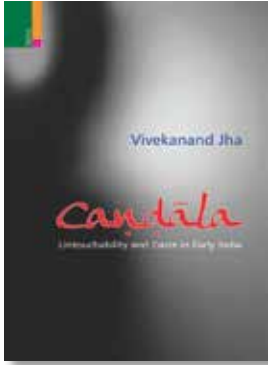
Niyoga Alternative Mechanism to Lineage Perpetuation in Early India A Socio-Historical Enquiry

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This book attempts to explore the institution of *niyoga* in early India, examining its genesis and trajectory through the temporal and spatial canvas, for though the focus remains on the early period, the fluctuations are best studied over a larger span of time. The early texts refer to *niyoga* as *āpaddharma*, a practice to be resorted to only in times of exigency. *Niyoga* allowed a married woman to cohabit with a designated male if her husband was infertile or had died without leaving an heir. *Niyoga*, therefore, emerged as an alternative to lineage perpetuation with due normative sanction. The institution had its beginnings in a pastoral set-up, but with changes in social formations, it also underwent many variations. As state societies gave way to regional polities, and as property issues became increasingly important, normative traditions evolved and mutated, and patriarchies changed their stance on the socio-sexual regulation of both men and women. With the passage of time, the institution of *niyoga* became marginalized within the legal framework, and yet, as this study shows, the practice continues to be espoused at local levels up to the modern era.

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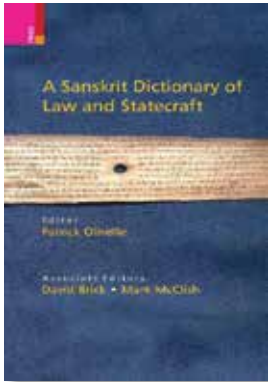
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This volume is a collection of essays on untouchability written by Professor Jha at various points of his long and illustrious career. It dwells on the manner in which social stratification in ancient India developed to exclude castes like Caṇḍālas and Niṣadas, leading to their exploitation and sub-human treatment. The book begins with tracing the origin and condition of Caṇḍālas (1000 BC to AD 600), who were first mentioned in later Vedic literature (1000 to 600 BC) at the Purushamedha (symbolic human sacrifice) dedicated to deity Vayu. Another essay examines the acculturation of the Niṣadas—who were mainly fishermen and hunters by profession—which started from the Later Vedic Period. Caṇḍālas and Niṣadas were both over time assimilated into the Brahmanical caste structure as degraded shudras, and ultimately relegated to being untouchables. The book also examines the *Bhagavadgita* and Asoka's Dhamma from the perspective of caste and untouchability. It provides key insights into the origin and growth of the caste system, especially untouchability, extending beyond the brahmanical lens. It is a valuable addition to the study of early Indian social history and social structures.

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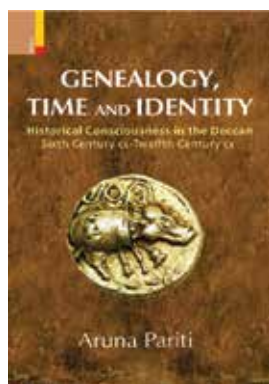
This Dictionary contains technical terms used in Sanskrit texts of ancient and medieval India dealing with law and statecraft within *Dharmaśāstra* and *Arthaśāstra*. Gathering terms used in all the most significant texts of these two traditions, it arranges entries according to the Sanskrit alphabet, giving each entry in both Devanāgarī and Roman scripts. Each entry is followed by one or several definitions and by a few representative passages where the term is used. These citations are meant to be illustrative instead of be exhaustive. This is the first dictionary of its kind, and it is hoped that it will further spur research into *Dharmaśāstra*, one of the most significant areas of ancient Indian cultural expression.

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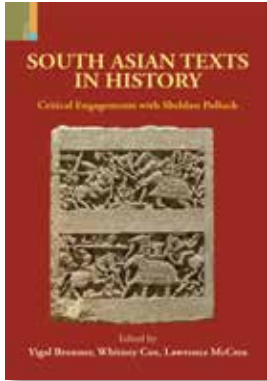
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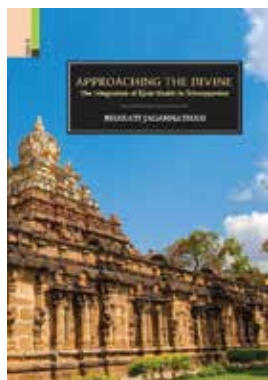
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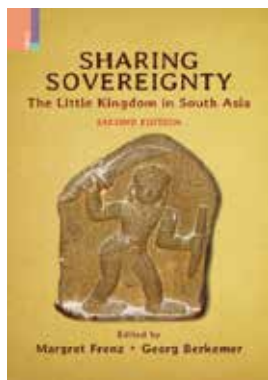
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This book is situated in the context of the ongoing scholarly debate regarding the historical evolution of Tamil Śrīvaiṣṇavism. It spans the period from the second half of the first millennium, i.e. the bhakti period, to the period of consolidation of the scriptural and sectarian tradition in the first half of the second millennium. Traditionally, lives of the bhakti saints have been used to understand their hymns. However, examination of these hagiographies through the lenses of theology, caste, sectarian conflict and popular legends suggests that these life stories might themselves be constructs of the latter period, and are governed by socio-economic and political impulses as much as by spiritual ones. Thus, this work attempts to trace the process whereby a Sanskritic brahmanical tradition and a devotional Tamil folk tradition were knit together, arguing that the ways in which the saint poets' hymns were interpreted and integrated contained elements of both continuity and change.

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This volume focuses on little kingdoms, a concept developed by anthropologists and historians to characterize a specific type of local rulership in South Asia. It emphasizes the role of Hermann Kulke, whose work on the little kingdoms of Odisha took forward the explorations of Bernard Cohn and Nicholas Dirks. It also integrates the most comprehensive of these models, i.e. the little kingdom model, with post-modern historiography, which is an important and hitherto neglected issue in current historiographical debates. The essays herein seek to formulate models in analogy to the textual and anthropological studies that have elaborated the idea of the little kingdom as a multifaceted reality—a reality expressed in ritual and performative processes, as well as in textual and oral representations.

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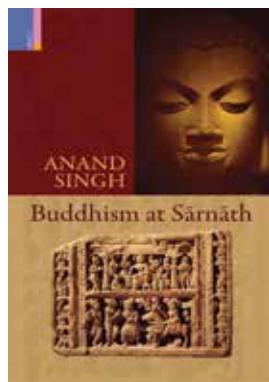
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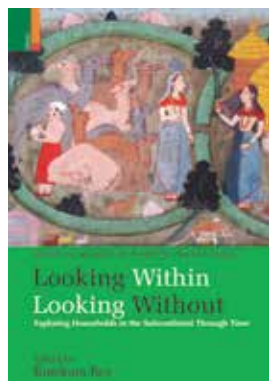
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This book attempts a reconstruction of the different Buddhist traditions that evolved at Sarnath between the preaching of the Four Noble Truths (sixth century BC) and the construction of Dharmachakrajina Vihāra (twelfth century CE) in the early medieval age. Sarnath is one of the eight centres of Buddhism, and this book attempts an objective assessment of the history, rise, and decline of Sarnath by studying archaeological, epigraphic and literary sources. It explores the religious traditions, origin and geomorphological construction of the Sarnath region, *dharmacakkapabbata*, and its religious and architectural symbolism and patronage. The probable causes of the decline of Buddhism at Sarnath have also been discussed in the context of Chinese, Indian and Persian sources, and archaeological reports.

‘The author has discussed in detail the evolution of Sarnath as a centre of Buddhist pilgrimage and the historical development of Buddhism and its various sects, stupas and art and architecture in the region concerned. . . . The book is further enriched by photographs of Buddhist monuments and figures of Buddhist deities discovered at the time of excavation.’

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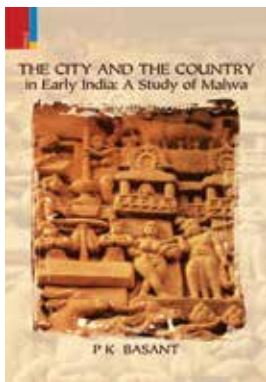
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This volume includes discussions based on archaeology, visual representations, the Sanskrit epics, medical literature, early Tamil texts, compositions drawn from a variety of religious traditions, official documents including court records, and inscriptions. Chronologically, it ranges from the early historic to the early modern period. Spatially, the regions explored include the Gangetic Valley, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Bengal, and Rajasthan. The essays herein envisage the household as a site of production, consumption and distribution, and as one where cultural meanings are constituted, communicated, and contested. Running through these essays is a focus on the everyday, on the ways in which gender, class, caste, and community identities evolve through and revolve around the household.

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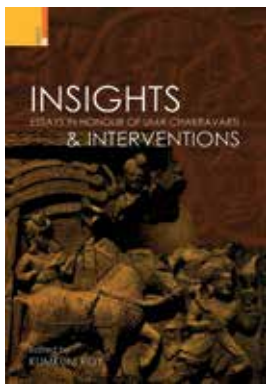
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This book is about the emergence of urban centres in the sixth century BC, and analyses the processes and spatiality of urbanization taking Malwa as its case study. Research on urbanism has focussed on either literary or archaeological sources. While literary sources tend to locate the agency for change exclusively in preachers and rulers, in archaeology the forces of change become nameless and faceless. Using insights from anthropology and studies of early states, this book attempts to look for new ways to account for urbanization in this period. It also tries to recover the histories of their complex interrelations: since caste and kinship are considered central to the world of Indian sociology, the book also attempts to understand the relationships between caste, kinship and urbanism. Finally, it also examines changes in the attitude of the literati towards the city and the country in this period.

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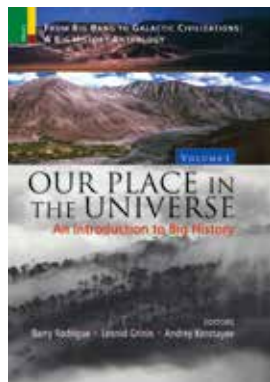
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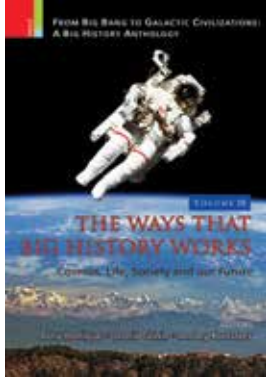


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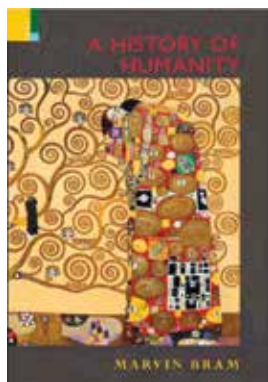


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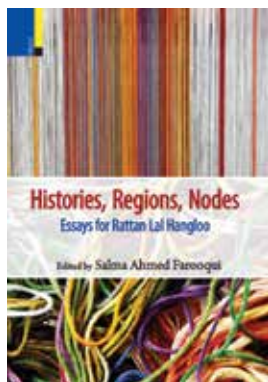
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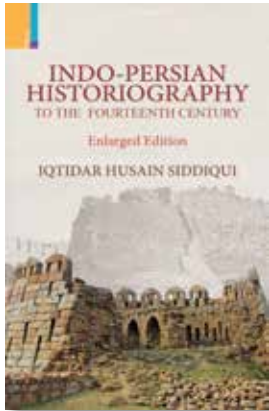
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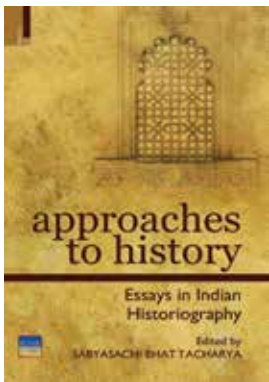
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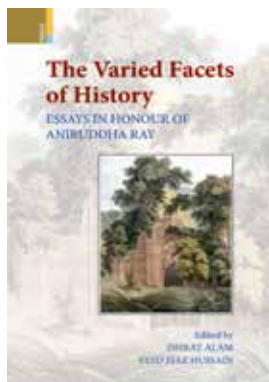
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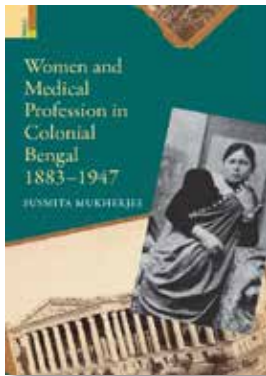
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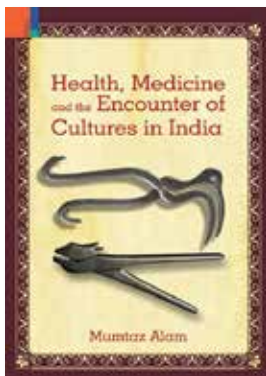
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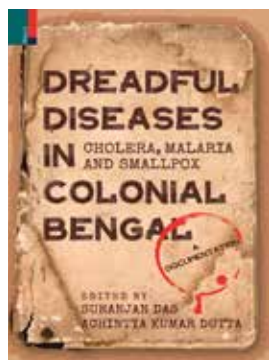
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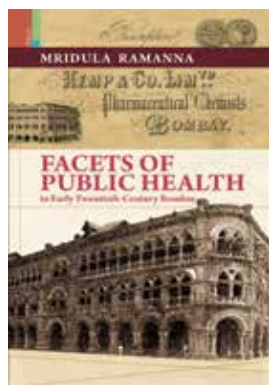


Dreadful Diseases in Colonial Bengal Cholera, Malaria and Smallpox; A Documentation

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Dreadful Diseases in Colonial Bengal is the third volume produced under the aegis of the Wellcome Trust (London) funded documentation project 'Western Medicine and Indigenous Society: History of Disease, Medicine and Public Health Policy in Colonial Eastern India, (1757–1947)'. While the first volume documented the context in which hospitals were established in Calcutta during the rule of the British East India Company, and the second analysed the trauma caused by tuberculosis in the public health system of twentieth-century India, the present volume brings together selections from official reports on cholera, malaria and smallpox—the three diseases which repeatedly struck colonial Bengal as epidemics. Its objective is to provide a useful resource for researchers, with ready entry points for reconstructing the incidence of these diseases, their mortality rates, social and economic effects as well as colonial medical interventions to contain them. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of studying epidemics that have struck human society in a historical continuum and the significance of the present collation needs to be viewed in this context. The book will be a welcome contribution to the rapidly developing field of History of Medicine.



Facets of Public Health in Early Twentieth-Century Bombay

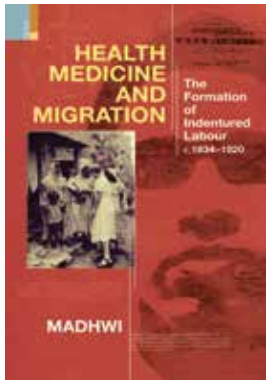
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This book focuses on some aspects of public health in the first three decades of the twentieth-century in Bombay Presidency. We begin with a review of the Western and Ayurvedic medicines, infant foods, tonics and toiletries, advertised in contemporary English language newspapers, to evaluate how copy reflected social perceptions and notions of health. An attempt is made to understand the health of men and women textile mill workers of Bombay and Ahmedabad. The activities of the semi-official Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association and the non-official Seva Sadan, in providing maternal and infant health care, and the training of nurses and health visitors by the latter, are also detailed. There is a micro- focus on localised attempts to promote self-help schemes among women and to provide support to children and the visually challenged. To provide a contemporary American perspective, the observations of visiting officials of the Rockefeller Foundation on Medical Education in Bombay are discussed as are the public health issues debated in the Bombay Legislative Council, in the 1920s and 1930s. The inequalities in health care between urban and rural areas, inadequate funding of public hospitals and the extent of the state's responsibility in public health, highlighted in this study, have a resonance in today's scenario.

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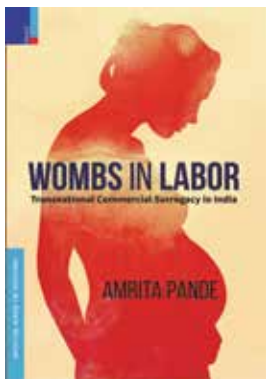
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Exploring the links between medicine and migration, *Health, Medicine and Migration: The Formation of Indentured Labour, c.1834–1920* examines the ways in which medical knowledge, practice, and policies circulated between colonial India, the source of indentured labourers, and the colonies to which they were transported as coolies. It argues that Western science, which itself was a product of modernity and the Enlightenment, acted as an instrument of social and cultural control over the migrants, and worked on the basis of racial categorizations of inferiority and superiority. The understanding of tropical diseases was shaped by a very biased Western perception of the hotter regions of the Southern Hemisphere. The indentured body was seen as the reservoir of diseases, which it had acquired from its unhealthy surroundings in India, and which were later carried overseas by it. The world of medical science and technology helped in the legitimization and regularization of their body in the plantations.

Engaging with the various spaces of the coolie world, depot, voyages, quarantine, and plantations, through a medical lens, this volume visualizes the body of labouring masses and the basic qualities of a 'healthy body' defined on these spaces. The shifting role of Western medicine from 'making labour to disabling labour', from 'masculine to feminine', and from 'valid to invalid' is also explored.

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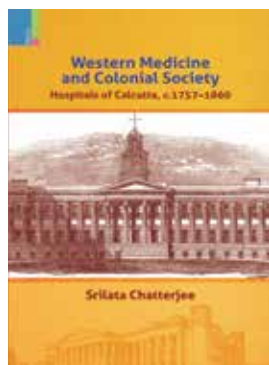
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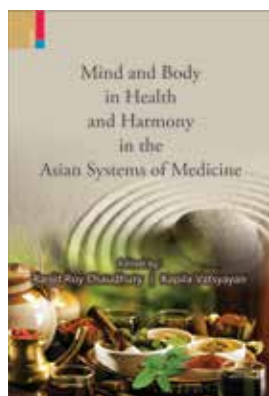
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Mind and Body in Health and Harmony in the Asian Systems of Medicine

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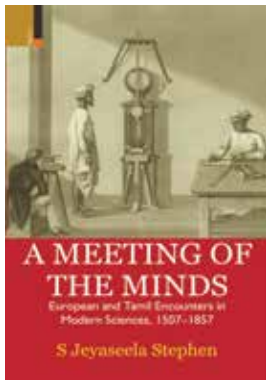
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This volume studies the relationships between ancient systems of Asian philosophy and medicine. It explores the mutually dependent relation between the mind and the body, and argues that Asian and Hippocratic medical systems as well as the body and consciousness should not be studied in isolation. Bringing together medical practitioners and researchers—including specialists of ayurveda, siddha, unani, homoeopathy, Sowa-Rigpa, naturopathy, yoga, and acupuncture based on the Chinese system—from different parts of Asia, including India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar and Bangladesh, this volume demonstrates how ancient medical traditions can be used for improving the physical and mental health of people today.

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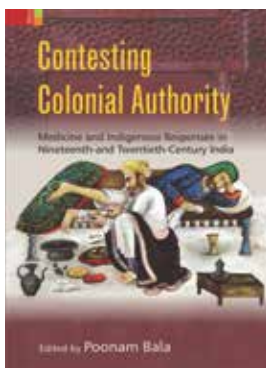
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A Meeting of the Minds European and Tamil Encounters in Modern Sciences, 1507–1857

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This book uncovers new aspects of contributions of Portuguese, Dutch, Dane, English, and French East India Company officials and European missionaries to intellectual history in the fields of botany, chemistry, medicine, earth and space science within the specific geographical-historical locality of the Tamil coast in the Early Modern Age. It discusses the relationships forged to underpin progress in scientific knowledge and scholarship, and also examines varied manifestations of ideas, practices and forms of intellectual life developed and shared through association with the learned elite. With the flow of novel ideas, instruments and practices, spectacular achievements were made in science, and this knowledge was redistributed through the printing press. In the process, scientific data at the theoretical and experimental levels, both in Europe and on the Tamil coast, also got transmuted, assimilated and received. Given these, this book asserts that science alone aided education and enabled research institutions to usher in modernity.



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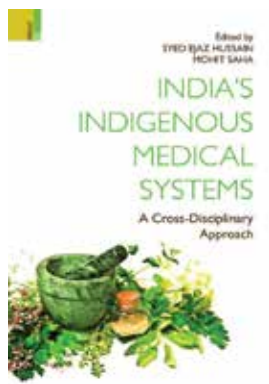
Contesting Colonial Authority Medicine and Indigenous Responses in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century India*

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This volume explores the interplay of conformity and defiance amongst the plural medical tradition in colonial India and highlights various indigenous interpretations and mechanisms through which Indian medicine was re-visited against the cultural background of established medical traditions. Manifested in the encounters between Indian and Western medicine and colonial dictates, these interpretations led to emergence of new structural forms, which were as much 'paradigms of defence' as sites of negotiation for these encounters. Accordingly, the essays herein reflect upon these structural representations validated through colonial discourse on female education, nationalizing Indian medicine, strategies of memory and representation, and expressions of non-compliance in various health measures, enabling a relocation of the trajectory of Western medicine and reconfiguration of medical knowledge.



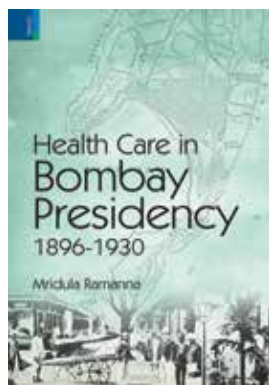
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India's Indigenous Medical Systems A Cross-Disciplinary Approach

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This volume brings together essays by historians, botanists and physicians of indigenous as well as Western medicine to show how Indian medicine evolved, constantly adapting itself to the challenges posed by Western medical science. It highlights the development of medicine and public health under the patronage of Jahangir; the efficacy of Ayurveda in combating epidemics and fatal diseases; the introduction of vaccination in colonial Bengal and the social resistance to it; the rich heritage of folk and tribal medicine among the tribes of Birbhum; use of traditional herbs which have now become patent drugs for curing serious ailments like jaundice; and the development of organized documentation of ethno-botanical medicine in India. This volume underscores the continuous conflict as well as collaboration between Ayurveda, Unani and Western medicine, and comments on how each system learnt from the other.



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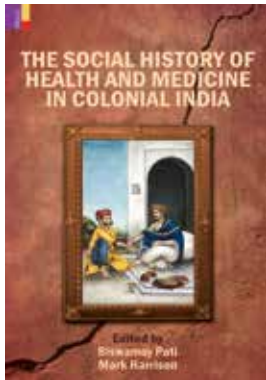
Health Care in Bombay Presidency, 1896-1930

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This book studies aspects of public health in Bombay Presidency from 1896 to 1930. Based upon extensive primary data, it charts both changes in the colonial plague policy from the deadly epidemic of 1896 to the frequent epidemics that appeared in the 1900s, as well as changes in Indian responses to that plague in different regions of the Presidency. It also refers to unique local initiatives by activist health officials, civic leaders, and Indian doctors, and efforts to bring sanitary consciousness into the public sphere. There was also a close link between attempts to improve the health of women and the growing number of female Indian doctors, and this book also comments on the forging of this connection and its ramifications as it grew and strengthened.

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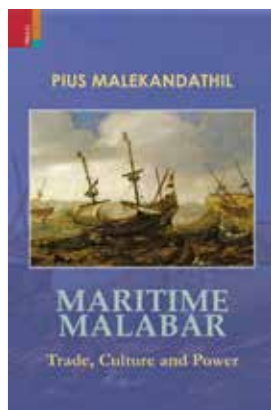
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This volume analyses diverse facets of the social history of health and medicine in colonial India. It explores a unique set of themes that capture the diversities of India, such as public health, medical institutions, mental illness, and the politics and economics of colonialism. Based on interdisciplinary research incorporating sources ranging from palm leaf manuscripts to archival materials, the essays herein offer valuable insights into topics that have only recently received scholarly attention, including the use of opiates and the role of advertising in driving medical markets.

‘The book is a must for students of the history of South Asia, and not just its medical history, since it has a lot about colonial rule in practice.’

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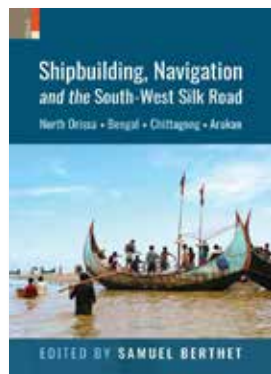
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Maritime Malabar Trade, Culture and Power

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Maritime Malabar: Trade, Culture and Power provides a broad overview and connected narrative of Malabar, a region whose fate has been shaped and reshaped over time by a maritime consciousness and sea-related activities. This volume examines the trade and faith related networks in the Asian waters through which Malabar became firmly integrated into the larger world of the Indian Ocean. By analysing the trajectories of commodities, people and ideas between Malabar and the wider Indian Ocean world, the book presents a nuanced and layered picture of the various historical processes of pre-modern Malabar vis-à-vis its various enclaves and spaces of power. Rich in empirical data, the book delves into the multiple facets and strands of the societal processes of Kerala by scrutinizing the trade as well as the urbanity of the port of Muziris and the cities of Calicut and Cochin in ways conditioned by the changing perceptions of the sea and its dynamics.



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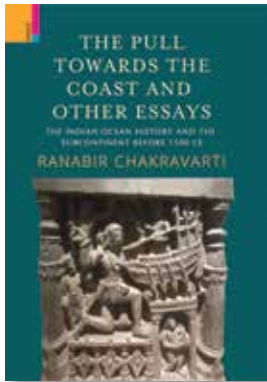
Shipbuilding, Navigation and the South-West Silk Road North Odisha, Bengal and Arakan

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Shipbuilding, Navigation and the South-West Silk Road looks at circulation and ships in a space that brings together the Indian subcontinent, the Himalayan regions, south-west China and South-East Asia, connecting those regions to the larger Indian Oceanic trade. This space is organized around the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna delta, a constantly moving topography criss-crossed by hundreds of changing rivers, where boats and ships play a pivotal role in circulation, trade and wealth. So far, boats and ships of the Northern Bay of Bengal have been the subject of very few studies. Shallow draft vessels, able to navigate the coast, estuaries and deep rivers provided the technological response to a particular topography. They are also the reflections of a form of transportation that evades the control of a central and land-based polity. Their understanding is crucial to reassess our idea of roads as well as the history of technology and trade in a space central to circulation, yet highly politically fragmented and evading sustainable control. The study of shipbuilding highlights the relevance of technological features shared beyond area studies and periodization. Thanks to a cross-discipline, cross-area and cross-era approach, the book offers a water-centric perspective on the region.



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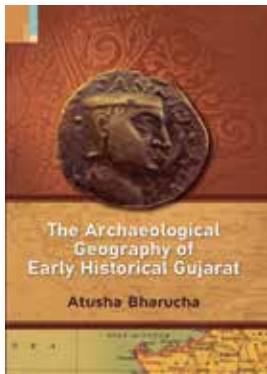
The Pull Towards the Coast and Other Essays The Indian Ocean History and the Subcontinent before 1500 CE

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This book presents nine essays and two appendices on both, the 'history of' and the 'history in' the Indian Ocean prior to c.1500 CE. The book discards at once the notion of the perceived efficacy of Brahmanical taboos against Indic seafaring and the Eurocentric perspective of 'the age of discoveries', in the history of the Indian Ocean.

South Asian ports, oriented to the Indian Ocean, were 'maritime cities', sites of thriving exchanges of commodities as well as the meeting grounds of numerous ethnic communities and socio-religious groups with rich legacies. The essays in this volume discuss, inter alia, the possibilities of the interlocking of the coasts with the mainland of South Asia; the attitudes of powers to the coasts and maritime trade without becoming maritime polities or thalassocracies; and the significance of bulk commodities in the sea-borne networks. In doing so, this volume seeks to rescue the subcontinent's pre-modern pasts from the stranglehold of nationalism and the nation state.



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The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat

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The early history of Gujarat has generally been limited to political history and the genealogy of the Western Kshatrapas constructed from a study of coins and inscriptions of the period. *The Archaeological Geography of Early Historical Gujarat* argues that Gujarat was the meeting point of cultures from mainland India as well as the gateway for goods from overseas and offers important information regarding Indian Ocean trade in ancient India taking place from the west coast of the peninsula. Gujarat was also the hub where the overland trade routes met, where goods from north India, the Deccan, and what is today Afghanistan, as well as areas surrounding the east of the river Indus landed.

Besides providing an account of the hinterland of the north-western coast of India, this volume also provides information on the nature of the ancient settlements of the modern state of Gujarat, and their connections with each other. The book pieces together the history of the common man. For instance, several minor inscriptions commemorating the death of people and the digging of wells throw light on the limitations in practicing agriculture faced by people then. It also looks at Gujarat as an important Buddhist centre, much like Sind, as evidenced by the brick stupas found in the state.



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The two-volume *India, the Portuguese and Maritime Interactions* is the outcome of the 14th International Seminar on Indo-Portuguese History held at New Delhi. These essays look at the multilayered nature of Indo-Portuguese interactions.

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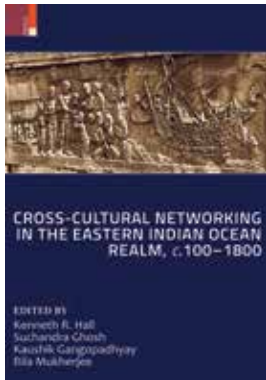
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This volume recasts our understanding of the 'early modern history of India' and highlights the web of interconnectedness within which India redefined itself against the background of Portuguese interactions.



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Cross-Cultural Networking in the Eastern Indian Ocean Realm, c.100–1800

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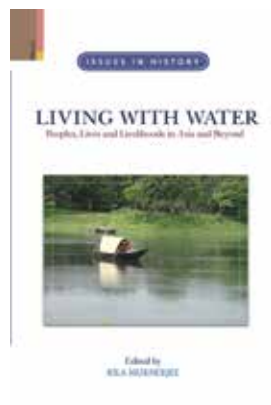
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Cross-Cultural Networking in the Eastern Indian Ocean Realm examines the history of the Bay of Bengal and beyond, as initially documented in archaeological recoveries from AD 100 to AD 900 and subsequently the variety of regional historical evidence that demonstrates India's eastern Indian Ocean maritime and northern overland connections to the nineteenth century. In sum, the book highlights the importance and variety of consequence in east-coast India's linkage with the coastlines of the Bay of Bengal and the extended eastern Indian Ocean, especially India's eastern maritime and overland networking with South-East Asia and China. In the eighth century post-Gupta era the Buddhist religious centre at Nalanda in north-west Bengal assumed a major role as the destination of Indian and international Buddhist pilgrims who arrived by sea and land to study at Nalanda, and returned to promote Buddhist and Hindu religious and cultural exchanges in wider India and Sri Lanka, South-East Asia, and China through the fifteenth century. The book details India's long-term historical relationships with the legendary Sumatra-based Srivijaya thalassocracy and its successors in the Straits of Melaka region, sequential Vietnam coastline-based polities c.600–1800s, and the Andaman Islands and Tibet, as populations in northern and eastern Asia selectively localized South Asian culture.

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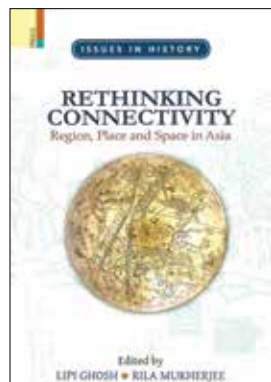
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This volume examines the relation between water and human history through the prism of archaeology, ethnography, history, maritime anthropology, literature, sociology and musicology. It moves away from traditional and generic themes of maritime history such as oceanic trade, migration, slavery, piracy, shipping and port-to-port linkages to focus instead on human-water interaction in history. Water histories have the potential of bringing remote, marginal histories to the centre of historical research, and the essays in this volume—whose spatial extent includes Russia, Bangladesh, India (Assam, Bengal, the Tamil country) and the Philippines—present different types of archives facilitating a history of water with the aim of widening the scope of water histories.

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Rethinking Connectivity Region, Place and Space in Asia

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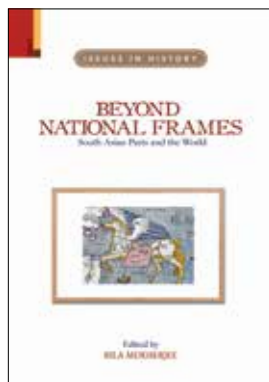
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This volume urges us to discern not just connections but also connectivities. Starting with cases of highly visible and structured/networked connectivities from an overland route spanning Central Asia and a coastal polity on the far side of the Indian Ocean, it showcases some of the remarkable links forged in Asian history. It gives three examples of ideologies and individuals negotiating connections already established in colonial Bengal, and, from these realms of the visible, moves to the more intangible domain of visual strategies to discern connectivities. Cultural icons celebrating the nation, and maps displaying increasingly novel conceptions of space and time, reinforce the idea of an Asia that is connected, braided, and also contested from early times to the present.

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Beyond National Frames South Asian Pasts and the World

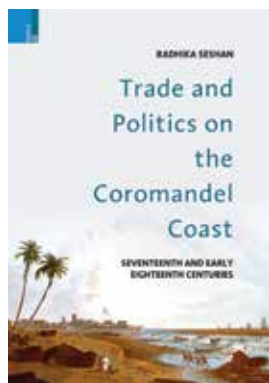
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This volume envisions a mobile South Asia flowing beyond its geographical confines, showcasing a history transcending present borders of both land and sea and resulting in a truly connected transnational history of Asia and the Indian Ocean world. Recommending a shift from the conventional region or nation-centred histories to spaces seen as borderless, the essays herein re-evaluate known sources, open up fresh ones, raise new questions, and attempt to find answers to them. New formulations, novel hypotheses, and innovative spatialities are seen in the resultant cross-regional histories, with the consequence that the dual nature of the source—as archive (text and terrain) and also as window (context)—is also interrogated. Hence, this volume asserts a need to take stock of the sources we have inherited, to visualize the sources we can access, and to reflect on new histories which become possible once they are accessed.

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Trade and Politics on the Coromandel Coast Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries

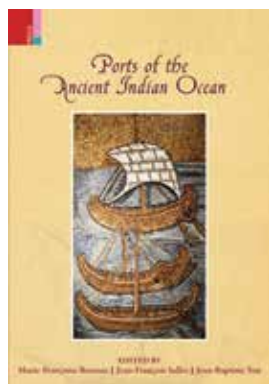
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This book studies connections between trade and politics in the Coromandel Coast in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, with special focus on Madras. It questions the largely uncontested view that trade and traders in pre-modern India were disconnected from the world of politics and the state, arguing instead that south Indian merchants depended on, and functioned within, the structures and stability provided by the state. It also addresses the breakdown of political structures within which the merchants operated, and the impact of the arrival of Europeans, especially the English. In this sense, this is a regional history which challenges accepted notions about the place of merchants and the state, and through a detailed economic history sheds new light on the political and transitional nature of the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries.

‘Dr Radhika Seshan raises a series of questions, especially on the contested relationship between politics and trade, showing some very intricate and important connections. Though much of the information here is familiar, this is still a lively and well researched account.’

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Ports of the Ancient Indian Ocean

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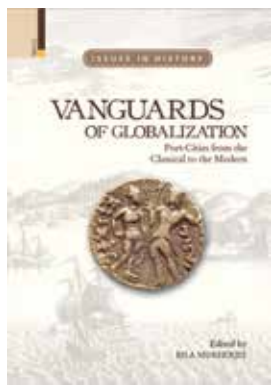
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This volume looks at the multisided role that ports played in the exchange and transfer of knowledge between the 'Indian Ocean' and Mediterranean societies. Through the early Greek Periplus to minute descriptions by the Portuguese in the late sixteenth century, or French archives of the colonial period, an accurate knowledge was gradually developed and transmitted on what is now called the Indian Ocean. The essays herein focus on the nature of this knowledge, its history and status, using and combining new archaeological data and recent publication of textual material. They deal with material originating from the Red Sea to India, through Arabia and the Persian Gulf, shedding new light on ancient ports and maritime contacts, with special interest not only on India but on related areas as well, such as Sri Lanka and South-East Asia.

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'The 16 papers divide into two groups: the first explores Palmyrenes "abroad", and the second, larger group focuses on the city itself. . . . The collection is well illustrated throughout, with many photographs in colour; there are also short abstracts. Given the international cast—Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland and Russia—it is inevitable that the lingua franca is English . . . the text is good.'

—ROBERT WITCHER, *Antiquity*



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Vanguards of Globalization Port-Cities from the Classical to the Modern

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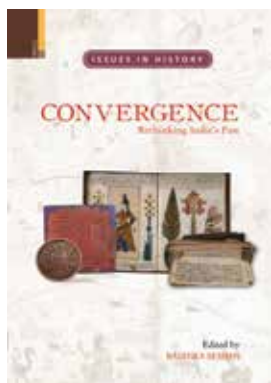
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This volume considers the historical evolution of port-cities from Emporium to Gateway and interrogates their nature over time. It studies specific port-cities such as Barbarikon, Chaul, Porto Novo, Madras, Nagasaki, and Sitangkai, and more generally the ports around the Erythraean Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic, Portuguese, Andhra, Bengal, and Vietnamese coasts. In doing so, the essays in this volume celebrate the hybridity and cosmopolitanism that port-cities offer, and discuss the wider implications of cross-cultural competition, port-hinterland dynamics as well as themes, problems and textual evidence about port-cities and how they link to ports today.

'All in all, this is an excellent volume with new and invigorating ideas on commercial networks.'

—UJJAYAN BHATTACHARYA, *Indian Historical Review*

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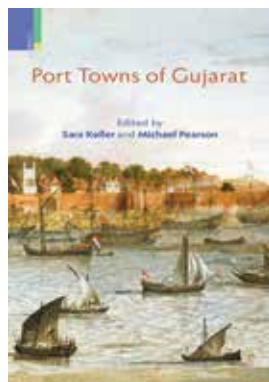
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This volume explores the multiplicity of sources that can be used for studying Indian history. Texts, literature, inscriptions, and other sources have long been the fountainheads of history. The essays in this volume, however, begin with the premise that such sources, in the true spirit of historical research, need to be re-interrogated. Without ignoring questions of the validity of a source, they also emphasize the hybridity and range of material that can be used as a historical source. Starting, therefore, with the idea of 're-search', this volume examines sources that have so far been used before proceeding to study newer ones that are yet to be utilized. Keeping this in mind, it re-examines the better known sources, such as Portuguese, French and English factory records, travel accounts, Chinese texts, and also maps, travel accounts, Tibetan and Japanese sources.

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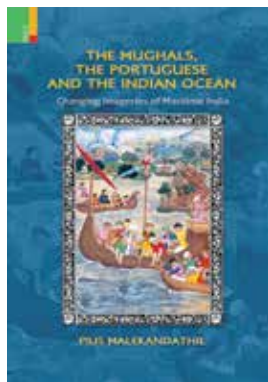
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This volume offers new insights on coast-hinterland connections, urban morphology, port cities and littoral societies, the role of Gujarat in the Indian Ocean and data on the history of Gujarat, the Indian Ocean, and the many great port cities on India's north-west coast. Gujarat's port cities, 'gems in the necklace of the coast', were vital hubs which enabled connections with other cities and other cultures across the Indian Ocean and beyond, including the Mediterranean and the South China Sea. These cities, cosmopolitan in their outlook, also acted as cultural centres attracting traders and scholars from far away. With contributions by subject specialists who have worked extensively on port cities and who provide new and innovative perspectives, this volume will appeal to historians, urban geographers, economists, and other social scientists.

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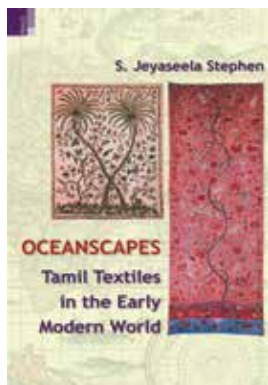
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This book explores changing meanings that 'maritime India' acquired during the Early Modern period as a result of frequent efforts of the Mughals and the Portuguese, from two different fronts, to control its vast, resourceful enclaves and profit-yielding neighbourhoods. Some of the issues explored here focus on political implications of the religious dialogues between Akbar and Jesuits; the attempts of the Portuguese to create a supportive social group out of the Paravas in the Pearl Fishery Coast; the creation of parallel circuits to Ottoman markets in the eastern Mediterranean as an alternative to the Cape Route trade of the Portuguese; multiple strands of trade between coastal western India and the markets of East Africa; the economic and political processes that prompted the shifting of the Mughal capital from the hinterland to the vicinity of the major maritime trading centres of northern Konkan; voices of dissent in Christianity and discourses on early nationalism; the changing perceptions of Portuguese enclaves in Bengal, and aspects of the ethnic mutation of the Luso-Indians as well as social manoeuvrings of the English.

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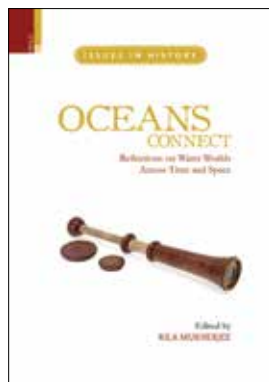
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This book traces the global diffusion of woven, painted, printed, and dyed cotton Tamil textiles during the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. This occurred not only because of the skills of Tamil weavers and dyers, but also because of the political and economic compulsions in the various regions it travelled. These resulted in an exchange of technical and technological knowledge of textile production between the Tamil coast and Europe. Consequently, this book examines the long-term economic history of the Tamil region through the lens of textiles and provides not only an extensive and quantitative analysis of the types of textiles traded, but also examines the movement of precious metals, the process of monetization, and the struggle between the Portuguese, Dutch, English, French, Armenian, Tamil, and Telugu traders. Adopting Braudel's approach, it breaks new ground by looking at changes and continuities in the Tamil textile economy, society, and technology as an integral phenomenon, thus rescuing history from becoming region or nation-centric and elevating its status to the global.



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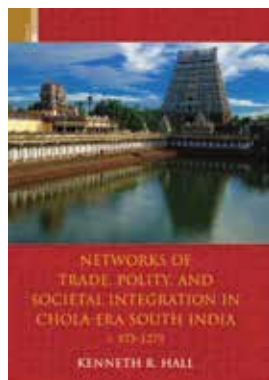
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This volume explores how seas and oceans connect not only geographically but also through networks of trade, cooperation, beliefs, scientific knowledge, and even rumour. More importantly, it makes a case for the decolonization of regional history by way of defining it through ocean spaces rather than land borders and therefore brings into focus the distinction between marine and maritime worlds. The essays herein look at the Pacific, the Atlantic, and the Indian oceans to explore waterscapes as autonomous bodies with networks of mobility and paths of cultural transmission. They consider the manner in which people, goods, and ideas travelled across waters; the imagined unities of peoples, regions, trading blocs and empires; and the restructured paradigms of vision, time and space.

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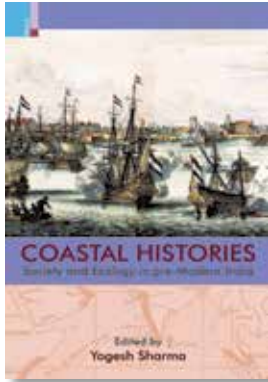
Networks of Trade, Polity, and Societal Integration in Chola-Era South India c.875–1279

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This book studies transitional south Indian society during the critical Chola age, c. 875–1279, when there was notable evolution of pre-existing as well as new societal institutions. It considers issues of emic ('local') and etic ('external') agency; the origin of urban communities relative to movements of material and ideational 'commodities'; and confrontations between alien cultures, formation of plural societies, dual loyalties, and multiple affiliations. Specifically, it highlights epigraphic sources from south India that document the purposeful creation of clearly defined market and temple districts adjacent to settled agricultural societies. Local inscriptional records are notable for their variety of detailed societal contracts, marketplace charters, and the coincidental approval of religious institutions, all relationships that served the religious, political, cultural, and productive economic needs of various societal communities. These civil records are consistent with contemporary charters of Hindu temples that were foundational to invasive urbanism into previously rural societies. In sum, this book incorporates new social network literature as a means to re-examining local historical records, to better understand the variety of regional primary and secondary urban networking that was basic to early south Indian societal change.

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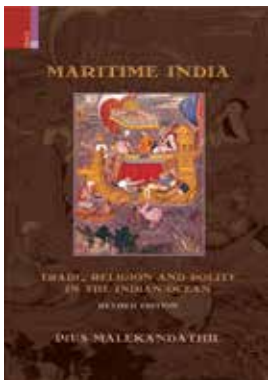
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This volume examines a number of themes pertaining to different coastal regions of India: coastal ecology, commercial crops, transmission of diseases, fortifications, port hierarchy, new port towns, vessels and boats, fishing communities, and social life of women. It studies littoral societies, or the coastal regions, to better understand the influence of the ocean upon these lands. Coastal societies have their own particular notion of identity and ambience, which differentiates them from the extensive continental zones. It is in this context that coastal territories and their histories constitute an interesting theme of enquiry. The general pattern of existence and the rhythm of life in all these dissociated regions, however, had considerable commonality, due to the overwhelming impact of the two dominant elements—water and land—in shaping the destinies of its inhabitants.

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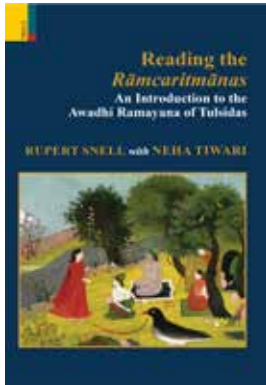
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This volume views waterscapes as conduits of much economic and cultural sharing between peoples and lands, focussing on oceans and seas—the Indian, the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans and the Mediterranean Sea—and economic, military and cultural transmissions within and across them. It shows how conventional arguments in history writing about the rise of the West, the hegemon of the State and the might of overseas colonial empires can be overturned by emphasizing on dynamic, collaborative, nonlinear networks as opposed to formal networks based on hierarchy. Such networks signal a completely different picture about global interactions in the period 1400–1800, emphasizing the centrality of peoples and commodities at different times in different parts of the world.

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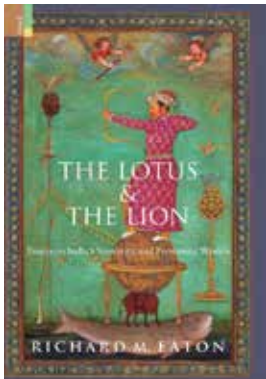
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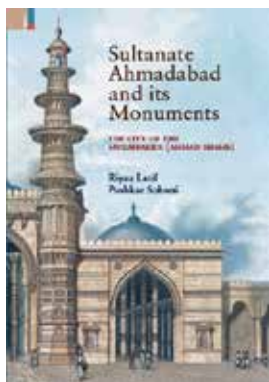
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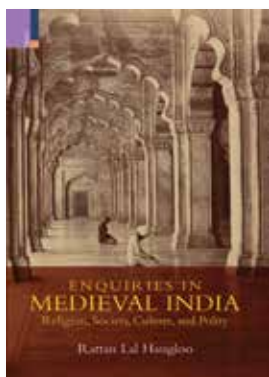
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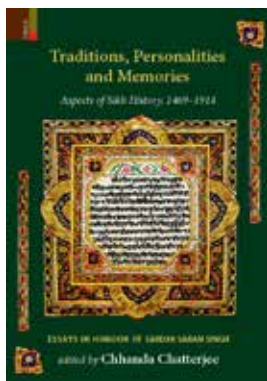
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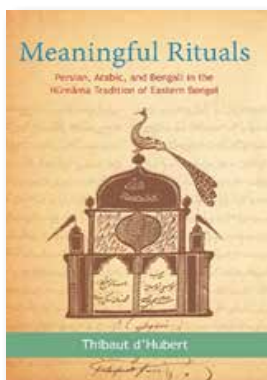
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Traditions, Personalities and Memories: Aspects of Sikh History, 1469–1914, Essays in Honour of Sardar Saran Singh highlights the traditions of self-sacrifice associated with the Sikh gurus and their renowned followers. Ironically, these great traditions ended up being undermined during the most glorious phase of Sikh history—the rule of Maharajah Ranjit Singh—so much so that both the British sympathizers, Chief Khalsa Diwan and the Singh Sabhas, as well as the anti-British Namdharis, tried to revive these noble traditions. Persecuted by the British rulers, the Namdharis sustained their anti-colonial activities through the Ghadar movement in the twentieth century.

The legacy of Baba Gurdit Singh, explored in this volume, is also intertwined with those of the Ghadarites, owing to his expedition with Sikh migrants from Punjab to Vancouver on his chartered ship Komagata Maru, to circumvent the repressive strategies of the white dominions of Canada and the US against the Indian migrants. Around the same time, Ghadarites, retired army personnel and radical Bengali anti-colonial forces began to collaborate closely in Calcutta, which became the hub of these revolutionary activities. This volume is an effort to join these dots across history, highlight the varying sacrificial traditions and the fascinating personalities associated with such sacrifice and to rekindle the memories cherished by Sikhs over centuries.



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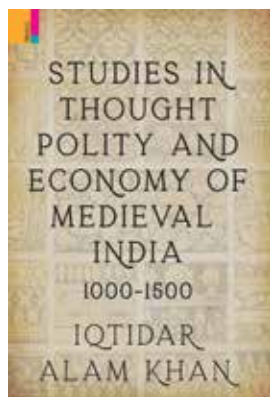
Meaningful Rituals Persian, Arabic, and Bengali in the *Nūrnāma* Tradition of Eastern Bengal

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Meaningful Rituals: Persian, Arabic and Bengali in the Nūrnāma Tradition of Eastern Bengal explores a corpus of texts that centre around the creation of the world by God through his prophet Muḥammad in his primordial form as a luminous entity. These short accounts, which bear the title *Nūrnāma* (The Book of Light), played two roles: as conveyers of knowledge regarding basic Islamic beliefs and cosmology, and as ritual texts meant to protect and bring prosperity to those who read and preserved the physical artefact of the book that contained that knowledge.

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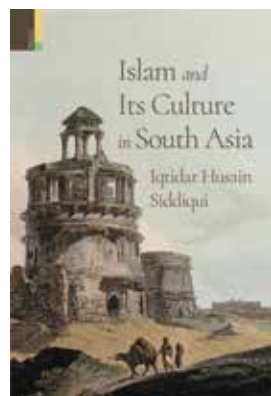
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This book attempts to comprehend the history of the Delhi Sultanate with reference to its Islamic identity. The Turkish chiefs, despite having a military advantage due to their expertise in horsemanship, could only consolidate their rule through adjustment and sharing of power with local kshatriya rulers, and, therefore, tended to incorporate an increasing number of Hindu chiefs in the ruling establishment. This process was sought to be made durable by conceding to the chiefs many of the pecuniary gains and social clout they had enjoyed before the conquests.

According to Barani, the ulema endorsed the view that in the given situation, provisions of fiqh evolved in Arabia were not practicable in the Delhi Sultanate. By the same logic, settlements conceding to the village chiefs' important roles in the fiscal administration of rural tracts were justified. With the passage of time many notions of Hindu caste culture also became influential in the mental makeup of the ruling elites of the Delhi Sultanate.

“...though the state structure of the Delhi Sultanate evolved under the influence of Sassanid and Turkish traditions, inherited from the Ghaznavid and the Ghori, it was, in fact, the local, Hindu cultural values that determined its character.”

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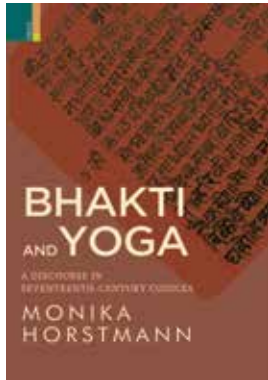
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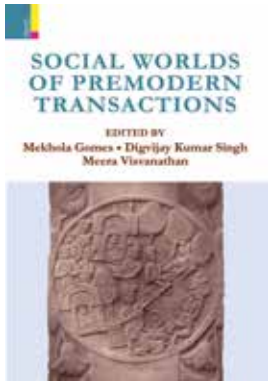
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The religious order named Dādūpanth, which originated in Rajasthan, produced a wealth of manuscripts from c.1600 onwards. From the beginning of this manuscript culture, huge codices were produced representing a chorus of voices, and reflecting the decisions made by the compilers or copyists regarding the validity of texts or entire traditions. The discourse generated by them represents the intellectual and religious cosmos of their makers. In these codices, bhakti texts and the vernacular works of yogis are transmitted simultaneously, along with works representing a broader Vaishnava tradition, thereby documenting the dialogue of bhakti and yoga. Two texts published in this study for the first time, one by a pre-Dādūpanthī Nath Sidhha, the other by Dādūpanthī yogi are good examples of this. While the site of this dialogue are Dādūpanthī manuscripts, the dioscurian relationship between bhakti and yoga is shared by a wider religious milieu, including the Nirañjanīs. The link between the Dādūpanthī sadhu scribes and the Nirañjanīs is documented in epigraphy and the colophons of manuscripts.



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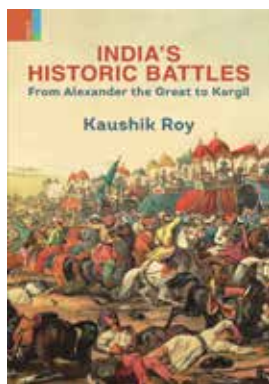
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Focussing on inscriptional materials from South Asia, the essays in this volume bring together a range of new perspectives on social and economic history. They show how exchange is not only about commodities or items, but also about interactions and relationships between people. The essays span a broad time frame, starting from the early historic and extending into the medieval. They range from studies of sites and micro-regions to translocal communities and transcontinental voyages. Through a close engagement with inscriptions, what is offered is a history that views South Asia as a region framed by diverse, overlapping, and complex transactions.

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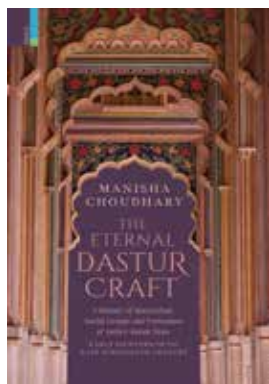
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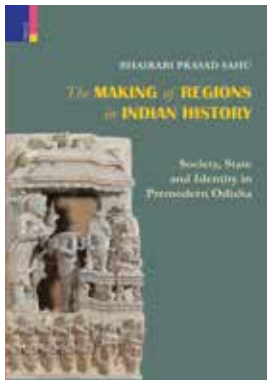
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Rituals pervaded medieval society, up and down the social strata. Royal courts were a constant arena of ritual movements. Who was positioned higher than whom, who sat where, who exchanged what with whom, whose hand turned, a gift rendered and a counter gift returned, all these are suggestive of the language of gestures and indicative of the power and delicacy of rituals.

This volume is a study of the Rajlok, Khojas of the state and the political and religious dignitaries and protocol applied to them in the court of the Jaipur State from early eighteenth to late nineteenth century. While appearing in court, the protocol laid out for different social groups depended on the status of the individuals and their castes. Interestingly, the state accommodated nearly all the sections, clans and castes in the court. Being attached to the court, political and religious groups became representative of the court and exercised political pressure.



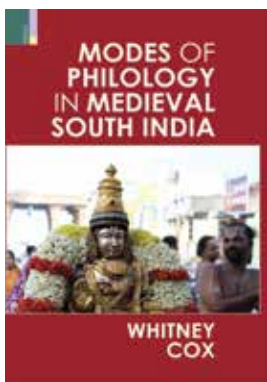
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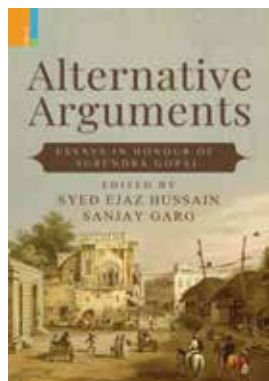
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Philology was everywhere and nowhere in classical South Asia. While its civilizations possessed remarkably sophisticated tools and methods of textual analysis, interpretation, and transmission, they lacked any sense of a common disciplinary or intellectual project uniting these; indeed they lacked a word for 'philology' altogether.

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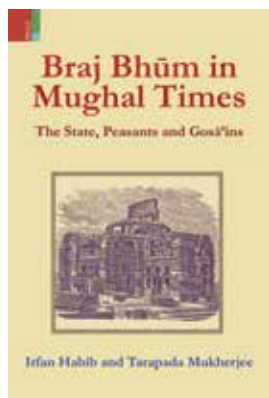
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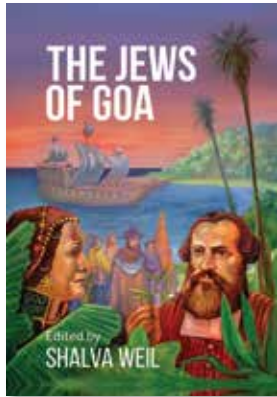
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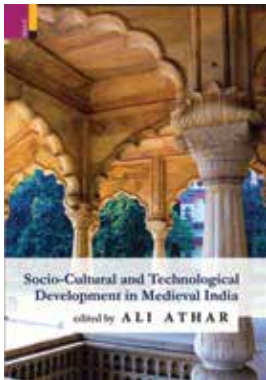
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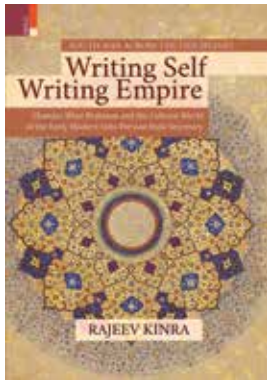
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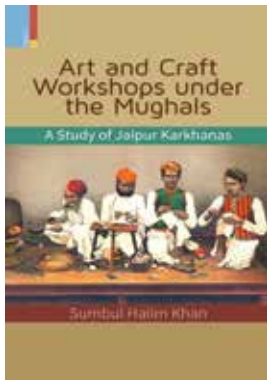
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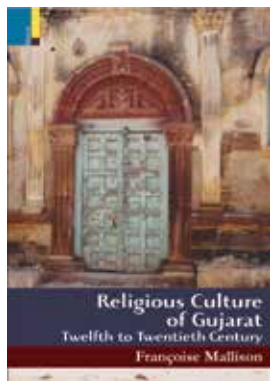
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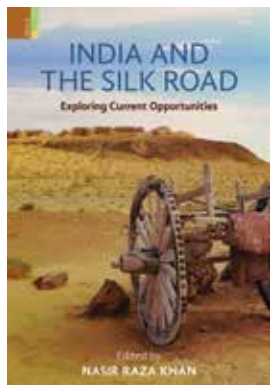
Religious Culture of Gujarat Twelfth to Twentieth Century

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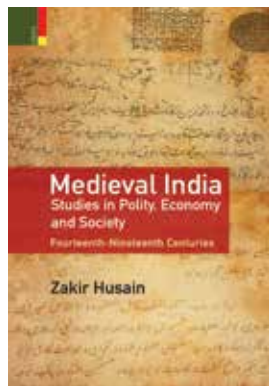
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India and the Silk Road: Exploring Current Opportunities is based on the historical as well as contemporary relevance of the Silk Road. This volume comprises essays by a number of contributors who have dealt with varied aspects of the reality of this historical road in a new geopolitical context, with the potential of shared prosperity among the states connected with this route. The new Silk Road of the twenty-first century covers almost all modes of communication, infrastructure and transportation, including road network, rail and oil and gas pipelines.

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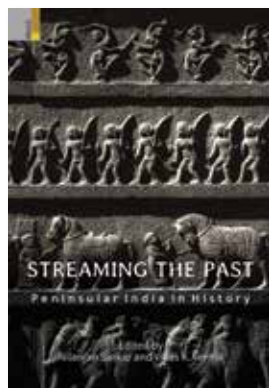
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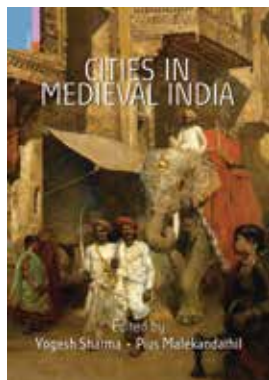
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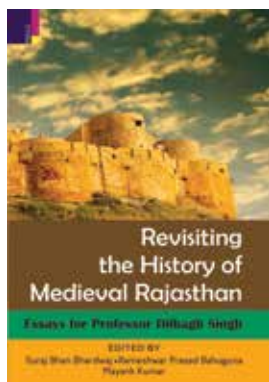
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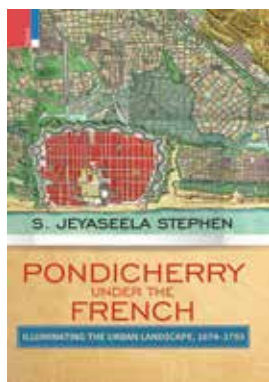
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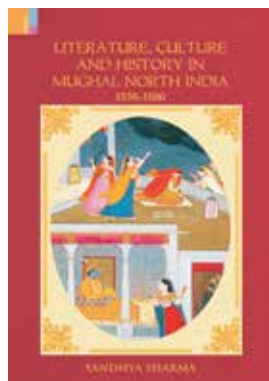
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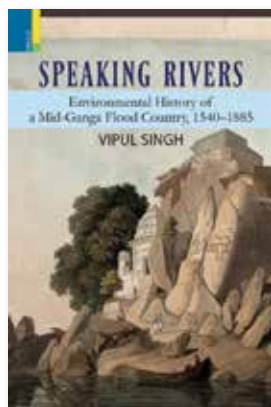
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This book studies Mughal Indian polity and dynamics of family, kinship, and caste through Riti Kal literature. It is the first detailed study of the so-called vernaculars, in this case Braja poetry, as source material, so far neglected by both the literati and the historians in context of Mughal north India. The literature, in the form of drama and Braja bhasha poetry, provides evidence of regional diversities and varied patterns of historical developments in medieval north India as well as a dynamism in the political and socio-cultural spheres in pre-modern India. A detailed analysis of Riti Kal poetry reveals that the region, in spite of conflicts and contestations for power, did acknowledge the Mughals as the undisputed rulers of Hind, the future India. Further, while poets continued to advocate the conventional role of women in family and society, they also depicted, with sympathy and understanding, the individuality, liberty and sexuality of the fairer sex.

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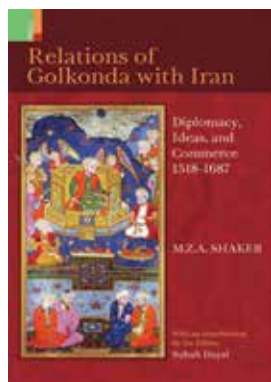
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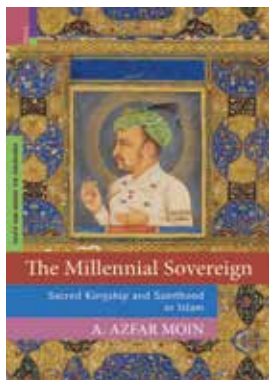
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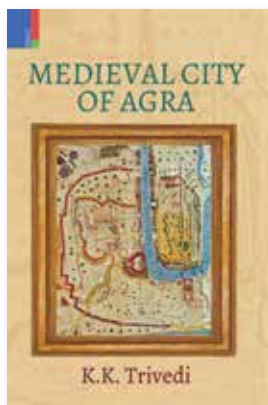
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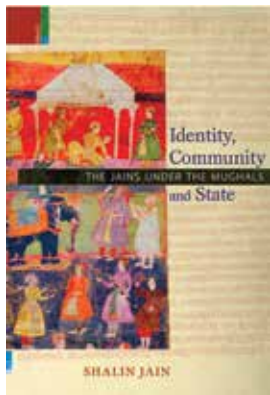
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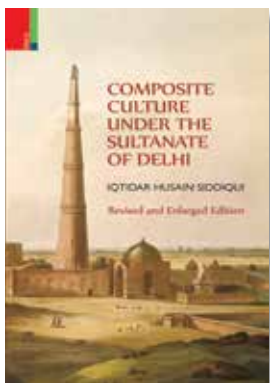
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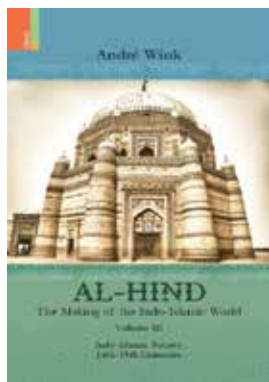
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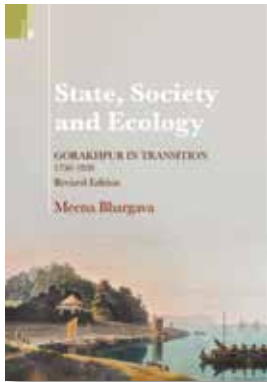
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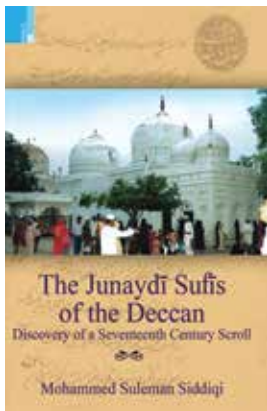
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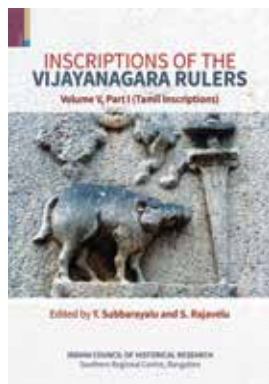
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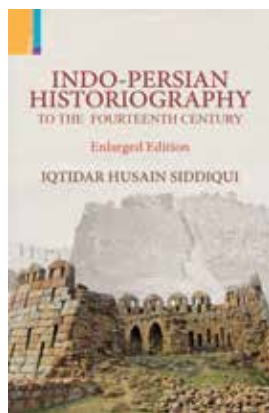
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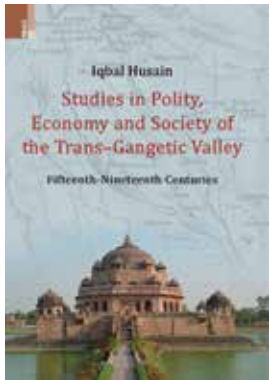
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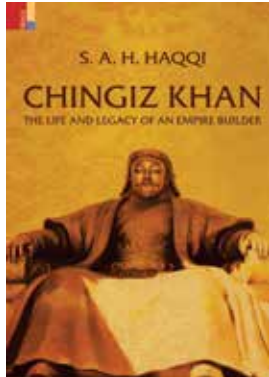
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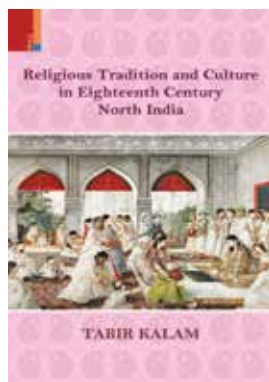
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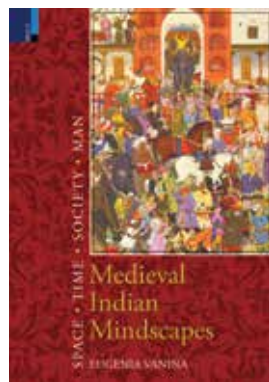
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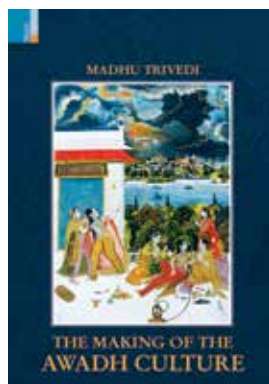
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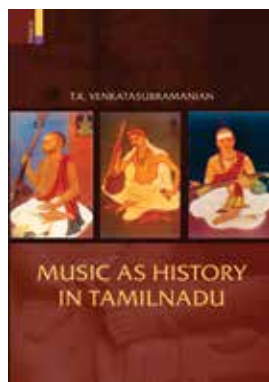
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This book deploys evidence scattered in a variety of primary and secondary sources, especially in Persian and Urdu, to study visuals and artefacts as well as the performance traditions and craft techniques which are derived from the Nawâbi period. It comments on the Nawâb's creation of a Shi'a heritage in northern India, which had strong associations with other Indian cultural traditions. Highlighting the literary milieu of the period, and developments in the realm of music, painting, architecture, and the industrial arts, this book also explores how some of the arts and crafts assumed considerable European colour due to interaction between Europeans and the Awadh elite, and demonstrates how the ethos of the syncretic Indo-Persian culture—the renowned ganga-jamunî tahrîb that represented Persian aesthetics and Indian cultural values—remained intact.

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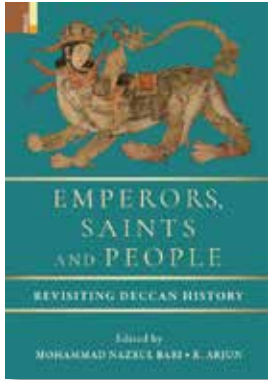
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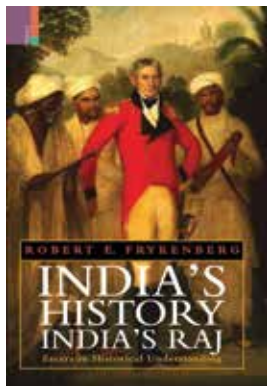
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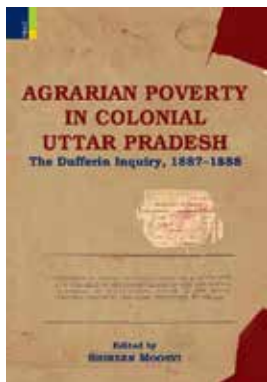
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Agrarian Poverty in Colonial Uttar Pradesh The Dufferin Inquiry, 1887–1888

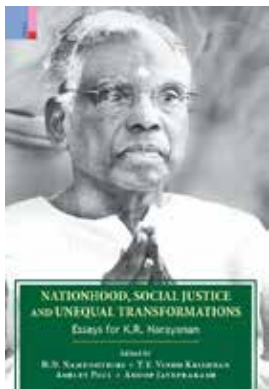
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It is seldom recognized that Indian nationalism had its beginnings in the belief that India was being increasingly impoverished under British rule. To contest claims about the growing poverty in India, Viceroy Lord Dufferin, in August 1887, decided to institute an inquiry to establish whether 'the greater population of India suffer from a daily insufficiency of food'. But, in effect, the inquiry as organized by the provincial governments and conducted by the district 'Collectors', extended to all material and social aspects of the lives of the rural poor in India.

The printed volumes of the inquiry were not made available to the public. *Agrarian Poverty in Colonial Uttar Pradesh: The Dufferin Inquiry, 1887–1888* thus brings to the reading public what has practically been a closed book till now. The text of the inquiry conducted in Uttar Pradesh (then known as 'North-Western Provinces and Oudh') is here preceded by a detailed Introduction providing a critical analysis about the material conditions and social customs of the poor, labourers, artisans, landlords, moneylenders and women, as well as an examination of the quality and substance of the reports.



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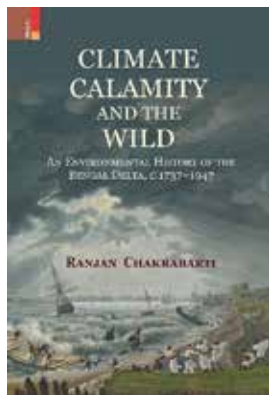
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Nationhood, Social Justice and Unequal Transformations: Essays for K.R. Narayanan is a commemorative volume consisting of lectures delivered at the Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation, Kozhikode during the past fifteen years on varied themes that reflect the democratic and secular values cherished by K.R. Narayanan.

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Climate, Calamity and the Wild: An Environmental History of the Bengal Delta, c.1737–1947 offers a climatic and environmental history of the deltaic plains of Bengal. Unlike the prevalent model of history-writing, this book tackles historical issues in ecological, biological and cultural terms, turning away from conventional ideological and political approaches. The volume examines how the delta's political economy, production, crop pattern, inland and overseas trade, demographic pattern, culture and economy developed and were transformed by shifts in climate, forests, river systems and hydrology. This involves an exploration of the complex dynamics of the interaction of human societies with the rich history of natural disasters such as super cyclones, severe thunderstorms and floods, resulting in loss of life, property, livestock, human settlements and wildlife as well as major shifts in the history of colonial Bengal. This work aims to break the silence in the history-writing of Bengal relating to the climatic and environmental significance of the delta.



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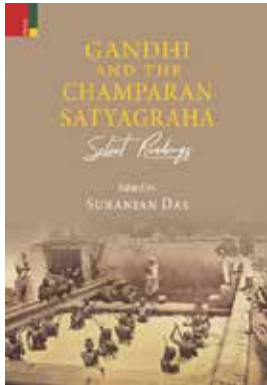
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Political Economy of Colonial and Post-Colonial India analyses critical aspects of the political economy of the colonial and the post-colonial period and focuses on the debates on the transition from one to the other. The volume discusses the Great Divergence, where Britain's shooting forward was predicated upon the devastation of the colonial economy, and instruments used for achieving the subjugation of the Indian economy, such as British monetary policy and particularly the Reserve Bank of India.

A major contribution of the book is to study the politics of the two basic contending classes—the capitalist class and the working class as represented by the Left. It is this that determined which class perspective exercised ideological hegemony or influence over the national movement and, consequently, over the post-colonial Indian state.

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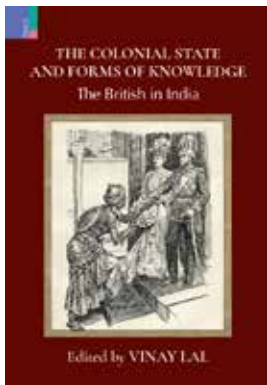
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This volume looks back at the Champaran Satyagraha of 1917 through contemporary accounts and scholarly reflections. Organized into five parts, the collection contains passages from Gandhi's own recollection of the Satyagraha; excerpts from the accounts of participants such as Rajendra Prasad and J.B. Kripalani; statements of indigo ryots; selections from official documents; and extracts from the works of historians and academics. *Gandhi and the Champaran Satyagraha: Select Readings* provides readers with an idea of how the first Gandhian mass political intervention in India has been recreated, contextualized, and assessed in writings, and captured through some archival visuals.

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The Colonial State and Forms of Knowledge The British in India

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Colonialism is generally understood to encompass political domination, military expansion, and economic exploitation, but the British, in their nearly two centuries of rule over India, also achieved a thoroughgoing conquest of knowledge. In the backdrop of the Enlightenment impulse, which held that everything can be known, mapped, counted, categorized, and bounded, and the knowledge thus acquired reshaped into useable forms, the British in India created an epistemological state. *The Colonial State and Forms of Knowledge: The British in India* examines the fields and bodies of knowledge through which this state was created.

The colonial state not only produced historical, linguistic, religious, and purportedly scientific accounts of 'the people of India', but also founded organizations such as the Linguistic Survey of India and the Anthropological Survey of India, besides deploying such forms of institutionalizing knowledge as the 'report of the committee of inquiry' in their quest to know and govern India. The discursive formation that the British put into place as they brought India under their control, and instances of their more precise interventions in history, geography, cartography, anthropology, lexicography, and veterinary science, among other areas of knowledge, are delineated in this volume.



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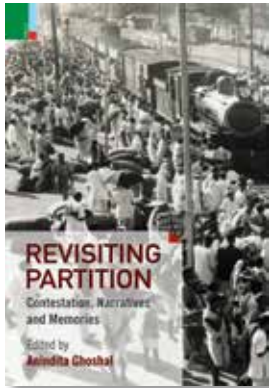
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Examining questions of vernacularity and marginality, *Vernacularizing Pasts* explores critical concerns underlying history, time-space, modernity, and their associated discourses about Odisha. This work interrogates the idea of historicism in analytic history (History 1), whose rigid disciplinary practices stand delimited by explorations in alternative histories.

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The problematization of the region and its identity as dependent on ideas and culture are further bolstered in the next two sections. Focusing on the complexities involved in evaluating cultural phenomena morally, epistemically, and aesthetically, these sections scrutinize the nuances of the underlying questions of region, identity and marginality. Illustrating the history of ideas of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, this book brings into focus the hitherto-unexplored literary and political figures of Odisha which ushered in a regional cultural transformation within the broader nationalist movement.



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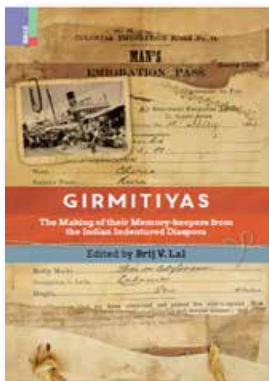
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The effects of Partition were felt not only in specific regions but all across the country. Moving away from state-specific analyses of the fractured reconfiguration of the Indian subcontinent, *Revisiting Partition: Contestation, Narratives and Memories* delves into the connected nature of the developments and their lingering deep impact. Divided into five sub-themes, this book weaves in the narratives from the geographic areas of West Bengal, Pakistan and Bangladesh as well as the less studied, but equally significant, north-east India. The contributions identify the stages of Partition and investigate the accompanying complexities that transformed the migration of refugees into a prolonged affair. Combining authentic glimpses into the national, provincial, regional and local undercurrents this collection touches upon the everyday life experiences and the continuing influence of the Partition on generations of Partition victims.

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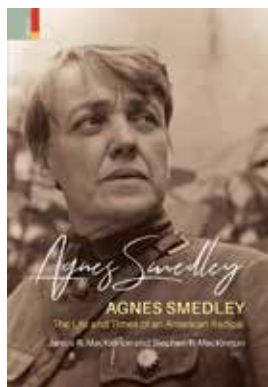
Girmitiyas The Making of Their Memory-Keepers from the Indian Indentured Diaspora

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They are scattered around the globe now, descendants of girmitiyas, indentured labourers, and other subaltern groups of Indians. The journey of their forebears, from India to the tropical sugar colonies in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries was fraught, but they emerged from the debris of subalternity to lay the foundations of many a colony, from South Africa to Suriname and many places in-between. For the most part, however, they have been ignored by history books as a people without agency or humanity, unworthy of consideration. This picture has been changing in recent decades largely as the result of scholars such as those represented in this volume. In the essays in this volume, scholars from the Indian subaltern diaspora write about their improbable journeys and serendipitous transformations in the face of great odds, of the influences that shaped their thinking and approach to the study of the past of their forebears. Fascinating, often moving stories in themselves, the essays collectively provide indispensable insights into the emergence of a field of history which their intervention has rescued from certain obscurity.

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Agnes Smedley The Life and Times of an American Radical

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(1943–99) was a poet and businesswoman who sold antique Chinese furniture.

Agnes Smedley's (1894–1950) career as an activist journalist began in the 1910s and 1920s, with a commitment to the Indian Independence movement. Her anti-imperialism was based on the Jeffersonian tradition of the American Revolution. In New York, she was close to the Lion of the Punjab, Lala Lajpat Rai, writing for his publications until his death. In California, she was involved with the Sikh-led Ghadar party of insurrectionists. Her complicated relationship with the European movement leader Virendranath Chattopadhyaya in Berlin in the 1920s is better known. Smedley left Europe for China in 1929 in an effort to reach India through the backdoor. Once in China, she was struck by the poverty and oppression of ordinary people. Her new cause, in addition to anti-imperialism, became the Chinese peasant. For the next two decades she documented their plight in countless publications (including in the Indian press). Herself the product of rural poverty, she identified like few Westerners did with the plight of peasants, Chinese or Indian, and wrote biographies of Chinese peasant leaders such as Zhu De.

Today, inside and outside of Asia, Smedley is recognized as a feminist icon and one of the most important chroniclers of the Chinese Revolution. Her story is told here for the first time in an Indian edition, including her deep involvement with the Indian independence movement much before Gandhi appeared on the scene.

'The authors skilfully blend a thorough grasp of the first half of the century with a sensitive use of psycho-biographical technique.'

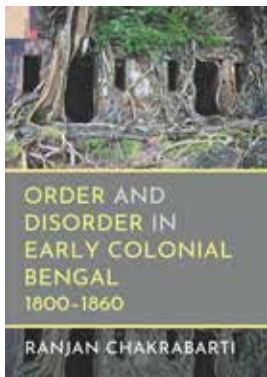
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Order and Disorder in Early Colonial Bengal, 1800–1860

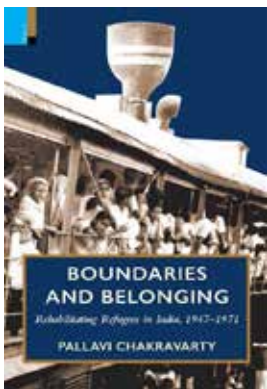
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This book is a historical study of order and disorder in early colonial Bengal. It focuses on the encounter of social restlessness, crime, and violence, on the one hand, and the colonial state's attempt to control these, on the other. Exploring these themes through unique descriptions of the numerous instruments of control and myriad breaches of law, *Order and Disorder in Early Colonial Bengal, 1800–1860* investigates the mechanism of social control with reference to contemporary British administrative policies and the ideological background and colonial perceptions of law and justice. It also concentrates on the various social disorders faced by the colonial state at times when the society was relatively free from insurrectionary disturbances. It gives a detailed account of apparently less significant rural violence, dacoity, and rural riots in particular—which kept the local authorities on their toes—in the light of popular attitudes, prejudices, and perceptions of law and order vis-à-vis the colonial one.

“...this book looks at crime and disorder in the Bengal countryside in the context of multiple factors, and gives a very good survey of the colonial state's inability to fully control or discipline the periphery, and the reasons and networks that are behind their inability.”

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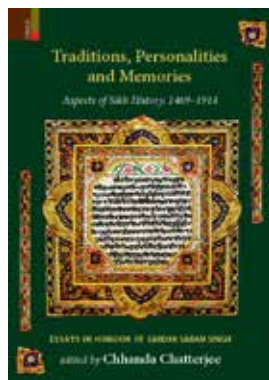
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Boundaries and Belonging: Rehabilitating Refugees in India, 1947–1971 documents and analyses the efforts of the Indian State to rehabilitate the refugees migrating to India after the tragic partitioning of the subcontinent. While Partition and borders decided the physical contours of India and Pakistan, the rehabilitation programme in both countries was more than just an administrative task as it decided the crucial issue of being citizens of the State. Comparing the treatment and policies for refugees from West and East Pakistan, this book investigates the priorities of the nascent nation-state in determining its constituents. With special focus on two major refugee cities in post-Partition India—Delhi and Kolkata—this work examines how far State-defined stereotypes hold true compared to the efforts of the refugees along both borders in rebuilding their lives.



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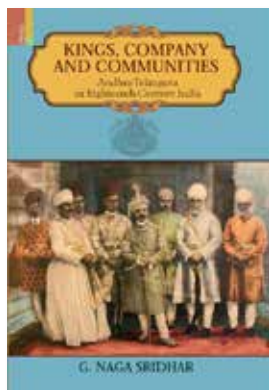
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Traditions, Personalities and Memories: Aspects of Sikh History, 1469–1914, Essays in Honour of Sardar Saran Singh highlights the traditions of self-sacrifice associated with the Sikh gurus and their renowned followers. Ironically, these great traditions ended up being undermined during the most glorious phase of Sikh history—the rule of Maharajah Ranjit Singh—so much so that both the British sympathizers, Chief Khalsa Diwan and the Singh Sabhas, as well as the anti-British Namdharis, tried to revive these noble traditions. Persecuted by the British rulers, the Namdharis sustained their anti-colonial activities through the Ghadar movement in the twentieth century.

The legacy of Baba Gurdit Singh, explored in this volume, is also intertwined with those of the Ghadarites, owing to his expedition with Sikh migrants from Punjab to Vancouver on his chartered ship Komagata Maru, to circumvent the repressive strategies of the white dominions of Canada and the US against the Indian migrants. Around the same time, Ghadarites, retired army personnel and radical Bengali anti-colonial forces began to collaborate closely in Calcutta, which became the hub of these revolutionary activities. This volume is an effort to join these dots across history, highlight the varying sacrificial traditions and the fascinating personalities associated with such sacrifice and to rekindle the memories cherished by Sikhs over centuries.



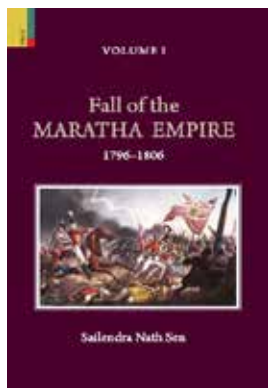
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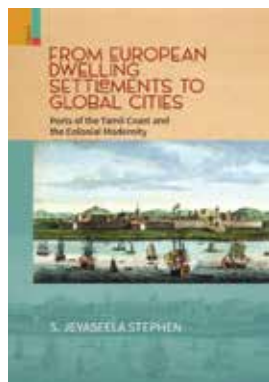
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From European Dwelling Settlements to Global Cities Ports of the Tamil Coast and the Colonial Modernity

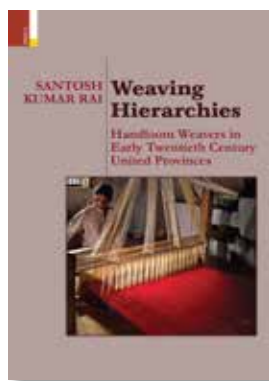
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The book looks at the pattern of urbanization, planning and development of spatial culture on the Tamil coast in the early modern world and the historical processes that shaped them. It examines the establishment and growth of the towns Porto Novo, Tuticorin, Nagapattinam, Mylapore, Pulicat, Tranquebar, Cuddalore, and Madras that developed in the age of European commerce and empire, from the clustered villages around the umland, the vast hinterland and the wide expanse of maritime foreland. The study makes a comparative understanding of these cosmopolitan ports and how they superseded interior capital cities like Madurai, Thanjavur, and Tiruchirapalli.

Stephen argues that the network and gateway functions connecting the several ports of the Atlantic and a multitude of trading marts in Asia enabled them to rise from European dwelling settlements to fortified commercial towns and global cities. These enclaves used information and technological changes to enhance their living conditions, employment opportunities and longevity.

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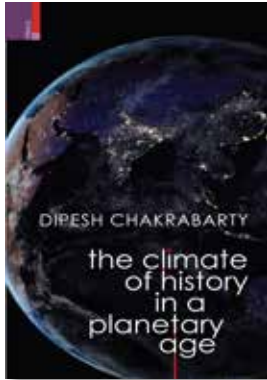
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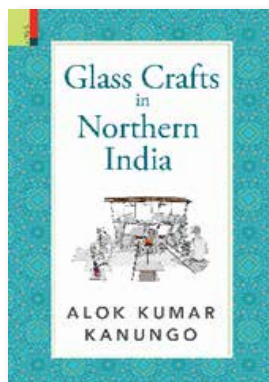
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'With his new masterwork, Chakrabarty confirms that he is one of the most creative and philosophically-minded historians writing today. The oppositions he proposes between the global of globalization and the global of global warming are illuminating and effective for thinking and acting through our highly uncertain and disoriented times.'

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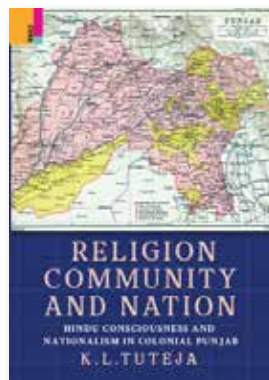
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Glass Crafts in Northern India is not only about beads and bangles and their production cycles, but also about one of the most important glass-craft clusters of the world. The evolution of technology and skills with regard to the making of the furnace and kiln over the centuries and invention of new methods for producing variety of beads are the essence of this volume. The archaeological community has reconstructed ancient cities with glass-making and/or glass-working workshops and has formulated many hypotheses about them, thereby recording ethnographically and visually a cluster of glass cities identical to those which existed millennia ago. When read in combination with the first volume of the trilogy on Indian glass, i.e. Mapping Indo-Pacific Beads vis-à-vis Papanaidupet, one gets a clear idea of what to expect in the archaeological field if the site was engaged with the production of glass beads and bangles. The volume discusses the history and context of research on Indian glass, drawing its data from ancient literature, archives, and ethnohistorical and archaeological sources.

“Drawing from multiple ancient literature, mythology, ethno-historical and archeological sources, Kanungo brings to life the socio-economics of the ancient cities of Northern India and their craft clusters. We get an understanding of the cultural and economic role glass played—in the lives of both makers and users.”

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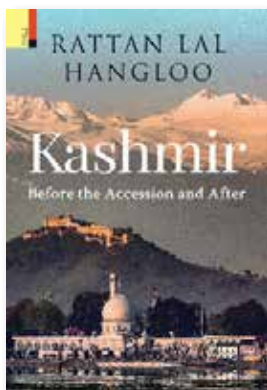
Religion, Community and Nation

Hindu Consciousness and Nationalism in Colonial Punjab

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Religion, Community and Nation: Hindu Consciousness and Nationalism in Colonial Punjab examines the emergence and growth of a Hindu communitarian identity in Punjab and its interface with the nationalist discourse and the anti-colonial struggle from the late nineteenth century to the closing years of the 1920s. An attempt has been made to understand and explain how different sections of the new Hindu elite, having developed a distinct communitarian identity, negotiated with the ideology of inclusive nationalism and the anti-imperialist struggle represented by the Congress. However, the Hindu consciousness that emerged and evolved in colonial Punjab was far from monolithic and represented divergent perceptions. One of the trends that dominated the Hindu discourse and polity, described in this study as the ‘nationalist-communitarian’ perspective, was led by Lala Lajpat Rai. This volume also takes a fresh look at the position of Lala Lajpat Rai in the context of the shifts taking place in Hindu identity politics as well as in the nationalist movement.



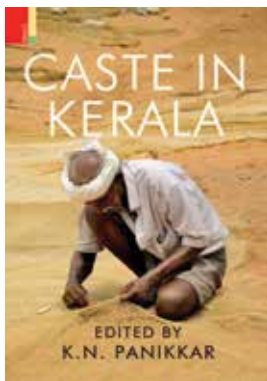
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Caste in Kerala

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The essays in this volume deal with caste reform movements in Kerala of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, which form the most significant development in the history of caste in modern times. The core of this book *Caste in Kerala* consists of four essays on cast reform movements among the Namputhiris, Nairs, Ezhavas and Dalits. They are prefaced by two essays which discuss the origin of the caste system in Kerala and the historical process of its fragmentation and proliferation. The closing essay throws light on the role caste plays in contemporary politics. Over time, most of the external attributes of caste system have been rendered irrelevant by the changes that have occurred in society with the decline of the feudal order and the subsequent movements for caste reform. Yet, caste has persisted. An analysis of the internal contradictions within these movement throws light on the enigma that caste continues to be.

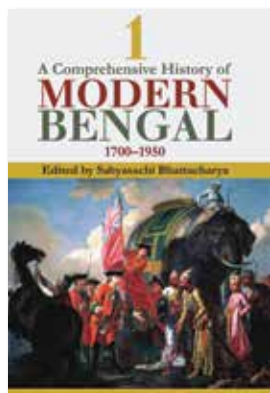
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The historical framework of *A Comprehensive History of Modern Bengal, 1700–1950* deals with three thematically distinct periods—the decline and fall of the Nawabi regime in Bengal and the remaking of the polity of Bengal in volume I (1700–93); the reawakening of Bengal in volume II (1793–1905); and the freedom struggle against the British Raj in volume III (1905–50). However, these three volumes are structured such that they allow for overlappings in the periods covered, going back and forth in time: themes and narratives often move seamlessly from one volume to the other, retaining their coherence and inter-connectedness.

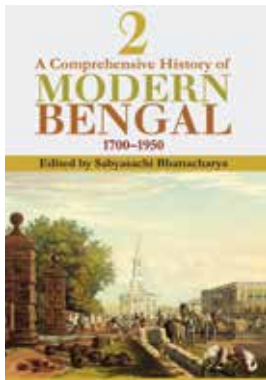
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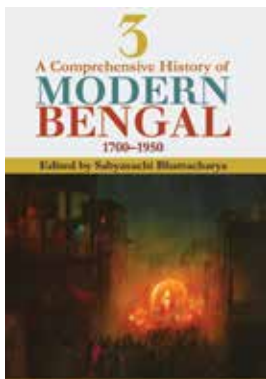
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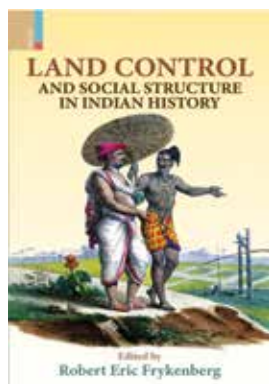
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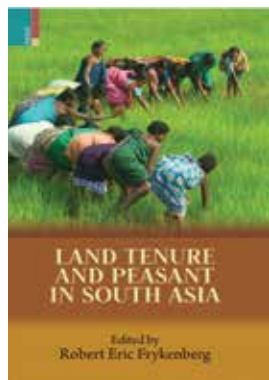
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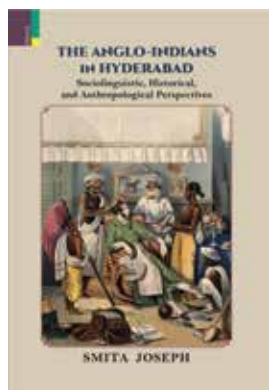
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Nowhere on earth is the relationship between man and land more complicated and seemingly as intractable as in South Asia. India alone, with some 1.37 billion people, most of whom work the land for a living, has known famine and scarcity on a scale unknown elsewhere. This has mocked humanity, and the urged need to investigate causes and remedies.

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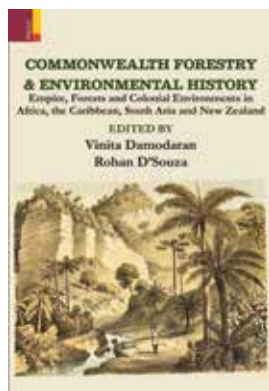
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By discussing the use of various strategies by which Christian names have adapted according to their ecology in the Indian context, this book provides new dimensions in the field of socio-onomastics. It gives a fascinating account of how the Anglo-Indians of Hyderabad maintain their ethnic identity through the use of proper names and slang. The data on slang and names has been elicited through a combination of interviews, surveys and ethnographic methods. The relationship between ethnicity and language has been explored by comparing the usage of slang across three age groups, as well as by comparing the usage of proper names across three decades. The status of slang and names as ethnic markers has been examined through the use of statistics.



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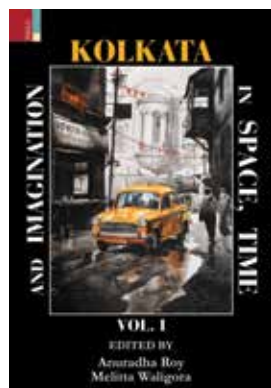
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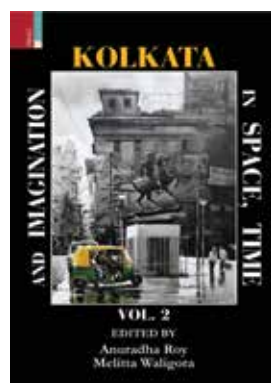
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This two-volume collection of eclectic essays on Kolkata seeks to explore areas not covered in the earlier works on the city, in terms of both topics and time. The first section of Volume 1 indicates how the city has negotiated space from its formative years right up to the crucial juncture it seems to have reached recently as a result of the drastic shift towards mega-urbanity. The second section provides glimpse into the city in time, through the two global wars in the twentieth century, the Naxalite movement, the rule of the Left Front and beyond.

While recognizing that the colonial rulers did play a vital role in the making of the city, the book is primarily about the active native participation in the process of Kolkata's urban transformation.



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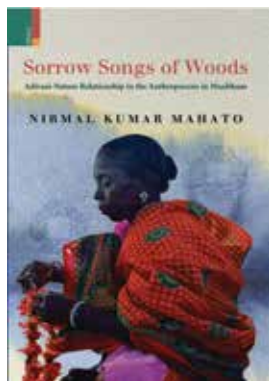
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The second volume of *Kolkata in Space, Time, and Imagination* continues with the theme of the ordinary and the everyday, with special attention paid to the underclasses of the city, focusing on certain labouring sectors (including feminized ones) that have always been marginalized in the city's history and yet do assert their 'right to the city' even in this age of neoliberal economics that seems to be rapidly turning the city into a utopia for the middle-class.

This volume, moreover, deals with the efflorescence of creative imagination in the city's culturescape, focusing on certain literary and artistic genres. It also shows how, in a sense, the city itself is an imagined existence, albeit a pluralistic one, and how perceptions of the city's past and the conservation of its heritage are also largely determined by imagination. Just as the first volume highlights the politics of space and time, the present one makes a nuanced study of the politics of culture in the city.



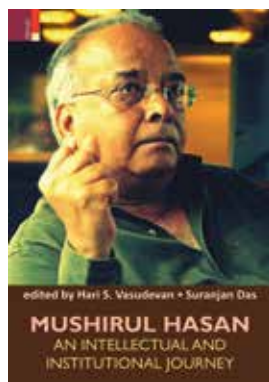
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Sorrow Songs of Woods Adivasi-Nature Relationship in the Anthropocene in Manbhum

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This book focuses on the fine and complex relationship between Adivasis and Nature in Manbhum. It analyses colonial intervention in 'indigenous' societies and the politics of identity formation of Adivasis. It provides an empirically detailed and region-specific study of the ethnic version of 'ecological nationalism'. It also studies Adivasi survival strategies and resource utilization practices. From the late-nineteenth century, the recurrent famines that plagued this area as a consequence of the changes brought by colonial policies on centuries-old modes of production and environmental resource management, deprived Adivasis of nutrients, and their health declined. Adivasi medicine men ascribed causes of diseases to individuals, especially women.



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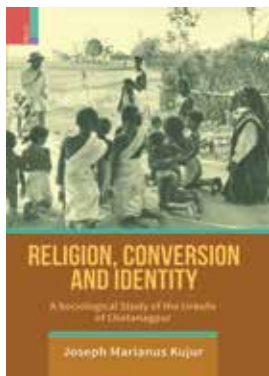
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The volume is a tribute to the memory of Mushirul Hasan. It begins with Mushir's own recollections of his Aligarh years, his Presidential Address to the Modern India Section of the Indian History Congress on 'Partition Narratives' and his unpublished 2014 lecture on Jawaharlal Nehru. The collection then brings together essays by Francis Robinson, Farzana Sheikh, Mujibur Rehman, Ranjit Nair, Lakshmi Subramanian, Arif Ali, Martha C. Nussbaum and Manisha Sethi, on how Mushir shaped himself both as a leading historian and an ardent institution-builder of his time, as well as personal recollections of Mushir by Prabhat Patnaik, S. Irfan Habib, Suparna Gooptu and Jawid Laiq. The next part of the volume reprints the published tributes by Majid Siddiqi, Shahid Amin, Narayani Gupta, Ramachandra Guha, Amir Ali, Hasan Suroor, Seema Mustafa, Seema Chishti and Ziya us Salam. The collection has traced aspects of Mushir's personality, writing and achievement, adding nuance and depth to a public record.

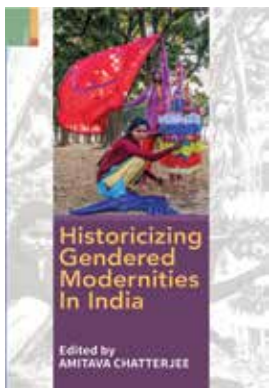


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Religion, Conversion and Identity A Sociological Study of the Urãoñs of Chotanagpur

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Set in the theoretical perspective of religious conversion in general, and that of tribal identity of Christians in particular, this volume brings out the complexities of the triangular relationship among tribal Christians, tribal Sarnās, and others. Based on historical records, some rare archival materials of the Church, oral traditions of the Urãoñ Adivasi community as well as fieldwork data, this book explores the dialectics between the old and the new. It presents insights derived from the processes of Indianization, indigenization and tribalization in the Church from the Second Vatican Council, and also addresses issues of ethnic and minority studies with a focus on identity formation and articulation. The book argues that the Urãoñ identity has evolved through the ages, that conversions are only side-effects of multiple factors resulting in the restructuring of identity, that in the fragmented relationship between Christians and Sarnā there are negotiations for convergence, that the Urãoñ Sarnā converts to Christianity are very much a Scheduled Tribe by virtue of being 'Urãoñs', and that calling the Urãoñ Sarnās 'Hindu' is self-contradictory.

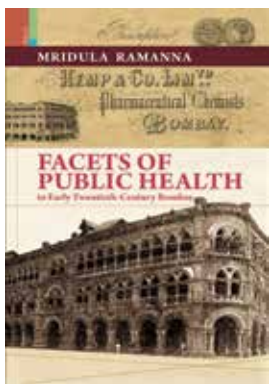


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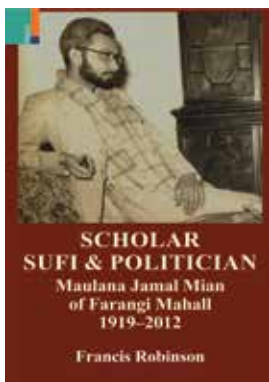
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This book focuses on some aspects of public health in the first three decades of the twentieth-century in Bombay Presidency. We begin with a review of the Western and Ayurvedic medicines, infant foods, tonics and toiletries, advertised in contemporary English language newspapers, to evaluate how copy reflected social perceptions and notions of health. An attempt is made to understand the health of men and women textile mill workers of Bombay and Ahmedabad. The activities of the semi-official Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association and the non-official Seva Sadan, in providing maternal and infant health care, and the training of nurses and health visitors by the latter, are also detailed. There is a micro-focus on localised attempts to promote self-help schemes among women and to provide support to children and the visually challenged. To provide a contemporary American perspective, the observations of visiting officials of the Rockefeller Foundation on Medical Education in Bombay are discussed as are the public health issues debated in the Bombay Legislative Council, in the 1920s and 1930s. The inequalities in health care between urban and rural areas, inadequate funding of public hospitals and the extent of the state's responsibility in public health, highlighted in this study, have a resonance in today's scenario.

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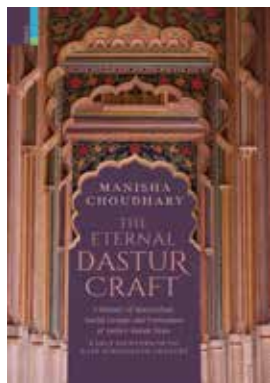
Maulana Jamal Mian of Farangi Mahall, 1919–2012

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Jamal Mian was a respected product of Lucknow's Farangi Mahall family and an important leader of the Pakistan movement. This book explores Jamal Mian's life, from his education and the spiritual traditions of his family, to his rise to leadership. Independence and Partition wrecked his family fortunes and he had to work in East Pakistan to support his family. After losing almost everything in the 1971 Bangladesh liberation war, he resettled in Karachi where he became involved in international Islamic organizations.

This book examines Jamal Mian's relationships with Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Jawaharlal Nehru and Mirza Ahmed Ispahani; his close friendships with Hasrat Mohani, the Raja of Mahmudabad, Sadri Ispahani, and Mufti Amin al-Husseini; his opposition to the Islamization of Pakistani politics; the extent to which his life was infused by poetry and spiritual devotion; and how long it took for the meaning of Partition in his life to be realized in full.



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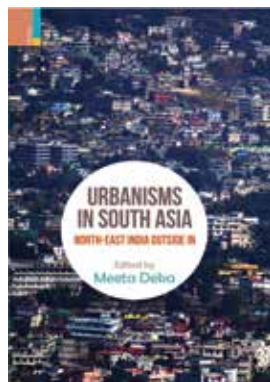
The Eternal Dastur Craft **A History of Mannerism, Social Groups and Formation of Amber-Jaipur State** **Early Eighteenth to Late Nineteenth Century**

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Rituals pervaded medieval society, up and down the social strata. Royal courts were a constant arena of ritual movements. Who was positioned higher than whom, who sat where, who exchanged what with whom, whose hand turned, a gift rendered and a counter gift returned, all these are suggestive of the language of gestures and indicative of the power and delicacy of rituals.

This volume is a study of the Rajlok, Khojas of the state and the political and religious dignitaries and protocol applied to them in the court of the Jaipur State from early eighteenth to late nineteenth century. While appearing in court, the protocol laid out for different social groups depended on the status of the individuals and their castes. Interestingly, the state accommodated nearly all the sections, clans and castes in the court. Being attached to the court, political and religious groups became representative of the court and exercised political pressure.



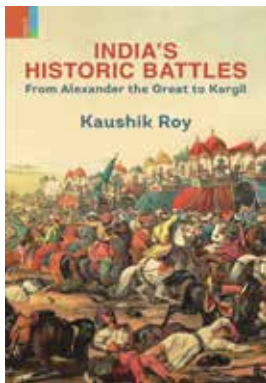
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Urbanisms in South Asia **Northeast India Outside-In**

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Urban studies or urban history has recently emerged as a compelling framework for historical inquiry as it is a potent tool for the discovery of variations in urbanism and urbanization. This volume focuses on space syntax and social identity, power and governance, environment and ecology, culture and modernity, lived experiences, and the establishment of the transnational as pivotal for understanding the process of urbanization. With chapters based on primary sources, the book offers new information on cities evolving on diverse topographies as it attempts to examine the inner dynamics of cities and beyond. As the developing countries of South Asia undergo rapid urbanization, and urbanism takes on an increasingly global perspective, this volume strives to help its readers to look 'Outside-In' through comparative, transnational or cross-cultural approaches. With an interdisciplinary approach to understanding urbanism, these essays tease out further research prospects while stimulating interest on urban studies in general.



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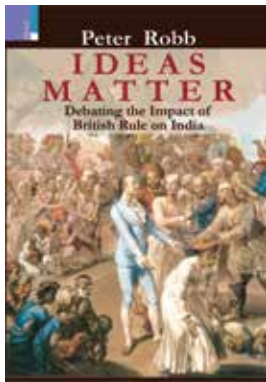
India's Historic Battles From Alexander the Great to Kargil

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This book focuses on the decisive battles that have shaped the course of Indian history. Taking into account recent research, especially in the fields of technology, military theory and demography, it attempts to analyse the twelve great battles that have had a crucial impact on the fate of the subcontinent. Moving freely across time and space, and focusing on cross-continental analysis to bring out the uniqueness of the big battles fought in India as well as their commonality, each chapter dwells on the nature of the weapons used, type of leadership displayed, and the experience of the soldiers in each battle.

An attempt has also been made in this book to construct counterfactual scenarios for most of the battles to show how often luck and chance decide the course of history.



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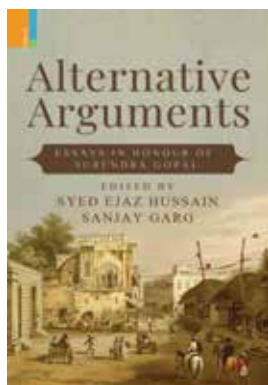
Ideas Matter Debating the Impact of British Rule on India

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This volume argues that concepts and ideologies shaped the practice of British rule in India; impacted policies and laws, and were embodied in institutions and practices. It calls for a balanced assessment of India's growth/decline under British rule. It examines revenue policies and their consequences stressing continuities from pre-colonial times but also discussing major changes deriving from British laws. Two chapters analyse the rationale and impact of the Bengal Tenancy Act of 1885. Others discuss communal identities and the effects of colonial categorization, probing the significance of interpretations of the 1857 revolt and the Amritsar massacre of 1919, and considering the overtly non-communist Abdul Latif (1828–93) and educational reforms intended to benefit Bengali Muslims.

The book examines British and Indian nationalism; commemorations of colonial rule and Indian resistance; the reification of politico-religious identities; and concepts and misconceptions that shaped policy and law, especially those affecting rural India.



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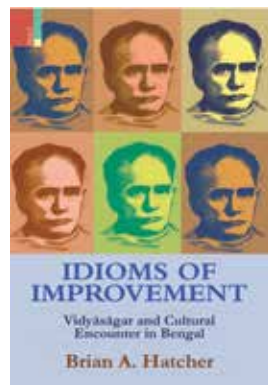
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Alternative Arguments is a tribute to Professor Surendra Gopal, a truly extraordinary historian, well known for his undisputed and sterling scholarship. This collection of essays by his former colleagues, students and friends from India and abroad, comprises 37 scholarly contributions that have been broadly grouped into six sections: the Idea of India; Bihar: Ancient, Medieval and Modern; Indian Economy, Trade and Commerce; Nationalism and Freedom Struggle; Original Sources; and History through Art and Media. Alternative Arguments is an attempt at evolving new contours in historical research, focusing on the multi-layered dynamism of India's past.



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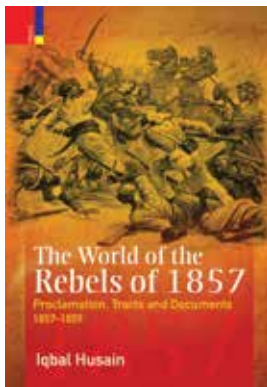
Vidyāsāgar and Cultural Encounter in Bengal

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Two hundred years after his birth, Īśvarcandra Vidyāsāgar remains a compelling figure in the history of modern Indian social change. Vidyāsāgar is renowned as both a Sanskrit pandit and an innovative modern thinker. Idioms of Improvement seeks to fathom this 'ocean of learning' (vidyā-sāgar) by focusing on the convergence of Sanskrit and European cultural norms within Vidyāsāgar's distinctive Bengali worldview.

Unlike other colonial reformers, Vidyāsāgar held religious discourse and theology at arm's length. While this fact has charmed his secularist admirers and infuriated the keepers of Hindu orthodoxy, neither camp has been able to provide a convincing, integrated account of his worldview in this regard. This book offers such an account, making the case for a religious dimension to Vidyāsāgar's worldview that can explain both impatience with orthodoxy and his respect for dharma. As one compelling species of liberal Hindu modernity, this worldview deserves careful explication and on-going critical reflection.



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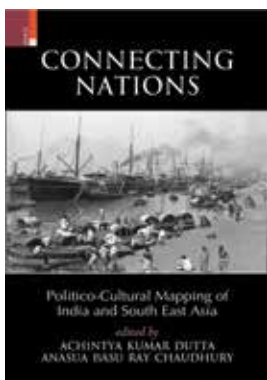
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In the 'rebel world' of 1857, indigenous discourse on the great uprising in the form of proclamations, pamphlets and appeals issued by rebel leaders and other ideologues offers primary data for understanding the motives of the rebels, their means of mobilization and the people who were sought to be mobilized. It also helps us to figure out if the appeal by the leaders of the rebellion remained within the earlier traditional framework as well as the kind of 'polity' or 'polities' they envisioned. The material contained in this volume is also likely to throw light on how the sepoys, as members of the most modern army of their times, used modern machines and modern ideas in their fight against their colonial masters, and answer questions regarding the conflict between the Sepoys and the more traditional elements, namely the *wahhabis*.

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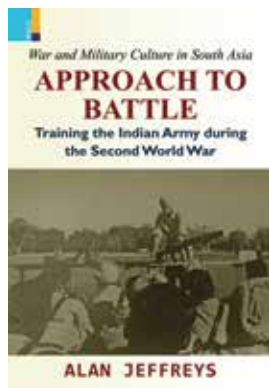
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The present volume analyses various facets of India's connectivity with the South East Asian countries, including its linkages with the north-eastern states of India; a rediscovery of Indian imprinted culture, mainly Buddhism and other religions in the South East Asian region and beyond; the use of the Indian diaspora for economic development; and the implementation of various agreements signed by India with the South East Asian countries. This volume is an interesting combination of the analytical method of historical linkages between India and South East Asia with critical observations of the contemporary dynamics of international politics.

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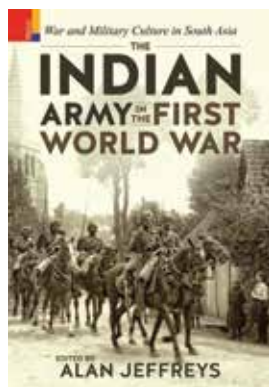
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The Indian Army was the largest volunteer army during the Second World War. Indian Army divisions fought in the Middle East, North and East Africa, Italy—and went to make up the overwhelming majority of the troops in South East Asia. Over two million personnel served in the Indian Army—and India provided the base for supplies for the Middle Eastern and South East Asian theatres. This monograph is a modern historical interpretation of the Indian Army as a holistic organisation during the Second World War. It will look at training in India—charting how the Indian Army developed a more comprehensive training structure than any other Commonwealth country. This was achieved through both the dissemination of doctrine and the professionalism of a small coterie of Indian Army officers who brought about a military culture within the Indian Army—starting in the 1930s—that came to fruition during the Second World War, which informed the formal learning process.



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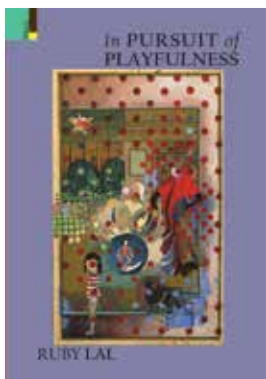
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This book addresses the important global role of the Indian Army during the First World War. It is an academic reassessment of the army by both established and early career scholars. It looks at the historiography of the army—taking into account recent work (particularly on the Western Front in 1914–1915). This edited volume covers the traditional areas of the Indian Army in France and Belgium, Palestine, Mesopotamia and the defence of the Suez Canal. There are also chapters on combined operations; Indian prisoners of war in Germany; the expansion of the officer corps; the role of Islam in the army; the Sikh experience and the demobilisation of the army, 1918–1923. Three additional chapters are related to the theme, on the mobilisation of the equine army, the Territorial Army in India and Winston Churchill's portrayal of the Indian Army during the Gallipoli campaign in his account World Crisis.

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In Pursuit of Playfulness The Girl-Child/Woman and Nineteenth-Century India

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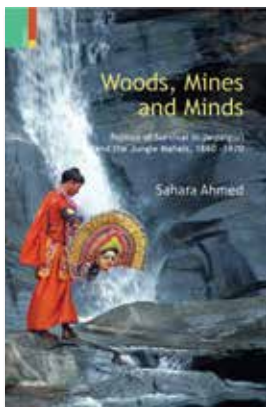
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In this engaging and eloquent history, Ruby Lal traces the becoming of nineteenth-century Indian women through a critique of narratives of linear transition from girlhood to womanhood. In the north Indian patriarchal environment, women's lives were dominated by the expectations of the male universal, articulated most clearly in household chores and domestic duties. The author argues that girls and women in the early nineteenth century experienced freedom, eroticism, adventurousness and playfulness, even within restrictive circumstances.

Although women in the colonial world of the later nineteenth century remained agential figures, their activities came to be constrained by more firmly entrenched domestic norms. Lal skillfully marks the subtle and complex alterations in the multifaceted female subject in a variety of nineteenth-century discourses, elaborated in four different sites—forest, school, household and rooftops.

'This extraordinary portrait of young women in nineteenth-century north India begins with a vivid and moving conversation with an elderly woman whose memories stretch back over many decades. That intimate personal tone continues to animate the feisty and imaginative women that Ruby Lal found in neglected archives and brought to life for us.'

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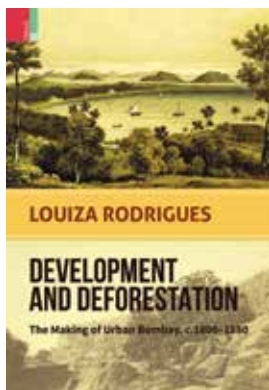
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Woods, Mines and Minds Politics of Survival in Jalpaiguri and the Jangal Mahals, 1860 -1970

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Woods, Mines and Minds: Politics of Survival in Jalpaiguri and the Jungle Mahals deliberates upon a wide spectrum of events and processes as it endeavours to trace the ecological changes brought about by the evolution of two industries, forestry and mining, and their eventual institutionalization in the Bengal Province. An analysis of the topographical changes in this region is essential to render an understanding of the dialectics of colonial rule. The focus on regional history unravels the myriad ways in which colonial intrusion transformed the production process, as well as investigates its impact on the local social fabric. The role of the State, the local stakeholders and the power-liaisons in the colonial and postcolonial period, together with the devolution of authority under the independent government are also examined. The vexed issue of development, which had to accommodate the legacy of the erstwhile regime, the proclivities of the rulers, and the resistance offered by the ruled, covert as well as overt, also deserves attention.



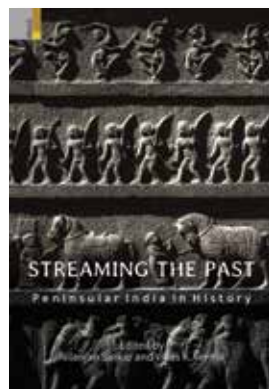
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Development and Deforestation The Making of Urban Bombay, c. 1800-1880

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This book studies the green dense in scaling the urbanization of Bombay in the nineteenth century. In particular, the book traces the principal consequences of the political intervention of the British in reshaping the ecological landscape of western India. In metamorphosing political intervention into the colonial control, the British botanists, conservators and military engineers undertook scores of forest surveys. This book underscores the colonial psyche in articulating conservation policies and uncovers strategies that have been overlooked in the literature on the Environmental history of the Bombay Presidency.



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Streaming the Past Peninsular India in History

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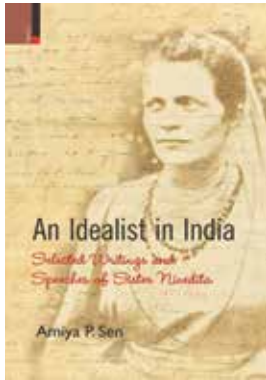
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In a conscious bid to avoid the categorization of 'south' India *Streaming the Past: Peninsular India in History* changes the framework of the historical meta-narrative of the nation, which has failed to integrate the history of premodern peninsular India within it. This book demonstrates that a collection of varied essays is, in fact, a woven tapestry with perforated boundaries and a stage for interdisciplinary voices to speak to one another in several ways.

Focusing on peninsular India, the essays cover diverse topics stretching from megalithic times to the eighteenth century. They rely on classical languages and historical materials to source information, employ versatile methods and examine wide-ranging themes including archaeological sites, trade routes, iron technology, water management, coinage, social hierarchies, goddesses and narrative traditions, performing arts and culture, forms of protests, crime and punishment, and narratives of death alongside socioeconomic and political processes.



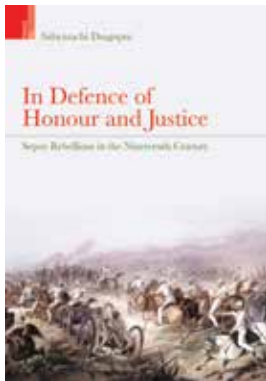
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An Idealist in India Selected Writings and Speeches of Sister Nivedita

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This book puts together representative speeches and writings of Sister Nivedita. Posterity has often judged Margaret Elizabeth Noble (1867-1911), better known as Sister Nivedita, and her guru, Swami Vivekananda (1863–1902), in sharply different ways. Opinion remains divided over whether or not the Swami was more a patriot than prophet, and Nivedita's biographers have read her life and work in widely different ways, aided perhaps by the fact that she remained deeply committed to the memory of her Master and his ideas even as she was increasingly drawn to a life of active politics, which, paradoxically, had been forbidden by none other than the Master himself. Suitably annotated, this book covers a wide array of subjects, ranging from the education of Indian women, Hindu religion, and mythology to issues born of the burgeoning Indian nationalism of the times. A substantive introduction comments upon and contextualizes the selections included.



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In Defence of Honour and Justice Sepoy Rebellions in the Nineteenth Century

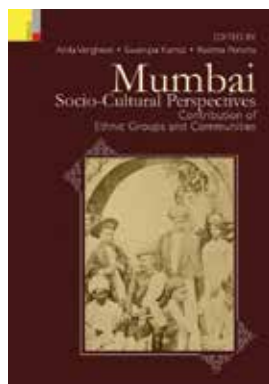
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This book focuses on the 'sepoy' rebellions of the nineteenth century as an entry point into the wider dynamics of the pre-1857 colonial armies. Delving beyond the usual binaries of discipline and indiscipline which tend to draw a linear teleology between localized mutinies in the colonial armies and the greater event of 1857, it seeks to explore the broader issues these mutinies raise about the colonial armies. These were issues like the prevalence of certain notions of honour and justice among the 'sepoys', contrasting conceptions of discipline, structures of deference, the construction of colonial stereotypes, and their influence on policy decisions. These indices were linked to broader questions of loyalty and the construction of a distinct 'sepoy' identity. Thus, the various sepoy mutinies of the nineteenth century can be read as violent interventions by the sepoys to renegotiate the indices around which company armies sought to build a 'sepoy' identity.

'... the present volume convincingly attempts to bring out sepoy-centric perspective of various mutinies scripted by them in the nineteenth century by treading into their worldview and sensibilities.'

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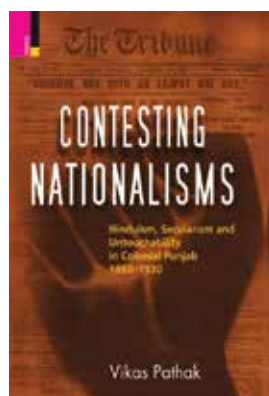
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Mumbai, the city of dreams, has always been a city of migrants. People moved here from near and far, by land and sea, their dreams wrapped in optimism and hope. The seven islands that became the erstwhile Bombay welcomed them all. This book, however, focuses on the history of the many communities that contributed to its wealth, both culturally and financially.

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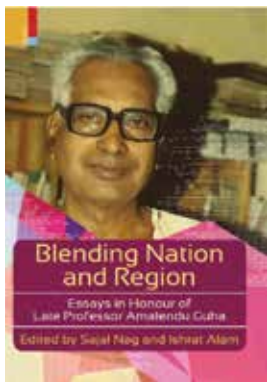
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Indian nationalism has been a contested space over the last century. Claims and counter-claims have been advanced regarding its nature for long now. This book argues that there are multiple visions of Indian nationalism, each seeking hegemony over national discourse, and that divergences regarding the cultural-ideological contours of the idea of India are central to the contest over what Indian nationalism means.

‘with its nuanced scholarship and detached treatment, this book is a valuable study of nationalism in an important region of this subcontinent, which saw not only partition, but massacre and ethnic cleansing on an unimaginable scale on both sides of the new border.’

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Blending Nation and Region Essays in Honour of Late Professor Amalendu Guha

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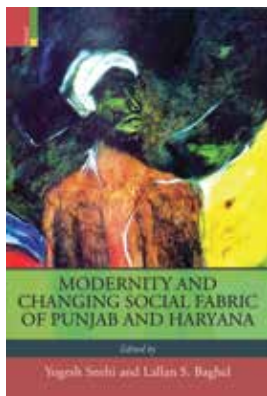
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Late Professor Amalendu Guha belonged to that first generation of historians in post-independent India who not just gave Indian history an identity but were also responsible for its decolonization, modernization and internationalization. When most historians were writing macro history, Professor Guha concentrated on regional history and brought into focus a region of India about which very little was then known—north-east India. Besides being an eminent scholar, he was a first rate poet in Assamese, a fearless political activist, as well as a political theorist. He passed away in May 2015.

In this commemoration volume to Late Professor Amalendu Guha, eminent historians of India, his contemporaries, and a host of younger scholars who have grown up following his scholarship gather to offer a scholarly tribute to him through their own research which discuss, debate, discover and controvert a wide array of themes of Indian history. Although other regions such as north and south India and even Ceylon are covered in some of the contributions, this volume focuses specially on north-east India since this was the primary region of Professor Guha's interest. Some of the issues discussed in this volume include Indian demographic history; the army and social bases of patronage in early India; forests in Mughal India; Euro-Asian trade relationship in the seventeenth century; the culture of dowry; transnationalism and transhumanism of Tagore and Aurobindo; British expansion into northern East Bengal; frontier small wars; application of the concept of martial race on certain communities; colonial masculinity; law and labour in colonial tea plantations; wastelands as a colonial construct; East Bengali settlers in the Assamese public sphere; religious change in north-east India; flood control in colonial Assam; propaganda and tribal response during the Second World War in north-east India; language and nationalities in nineteenth-century Assam; and the colonial state and ethno-genesis in the north-east.

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Modernity and Changing Social Fabric of Punjab and Haryana

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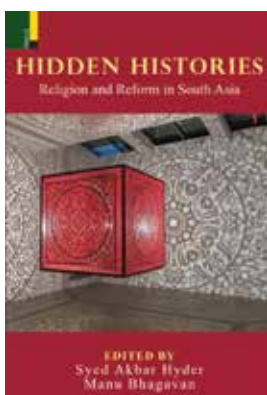
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This eclectic collection of essays is embedded in both the past and present of the region's complex interface with modernity. It is pertinent to note that despite the postmodernist critiques of the abstract notion of the term modern, modernity continues to be relevant for an understanding of contemporary social processes. Apart from theoretical debates, 'modernity' as a process and value system as well as a contrast to 'tradition' offers multiple interpretative possibilities which are deeply manifested in the everyday experience of the self and community. While acknowledging both enchantment and disenchantment with modernity, this volume explores the opportunities, contingencies and contestations of the process.

Spatializing modernity, therefore, takes the concept to the arena of experience and practice, thereby bringing it closer to the script of the everyday: the contradictory and at times polemical positioning of access and denial, institutional and individual, urban and rural, trader/moneylender and peasant/ zamindar, Jat and Dalit (in context of landownership and access to wealth), and erotic/gender (urban) and ideal (rural). These and other similar themes involve self-positioning and Othering. Modern, modernity and modernization are, therefore, competing, contradictory and overlapping concepts that get situated around the narratives of power, prestige, entitlement and access.



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Hidden Histories

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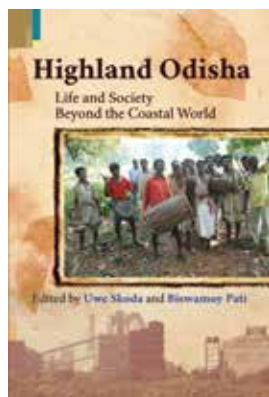
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The essays in this volume examine 'hidden histories' related to gender, religion, and reform in modern South Asia. Chapters from an array of eminent contributors examine Indo-Muslim cultures and political mobilization, literary aesthetics, and education, broadly defined. Dedicated to Gail Minault, a pioneering scholar of women's history, Islamic reformation, and Urdu literature, this volume raises new questions about the role of identity in politics and public life, about memory and historical archives, and about innovative approaches to envisioning egalitarianism.

'One of the great merits of this collection, like the work of its celebrated contributors, is its sensitivity to the historical situatedness of meaning-making and the consequent disavowal of the cultural essentialism that has long produced the 'Tthe Muslimwoman' as a discursive object.'

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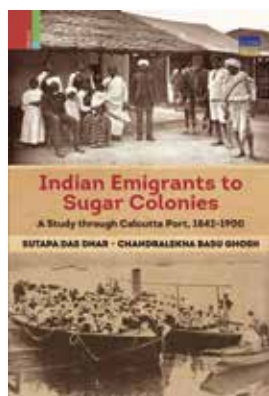
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This volume inverts the othering characteristic of most studies of Odisha by drawing attention to the highlands in the west and south. Based on fieldwork, participant observation, oral traditions, archival materials and long-term historical and anthropological research by a range of scholars negotiating this region and its people, this volume examines the less visible and often misrecognized highlands of Odisha, thus questioning dominant coast-centric views and acknowledging a multitude of perspectives on Odisha beyond simplified dichotomies. The nine essays herein cover themes such as social structures and patterns of kinship and relatedness; concepts of food, music or death and their significance to wider cosmologies; interdependencies among highland communities and the position of migrant farmers between caste and Adivasi society; and processes of resistance and ideas around Nehruvian industrialization projects set up in the supposed 'wilderness'.



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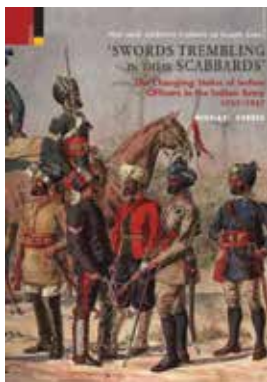
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Indian Emigrants to Sugar Colonies examines the relationship between the two phases of migration during the nineteenth century that made Calcutta Port the centre of overseas emigration from specific areas of India. It also delves into the reasons that made the migrants settle near the place of embarkation at the end of the century. Starting with an analysis of the causes of large-scale emigration from parts of northern and eastern India and ending with reasons behind changes in the direction of such population movements, this volume presents a new framework for writing migration history, intermingled with industrial expansion in British India during the nineteenth century. It is, thus, a combination of both external as well internal migration histories, enhanced with a cost-benefit analysis of this migration process and its consequences.



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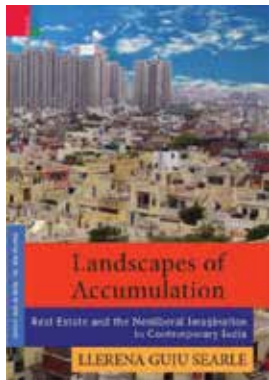
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The Sixteenth Lancers already had a long and distinguished history when they sailed for India in 1822. Over the next twenty-four years they fought in four wars, most famously in the Sutlej campaign against the Sikhs. This book examines what regimental soldiering was like in India in those years. It draws on an unprecedented range of mainly unpublished sources: official archives but also journals and letters of officers and men. An important feature of the book is a detailed roll of every officer and man who served in the Sixteenth in the Sutlej: where they came from, their trades, why they enlisted and what happened to them in the army and afterwards. This approach illuminates such topics as literacy, suicide, and the number of men who opted to remain in India.

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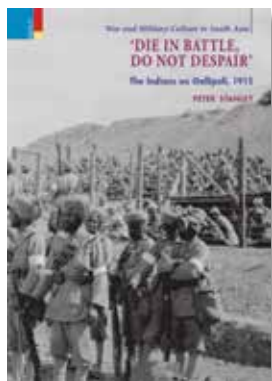
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Over the past few decades, India has experienced a sudden and spectacular urban transformation. Gleaming business complexes encroach on fields and villages. Giant condominium communities offer gated security, indoor gyms, and pristine pools. Spacious, air-conditioned malls have sprung up alongside open-air markets. In *Landscapes of Accumulation*, Llerena Guiu Searle examines India's booming developments and offers a nuanced ethnographic treatment of late capitalism. India's land, she shows, is rapidly transforming from a site of agricultural and industrial production to an international financial resource. Drawing on intensive fieldwork with investors, developers, real estate agents, and others, Searle documents the new private sector partnerships and practices that are transforming India's built environment.

'*Landscapes of Accumulation* is excellent—original, highly engaging, and on an important topic that currently lacks much quality scholarship.'

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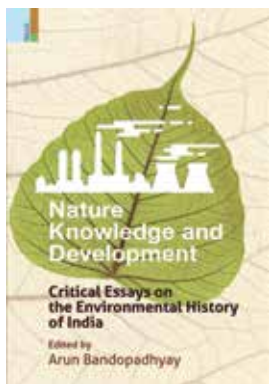
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About 1,600 of the Indians who served on Gallipoli died, in action at Gurkha Bluff and Hill 60. They took part in terrible, failed attacks, at Gully Ravine and Gully Spur and in the climactic attempt in August to seize the summit of Sari Bair—one of the Gurkhas' most cherished battle honours. Though commemorated on the great memorial to the missing at Cape Helles (because most Indians' bodies were cremated or, actually, lost) they are practically invisible on Gallipoli today. The Indian story of Gallipoli has barely been told before. Not only is this the first book about their part in the campaign to be published in the century since 1915, but it also tells their story in new and unexpected ways. Though inescapably drawing on records created by the force's British officers, it strives to recapture the experience of the formerly anonymous sepoys, gunners and drivers, introducing Indians of note—Mit Singh, Gambirsing Pun, Kulbahadur Gurung, and Jan Mohamed—alongside the more familiar British figures.

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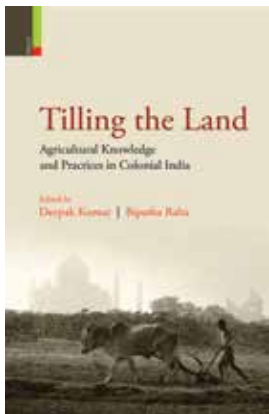
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This volume delves deeply into historical research to exemplify theoretical claims of historical meta-narratives and to explain the present predicament of environmentalism. The consequences of colonialism, industrialization, and capitalist interventions in the environment have brought the colonized regions of South Asia into intense global focus and made environmental history a field of great importance. Accordingly, the essays herein highlight the importance of comparative studies within the field of environmental history. From the legacy of colonial forest policies to contemporary watershed programmes, they address several of India's more prominent environmental history issues, placing them within the comparative frameworks of time, region, society and culture.

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Tilling the Land Agricultural Knowledge and Practices in Colonial India

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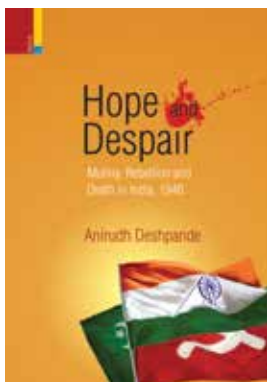
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This volume sheds light on systems of agricultural knowledge, inherited agricultural practices and allied activities, adoption of new knowledge as well as attempts at modernization, and the involvement and perception of the key historical players and agricultural pioneers who initiated the process of transformation of the system of agrarian production and the creation of a new agrarian knowledge base against the backdrop of burgeoning Western scientific knowledge. Going beyond the scope of work of those who have written agrarian histories of colonial India focussing primarily on issues related to control over land, organization of agrarian production, agrarian relations, rural credit and agrarian commercial network, this volume attempts to examine the productionist discourse in the colonial period as well as throws new light on hitherto unexplored issues related to the colonial impact on indigenous agrarian systems.

'The 12 contributors escape from the locked ward of the nationalist-Marxist orthodoxy, even if they show incipient signs of developing collective illusions of their own. The main thrust of their work is the farmer and the Raj.'

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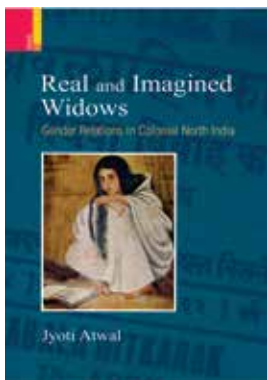
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This book recounts the story of the thousands of Indians who braved British bullets and bayonets on the streets of Bombay and Karachi during the Royal Indian Navy (RIN) Mutiny and the attendant civil rebellions of 1946. The Indian subcontinent had witnessed inflation, food shortages, a crippling famine in Bengal, and a surge of nationalist sentiment during the course of the Second World War. Millions of Indians also became recruits in the Imperial armed forces in the hope of a better future even as the labouring and working classes bore the brunt of the War. The end of the War, however, brought neither prosperity nor peace, and thousands of demobilized servicemen entered the employment market precisely when wage and job-related strikes rocked Indian cities almost every day. This was a time when immense social anxiety about the future gripped the Indian masses and created a collective consciousness of rebellion woven around the slogans and symbols of wartime Indian nationalism. The INA trials and strikes in the Royal Indian Air Force in 1945 paved the way for the political upheavals of February 1946, which is what this book sets out to explore in detail.

‘Deshpande’s book does much more than just reminding its readers of the RIN’s heroic struggle in 1946. It is a poignant foray into a historical event whose implications remain with us at institutional and discursive level.’

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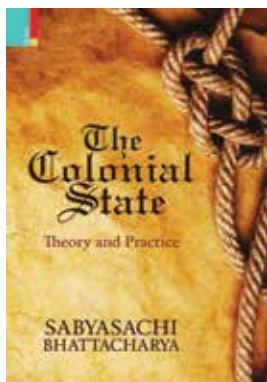
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This book explores the politico-cultural imagination that formed the subtext of the reformist, nationalist and women’s discourses on widowhood from the colonial period to the 1950s. It examines legislative debates on the relationship between sexuality, morality, property rights and widowhood, and explores the world of literate widows of the early twentieth century. It also traces the manner in which the complex connection between the nineteenth-century idea of widowhood and the concept of the anti-colonial Mother India of the 1920s transformed the notion of the ideal Hindu widow into a metaphor for a struggling/recovering nation in post-colonial India. This metaphor further evolved in independent India under Nehruvian socialism, where, uniquely combined with Gandhian moral reformism, it produced renewed and reformed cultural codes for widows in particular and for Indian women in general.

‘This book is a valuable addition to the existing works on question of widows, inheritance and remarriage, and fully succeeds in highlighting the varied responses to the question of widows in UP based on various equations of caste, class, regional peculiarities and their effect on gender relations.’

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The Colonial State Theory and Practice

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This book addresses through historical narrativization of some specific moments of colonial state building the historical specificities of the 'colonial' state as distinct from other state forms. It weaves together the discourse of state theory and the narrative of state practices. Its approach is based on the argument that theory was not something out there to guide practice. Rather, empirical evidence suggests a more complex picture of interaction between the two where, within parameters structured by theory, practice in turn produces and structures theory at each juncture. Given this, and given the absence of theoretical enquiries of the kind which have so enriched the analysis of the post-colonial state, the historiography of the colonial period needs to be revisited and complemented—and this is precisely what this book attempts.

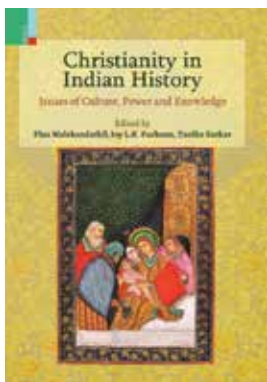
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'This work—by adopting a methodology that strikes a fine balance between empiricism and theoretical postulates—comes as an appropriate corrective to the post-modernist stress on textual supremacy, on fragments against overarching identities, and on the local as opposed to general processes.'

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Christianity in Indian History Issues of Culture, Power and Knowledge

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This volume is a collection of wide ranging essays on Indian Christianity and Christian missionaries in India. It attempts to identify and reflect upon Christianity's regional and temporal variations from Early Modern times, its links with global Christian institutions and movements, its diverse cultural practices, and its relationship with caste and class. The essays herein underline the existence of many Christianities in Indian history, their mutual linkages, their exchanges and interactions as well as their debates with other Indian religions and communities. They anchor Christian historical experiences within a larger Indian modernity and identify the specificities and influences of Christian identities as well as locate their intermeshing with other Indian identities.

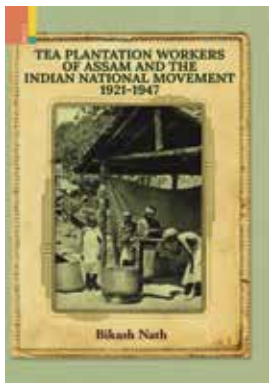
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'This is an interesting collection of essays on Indian Christianity and Christian communities. Focusing on local varieties of Christian practices, the authors ask us to move away from the missionaries and colonial state, and instead focus on the converted lower caste communities to understand the history of Christianity in India.'

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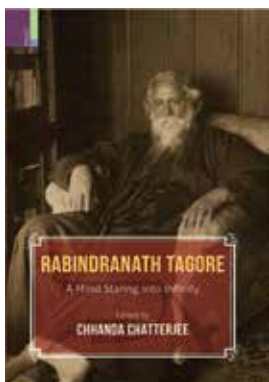
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Tea Plantation Workers of Assam and the Indian National Movement, 1921–1947

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This book studies various phases of workers' politics in the tea plantations of Assam and deliberates upon the role of nationalist leaders in moulding the fate of these workers. The struggles of tea plantation workers were a manifestation of the strength of their protests against varied forms of exploitations of the tea planters. Their struggle occurred at the time of the formation of the indigenous bourgeoisie, and continued despite the nationalist leadership not providing sufficient support to them. The deep incongruity between interests of the workers and of the nationalist leadership largely determined the fate of the material conditions of these labourers. This book dwells on these and related issues in delineating the history of nationalism amongst the tea plantation workers of Assam.



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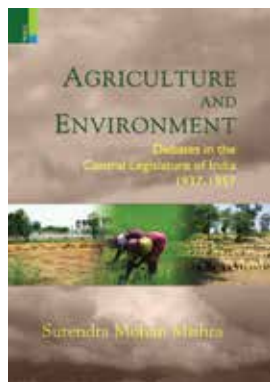
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This volume explores the multifaceted genius of Rabindranath Tagore in rescuing the stagnant cultural life of Bengal from its many inhibitions. He was an ardent supporter of women's participation in dance and drama. His art was a precursor of Indian abstract art. In education, he was heavily influenced by the New School Movement, teaching young children to live in harmony with nature. His works often explore the relationship between human experience and the landscape and atmosphere, and he mobilized the energy of his dedicated children (bratibalakas and bratibalikas) for rural resuscitation. A bitter critic of the aggressive nationalism of the West, he acted as a cultural mascot for the 'submerged nationalities' of war-ravaged East Europe. The essays herein explore these works and legacies of Tagore, a man much ahead of his time.

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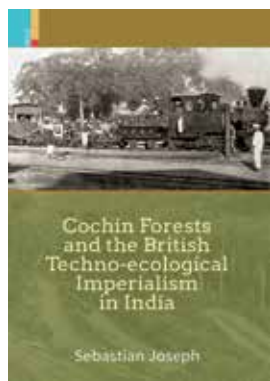
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This book studies agriculture-related debates in the Central legislature of India between 25 January 1937, the first day of the Fifth Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly, and 28 March 1957, the last day of the First Lok Sabha. It details various aspects and shades of the agrarian culture of India that underwent transformations as a consequence of contact with an industrially advanced colonial culture. With 15 August 1947 forming the dividing line between the British Raj and the Republic of India, this book looks at various aspects and agencies of agriculture in India during the two historic decades before and after the nation's freedom at midnight. As such, it is a significant tool towards understanding environmental history in India, for while engagement with the environment became commonplace post-1970, the basic awareness that agriculture affects the natural environment, and is in turn affected by it, has been part of traditional subcontinental wisdom.

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Cochin Forests and the British Techno-ecological Imperialism in India

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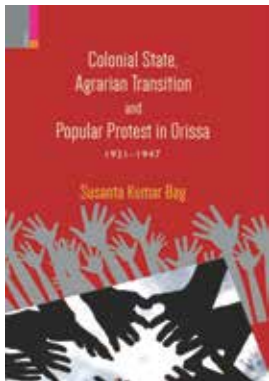
This book shifts through a variety of archival material that has hitherto remained unexamined so as to trace the making of forest reforms and their impact on the rich ecological life of the Cochin region. It examines the workings of the tramway constructed through dense tropical forests in the beginning of the twentieth century to transport massive amounts of extracted teak to the nearest ports and railway lines; the enormous financial burden this brought on the state and how that was mitigated through further exploitation of forest resources whilst limiting access of the local population to the forests. Examining the varied intersections between modern economic and scientific rationality, the technological expansion of an imperialist state, and the predicaments of local ecological worlds, this book is crucial for understanding the environmental history of a princely state less written about.

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Colonial State, Agrarian Transition and Popular Protest in Orissa, 1921–1947

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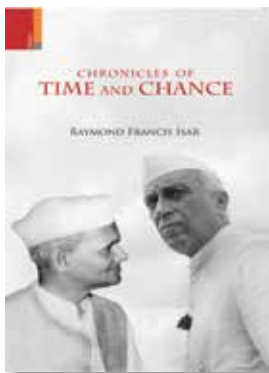
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This book attempts to understand the agrarian socio-economic transition that took place during colonial rule in the provinces and princely states of Odisha. It deals with the theory of peasant nationalism in India in general, and Odisha in particular, providing a broad historical outline of the Nationalist Movement in the Gandhian period. The peasantry, both tribal and non-tribal, actively participated in anti-imperialist mass movements for independence, and although some regional studies have focused on peasant and tribal movements in Odisha, this book is the first to delineate the agrarian socio-economic structure of Odisha with reference to land relations. It is also unique in discussing the role of the peasantry during the National Movement in Odisha, and tracing the activities of the Krushak Sangh and of the Prajamandals in the princely states in the late 1930s.

‘One needs to appreciate Bag’s effort to steer clear of cultural symbols that are steamrollered, homogenized and connected—rather unhistorically—by some scholars with peasant and tribal consciousness.’

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Chronicles of Time and Chance

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This book questions the myths, action models, and growing corruption of the new Indian ruling class after Independence. Far more than simply autobiographical, these selections from the memoirs of a former ICS officer offer a fascinating cultural and social history of the subcontinent, notably of the Indian-Christian community of the Punjab in the first half of the twentieth century. They explore the conditions in which conversions were made and delineate entanglements between ideas and imaginings of a freshly Westernized lower middle class and the culture of the colonizers. They recount how, as a young District Officer, the author confronted the cultural challenges of rural postings in the extreme south; the implications of being a fledgling Guardian; and his experience of the bloodletting of 1947 in New Delhi. The concluding chapters capture the political manoeuvrings of the last Nehru years as well as the prime ministerial life and times of Lal Bahadur Shastri, his still undervalued successor.

‘This volume of over 260 pages, while being essentially autobiographical, narrates the political and social history of India during the most important period. Raymond Francis Isar, as a civil servant having served on either side of Independence, had a ringside view of the establishment that ruled the country and the cabal that emerged in the political scenario at critical times and changed the fate of the country.’

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Essays in Modern Indian Economic History

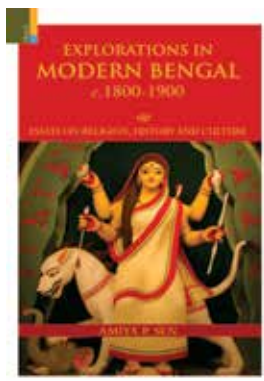
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This volume is part of a three-volume series comprising representative articles of Indian History Congress Proceedings (1935-85). The essays herein provide an overview of the continuities and changes in historians' approach to economic aspects of 'modern' Indian history. In the agenda of economic historians, the problems uppermost have been policies of the colonial state, the impact of metropolitan capitalism on colonial trade and industry, and in particular the evolution of land revenue systems in various regions. At the same time, many of the continuities from the pre-colonial period to the so-called modern period in terms of social institutions, political structures, and organization of production have engaged historians. Accordingly, this volume indicates how research in modern economic history has pushed beyond the study of colonial economic policies per se into processes internal to the economy and society under the impact of these policies, resulting in the development of a culturally and socially sensitive economic history. Re-issued in a revised form to synchronize with the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Indian History Congress, these essays are accompanied by a new Preface and an Introduction that highlights the changing contours of emphases, shifting focus and methodologies and projections of research, both encouraged and documented under the aegis of the Indian History Congress.

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Explorations in Modern Bengal, c. 1800–1900 Essays on Religion, History and Culture

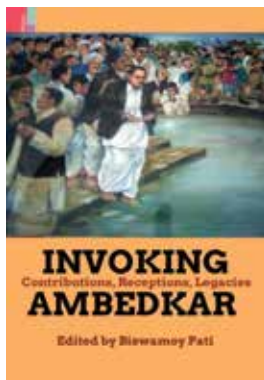
Amiya P. Sen

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This book examines the regional culture of nineteenth-century Bengal, subjected to acute interpretative stress throughout this period. This is done through an original study of three key facets of contemporary Hindu thought: new perspectives on the possible interplay between the divinely ordained and humanly enacted history, innovative extensions in the meaning of older terms like *Dharma*; and attempts at evolving new moral and cultural theories around select mythical figures and traditionally revered texts. In essence, then, this book is a unique contribution to the history of modern Bengal as distinct from the more conventionally political or social histories.

‘This work will interest the specialist, one keen to study the intellectual activity that colonial intervention unleashed in Bengal.’

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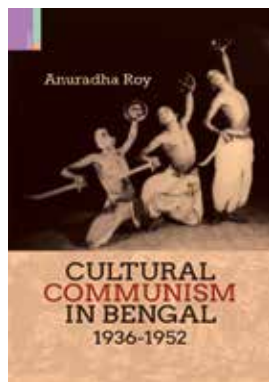
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This volume brings together a wide variety of scholarly ideas of and on B.R. Ambedkar: the way ‘Aryans’ are perceived in Dalit historical thinking; seeing the problem of Dalit liberation through the lenses of Adam Smith; the election of the Constituent Assembly (1946) with which Ambedkar was intimately involved, and which scripted India’s Constitution; the approach of Gandhi and Ambedkar to the process of planning and India’s economic development; and Ambedkar’s attitude to Marx and Buddha, as well as Dalit Christianity. It also includes a comparative study of Ambedkar and some of his contemporaries like Charan Singh and Ram Manohar Lohia in Uttar Pradesh.

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Cultural Communism in Bengal, 1936–1952

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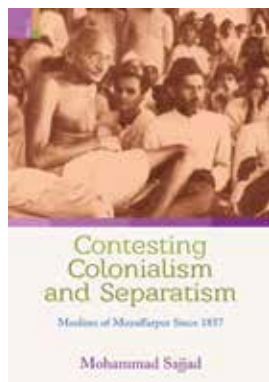
Professor of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

This book is about Communist-inspired cultural activism in Bengal that had strong national and international links, and responded to the critical social and political climate of the late colonial and early-Independence years. One of the main objectives of this activism was to give political direction to the middle-class and help them reach out to the labouring 'other'. The ultimate aim was to establish a cultural counter-hegemony in society by preparing people for a big revolution. The objectives of this movement, however, remained largely unfulfilled even though it ignited creative talents of many writers and artists, and at the same time induced in them a political commitment that generated new themes and bold experiments in a range of art forms. This book, therefore, seeks to critically understand this cultural activism by examining three art forms, viz., music, theatre, and pictorial art. It also locates reasons for its failure in the middle-classness of this activism and in the lack of a long-term political mission, arguing further that this void was filled up by excessive stress on arts and aesthetics and that Bengal communism at its best remained cultural communism.

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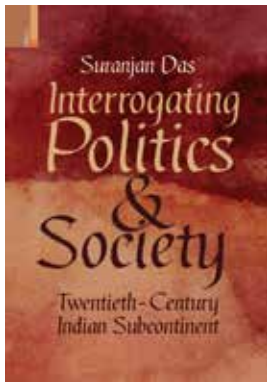
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This book explores the history of Muslim communities of Muzaffarpur in north Bihar, the socio-political behaviour of these communities, their economic conditions, and negotiations for a share in the power-structure. It is presented in three segments: the political evolution of the area during the colonial era through an exploration of the sub-regional socio-political setting; the participation of the Muslims of this area in the Congress-led movements till the 1930s, narrating the largely untold story of Muslim resistance to the Muslim League's politics of territorial separatism; and their post-independence experiences and political anxieties, problems and prospects. Intercommunity cooperation and harmony prevailed in this area over divisive politics even during the most vitiated atmosphere of 1946–7.

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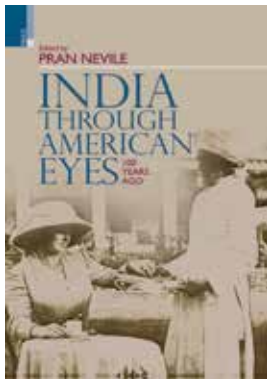
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Interrogating Politics & Society Twentieth-Century Indian Subcontinent

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This book broadly addresses three themes relevant to South Asian history: communalism, nationalism, and the social underworld. Focusing on communal riots and patterns of communal mobilizations in the Indian subcontinent throughout the twentieth-century, the essays herein aim to enrich readers' understanding of an issue that continues to plague our body politic. Bengal's involvement with India's freedom struggle highlights an intermingling of mainstream nationalism and various forms of protest politics, a theme which has also been dealt with in this book. In examining the underworld of Bengal, this book also intermingles social history and political history. By way of new insights on crime and criminality, it studies the *goondas*, a part of Calcutta's underworld, and the dacoits of nineteenth-century rural Bengal.



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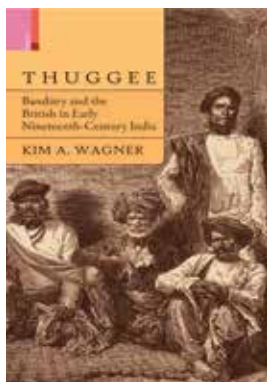
India Through American Eyes 100 Years Ago

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This volume presents a rare collection of writings by Americans on early twentieth-century India. Culled from *ASIA: The American Magazine on the Orient* (1901–46), the articles in this volume encompass a range of subjects: nautch girls and snake charmers; issues of caste and class in Indian society; faith and folklore; Christianity and Hinduism; politics of the British Raj, and Gandhi and his strategies of non-violence and civil disobedience. Not connected in any way with the British imperial network, the authors of these articles bring independent ideas and some fresh insight to bear upon their accounts. Taken together, these articles provide significant historical perspectives by persons who visited India long before the first wave of American scholars arrived in post-independent India.



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Thuggee Banditry and the British in Early Nineteenth-Century India*

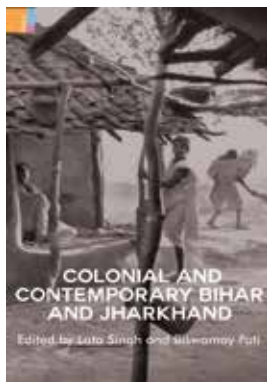
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This book constitutes the first in-depth examination of thuggee as a type of banditry which emerged in a specific socio-economic and geographic context. Thuggee did not constitute a caste-like identity, and was a means of obtaining a livelihood reverted to by all strata of Indian society in certain areas. As such it constituted a highly institutionalized social practice related to issues of patronage and retainership, identity and legitimacy, and was defined by the appropriation of high status rituals and martial ethos. The history of 'thugs' need no longer be limited to the study of their representations, and this book reconstructs and historicizes thuggee as a social phenomenon—as less than the sacrificial cult constructed by the British, yet more than the colonial phantasmagoria counter-posed by post-colonial scholars.

'In this study Kim Wagner by and large goes along with the present consensus, though he has put forth a nuanced thesis, carefully weighing the available evidence.'

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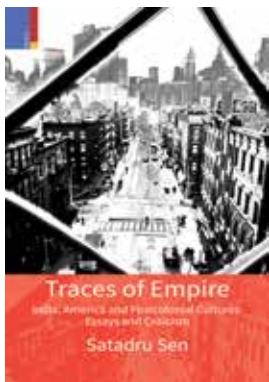
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This volume highlights how popular culture and oral cultural traditions emerged as a site for multiple articulations—articulation of marginalization, as well as resistance and subversion—in Bihar, and Jharkhand. In doing so, it tries to capture the complexities of some of the diverse movements prevalent in these regions. The formation of the state of Jharkhand, which was earlier part of Bihar and known as Chotanagpur, has been the result of such movements, some of which have not only created a democratic space in these regions but also brought about a paradigm shift in Indian politics. Unfortunately, the rich popular/subaltern culture of these regions has been overshadowed and eclipsed in most of the scholarly work on this region, and this volume aims to be a corrective to this scholarly oversight.

'This book provides a valuable insight into the social history, political, cultural and particularly tribal studies of Bihar and Jharkhand. . . . Overall, it is a well-compiled collection of articles with substantial worth from a researcher's point of view.'

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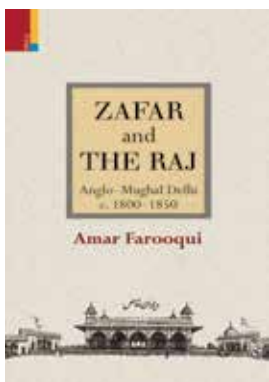
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Traces of Empire India, America and Postcolonial Cultures: Essays and Criticism

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The essays in this volume examine the interwoven strands of empire and resistance in not just the contexts of India and the United States, but also in other parts of the world, such as Germany and Israel-Palestine. They highlight not only the particular histories of cultures of power and desire, but also the convergences of forms of power and desire originating in different historical settings. What, for instance, links the culture of schoolchildren in the Indian hinterland with the isolation of small-town America? What does the fact that Indian crowds stare openly at strangers have to do with police violence and race relations on the other side of the world? What might happen if Günter Grass and Rabindranath Tagore encountered Nirad Chaudhuri and Gandhi in the 'global' space of an airport transit lounge? Can the 'PJ'—the Indian concept of the 'poor joke'—be considered a response to the decidedly unfunny violence of empire? These questions have no easy answers, but the complexities and contradictions of the answers are what make the problems worth exploring, shedding light on the novelty as well as the familiarity of the post-September-Eleven world.



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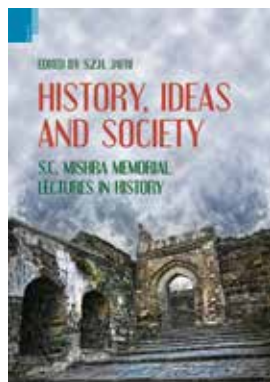
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This book studies the formative phase of the history of colonial Delhi, a phase that from its duality, social and political, may be referred to as Anglo–Mughal. From 1803 onwards there were two centres of authority in the imperial city: the Residency and the Palace. The competing influence of the Palace determined the manner in which colonial authority was established in Delhi. Simultaneously, the association of the Mughal emperor's name with Delhi, combined with participation in fin-de-siècle Mughal court ritual by the East India Company's officials, was to shape the colonial perception of Delhi as the premier imperial city of the subcontinent. Information available in the colonial archive about Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar (1775–1862; r. 1837–57), and his two immediate predecessors, is used in this book to reconstruct the history of the city from the period c.1803–1857. This book is also a political biography of Zafar, aiming to present the story of his life not, as is typical, from the perspective of the revolt of 1857, but in terms of Zafar as a prominent local aristocratic figure who was part of the Urdu-speaking urban elite of the first half of the nineteenth century.

'The book is particularly significant in the context of the need to understand the anomalous nature of the colonial state which the merchant entrepreneurs of the East India Company were creating in India.'

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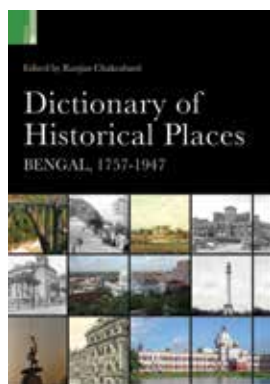
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This volume concentrates on the concerns and problems that have informed scholarly reflection among historians of South Asia on precolonial and colonial India. In their scope and depth, the essays herein seek to serve as correctives to conventional perspectives in Indian history, particularly on the social consequences of colonialism and the socio-economic history of the precolonial period. The issues discussed include the effects of learning and education in colonial India, aspects of social reforms and caste-based politics, the emergence of religious identities leading to the problem of communalism in the modern period, and cultural nationalism and its limitations in the development of the modern nation state in India. In attempting to understand the workings of the economy and the state in precolonial India, these essays use extant Persian and Bengali sources of the fourteenth-sixteenth centuries to explore the methods by which the Mughal State facilitated economic growth; facets of the currency system and agrarian relations; and pre-modern minting methods and numismatic history.

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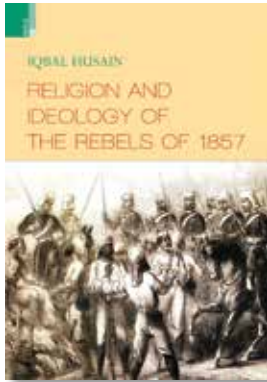
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This volume is the first of its kind to deal with the little known histories of hundreds of places in Bengal. Given the recurring geophysical and climatic disruptions in West Bengal, repeated changes of administrative units and names, lack of collective memory or adequately documented folk sources or oral traditions, the compilation of such a dictionary brings its own challenges. The entries in this dictionary are an attempt at writing aspects of local history during a particular period, and demonstrate how numerous factors affected the landscape of West Bengal.

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Religion and Ideology of the Rebels of 1857

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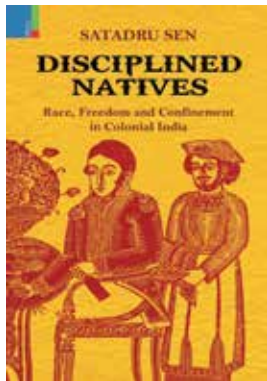
Former Professor of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

This book effects a departure from dominant historiography of the events of 1857 and seeks to understand the ideological elements to the background of the rebellion. Most of the popular studies on 1857 rely almost exclusively on official sources that present the imperial point of view. This book, on the other hand, brings to light largely unexplored sources such as proclamations of the rebels and their sympathizers and the correspondence they carried out amongst themselves. Reinterpreting the revolt, it asserts that 1857 was not a mutiny but involved the masses, making it a national war against an alien ruler. It also suggests that the rebels' stress on unity between Hindus and Muslims in the joint struggle against an alien ruler paved the way for the emergence of the national struggle for freedom and of a secular India after independence.

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Disciplined Natives

Race, Freedom and Confinement in Colonial India

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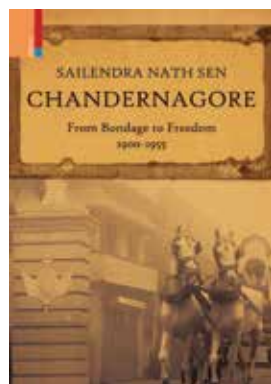
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This volume examines three interrelated aspects of the history of British India: race, the disciplining institution, and attempts by the colonized to imagine states of freedom. The essays herein deal with sites as diverse as the prison, the family, the classroom, the playing field and children's literature. They confront the ideological, social and political ramifications of the fact that even as metropolitan prisons and schools shifted their attention from the body of the inmate to the confined 'soul', colonial disciplinary institutions ensured that race was firmly attached to the body and its habits. Situated within work on gender, domesticity and the state, they also engage the historiography that has sought to underline the challenges of reconciling Michel Foucault and Edward Said, i.e. studying the making of norms in a world of deviance and difference. They ask whether the liberating possibilities of the racialized-and-embodied 'native' self were confined to inversions and rearrangements of given normative hierarchies, or if we can occasionally glimpse radical departures and alternative configurations of power.

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This book is a groundbreaking work on Chandernagore—a town on which there is still little published material available—and provides important scholarship in the field of the history of West Bengal. Chandernagore was a French possession near Kolkata and has experienced several changes in fortune, moving from being the hub of revolutionary activities against British imperialists to being subjugated by the French. The struggle against French colonial rule was fought in a non-violent manner through a process of negotiations that led to a peaceful referendum in 1949, the first of its kind in India. Utilizing diverse original sources from India and France, as well as the private papers of Debendra Nath Dash, a key figure in Chandernagore politics, this book examines the unfolding of events in the struggle against French tutelage.

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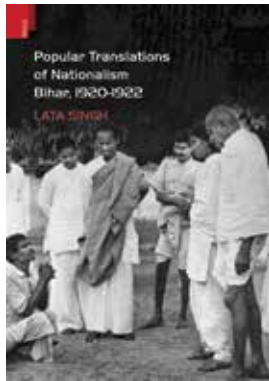
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This volume is comprised of papers presented at the annual symposia of the Indian History Congress. It introduces groundbreaking research from a number of top Indian scholars and therefore makes a notable advancement in the fields of History and Archaeology in India. The essays in this volume traverse subjects central to the study of History in India: they are arranged thematically under the sections People and Environment; Language Change, Education and Transmission of Knowledge; Gender History; Caste, Class, and Social Justice; Frontiers of History; Facets of Our Cultural Past; Money and Social Change; State in Indian History; and Towards Freedom. They examine data from a variety of primary sources and, hence, provide new frameworks and offer fresh and original insights on various dimensions of Indian History and Archaeology.

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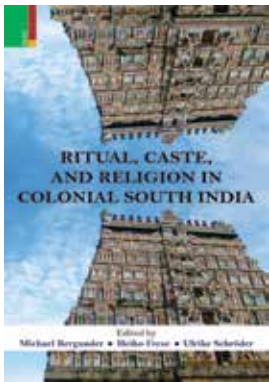
Popular Translations of Nationalism Bihar, 1920–1922

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This book revisits historiography on nationalism by moving beyond the binary of elite and subaltern nationalism and focusing on the complex nature of popular nationalism. It also underscores the protests of the subordinate police, an area which has so far remained unexplored. By foregrounding the police's interface with nationalism and its varied trends, it problematizes both the accepted view of the state's subordinates as being effectively integrated with the colonial state and their identity as agents of the state. In effect, the book asserts that nationalism was not merely an attempt to eject the British nor was it simply a political struggle for power. Rather, it was also a hegemonic contestation with colonialism, but one within which the counter-hegemonic struggle of nationalism was also intertwined with contest for hegemony within Indian society.

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This volume attempts detailed analyses of Tamil and Telugu sources to explore the impact of notions of rituals, caste and religion in the formation of social, cultural and religious identities of the society of colonial south India. Within the Tamil context there is special focus on the different forms of Saiva Siddhanta revival in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, which reveals a wide range of responses to the social and religious challenges of colonial society in south India and Ceylon. Brahmin dominance was questioned in the wake of the Tamil Renaissance, and groups like Vanniyars, Nadars, and Paraiyars tried to renegotiate and improve their social and cultural status. Accordingly, this volume makes a case for considering these changes separately for the Tamil and Telugu contexts.

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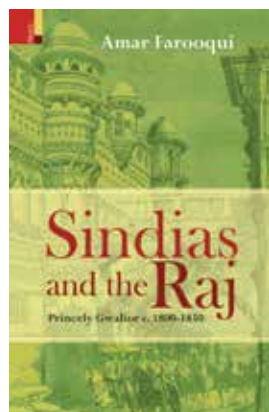
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This volume explores Bal Gangadhar Tilak's engagements with not just the Indian national movement, but also with nuanced diversities associated with a context that preceded these mass movements. Based on a variety of sources, the essays herein attempt to historicize a nationalist icon, presenting, in the process, a holistic picture of a leading nationalist personality, including his contradictions and ambiguities, making both Tilak and his contexts accessible. It will be of use to those interested in the Indian national movement and the manner in which it intersected with a range of social, cultural, and political issues.

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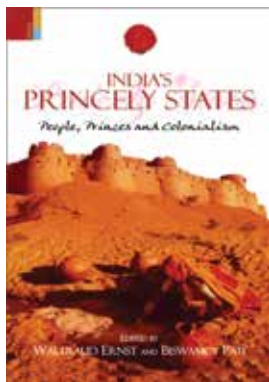
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Sindias and the Raj Princely Gwalior c. 1800–1850

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This book is a study of the Sindia state of Gwalior during the colonial period. It traces the history of one of the leading princely states of the British Indian Empire from its first major military encounter with the British at the beginning of the nineteenth century to the eve of the Revolt of 1857. In doing so, it explores the fascinating factional conflicts at the Gwalior durbar and the connections these had with the politics of the powerful Sindia army. The book also examines the political economy of princely Gwalior, and pays close attention to the responses of various classes in the state to colonial intervention—responses ranging from outright collaboration to armed conflict. It also attempts a reappraisal of several facets of the history of Malwa in the colonial period, including the history of the Pindaris and trade in Malwa opium.



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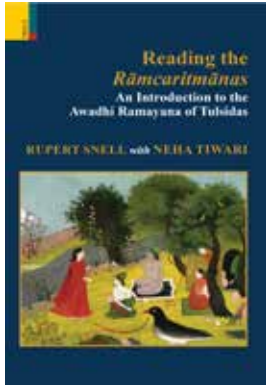
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This volume reassesses the place of Indian princely states within the history of South Asia and weaves together hitherto uncharted terrains. It employs a multidisciplinary approach and critiques some of the received paradigms of conventional historiography about Princely India, leading the reader into new realms of discussion such as literary constructions, aspects of political economy and legitimacy, military collaborations, gender issues, peasant movements, health policies and the mechanisms for controlling and integrating the states. The essays herein focus on a range of states in different regions and base their analyses on hitherto unused or under-used archival sources.

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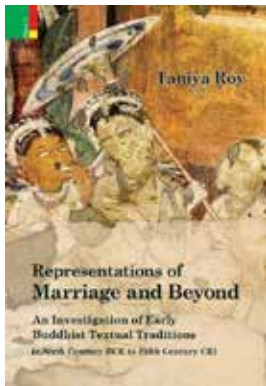
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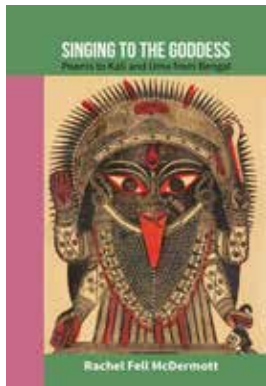
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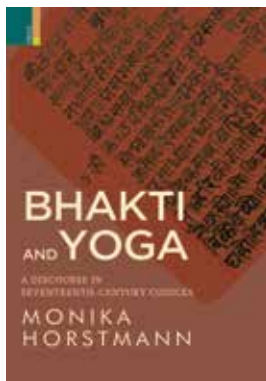
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Singing to the Goddess Poems to Kali and Uma from Bengal

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This vibrant collection presents 145 brief Bengali lyric poems dedicated to the Hindu goddesses Kali and Uma. These poems - many of which are presented here for the first time in English translation - were written from the early eighteenth century up to the contemporary period. They represent the unique Bengali tradition of goddess worship (Saktism) as it developed over this period. Included are forty poems by the most famous of all Sakta poets, Ramprasad Sen (c.1718–1775) and ten lyrics by the renowned twentieth-century poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. McDermott's lucid introduction places these works in their historical context and shows how images of the goddesses evolved over the centuries. Her lively translations of these poetic lyrics evoke the passion and devotion of the followers of Kali and Uma and shed light on the history and practice of goddess worship.



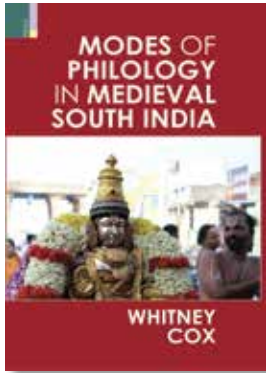
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Bhakti and Yoga A Discourse in Seventeenth-Century Codices

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The religious order named Dādūpanthī, which originated in Rajasthan, produced a wealth of manuscripts from c.1600 onwards. From the beginning of this manuscript culture, huge codices were produced representing a chorus of voices, and reflecting the decisions made by the compilers or copyists regarding the validity of texts or entire traditions. The discourse generated by them represents the intellectual and religious cosmos of their makers. In these codices, bhakti texts and the vernacular works of yogis are transmitted simultaneously, along with works representing a broader Vaishnava tradition, thereby documenting the dialogue of bhakti and yoga. Two texts published in this study for the first time, one by a pre-Dādūpanthī Nath Sidhha, the other by Dādūpanthī yogi are good examples of this. While the site of this dialogue are Dādūpanthī manuscripts, the dioscurian relationship between bhakti and yoga is shared by a wider religious milieu, including the Nirañjanīs. The link between the Dādūpanthī sadhu scribes and the Nirañjanīs is documented in epigraphy and the colophons of manuscripts.



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Modes of Philology in Medieval South India

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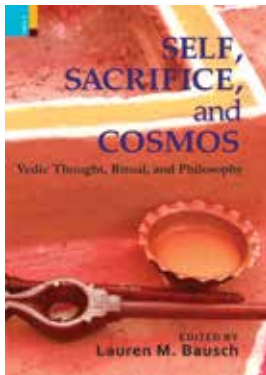
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Philology was everywhere and nowhere in classical South Asia. While its civilizations possessed remarkably sophisticated tools and methods of textual analysis, interpretation, and transmission, they lacked any sense of a common disciplinary or intellectual project uniting these; indeed they lacked a word for 'philology' altogether.

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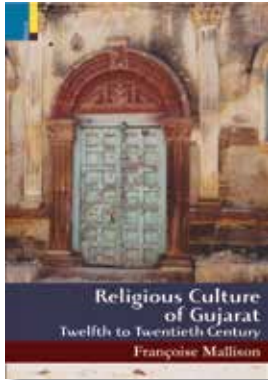
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The eleven articles in this volume mark a significant advance in Vedic studies. Contributions range widely across critical topics in early, middle, and late Vedic texts and their commentaries, as well as classical themes in contemporary Sanskrit literature. Essays elucidate the explanations and arguments found in Brahmana texts, the historical and ecological development of Vedic ritual, concepts and underlying messages in Vedic texts, anachronisms in commentarial exegesis, and literary devices in narrative. From a variety of philological, philosophical, ritual, gender, and literary approaches, these articles shed new light on our understanding of these seminal texts of Indian religion and philosophy. This book is dedicated to the life and work of Professor Ganesh Umakant Thite.

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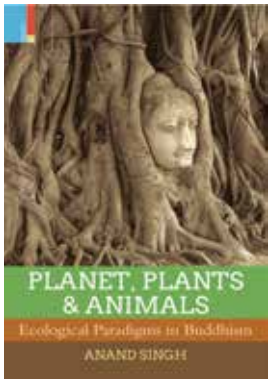
Religious Culture of Gujarat Twelfth to Twentieth Century

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The 22 essays in this volume, written between 1974 and 2010, deal with the religious history and culture of Gujarat. The first part of this book focuses on Gujarati devotional literature: Vaiṣṇava *pad-bhajan*, Vallabhite *dhoḷ*, *Sant-vāṇī*, Ismā'īlī *Ginān*, Cīstī Gujarati *bhajan*, all with textual and thematic convergences. The second part analyses stories of saints and sacred places. Their constructions are in no way authentic historical accounts, but they provide a vivid picture of the time and society that produced them.

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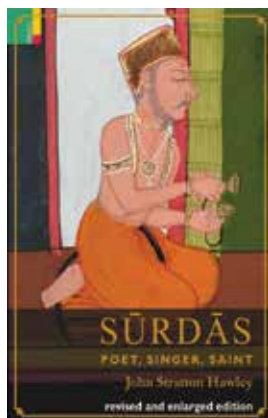
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Sūrdās: Poet, Singer, Saint

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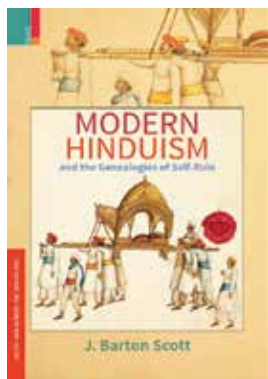
For decades Sūrdās has been Jack Hawley's ideal poet. But not the Sūrdās we all think we know—the poet of Krishna's childhood, the disciple of Vallabhacarya. Rather, Hawley focuses on a Sūrdās who emerges from the early manuscripts where his poems were first collected. They reveal quite another Sūr: a poet of extraordinary range, a man who never abandoned his sense of personal struggle, a saint devoted to singing.

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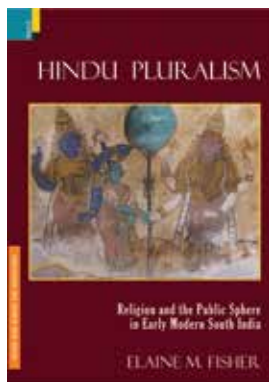
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Hindu Pluralism Religion and the Public Sphere in Early Modern South India*

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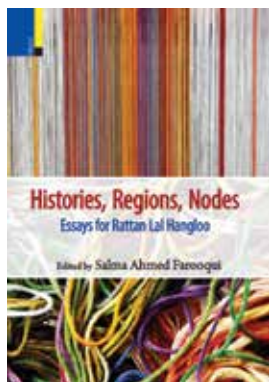
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In this book, Elaine M. Fisher complicates the traditional scholarly narrative of the unification of Hinduism. By calling into question the colonial categories implicit in the term 'sectarianism', Fisher's work excavates the pluralistic textures of precolonial Hinduism in the centuries prior to British intervention. Drawing on previously unpublished sources in Sanskrit, Tamil, and Telugu, Fisher argues that the performance of plural religious identities in public space in Indian early modernity paved the way for the emergence of a distinctively non-Western form of religious pluralism. This work provides a critical resource for understanding how Hinduism developed in the early modern period, a crucial era that set the tenor for religion's role in public life in India through the present day.

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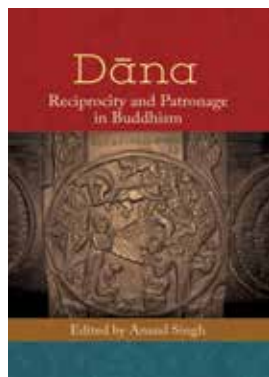
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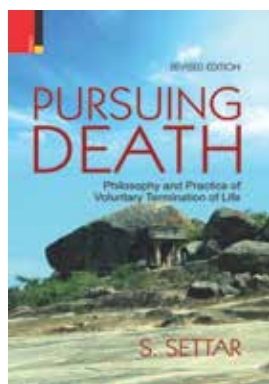
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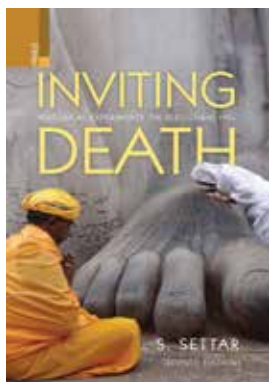
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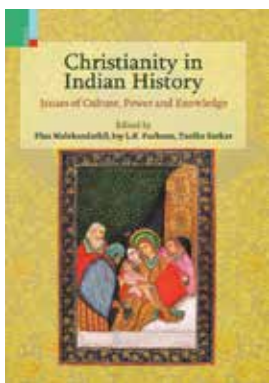
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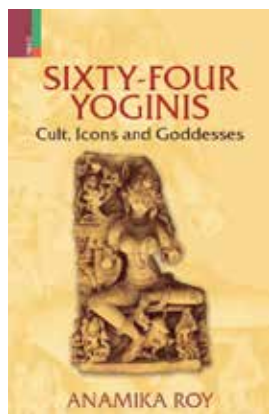
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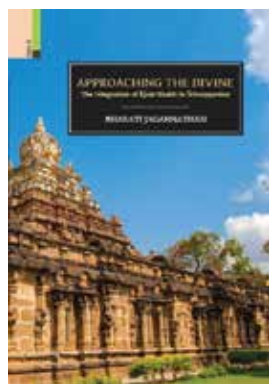
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This book examines different layers of complex phenomena related to the Yoginis based on rigorous fieldwork in the hitherto untraversed terrain where the Yoginis have their abode. Abandoned temples, stretching from Banda in Uttar Pradesh to Bolangir in Odisha, were once witness to the evolution of the mysterious cult of these goddesses. Well supplemented with a rich collection of photographs, this book offers valuable insights for researchers in the fields of religion, myth, culture, history, and gender studies respectively. It identifies Yoginis of the temple, of the *Puranas*, of tantric texts, of folklore, and, finally, of the Yogini Kaula. Various portrayed as malevolent goddesses, deities of tantric rituals, and yoginis of flesh and blood, they are seen as sixty-four forms of the goddess and the sixty-four embraces of Shiva and Shakti. This book deciphers the complex forms of these Yoginis by engaging with the subject historically, aesthetically, theologically, and anthropologically.

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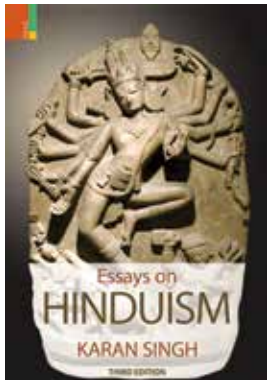
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This book is situated in the context of the ongoing scholarly debate regarding the historical evolution of Tamil Śrīvaiṣṇavism. It spans the period from the second half of the first millennium, i.e. the bhakti period, to the period of consolidation of the scriptural and sectarian tradition in the first half of the second millennium. Traditionally, lives of the bhakti saints have been used to understand their hymns. However, examination of these hagiographies through the lenses of theology, caste, sectarian conflict and popular legends suggests that these life stories might themselves be constructs of the latter period, and are governed by socio-economic and political impulses as much as by spiritual ones. Thus, this work attempts to trace the process whereby a Sanskritic brahmanical tradition and a devotional Tamil folk tradition were knit together, arguing that the ways in which the saint poets' hymns were interpreted and integrated contained elements of both continuity and change.

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Essays on Hinduism (Third Edition)

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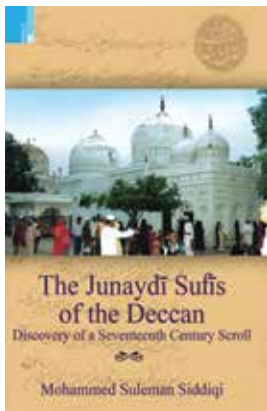
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This volume discusses the basics of Hinduism. The essays herein outline the message of the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Upanisads*, arguing that Hinduism is not a cult, nor a bunch of dogmas, but a religion of the highest order that speaks of an immanent and transcendental god. It also offers a philosophy of life that cuts across ethnic and geographic barriers. The essentials of Hindu religio-philosophic teaching are pervaded by the ideal of universalism and love for humanity, and the book iterates the relevance of Hindu universalism to an age in which nations are armed for mutual annihilation. It maintains that successful application of the religio-philosophic teachings of Hindu seers will help humankind to overcome the worst crisis facing it in this nuclear age, and will lead to restructuring the world on the all-embracing principle of freedom and equity. The text is followed by a lucid translation and commentary on *Mundaka Upanisad*.

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This book recasts the history of Sufism in the Deccan and in India in general. Establishing the presence and active involvement of the Junaydī Sufis in the Deccan during the Bahmani period (1347–1538), contrary to established assumption that it was the Chishtīs who spread Sufi teachings there, this study brings to light some rare thirteenth century documents, including the oldest Persian document in the history of the Deccan. Two sacred scrolls of the seventeenth century from the private collection of a prominent Junaydī Sufi family of Bijapur, tracing its spiritual and family descent to Abul Qasim al-Junayd of Baghdad, have also been produced. The scrolls contain extracts from an extinct fourteenth century text, *Atwar al-abrar* by ‘Ayn al-Din Ganj al-‘Ilm, revealing rich details on prominent Junaydīs, including women Sufis.

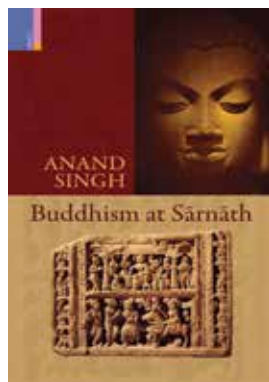
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Buddhism at Sarnath

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This book attempts a reconstruction of the different Buddhist traditions that evolved at Sarnath between the preaching of the Four Noble Truths (sixth century BC) and the construction of Dharmachakrajina Vihāra (twelfth century CE) in the early medieval age. Sarnath is one of the eight centres of Buddhism, and this book attempts an objective assessment of the history, rise, and decline of Sarnath by studying archaeological, epigraphic and literary sources. It explores the religious traditions, origin and geomorphological construction of the Sarnath region, *dharmacakkapabbata*, and its religious and architectural symbolism and patronage. The probable causes of the decline of Buddhism at Sarnath have also been discussed in the context of Chinese, Indian and Persian sources, and archaeological reports.

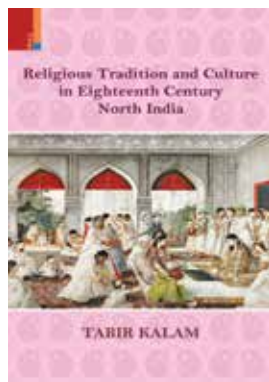
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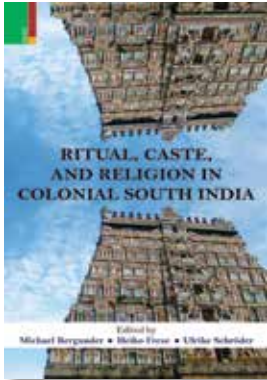
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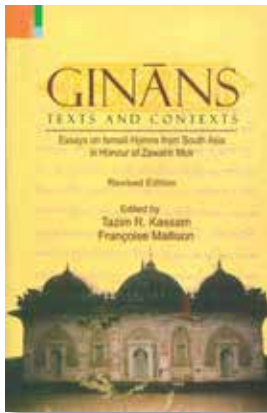
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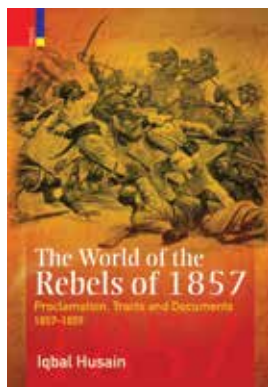
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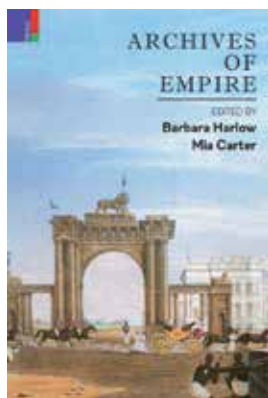
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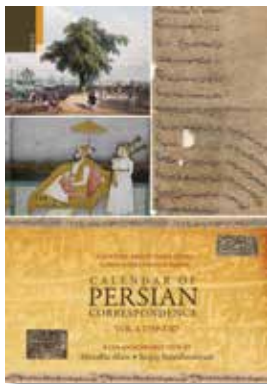
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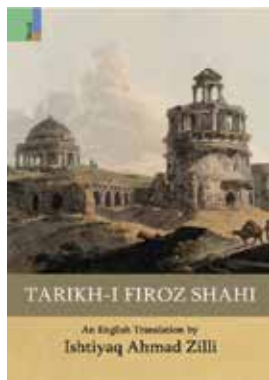
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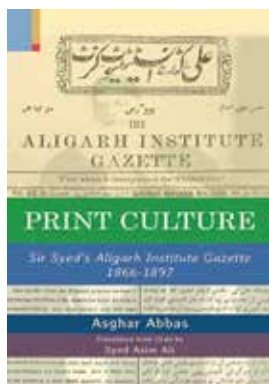
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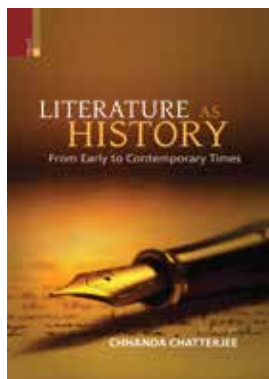
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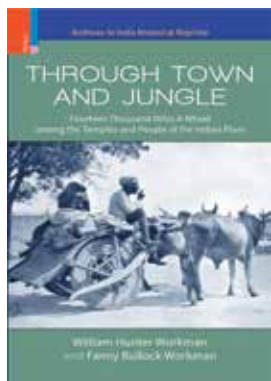
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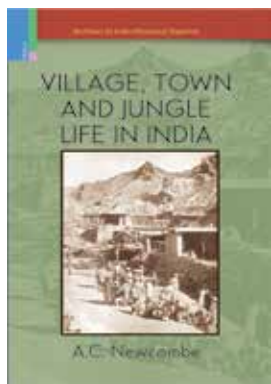


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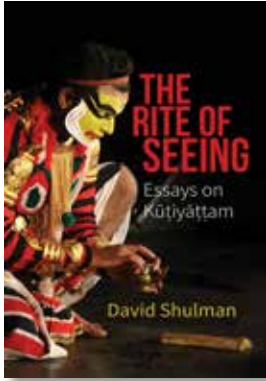
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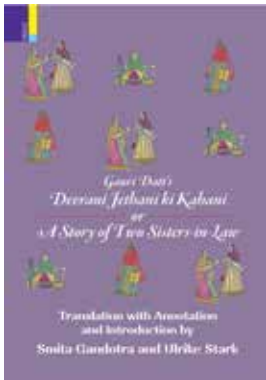
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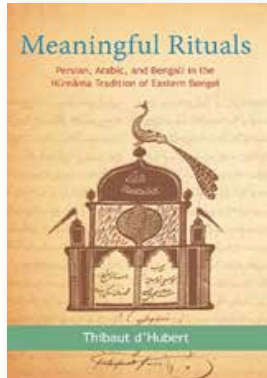
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Pandit Gauri Datt's *Devrani Jethani ki Kahani* is often considered the first novel in Hindi. This story follows the fortunes of an Agarwal merchant family in Meerut, then under colonial rule. Gauri Datt introduces us to a canvas of characters in which the family's two daughters-in-law remain the focus of interest. Following a familiar pattern, only one of them is virtuous, skilled and literate. The novel acknowledges the large extended family's aspirations for social mobility, reform and modernity, while capturing the swiftly transforming everyday and ritual life of merchant communities. The novel will be of interest to students of South Asian literature and to historians of language, modernity, caste and gender.



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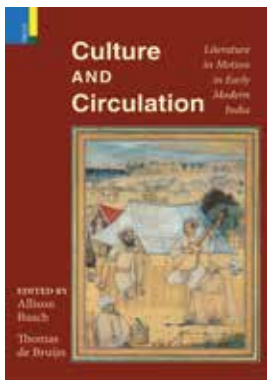
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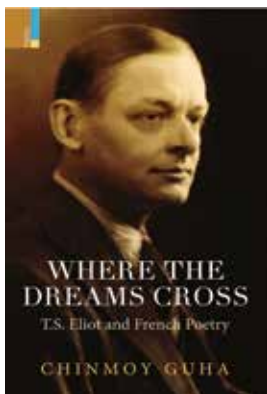
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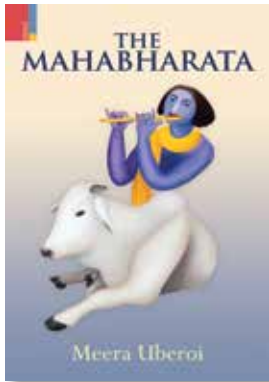
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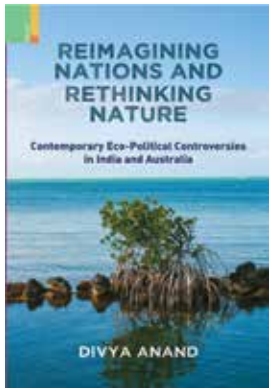


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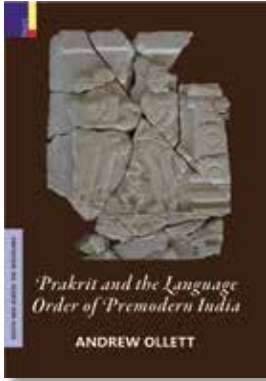
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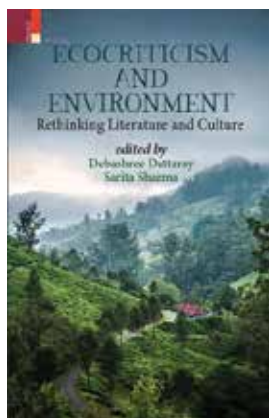
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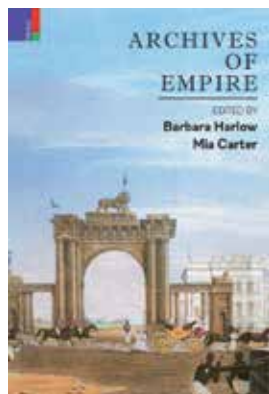
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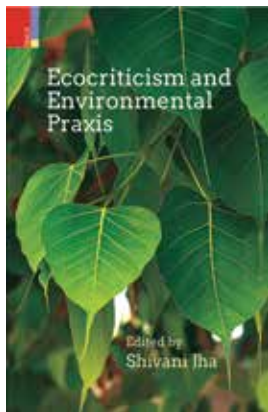
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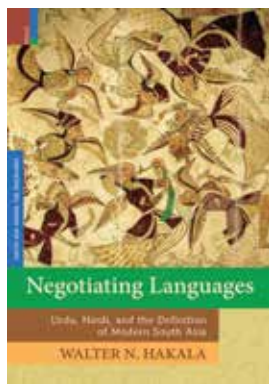
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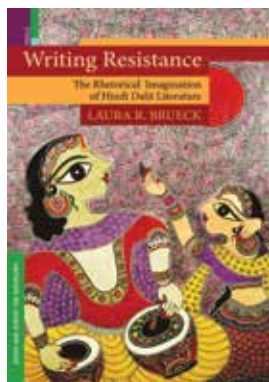
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This book casts lexicographers as key figures in the political realignment of South Asia under British rule and in the years after independence. Prior to the nineteenth century, South Asian dictionaries, glossaries, and vocabularies reflected a hierarchical vision of nature and human society. By the turn of the twentieth century, the modern dictionary had democratized and politicized language. Compiled 'scientifically' through 'historical principles', the modern dictionary became a concrete symbol of a nation's arrival on the world stage. Their dictionaries document how a single, mutually intelligible language evolved into two competing registers—Urdu and Hindi—and became associated with contrasting religious and nationalist goals. Each chapter in this book focuses on a key lexicographical work and its fateful political consequences. Effectively, this book recovers overlooked texts and denigrated authors to provide insights into the forces that turned intimate speech into potent nationalist politics, intensifying the passions that partitioned the Indian subcontinent.

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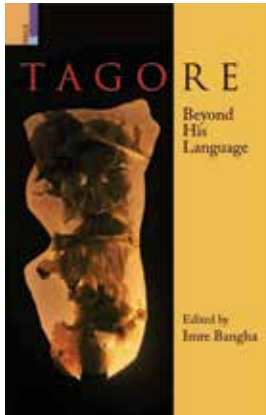
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This book is the first close study of the growing body of contemporary Hindi-language Dalit literature in India. It goes beyond recognizing and celebrating the subaltern speaking, emphasizing instead the sociopolitical perspectives and literary strategies of a range of contemporary Dalit writers working in Hindi. It asks questions such as: what makes Dalit literature Dalit? What makes it good? Why is this genre important, and where does it oppose or intersect with other bodies of Indian literature? It also follows the debate among Dalit writers as they establish a specifically Dalit literary critical approach, underscoring the significance of the Dalit literary sphere as a 'counterpublic' generating contemporary Dalit social and political identities.

'Writing Resistance is an original and timely contribution to scholarship on Hindi literature, modern Indian literature and Dalit studies. The work is well researched and provides, for the first time in English, an overview of the central concerns of Hindi Dalit literature as both a political and aesthetic movement.'

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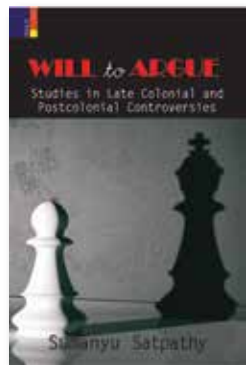
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Tagore Beyond His Language

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This volume revisits the sites of Tagore's eminence and asks to what extent he was a 'living text' in the century that witnessed him as a global intellectual. Word, image, song, and text were Tagore's tools of communication, as also his extraordinary presence in a sartorial garb of his own design: he was, effectively, a global figure transcending boundaries of languages, time and space. Accordingly, the essays herein investigate how Tagore's writings and art are linked to the metalinguistic domains of the psychological, medical and mythical; how he was received in various cultures outside India; how his art was determined by individual circumstances and global aspirations; and how he acted as an inspiration to his contemporaries and subsequent generations, including modern Indian writers and artists.



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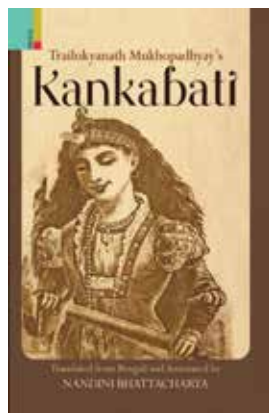
We live in a world of controversies, and often wonder what controversies do to a culture. Do they interpret it? Can one conceive of them as a genre? Can they offer serious diagnostic tools to the social scientist or the cultural historian? In this pioneering study, the author addresses these and similar questions, and examines if and how controversies help us understand the ways in which forms of nationalism and identity formation imagine, shape, and construct themselves. Focusing on major controversies at local and the national levels during colonial and postcolonial times, he deals with seemingly unconnected subjects, such as language, khadi, sexuality, textuality and authorship, and also personalities as diverse as Sarala Das, Radhanath Ray, Fakir Mohan, Tagore, Gandhi and Premchand.

'The book traverses a vast canvas of the progressing discourse of Indian nationhood and nationalism through the colonial and postcolonial times and offers an acute insider's view of rich Odia literary Culture.'

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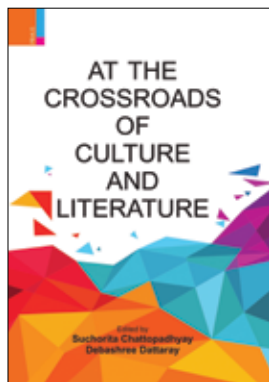
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Trailokyanath Mukhopadhyay's *Kankabati*

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This volume is the latest English language translation of Trailokyanath Mukhopadhyay's story about Kankabati, a little girl in nineteenth-century Bengal's Kusumghati. It is textured with annotations, and with graphics that accompanied the original edition. Publicized originally as a modern fairy tale, this story tells of Kankabati's dreams of a series of adventures in bizarre places and situations. She visits an underwater kingdom of fishes; delves into dense forests and mysterious caves where ghouls like Nakeshwari reside; and ventures out into the skies astride a khokkosh carrier to the domain of a sick moon and his quarrelsome family. The narrative also dwells on Kankabati's and Khetu's love for each other in face of death, dishonour and all earthly enticements. While *Kankabati* is truly riveting as a fantasy, with meaningless quarrels, endless plotting, serio-comic villains, and unexpected wellsprings of generosity it is also enjoyable as a graphic description of village life in fin-de-siècle Bengal.



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This volume offers a detailed and accessible socio-cultural and literary study of the material and symbolic life of indigenous communities and the South Asian diaspora in North America and India. The essays herein explore the manner in which contemporary indigenous and diasporic writers negotiate the ethical, political and personal affiliations of their identities and subjectivities. Including contributions on literature, philosophy, history, language, life-writing, international relations, gender, and new media, this volume focuses on both literary texts and other forms of cultural representation and, thus, revisits the ways in which diverse aspects of indigeneity and diaspora have been inscribed in imaginative, autobiographical, and critical texts.

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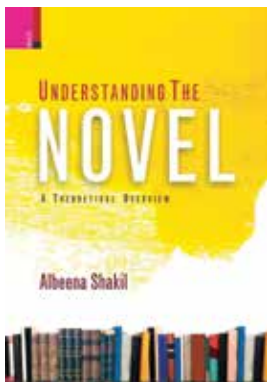
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This volume situates Rabindranath Tagore's iconic *Gora* in his times and ours, examining contexts that produced it, and reasons that make it acutely relevant today. It revisits this foundational text from perspectives as varied and interdisciplinary as textual and genre studies; translation and reception studies; narratology, gender, race and caste studies. It also situates *Gora* within spacio-imaginative configurations such as nation, desh, rashtra, mulk, swadeshi samaj, swaraj, ramrajya, and as engaging with questions of hospitality, philoxenos and xenophobia. Significantly, it provides new readings with regard to the complex operations of religion and 'formations of the secular' in times of colonial modernity. Moreover, this volume is distinctive in providing a translation of Tagore's essay 'Atmaparichay' and Buddhadev Bose's Bangla essay on *Gora*.

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'Tagore's *Gora* has died many nameless deaths in academic gardens, with *Gora: A Critical Companion* it is time to celebrate its many possible lives.'

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Understanding the Novel A Theoretical Overview

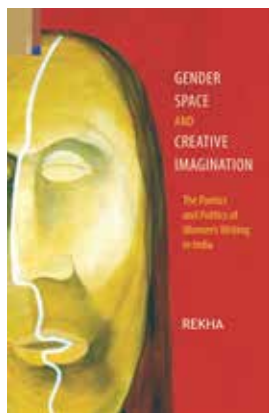
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This book reiterates that the novel remains a relevant and pertinent concept and that any reckoning with the form has to integrally involve its character as a flexible and incorporative genre. It revisits and collates theoretical debates over the generic fundamentals of the novel: the rise of the novel, its changing relation to realism, its ups and downs within the literary canon, its constant rejuvenation as a 'novel' or new form and successive pronouncements of its 'death', as well as the broad contours of generic incorporations in the course of its development. It also examines some aspects of the novel in India: the early preference for melodrama and sensation over realism; the novel's late popularity in south India; the dominance of the short story over the novel in Urdu; and the unease with the globalized Indian-English novel.

'Albeena Shakil's book is a fine exploration of many positions on the rise and development of the novel . . . essentially an ambitious survey of a vast and varied scholarship on the novel form and thoroughly interrogates the nexus between the rise and development of the novel, and the emergence of the middle class in Europe. The book successfully provides a competent overview of much that one needs to know about the novel, its growth, politics and its critics.'

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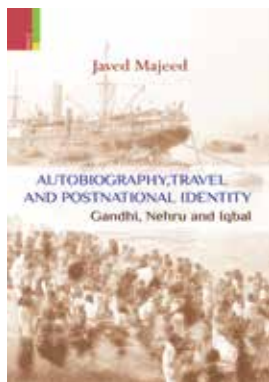
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This book is about contemporary women's writing in India and its experiential, ideological, and representational topography. It offers a nuanced critique of the gender-space dialectics that underline and often engage the attention of women writers in this country. By critically examining select works of Krishna Sobti, Mahasweta Devi, Kamal Desai, Ambai, and Githa Hariharan, this book puts in perspective the vibrant heterogeneity of their creative corpus and its attendant concerns. It reads afresh these narratives as empowering aesthetic and discursive endeavours that consciously remap women's gendered reality, helps to unravel Indian women writing's aesthetics of creation, critique and conditioning, and puts into perspective its activist shift from representation to self-presentation.

'The book is certainly commendable in its broad scope and the depth of some of its literary analysis. . . .'

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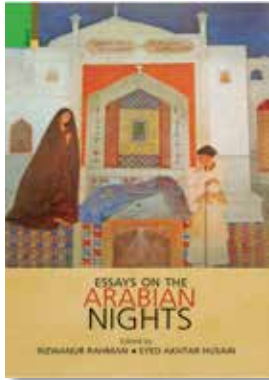
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This book shows that the 'travelling autobiographies' of Gandhi, Nehru, and Iqbal differed from earlier traditions of nineteenth-century Indian and colonial travel writing by expressing ideas of selfhood outside overarching notions of nation or nationhood. Developing this line of enquiry into ties between the self, travel and anti-colonial lifewriting, the book examines Gandhi's stage fright and shyness as part of a larger gender politics and discusses the politics of translation and truthfulness in his reading of the *Gita*. The stylistic devices used by Nehru in his writings to evoke his distinctive sense of self in relation to travel are explored as part of his resistance to narrow national identities, and Iqbal's poetry is reinterpreted as a form of travelling autobiography which reconceives Islam in relation to Western modernity.

'This is a refreshingly different book where the analyses of the writings of these three great men in depth show their political self-empowerment through realisation of selfhood.'

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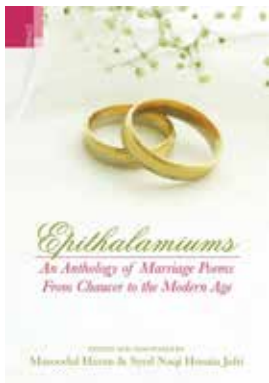
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This volume revisits translations of *The Arabian Nights* and also reassesses its impact on world literature. Essays in this volume discuss Tamil, Russian, Sanskrit, Urdu, Japanese, Malayalam, English, Turkish, and Malaysian versions of these stories: dealing with human foibles, fallacies, infidelities and desires, these stories capture varied layers of human existence, and the essays in this volume locate this classic in its socio-cultural context. They also take into account the discourse on Sufism found in these stories, and explore its impact on literary studies and Asian Dialogue.

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This volume offers a comprehensive selection of epithalamic poetry from the fourteenth to the twentieth centuries. Many existing anthologies provide ready, expansive insights into specific forms of literature, but the genre of nuptial poetry is singularly under-represented. The present anthology aims to compensate for this, and apart from its wide coverage also presents, for the first time, an epithalamic extract from Chaucer, and hitherto uncollected pieces from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, all put together in one volume. For the first time, also, specimens of spousal poetry from four different countries—England, the USA, Australia, and India—are gathered together. Significant changes in poetic taste and fashion, along with changing cultural nuances and matrimonial customs, can be traced in the poems chosen here. Finally, the 'Introduction' to the volume, in a fresh perspective, sets up comparisons with the Oriental traditions—Sanskrit, Hebrew, Arabic and Chinese—of nuptial verse along with their Greek and Latin versions which are the original models for the English epithalamiums.



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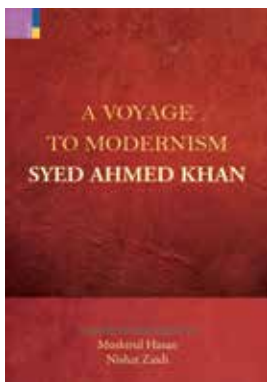
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This volume explores notions of development as they relate to women and representations of women in society and literature across the world. Multidisciplinary in their approach, the essays herein examine subjects such as women's writing, dialectics of self and society, and empowerment to trace women's negotiation for space. To this end, this volume makes a significant contribution to women's studies. Divided into four sections, it provides a rich diversity of viewpoints in aspects of women's empowerment and representation, gender discrimination and the role of women in ancient and modern workplaces. They also provide insights into important areas of women's education, legal rights, and subaltern (re)configurations in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

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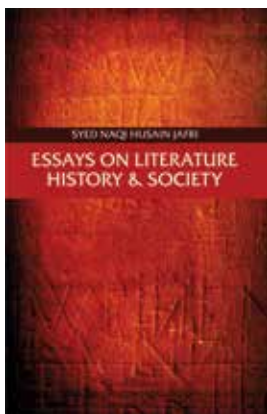
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This book is an accessible translation of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's accounts of his travels, enriched by editorial interventions and supported by rare archival photographs. Set apart from his later endeavours like *Tahzibul Akhlaq* and *Asar-al Sanadid*, these impressions of his travels mattered to all those who knew anything about his standing in public life and his stature as an enlightened reformer in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Even though his portrait of England is sometimes facile, these accounts open the door to new questions, particularly because this was the period when relations between Europeans and Indians were at the centre of many debates. This English translation, the first ever to be undertaken in full, makes these accounts accessible to those who have no knowledge of Urdu.



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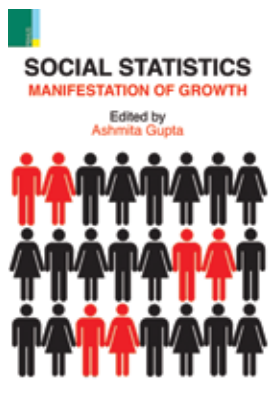
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This book examines a range of themes, from the ghazal as a form of non-conformist poetry to Hispano-Arabic strains in English poetry, the role of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan in the Urdu-Hindi controversy, as well as a contemporary critique of madrasa education in the late Mughal period. It is also an important complement and corrective to much of current writing insofar there is a concern for topics beyond the realm of the humanities, thus indicating the need for a broader consensus and a broader view of history and society, and the manner in which literature, language, and education bear upon each other.

'It is quite likely that some of these essays, particularly those on the Troubadours and, or Shakespeare, may prove to be trendsetters, and deepen interest in them.'

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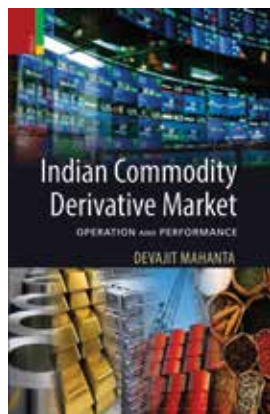
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This book provides a detailed analysis of commodity derivatives which were traditionally developed for risk management purposes and are now growing in popularity as an investment tool. Derivative is a financial instrument whose value is derived from another asset called the underlying. Raw products are traded in commodity derivative markets. These commodities are traded on regulated commodity exchanges, in which they are bought and sold in standardized contracts. This book critically examines the demarcation between the commodity and the security market, and puts in perspective the need for integration of the two markets, which would enable both markets to benefit from economies of scale and also from the synergy generated between them.



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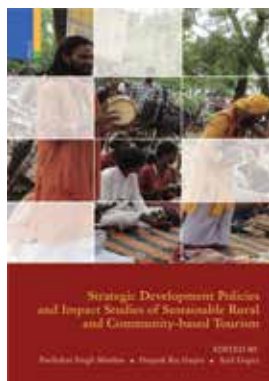
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This volume focuses on issues such as competencies, communication, tacit knowledge, entrepreneurial attitudes across cultures, multicultural work teams, and models of organizational learning and 'crossvergence'. In a day and age wherein the need to appreciate cross-cultural perspectives and orientations is increasingly seen as indispensable and wherein globalization and emerging markets have added to the challenges of working in a multicultural environment, it is necessary to be aware of these challenges and the willingness to view them positively. Presented in the form of empirical research contributed by scholars from emerging economies such as India, China, Pakistan, South Africa, and Taiwan, this volume will appeal to researchers, academicians, and practitioners of behaviour and culture management.

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This volume will broaden the prospects of various levels of the tourism industry that are developed or developing at local, regional, national, and international levels. The case studies specially selected for this volume discuss facets of sustainability, ecology, peace, and community involvement with tourism, and provide valuable insights to scholars, academicians, researchers, and tourism practitioners. Community-based tourism is considered an important component of a broad-based plan to improve rural economies. Community-based tourism development is also recognized as a form of locally situated development that utilizes tourism to create economic, social, and cultural benefits within a community. This process also develops through increased community involvement in decision-making and sustainable development of both natural and cultural resources, and the essays herein will be beneficial to the development of a vibrant and dynamic industry.

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This volume presents an integrated approach to tourism development, focusing on sustainability and authenticity of tourism experiences as effective responses to changes in tourism patterns and relationship matrix, as underpinned by the complex linkages fostered by multiple stakeholders. It discusses issues related to contemporary practices in tourism in order to develop strategic tools to mitigate the challenges faced by stakeholders in planning, implementing innovative programmes, and in sustaining holistic tourism development. Accordingly, the essays in this volume highlight areas of contemporary relevance in tourism and thereby develop an effective framework to provide a holistic idea of dimensions pertaining to its promotion and development.

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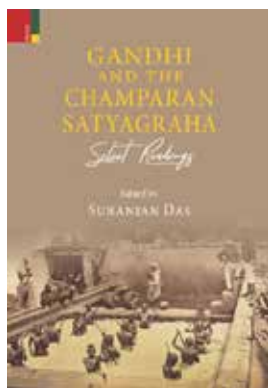
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This book is a prime example of the new content that is needed in marketing curriculum, introducing young MBAs to new material as well as different ways of viewing the traditional content. In order to expose students to the practical aspects of making tactical and strategic decisions during market turbulence, six case studies have been discussed in the book. These are: spreading mobile culture through 3G revolution; rivalry off the air: saga of Kingfisher and Jet Airways; the great Indian retail story under test; the heat of recession and destocking with reference to HUL; building DTH PC segment: portfolio for Creative Solutions Limited; and Nokia connects the world. Accompanied by a CD, this book aims to provide a crisp, clear, easy-to-understand view of the methods, processes, tools, and techniques used in product and sales marketing.

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Gandhi and the Champaran Satyagraha Select Readings

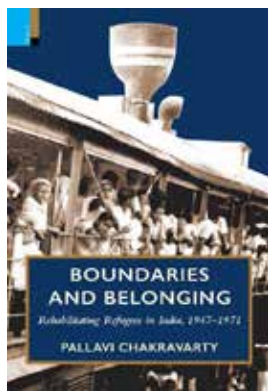
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This volume looks back at the Champaran Satyagraha of 1917 through contemporary accounts and scholarly reflections. Organized into five parts, the collection contains passages from Gandhi's own recollection of the Satyagraha; excerpts from the accounts of participants such as Rajendra Prasad and J.B. Kripalani; statements of indigo ryots; selections from official documents; and extracts from the works of historians and academics. *Gandhi and the Champaran Satyagraha: Select Readings* provides readers with an idea of how the first Gandhian mass political intervention in India has been recreated, contextualized, and assessed in writings, and captured through some archival visuals.

"Gandhi once declared: 'It was Bihar that made me known to the whole of India. No one knew me earlier. I had almost become a Negro after staying in Africa for twenty long years. Then I came to Champaran, and the entire country woke up'. The present volume is perhaps the testimony to this fact."

—JAWAID ALAM, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.



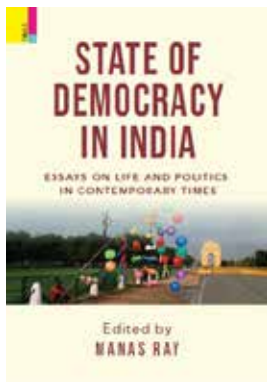
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Boundaries and Belonging Rehabilitating Refugees in India, 1947–1971

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Boundaries and Belonging: Rehabilitating Refugees in India, 1947–1971 documents and analyses the efforts of the Indian State to rehabilitate the refugees migrating to India after the tragic partitioning of the subcontinent. While Partition and borders decided the physical contours of India and Pakistan, the rehabilitation programme in both countries was more than just an administrative task as it decided the crucial issue of being citizens of the State. Comparing the treatment and policies for refugees from West and East Pakistan, this book investigates the priorities of the nascent nation-state in determining its constituents. With special focus on two major refugee cities in post-Partition India—Delhi and Kolkata—this work examines how far State-defined stereotypes hold true compared to the efforts of the refugees along both borders in rebuilding their lives.



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State of Democracy in India

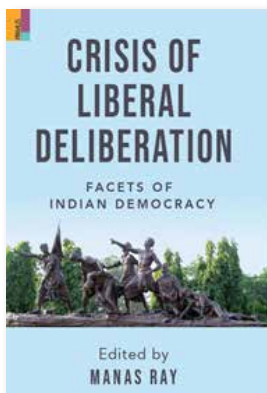
Essays on Life and Politics in Contemporary Times

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Collections on Indian democracy are plentiful. Yet, rarely are the questions of how ongoing democratic mobilizations impact the mundane, everyday lives of ordinary citizens and the world around them studied. The guiding principle of this book is that democracy is not merely a psephological number game, but a whole way of life, touching every department of life, collective and individual, a force-field of interests and new imaginations. The topics span from authoritarian populism, democratic history of monuments in the city of Aurangabad and the festival mode of populist politics to climate migration and COVID-19 migration to reservation and historical ontology of caste to Dalitization of politics to democratic aspirations of Dalit literature and so on.



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Crisis of Liberal Deliberation

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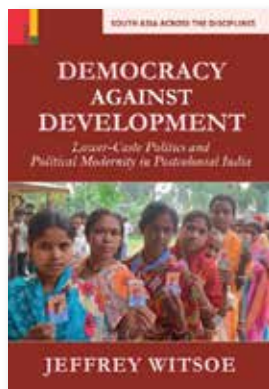
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The precarity of the democratic order in contemporary times needs no underlining. This book asks how, through what magic, the Indian democratic state as a political formation is surviving. For how long will the democratic order remain durable despite its myriad loopholes, glaring fault-lines, and thousand histories of disappointment? In the process of analysing the different facets of contemporary Indian democracy, the contributors try to understand and unveil this apparent paradox.

Manas Ray presents a long theoretical account of the crisis of democratic deliberation, a veritable *tour de force*. The book discusses historical lineages of Indian democracy and three disturbing trends of Indian democracy: electoral sanctity, religious politics, and violence in politics.



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Democracy Against Development Lower-Caste Politics and Political Modernity in Postcolonial India

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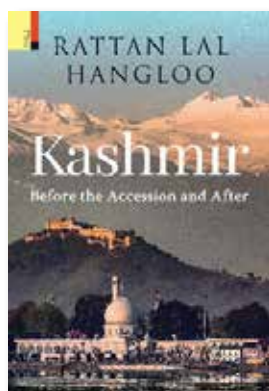
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Hidden behind the much-touted success story of India's emergence as an economic superpower is another, far more complex narrative of the nation's recent history, one in which economic development is frequently countered by violent political movements. In this book, Jeffrey Witsoe investigates this counter-narrative, uncovering an antagonistic relationship between recent democratic mobilization and development-oriented governance in India.

Witsoe looks at the history of colonialism in India and its role in both shaping modern caste identities and linking locally powerful caste groups to state institutions, which has effectively created a postcolonial patronage state. He then looks at the rise of lower-caste politics in Bihar and how it has radically threatened the patronage state by systematically weakening its institutions and disrupting its development projects.

'*Democracy Against Development* realizes a lot of the promise of the new political anthropology of India. Jeffrey Witsoe's ethnographic focus ensures that the rich and diverse struggle over caste and its political forms can be revealed. He is able to show precisely how colonially structured caste, as identity and power, is reshaped in the working of Indian democracy.'

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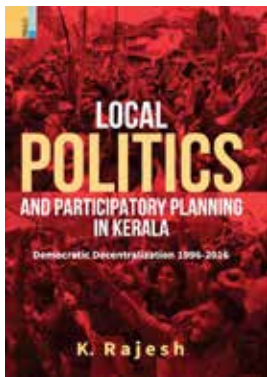
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Kashmir Before the Accession and After

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The region and people of Kashmir have been at the centre of processes that transformed South Asia after the two World Wars and the collapse of colonialism. *Kashmir: Before the Accession and After* examines the hitherto-neglected areas of life in Kashmir; its continually fraught relationship with the central government of India and the role of international politics, which resulted in the inception and perpetuation of the crisis in the region. Spanning the decades from the end of the rule of the Dogras and Sheikh Abdullah's contentious relations with the national leadership in Delhi to the current abrogation of Article 370, this book investigates the historical trajectory and modern identity politics at the core of the Kashmir problem. Invoked by the local elite and other participants through political and social struggles, this situation has shaped the everyday life of Kashmiris, offering tools for highlighting pre-existing homogeneities and differences in order to construct specific versions of such identities on religious and regional bases.



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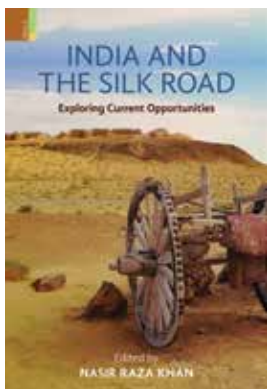
Local Politics and Participatory Planning in Kerala Democratic Decentralization 1996–2016

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This book analyses how micro-level politics impacts local governance and examines the dynamics of its interaction. Written within the theoretical framework of Field and Habitus, it incorporates how decentralization and the peoples' planning campaign, in the early 1990s reconstructed local governance from a mere bureaucratic process to becoming a highly politicized construct.

The book also investigates how the stratagems and social dynamics of political parties, religious groups and civil society towards grassroots democracy have changed over time, focusing particularly on the extent of participation of women and marginalized sections. Further, considering the evolving nature of local governance, it analyses the history of the past 20 years of local governments in Kerala on the basis of empirical data; how the changes in political regimes in the state have affected the democratic decentralization process, and how this is reflected in the village life of Kerala. Three case studies from different locations of the state document this political transition.



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India and the Silk Road Exploring Current Opportunities

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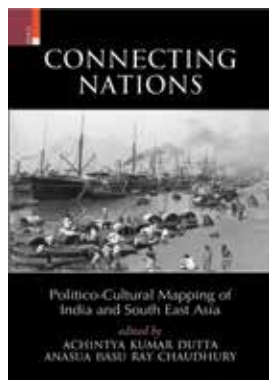
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India and the Silk Road: Exploring Current Opportunities is based on the historical as well as contemporary relevance of the Silk Road. This volume comprises essays by a number of contributors who have dealt with varied aspects of the reality of this historical road in a new geopolitical context, with the potential of shared prosperity among the states connected with this route. The new Silk Road of the twenty-first century covers almost all modes of communication, infrastructure and transportation, including road network, rail and oil and gas pipelines.

'The book is an excellent primer on the various aspects of Silk Route which, at some places, intersects with the Spice Route, an area that is worth exploring in the contemporary backdrop.'

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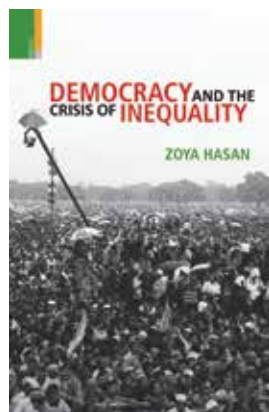
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The present volume analyses various facets of India's connectivity with the South East Asian countries, including its linkages with the north-eastern states of India; a rediscovery of Indian imprinted culture, mainly Buddhism and other religions in the South East Asian region and beyond; the use of the Indian diaspora for economic development; and the implementation of various agreements signed by India with the South East Asian countries. This volume is an interesting combination of the analytical method of historical linkages between India and South East Asia with critical observations of the contemporary dynamics of international politics.

'...the editors need to be complimented for a very smart and timely publication with an excellent bibliography.'

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Democracy and the Crisis of Inequality

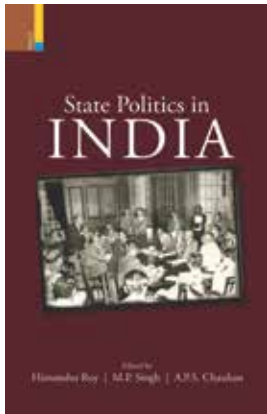
Zoya Hasan

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This book analyses how from the early 1990s politics in India began to undergo a fundamental transformation. Ethnic politics occupied centre stage, often prompting violent conflict and major political changes. Some of the essays herein focus on changes relating to representation, redistribution, social justice, secularism, and the changing nature of the State in the wake of economic liberalization and globalization. Key issues discussed are: the policies of group differentiated rights; caste-class politics; regional assertions; women's rights and minority politics and their impact on the pursuit of equality. Political change and the debates surrounding these categories and concerns, thus, provide a context for understanding the conflicts and tensions—between party politics and democracy, state and society, and democracy and development—that have shaped the transformation of the economy, polity, and society in India in the last few decades.

'Zoya Hasan's *Democracy and the Crisis of Inequality* is an academic tour de force which guides the reader through three eventful decades of Indian politics between the early 1980s and 2012.'

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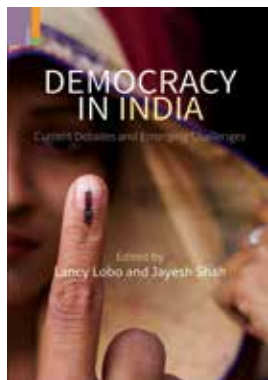
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This volume discusses different aspects of politics in 27 states and 2 Union Territories with legislative assemblies. It analyses different social structures; levels of economic development; land holding patterns; party systems; voting behaviour; and political culture, governance and politics of each state. The essays herein are distinctive in their focus on internal dynamics of these states, dynamics which are influenced by the size of their population, demography, territory and topography, economy, and the power structure of different castes and communities. Commonalities across boundaries at both micro and macro levels are also taken into account. These include expansion and intensification of capitalist social relations into innermost areas; breakdown of old structures and social mores; emergence of civil society; development of administrative transparency; and growth of alternative party systems and linkages of each state/region with the nation and global capital.

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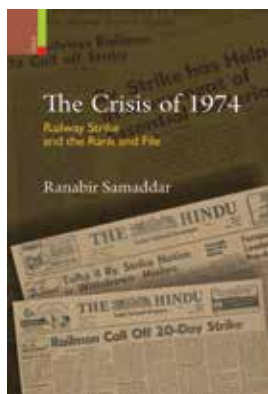
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This volume deliberates on various dimensions of the challenges confronting parliamentary democracy in India, and provides a platform for debates emanating from the depths of society, new critiques of the manner in which democracy has functioned, and the strengths and weaknesses of Indian democracy. It deals with the theory and practice of democratic governance, the role of the judiciary in strengthening the legislative and executive functions of the state, the role of the media as the fourth estate, the rise of social movements and civil society, the critical role of economic development in sustaining democracy, and the role of democracy in containing ethnic conflicts. It also includes two essays on democracy at the grassroots analysing electoral behaviour and the gender perspective, and presents alternatives that have been offered by civil society activists, academicians, and researchers, who together form an intellectual comity.

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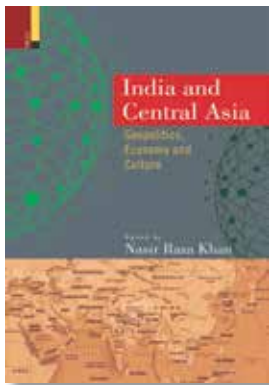
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The Crisis of 1974 Railway Strike and the Rank and File

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This book on the Indian Railway Strike of 1974 looks at the history, the role of the rank and file in the strike, and the fate of the strike itself. Even as one of the most distinctive aspects of the strike was the autonomy of the rank and file, the significance of the struggle had much to do with the nature of the time. The country was in the midst of a general political crisis, sections of the peasantry were in revolt, and there were expressions of solidarity from the industrial working class. However, the strike leadership was not resolute and decisive, and failed the rank and file. In the absence of a political vanguard, the uprising was left without a determined subject. The railway men did not transform India, but established for the first time in the political history of post-Independence India the autonomy of the political practice of masses. Suddenly, the strike had opened up a vision whose infinite nature unnerved both the party or order and the parties of constitutional opposition.



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India and Central Asia Geopolitics, Economy and Culture

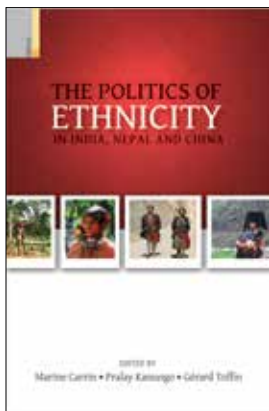
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This volume explores India's relations with Central Asian states—Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan—from various perspectives. Trade and cultural relations have flourished between the people of India and Central Asia, particularly along the Silk Route, since ancient times. However, with the partition of the Indian subcontinent and the consequent hostility between India and Pakistan, and the emergence of Communist China, India's direct link to the Central Asian region was cut off. Today, the Central Asian countries and India can collaborate in sharing natural resources like minerals, and the transmission of oil and gas, in which Central Asia abounds, leading to a shared security and prosperity, and cultural exchanges. Accordingly, given the great socio-economic and cultural potential of this linkage, this volume makes a case for the revival of the connectivity between India and these Central Asian states.

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The Politics of Ethnicity in India, Nepal and China

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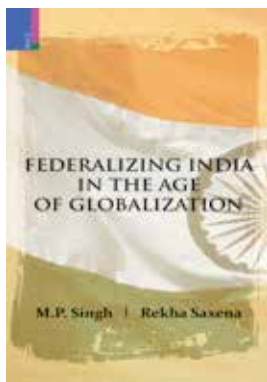
Director, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

This volume critically reflects on the social, cultural and political processes that have shaped various ethnolinguistic minorities of India, Nepal and China since the 1950s. In India, the authorities have created smaller states on the basis of language, culture, and in some cases economic backwardness. In Nepal, ethnic minorities include economically and culturally diverse groups scattered over the country. Inspired by the Indian experiment, the political elite in Nepal is now seeking to institutionalize procedures to fully integrate the adivasis/janajatis as citizens. While India and Nepal largely recognize the emergence of these ethnic minorities as political actors, the Chinese state, ignoring the political demands of its minorities, is focussing on their economic development and their modernization.

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Federalizing India in the Age of Globalization

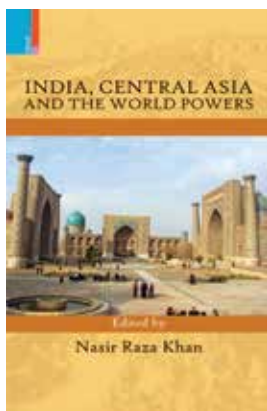
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This book conveys the major new direction of change in the Indian political system today. There has been a gradual political decentring of a predominantly parliamentary system of the first four decades after independence into a new federalizing and globalizing India since the early 1990s. The early stirrings of federalization were indeed evident in the territorial reorganization of the states along linguistic lines in response to popular movements in the 1950s and 1960s. However, the most comprehensive wave of federalization that has gripped politics and governance in India has surfaced since the early 1990s. The indicators and impact of political federalization are evident in the new grammar of politics pervading the working of governmental institutions—the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of governments as well as the union, state, and local governments. The political factors that have accelerated the process of federalization is the transformation of the party system, with regional parties coming to play a decisive balancing role in Indian politics and globalization.



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India, Central Asia and the World Powers

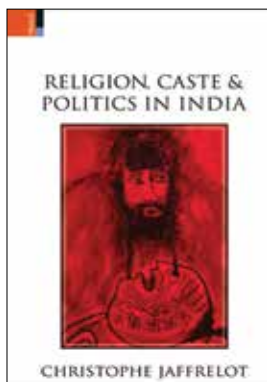
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This volume offers a fresh insights onto India-Central Asia relations and a deeper understanding of the developing political and economic scenario of the region. Extending research on these subjects, the essays in this volume examine the role of major powers in the region against the backdrop of globalization, disintegration of the Soviet Union, and the emergence of the US as a pre-eminent power. It is within the arena of an emerging 'New Great Game' that India must translate its historical, cultural, and civilizational ties with Central Asia into a vibrant and mutually beneficial economic partnership extending not only to trade in goods and services but also bilateral and multilateral investments, scientific collaboration, and commercialization of new technologies. Exploring these issues, this volume foregrounds India's aspirations and its potential to be a player in the unfolding 'Great Game' on an equal footing with other major players like the US, Russia, and China.

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Religion, Caste & Politics in India*

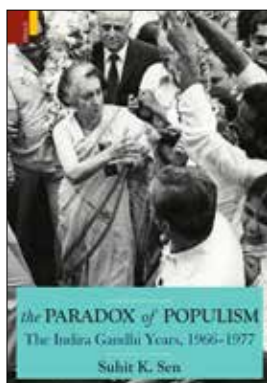
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This book makes a detailed study of the functioning of India's democracy on the one hand, and the way India relates to the world on the other. It explores the manner in which dimensions of secularism and democracy, non-alignment, and state intervention in the economy have been transformed with the course of time, especially since 1980s-90s. It examines India's political culture, an arena where caste and religion, including Hindu nationalism and lower caste politics, play a major role in determining the course of electoral politics. The liberalization of the economy has resulted in growth but not necessarily development, and in discussing the ways in which India relates to the world this volume also takes a close look at India's ties with the US, Russia, and Europe so as to analyse its status as an emerging world power.

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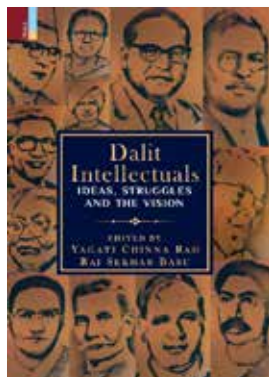
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The Paradox Of Populism: The Indira Gandhi Years, 1966–1977

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An independent historian and political commentator.

The Paradox of Populism: The Indira Gandhi Years studies the changing dynamics of politics brought about by the eclipse of Congress hegemony, caused principally by the 1967 election results and the split in the Congress party in 1969. It examines the proposition, widely accepted, that Indira Gandhi systematically subverted constitutional democracy by undermining institutions like the parliament and the cabinet, and established authoritarian control of both the government and the party after the split. It concludes that such widespread subversion happened only after the imposition of the Emergency, when Mrs Gandhi succeeded in concentrating power in her hands. Soon after Mrs Gandhi was installed as prime minister in 1966, she sought to break free from the shackles of the party bosses and stamp on the polity the independence of the government from the organization, a convention established in the late 1940s and early 1950s by Jawaharlal Nehru and the party high command. A struggle for power broke out between Mrs Gandhi's camp and the party bosses, which led, in 1969, to a split in the party. This struggle was exacerbated by the erosion of the Congress party's hegemony after the fourth general elections of 1967, when it lost power in a number of states and saw its majority in the parliament significantly whittled down.



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Dalit Intellectuals Ideas, Struggles and The Vision

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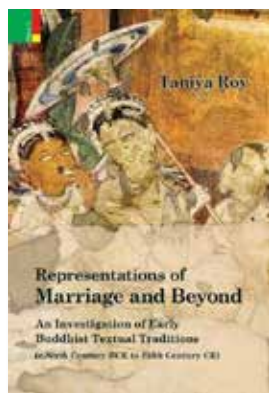
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‘Lower-caste’ thinkers made a crucial intervention in the conceptualization of modern India by claiming that there could hardly be any discussion of colonial India without a critical interrogation of the caste system. *Dalit Intellectuals: Ideas, Struggles and the Vision* is an exploration of a range of interpretations of Dalit intellectual traditions through contributions which emerged from a special panel on Dalit History and Politics. Dedicated to Professor K.N. Panikkar, who introduced the study of intellectual history of modern India, these essays explore Dalit intellectual thought—beginning with Ambedkar’s re-envisioning of modern India to the Adi-Dravida movement in colonial Tamil Nadu, the emergence of Kanshi Ram from obscurity to prominence as a public intellectual, autobiographies that led to the making of Dalit intellectuals, and lastly, the late emergence of Dalit intellectual traditions in Bengal.

This volume brings to the fore a new intellectual journey, revolutionizing social categories which had hitherto remained outside the domain of respectability and scholarship, and steering the wheel towards newer methods of history writing.



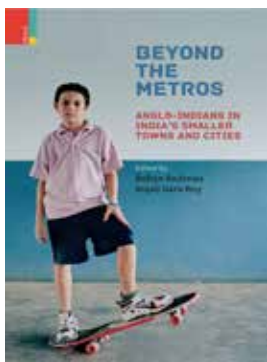
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Representations of Marriage and Beyond An Investigation of Early Buddhist Textual Traditions (c. Sixth Century BCE to Fifth Century CE)

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At the core of the social world of Buddhism was the alternative system of salvation provided by the Buddha. *Representations of Marriage and Beyond* explores this alternative by investigating the relationship between gender and history in Buddhist society, allowing us to trace the roots of subordination and hierarchical difference among men and women, monks, and nuns during this time period. Closely analysing three Buddhist textual traditions—the Jātakas, the Therīgāthā and the Theragāthā—this book examines representations of marriage and gender relations in a period that witnessed far-reaching changes in economic, political, material, and social life.



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Beyond the Metros Anglo-Indians in India's Smaller Towns and Cities

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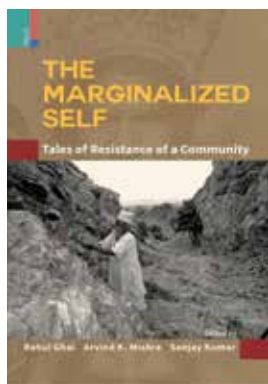
Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Beyond the Metros focuses on Anglo-Indians residing in a number of small towns and cities, away from the metropolitan centres of modern India, such as Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai. It provides a socio-historical account of what it means to be an Anglo-Indian in cultural and materially varied environments, highlighting the impact on the formation of identities.

The researchers in this volume highlight the concept of diversity in the lived experiences, aspirations, memories and sense of identity within this community. They question the methodology of looking at minority communities as homogenized and ethnicized categories. The book demonstrates the importance of place as a crucial variable in the social histories of communities. In addition, it interrogates both the received scholarly wisdom as well as exoticized popular stereotypes by looking closely at Anglo- Indian lives and perceptions.

‘...the book is an eye opener and a must read for the outstanding ethnographic fieldwork which the researchers have conducted to make readers aware of different historical and sociological contexts...’

—SOMDATTA MANDAL, *The Statesman*



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The Marginalized Self Tales of Resistance of a Community

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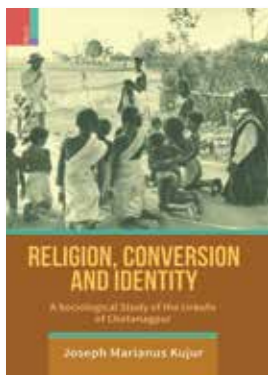
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The Marginalized Self questions the century-old perception of the Musahar community as rat-eating, pig-rearing, habitually drunk, lazy and unmotivated; a perception fostered by the dominant discourse of development, and the historically prevalent hierarchical social system. This collection of essays argues that these victims of the dominant model of development acquire a different kind of power and critical consciousness due to their marginality, which helps them to examine the processes, practices, and institutions that give rise to and justify poverty, displacement, corruption, greed, competition, and violence in the name of development.

Ethnographic studies focussing on the Musahars have demonstrated that the people of this community are capable of offering resistance to the might of the development regime in terms of a comparative critique of modern civilization. They can assert the value of their own worldview and epistemology, and in doing so, they subvert the superiority that is generally assigned to the logical and formal schema in understanding the world.



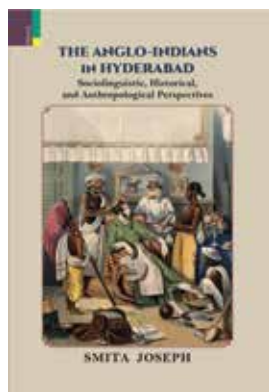
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Religion, Conversion and Identity A Sociological Study of the Urãoñs of Chotanagpur

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Set in the theoretical perspective of religious conversion in general, and that of tribal identity of Christians in particular, this volume brings out the complexities of the triangular relationship among tribal Christians, tribal Sarnās, and others. Based on historical records, some rare archival materials of the Church, oral traditions of the Urãoñ Adivasi community as well as fieldwork data, this book explores the dialectics between the old and the new. It presents insights derived from the processes of Indianization, indigenization and tribalization in the Church from the Second Vatican Council, and also addresses issues of ethnic and minority studies with a focus on identity formation and articulation. The book argues that the Urãoñ identity has evolved through the ages, that conversions are only side-effects of multiple factors resulting in the restructuring of identity, that in the fragmented relationship between Christians and Sarnā there are negotiations for convergence, that the Urãoñ Sarnā converts to Christianity are very much a Scheduled Tribe by virtue of being 'Urãoñs', and that calling the Urãoñ Sarnās 'Hindu' is self-contradictory.



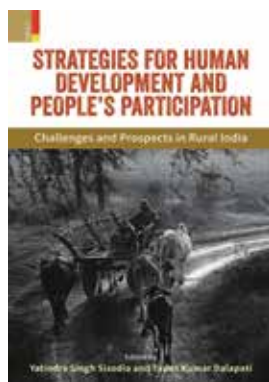
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The Anglo-Indians in Hyderabad **Sociolinguistic, Historical and Anthropological Perspectives**

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By discussing the use of various strategies by which Christian names have adapted according to their ecology in the Indian context, this book provides new dimensions in the field of socio-onomastics. It gives a fascinating account of how the Anglo-Indians of Hyderabad maintain their ethnic identity through the use of proper names and slang. The data on slang and names has been elicited through a combination of interviews, surveys and ethnographic methods. The relationship between ethnicity and language has been explored by comparing the usage of slang across three age groups, as well as by comparing the usage of proper names across three decades. The status of slang and names as ethnic markers has been examined through the use of statistics.



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Strategies for Human Development and People's Participation in Rural India

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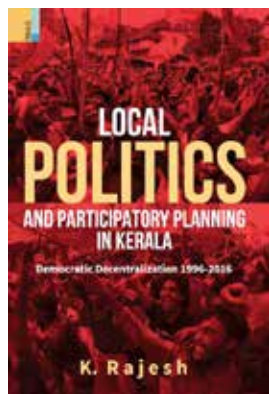
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Human development is the process of enlarging possibilities, to enhance human choices. In a developing country like India several initiatives have been undertaken in rural areas to do so. However, after seven decades of planned development, several challenges still remain. One of the major factors for the successful implementation of human development policies is the active participation of the people for whom the development initiatives are meant. This book unravels the in-depth dynamics of people's participation in the processes of human development initiatives in rural India. It analyses contemporary perspectives and the present scenario of human development; prospects and challenges in human development initiatives and people's participation in human development initiatives in rural India, related to education, employment, health, livelihood, nutrition, and grassroots governance.

This book will be of immense interest to researchers, bureaucrats, policy makers, planners, practitioners, academia, and those interested in rural development and public policy.



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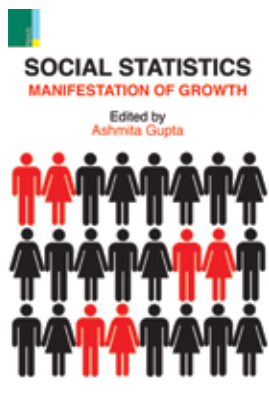
Local Politics and Participatory Planning in Kerala: Democratic Decentralization 1996–2016

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This book analyses how micro-level politics impacts local governance and examines the dynamics of its interaction. Written within the theoretical framework of Field and Habitus, it incorporates how decentralization and the peoples' planning campaign, in the early 1990s reconstructed local governance from a mere bureaucratic process to becoming a highly politicized construct.

The book also investigates how the stratagems and social dynamics of political parties, religious groups and civil society towards grassroots democracy have changed over time, focusing particularly on the extent of participation of women and marginalized sections. Further, considering the evolving nature of local governance, it analyses the history of the past 20 years of local governments in Kerala on the basis of empirical data; how the changes in political regimes in the state have affected the democratic decentralization process, and how this is reflected in the village life of Kerala. Three case studies from different locations of the state document this political transition.



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Social Statistics Manifestation of Growth

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This collection of essays includes articles that are important from a historical as well as modern perspective. Beginning with a discussion on the changing role of statistics in social sciences and the importance of a methodological approach, the articles in this volume include a paper evaluating the theories prescribed in Kautilya's Arthashastra from a contemporary perspective. The cutting edge research techniques developed by Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Michael Kremer, Nobel Laureates in Economics for 2019, such as exogenous natural experiments and instrumental variable techniques (IV) using two-stage least squares (2SLS) are also discussed in this volume. A survey of research papers from the field of Econophysics; an analysis of the major data sources available in India to identify data gaps that will allow gender inequality to be explored from various dimensions, as well as articles on social problems specific to Bihar, such as child nutrition, migration, and the Industrial Incentive Policy are also included.



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Bihar Crossing Boundaries

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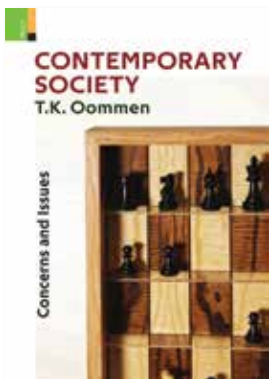
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This book binds together essays that study Bihar's development, cultural changes, violence, governance, etc., over a long durée and across a vast region. The state's profile on these parameters has undergone change several times in the last century. These essays present some of these changes in a vivid manner and set the agenda for new research. Ethnographic, anthropological, and sociological analyses, and macroeconomic policy models have been used to analyse the changes in Bihar. Translated versions of vernacular manuscripts, unpublished letters/correspondence, and other archival accounts not exhibited so far, oral evidence, folktales, myths, and memoirs have been used to show the dynamics of the region. Sacred places, shrines, films, rural capital, agricultural mechanization technologies, paintings, and literary traditions have also been analysed. In these essays, authors cross not just geographical and temporal boundaries, but gender, class, ethnic, and cultural boundaries in different contexts to present a unique and syncretic collection of essays on Bihar.



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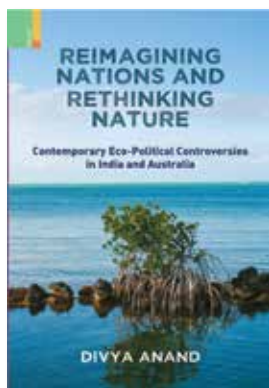
Contemporary Society Concerns and Issues

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The 15 chapters in the book address a variety of themes and yet its core concern is India, an Old Society but a New State. Interrogating the West European notion of nation-states, which were designed to be culturally homogenous, this book posits that in India which has a culturally plural polity, the notion of Human Rights is perhaps more relevant than the notion of citizenship. Consequently, not only individual rights but also group rights—religious, linguistic and racial—need to be recognized and fostered.

Indian social science has emphasized the study of structures as against processes, leading to the neglect of social movements and everyday protest. Similarly, analyses of globalization in the Indian context have focused on macro-structures and processes ignoring its impact on micro-structures and processes. The very cognition and conceptualization of the world undergoes transformation as we transition from the colonial, cold war mindset to the ongoing globalization. The book analyses the implications of this for social science research in India.



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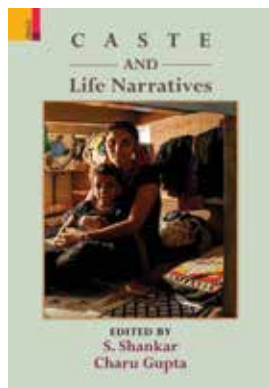
Reimagining Nations and Rethinking Nature Contemporary Eco-Political Controversies in India and Australia

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India and Australia as nation state emerge from the shared lineage of being part of the British Empire, which has characterized the nature of their respective journeys as modern nation states. Juxtaposing case studies from India and Australia reveals that although both locations differ in their particular historical and social contexts, both contend with similar challenges and compulsions, characteristic of modernity.

Employing a multi-scalar and interdisciplinary approach, this work examines issues of nature, nation and development within the context of modernity. While India and Australia have radically different historical imaginations, their paths now increasingly intersect, so that the task of making sense of their very different social imaginaries becomes vital to reimagining the dynamics between nations and nature. This book contributes towards trying to understand the ways in which nations are constantly imagined and find new ways of thinking about nature.



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Caste and Life Narratives

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This collection of twelve essays foregrounds the conjunction of the social phenomenon called 'caste' with the genre of representation called 'life narratives'. Caste and Life Narratives covers a variety of modes of representing 'actual lives', in whole or in fragments—from autobiographies, and interviews to Facebook posts, biopics, visual representations, and most tragically, a suicide note. It uses the notion of 'Critical Caste Studies', which is vitally animated by Dalit Studies, but is not coterminous with it. While acknowledging the unique status of Dalit and Dalibahujan perspectives, it argues that caste is not the lived reality of Dalits alone and, accordingly, a critical study of caste cannot be solely their burden.

Drawing from postcolonial, Dalit and Critical Caste Studies, this syncretic collection of essays offers a unique theoretical and methodological perspectives, provoking new ways of entering into the burgeoning study of caste.



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Another South Asia!

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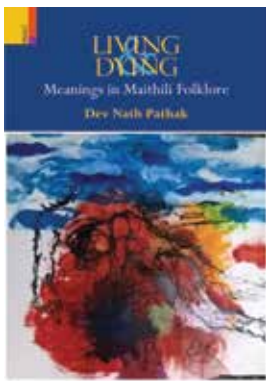
In a critical and creative engagement with this question, *Another South Asia!* attempts to explore novel possibilities beyond the stratagem of nation states. Amidst the shrinking utopias in the various disciplinary discourses due to the predominance of cartographic reason, the essays in this book propose a new lease to the utopian imagination of the region. Grounded in history, civilization, culture, and people across boundaries, located in the domain of post-disciplinary enquiries, this book enables a dialogue among the Sociologists and Social Anthropologists, students and scholars of International Relations, Literary and Performance studies, Art History, Diaspora studies, Historical and Civilizational studies and South Asian studies to name a few.

‘The essays in the volume draw upon myriad sources such as mythology, oral and written traditions, aesthetics, life histories, politics and history to search for alternative imagination of the region.’

—ANKITA MOOKHERJEE, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University

‘This volume is a creative inter-disciplinary curatorial achievement that holds out promises for imagining a South Asia that defies cartographic constraints.’

—ANAKSHI PAL, *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford*



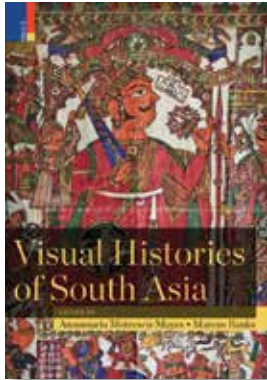
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Living & Dying Meanings in Maithili Folklore

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A hermeneutic engagement with Maithili folk songs allows this book to hinge upon the notions of living and dying in the contemporary world despite the admission that medicine, insurance, market, and media may condition human experiences. Amidst the binaries of union and separation, rigid religion and fluid faith, popular and folk, modernity and tradition, central to this book is the pluralism of cultural script(s) and their philosophical musings on living and dying, folk philosophy, cultural subversion as well as reconciliation. Predominantly sung by women, the folksongs of Mithila are woven around calendar of events, rites of the passage, and everyday life situations. The cultural scape of sound and sight thus conjures a fusion of epistemology and ontology, knowledge and existential being, the classical-Sanskritic-textual and the folksubaltern-oral. Straddling the particular context of Maithili folksongs and the generic aspects of folk world view, steering across Hinduism, tradition and modernity, and folklore in the age of mechanical reproduction, this book contributes to the sociology and social anthropology of, inter alia, folklore, religion, gender and mythology. Moreover, this makes for a contribution into sociology and social anthropology of death in South Asia.



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Visual Histories of South Asia

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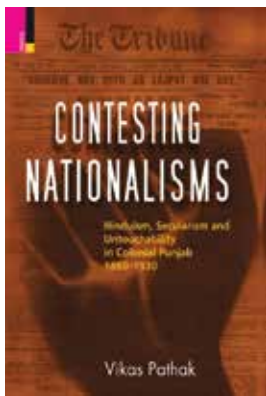
Is one of the first comprehensive contributions to the rapidly developing cross disciplinary scholarship that connects visual studies with South Asian historiography. The key purpose of the book is to introduce scholars and students of South Asian and Indian history to the first in-depth evaluation of visual research methods as a valid research framework for new historical studies. The volume identifies and evaluates current developments in visual sociology and digital anthropology relevant to the study of contemporary South Asian constructions of personal and national identities. Owing to its wide-ranging theoretical methodology, from concepts of visual perception to media semiotics, *Visual Histories of South Asia* covers a rich thematic agenda with contributions ranging from ethnographic research to gender studies, fine arts analyses, theoretical and methodological questions, economic structures, international politics and contemporary cultural patterns. Owing to its wide-ranging theoretical methodology, from concepts of visual perception to media semiotics, In charting the theoretical and historical advances in visual and historical studies dedicated to South Asia, and by addressing issues of private and national memory within regional, national, and contemporary South Asian iconography, from the mid-seventeenth century to the early twenty-first century, and the thirteen contributions selected for this volume are of immediate relevance to visual theorists and historians, sociologists and cultural anthropologists, as well as to students and scholars of South Asian history and culture.

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'This is a remarkable, genuinely interdisciplinary collection, and both a marvellously rich addition to the study of the life of visual images in South Asia, and a highly sophisticated contribution to debates of the interdisciplinary study of visual culture.'

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Contesting Nationalisms Hinduism, Secularism and Untouchability in Colonial Punjab, 1880–1930

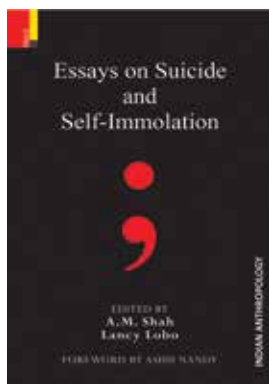
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Indian nationalism has been a contested space over the last century. Claims and counter-claims have been advanced regarding its nature for long now. This book argues that there are multiple visions of Indian nationalism, each seeking hegemony over national discourse, and that divergences regarding the cultural-ideological contours of the idea of India are central to the contest over what Indian nationalism means.

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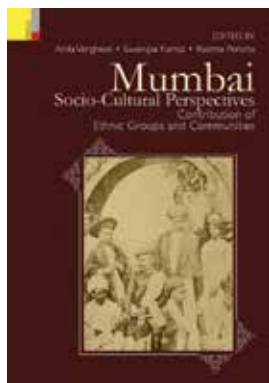
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This book is a collection of papers on suicide and self-immolation, reprinted from the almost forgotten *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay*, during 1886–1936. The book carries a Foreword by Professor Ashis Nandy on death and self in culture. Part I includes nineteen papers, analysing statistics of suicides committed in Bombay (now Mumbai) from 1886 to 1907, classified by religion, gender, age, month, date, cause and means of suicide, etc. Part II includes seven general essays dealing with topics like suicide in old age, in ancient India, and also, self-immolation.

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Mumbai, the city of dreams, has always been a city of migrants. People moved here from near and far, by land and sea, their dreams wrapped in optimism and hope. The seven islands that became the erstwhile Bombay welcomed them all. This book, however, focuses on the history of the many communities that contributed to its wealth, both culturally and financially.

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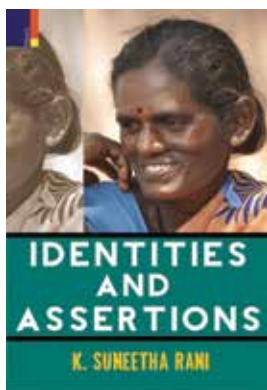
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This eclectic collection of essays is embedded in both the past and present of the region's complex interface with modernity. It is pertinent to note that despite the postmodernist critiques of the abstract notion of the term modern, modernity continues to be relevant for an understanding of contemporary social processes. Apart from theoretical debates, 'modernity' as a process and value system as well as a contrast to 'tradition' offers multiple interpretative possibilities which are deeply manifested in the everyday experience of the self and community. While acknowledging both enchantment and disenchantment with modernity, this volume explores the opportunities, contingencies and contestations of the process.

Spatializing modernity, therefore, takes the concept to the arena of experience and practice, thereby bringing it closer to the script of the everyday: the contradictory and at times polemical positioning of access and denial, institutional and individual, urban and rural, trader/moneylender and peasant/ zamindar, Jat and Dalit (in context of landownership and access to wealth), and erotic/gender (urban) and ideal (rural). These and other similar themes involve self-positioning and Othering. Modern, modernity and modernization are, therefore, competing, contradictory and overlapping concepts that get situated around the narratives of power, prestige, entitlement and access.



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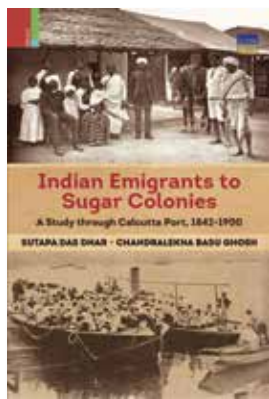
Identities and Assertions

Dalit Women's Narratives

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This book analyses Dalit women's narratives through an examination of debates around questions of identity of Dalit women. It focuses on the construction of self through narratives, and maps the historical developments and contexts in which Dalit women's narratives were recorded and analysed. From discussions on methodology to questions of Dalit feminist ideology to political power and family, companionship and sexuality, this book attempts to recapitulate the history of the Dalit movement and literature that has already been documented. It also includes a deliberation on the Dalit movement and Dalit literature in Telugu-speaking regions.



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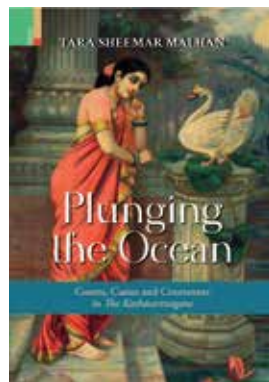
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Indian Emigrants to Sugar Colonies examines the relationship between the two phases of migration during the nineteenth century that made Calcutta Port the centre of overseas emigration from specific areas of India. It also delves into the reasons that made the migrants settle near the place of embarkation at the end of the century. Starting with an analysis of the causes of large-scale emigration from parts of northern and eastern India and ending with reasons behind changes in the direction of such population movements, this volume presents a new framework for writing migration history, intermingled with industrial expansion in British India during the nineteenth century. It is, thus, a combination of both external as well internal migration histories, enhanced with a cost-benefit analysis of this migration process and its consequences.



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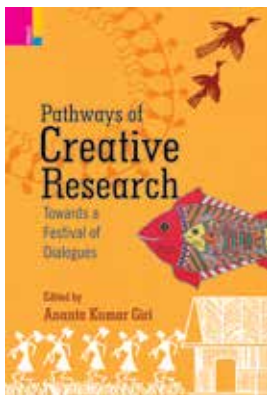
Plunging the Ocean Courts, Castes, and Courtesans in the *Kathāsaritsāgara*

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This book engages with the voluminous content of the *Kathāsaritsāgara*, a text meant for courtly entertainment. It locates various points of its retelling, weaving gender as the discursive mesh with themes such as caste, class, occupations, control and flow of resources or wealth, religious practices, sexuality and power structures. In their creation and negotiation with the past, the narratives in the *Kathāsaritsāgara* crucially demonstrate the importance of 'social space', the organization of space itself, and the reflection of social relations of production and reproduction. The structures of power that create systems of knowledge are essentially projected as ominously omnipresent in this 'Ocean of Stories', and this book comments on these in light of the folk antecedents and monarchical elite appropriation of the *kathās*.



Pathways of Creative Research Towards a Festival of Dialogues

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This volume offers alternative pathways of creative research that strive to understand the work of the non-dual in self, culture, society and the world. The essays herein are drawn from sociology, anthropology, philosophy, literature, development studies, cultural studies and religious studies. They reflect on our field of thinking, practice and collaborative imagination, raising vital and deep questions about theory and practice and exploring an ontological epistemology of participation as a new pathway of research.

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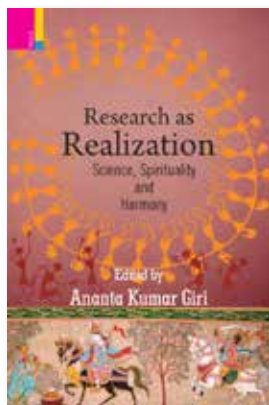
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Cultivating Pathways of Creative Research: New Horizons of Transformative Practice and Collaborative Imagination strives to cultivate new pathways of research and engagement in social sciences and humanities where cultivation is linked to cross-fertilization of creative theorizing and transformative practice, appropriate self-formation and collaborative imagination, experimental creativity and world transformation. With a foreword and an afterword, the book brings together thirty creative thinkers of our world from diverse backgrounds who share with us their vision and practice of cultivating pathways of creative research. They help us go beyond formalism of method and cultivate new pathways of research in social sciences and humanities, especially in sociology, anthropology, education, art and literature. The volume, second in the trilogy of Creative Research, which follows *Pathways of Creative Research: Towards a Festival of Dialogues* and is followed by *Research as Realization: Science, Spirituality and Harmony* is not only a pioneering contribution to the world research but also to rethinking and regenerating self, culture, society and the human condition. This book speaks to a wide readership and concern in transdisciplinary cross-currents of the academy and to the strivings and aspirations of seeking souls all across our fragile and meditative humanity.

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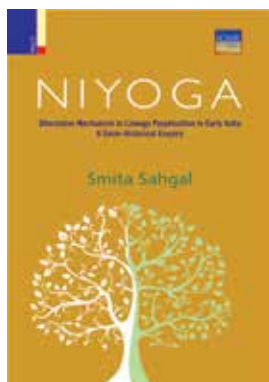
Research as Realization Science, Spirituality and Harmony

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Can research contribute to the realization of reality as well as its potential? Can science and spirituality dance together to reveal the hidden and awaiting harmony in life, and manifest it in self, culture, society and the world? *Research as Realization: Science, Spirituality and Harmony* explores these neglected and repressed questions of modernity and presents trans-modern possibilities and neo-human futures based upon multiple traditions of humanity—European, Indian, Latin American, Islamic, and others. It encourages wholeness in this world of fragmentation and invites the reader to realize the poetic and spiritual dimension of reality where realization is not so much an end but a process. The book brings together a diverse range of creative thinkers and offers a festival of dialogues and co-realizations in the fragile world of the present. Third in the trilogy of Creative Research, together with the earlier two volumes, *Pathways of Creative Research: Towards a Festival of Dialogues* and *Cultivating Pathways of Creative Research: New Horizons of Transformative Practice and Collaborative Imagination*, this is not only a pioneering but also a monumental effort in rethinking and regenerating research, life and the human condition.



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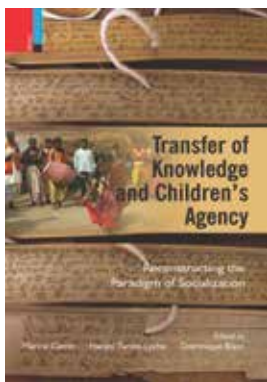
Niyoga

Alternative Mechanism to Lineage Perpetuation in Early India A Socio-Historical Enquiry

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This book attempts to explore the institution of *niyoga* in early India, examining its genesis and trajectory through the temporal and spatial canvas, for though the focus remains on the early period, the fluctuations are best studied over a larger span of time. The early texts refer to *niyoga* as āpaddharma, a practice to be resorted to only in times of exigency. *Niyoga* allowed a married woman to cohabit with a designated male if her husband was infertile or had died without leaving an heir. *Niyoga*, therefore, emerged as an alternative to lineage perpetuation with due normative sanction. The institution had its beginnings in a pastoral set-up, but with changes in social formations, it also underwent many variations. As state societies gave way to regional polities, and as property issues became increasingly important, normative traditions evolved and mutated, and patriarchies changed their stance on the socio-sexual regulation of both men and women. With the passage of time, the institution of *niyoga* became marginalized within the legal framework, and yet, as this study shows, the practice continues to be espoused at local levels up to the modern era.



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Transfer of Knowledge and Children's Agency Reconstructing the Paradigm of Socialization

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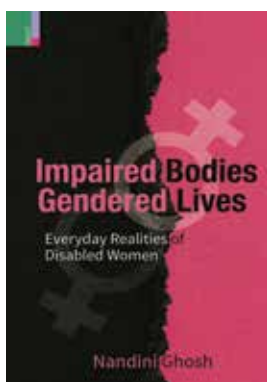
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This volume is a transcultural study of knowledge transmission, a process which is constantly reinterpreted and reinvented by children and youth. The essays in this volume deal with a wide variety of socialization contexts—schools and youth culture, apprenticeship, ideals of youth and childhood—from India, China, South-East Asia, and Europe. They also include examples from indigenous peoples, from particular occupational groups in 'traditional' societies as well as youth in 'modern' society. While transmission of knowledge is a complex process where children and young people take an active part in reshaping and reformulating the cultural content of the society in which they live, this agency of children and youth remains linked to what is handed down from their elders. The volume aims to provide a corrective to this approach and belief system.

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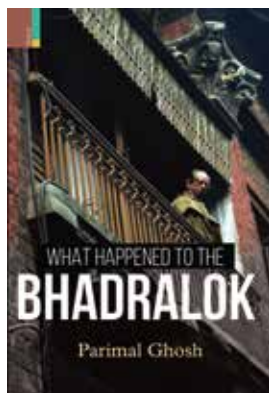
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Impaired Bodies, Gendered Lives Everyday Realities of Disabled Women

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This book explores the intersections of gender and disability. Situating disabled women in their local contexts and using an ethnographic approach, it provides a review of empirical literature on disabled women, both globally and in India. It seeks, hence, to illustrate how globally gendered structures influence practices of gender and ability in specific communities. The lives of disabled women remain entrenched in gendered regimes within families, communities, and public spaces, though the agency demonstrated by these women in defining themselves as women and negotiating gendered spaces is remarkable. Keeping this in mind, this book steers a balance between a sound academic understanding of the issues of gender and disability and the involved care of a feminist disability activist.



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What Happened to the *Bhadrakalok*

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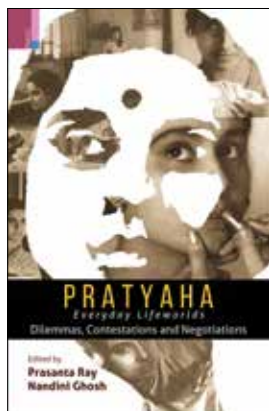
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This book examines changes in several cultural markers of the Bengali *bhadrakalok* in the post-independence period and seeks to understand what they convey about present-day Bengali society. It argues that the *bhadrakalok* of the 1950s and 1960s had inherited a left-liberal view of politics and culture, the fruition of which was the leftist upsurge in West Bengal towards the closure of the 1960s. The decisive defeat of the left in recent years appears to have turned the *bhadrakalok* inward and made them more pragmatic. The dream of a comprehensive transformation of society, through constitutional means or otherwise, seems to have given way to a more down-to-earth approach in both their politics, and their everyday life. This change is evident not only in their cultural behaviour, whether it is their theatre or passion for football, but also in the way they live their lives in their neighbourhood or *para*, even their choice of detective stories.

What Happened to the Bhadrakalok suggests that the arrival of new consumers of culture, drawn from the rural middle class, and the unorganized working-class and small business people from the city further accentuated this process: whether this has led to a proper democratization of our society is, however, a separate question.

‘The book as a fine account of the vulnerabilities and anxieties that any identity experiences...’

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Everyday Lifeworlds Dilemmas, Contestations and Negotiations

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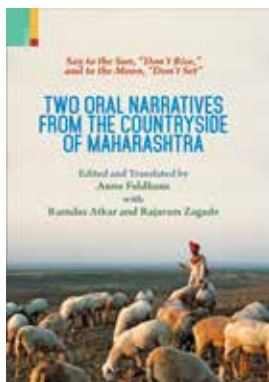
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This volume explores a variety of everyday intimacies and estrangements in different institutional settings in the everyday lifeworlds of, mainly, the contemporary urban Indian middle class across Islamic, Christian and Hindu frames of living. It employs a wide range of analytical models like narrative analysis, deconstructions of autobiographies, novels and children's stories, use of index numbers, ethnography, and interpretation of myths. It focusses on the dilemmas, contestations and negotiations between the self and the other, the 'normal' and the 'unusual', the sacral and the secular, and the explicit and the enigmatic in our everyday lives.

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Say to the Sun, "Don't Rise," and to the Moon, "Don't Set" Two Oral Narratives from the Countryside of Maharashtra*

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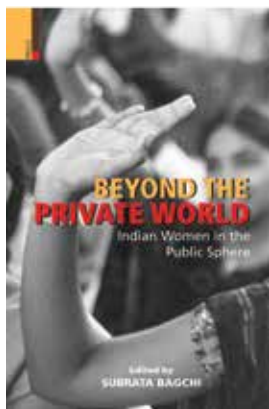
Professor of Religious Studies, Arizona State University, USA

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This book presents translations of two lively and well-crafted examples of the *ovī*, a genre typical of the oral literature of Marathi-speaking Dhangar shepherds. These two *ovīs* narrate the stories of Biroba and Dhuloba, two of the most important gods of the Dhangars. Each of the *ovīs* tells an elaborate story of the birth of the god—a miraculous and complicated process in both cases—and of the struggles he went through in order to find and win his bride. Moreover, an extensive Introduction provides a literary analysis of the *ovīs* and discusses what they reveal about the cosmology, geography, society, administrative structures and economy of the Dhangars' world, as well as their views on pastoralists and women.

'The authors have exhaustively reviewed the nature and material culture that figures in the *ovīs*.'

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Beyond the Private World Indian Women in the Public Sphere

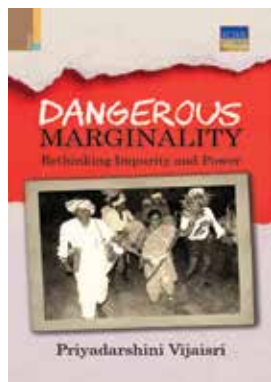
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This volume explores the status of Indian women through the ages in the framework of the private-public dichotomy reflected in their lives. Keeping in mind the Habermasian concept of 'public sphere' as a reference point, yet mindful of the incongruity between Eurocentric ideas and Indian reality, the essays in this volume appraise the position of Indian women in the pre-modern period with reference to tradition. They also provide glimpses of various social movements and struggles to overcome patriarchy as well as the nationalist/democratic movements in colonial and post-colonial India that filtered into the 'private sphere' and transformed it. In all, this volume stresses that the trajectory of Indian women's participation in the public sphere is profoundly influenced by tensions of differential gender relations within social groups of caste, class, religion, community, and tribe.

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Dangerous Marginality Rethinking Impurity and Power

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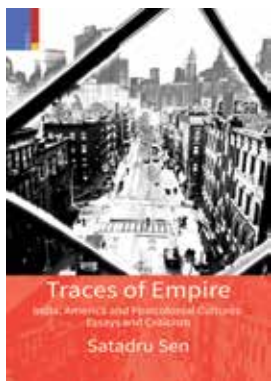
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This book focuses on village festivals invoking Matangi, an outcaste clan goddess in Andhra Pradesh, to explore the ambiguous category of outcaste priest and priestess, whose intriguing presence appears in fleeting images in colonial archives and missological accounts. These striking personae challenge the assumptions predominant in discourses on caste, making it apparent that the constraints in engaging with such seemingly inscrutable sites lies not only in the paucity of sources but also about the dread that comes with the loss of secure ideologies. The compelling evidence of this ritual space suggests the need to move beyond the frame of pathos that has come to define not only the past of outcastes but also their very being. Based on field data and historical sources, this book offers a framework to critically examine the ways in which outcastes shape caste culture in definitive ways even as their presence signifies a deeper tension in historical processes.

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Traces of Empire India, America and Postcolonial Cultures: Essays and Criticism

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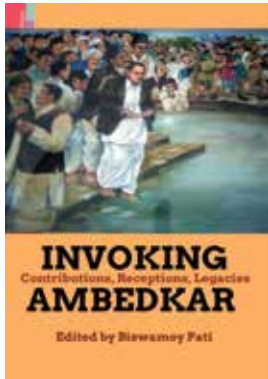
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The essays in this volume examine the interwoven strands of empire and resistance in not just the contexts of India and the United States, but also in other parts of the world, such as Germany and Israel-Palestine. They highlight not only the particular histories of cultures of power and desire, but also the convergences of forms of power and desire originating in different historical settings. What, for instance, links the culture of schoolchildren in the Indian hinterland with the isolation of small-town America? What does the fact that Indian crowds stare openly at strangers have to do with police violence and race relations on the other side of the world? What might happen if Günter Grass and Rabindranath Tagore encountered Nirad Chaudhuri and Gandhi in the 'global' space of an airport transit lounge? Can the 'PJ'—the Indian concept of the 'poor joke'—be considered a response to the decidedly unfunny violence of empire? These questions have no easy answers, but the complexities and contradictions of the answers are what make the problems worth exploring, shedding light on the novelty as well as the familiarity of the post-September-Eleven world.

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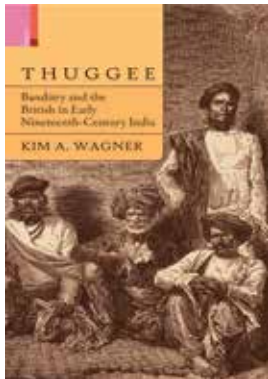
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This volume brings together a wide variety of scholarly ideas of and on B.R. Ambedkar: the way 'Aryans' are perceived in Dalit historical thinking; seeing the problem of Dalit liberation through the lenses of Adam Smith; the election of the Constituent Assembly (1946) with which Ambedkar was intimately involved, and which scripted India's Constitution; the approach of Gandhi and Ambedkar to the process of planning and India's economic development; and Ambedkar's attitude to Marx and Buddha, as well as Dalit Christianity. It also includes a comparative study of Ambedkar and some of his contemporaries like Charan Singh and Ram Manohar Lohia in Uttar Pradesh.

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'The book can be recommended to scholars, policymakers, Dalit activists or those interested in human rights issues.'
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Thuggee Banditry and the British in Early Nineteenth-Century India*

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This book constitutes the first in-depth examination of thuggee as a type of banditry which emerged in a specific socio-economic and geographic context. Thuggee did not constitute a caste-like identity, and was a means of obtaining a livelihood reverted to by all strata of Indian society in certain areas. As such it constituted a highly institutionalized social practice related to issues of patronage and retainership, identity and legitimacy, and was defined by the appropriation of high status rituals and martial ethos. The history of 'thugs' need no longer be limited to the study of their representations, and this book reconstructs and historicizes thuggee as a social phenomenon—as less than the sacrificial cult constructed by the British, yet more than the colonial phantasmagoria counter-posed by post-colonial scholars.

'In this study Kim Wagner by and large goes along with the present consensus, though he has put forth a nuanced thesis, carefully weighing the available evidence.'

—AMAR FAROOQUI, *The Book Review*



The Song of the Loom

Vijaya Ramaswamy

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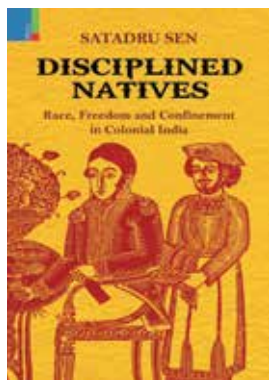
This book is a narrative from below, mediated through the author's interaction with south Indian weaving communities for over two decades. The author stayed with weavers, participated in their cultural and religious festivals and listened to their many songs, which related to all facets of their lives—their struggles on the loom, their despair with the younger generation which is forsaking a traditional way of life, and their desperate clinging to their traditions and their memories. This book, then, is as much about a retelling of folk narratives and the recording of loom songs as about the nitty-gritty of the survival of a leisurely craft which is struggling to stay afloat at a time when speed driven technology is the prime mover in the major commercial domain of textiles, and saleability and competitive pricing have become the decisive factors. It endeavours to connect concerns of the weavers with the role of NGOs and government established weaver service centres and, thus, provides valuable feedback to votaries of the handloom industry.

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Disciplined Natives

Race, Freedom and Confinement in Colonial India

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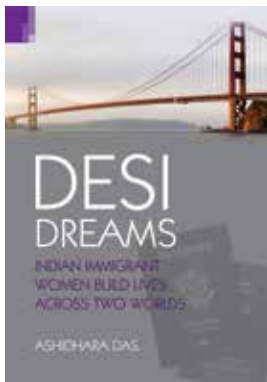
Professor of South Asian History, City University of New York, USA

This volume examines three interrelated aspects of the history of British India: race, the disciplining institution, and attempts by the colonized to imagine states of freedom. The essays herein deal with sites as diverse as the prison, the family, the classroom, the playing field and children's literature. They confront the ideological, social and political ramifications of the fact that even as metropolitan prisons and schools shifted their attention from the body of the inmate to the confined 'soul', colonial disciplinary institutions ensured that race was firmly attached to the body and its habits. Situated within work on gender, domesticity and the state, they also engage the historiography that has sought to underline the challenges of reconciling Michel Foucault and Edward Said, i.e. studying the making of norms in a world of deviance and difference. They ask whether the liberating possibilities of the racialized-and-embodied 'native' self were confined to inversions and rearrangements of given normative hierarchies, or if we can occasionally glimpse radical departures and alternative configurations of power.

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Desi Dreams Indian Immigrant Women Build Lives Across Two Worlds

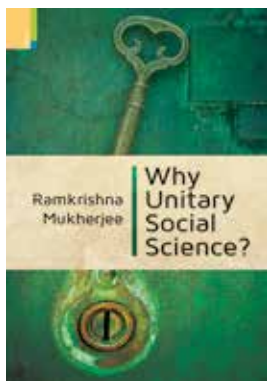
Ashidhara Das

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This book focuses on the construction of self and identity by Indian immigrant professional and semi-professional women who live and work in the US. Some of the major issues that this ethnographic study discusses are: what are the selves and identities of professional Indian women? How is the continuity of selves and identities accomplished when these women find themselves constantly shuttling between the starkly different expectations of American society and workplace on one hand, and the Indian immigrant home and community on the other? The focus in this anthropological fieldwork is on Indian immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area. The quintessential American success story of these immigrant women conceals the psychic costs of uneasy Americanization, long-drawn-out gender battles, and incessant cross-cultural journeys of selves and identities, and these are some of the concerns which this book addresses.

‘Ashidhara’s work tries to lend content and meaning to one such flow of human experience, namely those of the migrant Indian professional women in America. Recapturing the lives of these women, the author also pleads for their cause by unfolding the dilemmas of their life-experience and locating it within the debates on diasporic identities.’

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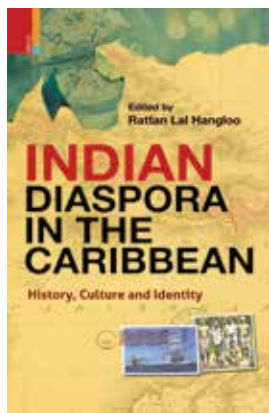
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This book makes a case for a comprehensive appraisal of social reality. Tracing the visionary and transformative paths of reality from subjective to objective points of view, it argues that it is the division of social sciences into discrete disciplines that thwarts the emergence of an objective science of society. Social science is seen here as unitary, with specializations emerging from a single base but proliferating as knowledge advances as a unified social science rather than as a multitude of social science disciplines.

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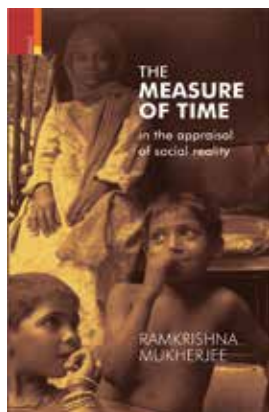
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This volume explores the history of Indian emigration to the Caribbean, which is one of the most significant events in the history of Indian indentured migration that took place to different parts of the world in the second half of the nineteenth century. These people faced many hardships in the Caribbean during the initial stages of their migration, though now they have become one of the most successful immigrant ethnic groups in the Caribbean. The essays herein dwell upon the retention of the Indian ethos by the immigrants, their notions of religio-cultural transformation, identity reconstruction, political participation and transformations, as well as resistance to enslavement and other oppressions. They examine the mobility and contribution of women and attempt to provide significant insights into the lives of Indian Muslims in the Caribbean.

'The book will be of immense value to students of diaspora studies, historians and anthropologists as it encompasses significant cultural transformations over a long and turbulent period of history.'

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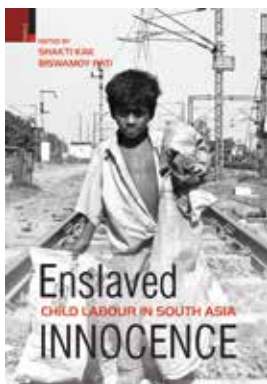
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Enslaved Innocence Child Labour in South Asia

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This volume explores the historical, economic, and social factors surrounding the issue of child labour. The essays herein attempt to highlight the structural factors in capitalist societies that have made such exploitation possible, and to place the issue of child labour in theoretical framework relating to capitalist modes of production and need for the generation of surplus for capital accumulation. The persistence of child labour in an era of high growth and high unemployment levels amongst adult men and women points to an economic system based heavily on exploitative labour relations. It is within this context that the present volume takes into consideration changing global economic conditions and focuses on issues and strategies for eradication of child labour.

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‘In the context of the enactment of the “Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009” the present volume is significant as it takes a view that combating child labour can happen only when every child is in school.’

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ENGLISH

Leaves in The Sky

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Leaves in the Sky, prescribed reading for the Generic Elective Course in English (Choice Based Credit System) of the Himachal Pradesh University, aims to introduce students to literature embedded in the subsoil of Himachal Pradesh and to kindle interest in the further exploration of its yield. An anthology of oral literature, short stories and poems from Himachal Pradesh, this textbook offers a bird's-eye view of the traditional and contemporary literary and cultural expressions of the State. The texts have been selected for their appeal and relevance to the present times and cover a diverse range of intersecting issues and themes, ranging from life in the hills, to ritual practices and beliefs, folk genres, masculinities and women's issues, livelihoods and the environment, and the unassailable human spirit. In this sense, the textbook may be viewed as a gateway to many pleasurable and insightful journeys into the experiential vistas of Himachal.



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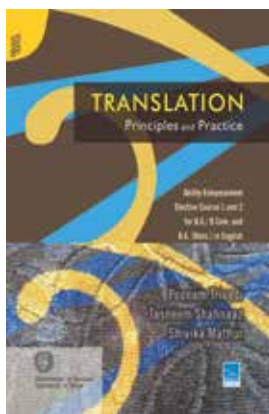
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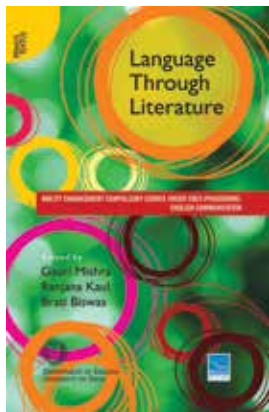
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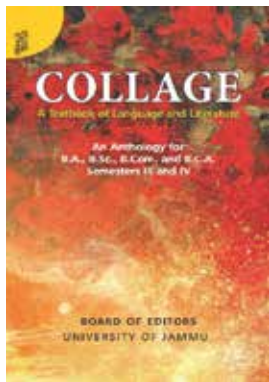
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This volume is one of the recommended texts for the Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course under the CBCS Programme. It aims to develop language skills of undergraduate learners through specifically designed projects that encourage them to look beyond the text and explore issues of multiculturalism, globalization, diaspora, partition, caste and tribe locations, identity and politics. Using literature as a medium to enhance language skills, it encourages them to engage with diverse socio-political and literary issues of our times. The selections herein are wide ranging and explore the diversity of Indian culture; the exercises too are innovative and will encourage individual as well as group activity to improve language proficiency. Taken together, these will help students with even basic language skills to further develop communication skills as well as acquire critical acumen.



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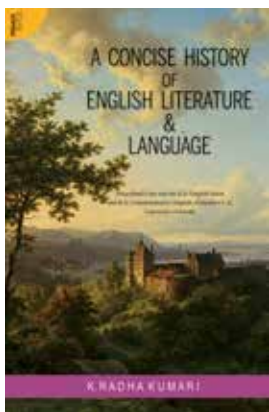
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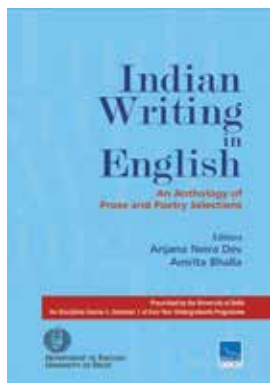
A Concise History of English Literature & Language

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This book is designed specially as a Core text for the First Degree Programmes under the CBCS system in B.A. English Literature and B.A. Communicative English, University of Kerala. It provides a need-based and student-friendly perspective on the history of English literature and a brief development of the language over the ages. This handy and useful textbook will help students understand, for example, how people lived during various ages in Britain, and the social and political organizations that evolved—as well as the literature that emerged—from these conditions. It also provides an introduction to the study of the growth and development of the English language. Supported by detailed references and numerous quotations from representative works of literary importance and a timeline enumerating the major events that highlight the social and literary history of England, the book examines the representative literary works that have left an indelible mark over the years not only on British but also on world literature.

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Indian Writing in English An Anthology of Prose and Poetry Selections

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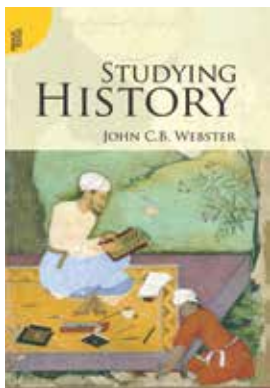
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This volume covers the syllabus for Discipline Course 1, Semester 1 for students of English under the erstwhile Four Year Undergraduate Programme of the University of Delhi. Beginning with a poem of H.L.V. Derozio and closing with a short story by Aravind Adiga, it also includes readings by noted commentators on the development of Indian writing in English. It carries comprehensive introductions to the history of the development of Indian Literature in English spanning over one hundred years, as also extensive headnotes to introduce individual poetry and prose selections. The texts and the authors chosen represent various geographical and cultural variations in terms of caste, class, linguistic background, and domicile. The writers featured in this text are: H.L.V. Derozio, Nissim Ezekiel, Kamala Das, Robin S. Ngangom, Mulk Raj Anand, Salman Rushdie, Rohinton Mistry, Aravind Adiga, Raja Rao, Meenakshi Mukherjee and Bruce King.



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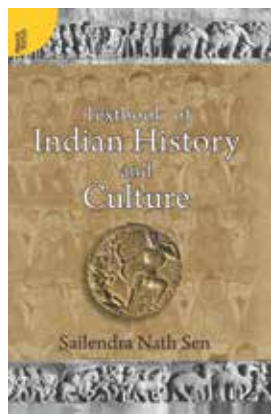
HISTORY

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History is a dynamic, challenging, and ever-broadening field of study. This book, practical in its orientation, seeks to introduce the reader to the basic skills and procedures which lie at the heart of historical inquiry and method. It begins by setting the study of history within the context of Indian higher education, and then of its own evolution as an academic discipline. It then deals with the tasks involved in 'doing history': raising questions pertaining to history; analysing primary and secondary sources, followed by noting, interpreting, organizing, and presenting one's findings. This way of 'doing history' can also be applied to the teaching of history and allows the reader to see the value of studying history. There is also a check-list for students that would aid them in writing their history theses. A special feature of this book is that it draws all of its illustrative material from Indian history while taking the reader through the basic steps in the process of historical investigation and research.



Textbook of Indian History and Culture

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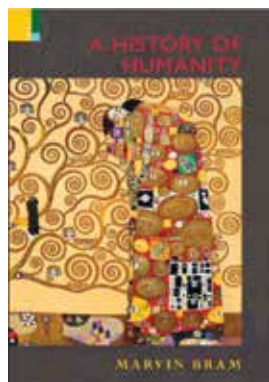
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Textbook of Indian History and Culture has been designed for undergraduate students as well as those preparing for the Civil Services Examinations, at both central and state levels. It is a daunting task to write a book of this kind when dynamic changes have occurred in the last three decades in the historiography of modern India, including the advent of subaltern studies that has changed our perspective completely. This user-friendly textbook attempts to weave the known facts of history with the unknown and thus foster a spirit of enquiry among its young readers. Apart from political history, due emphasis has been laid on socio-economic changes, administrative innovations, cultural ferments and the trials and tribulations of nationalist movements. Due importance has also been given to the post-independence era that led to the emergence of a new India, vibrant with a fresh lease of life. This study of Indian History and Culture has been designed for both students and general readers. This book puts emphasis on the main currents of Indian history in all its facets: political, social, economic and cultural aspects.

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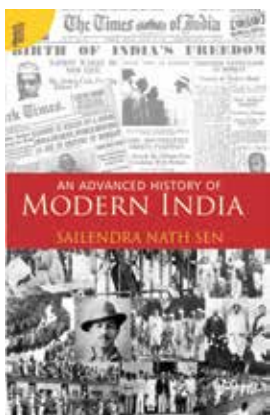
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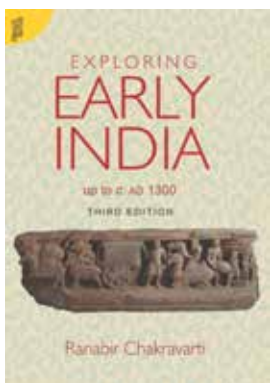
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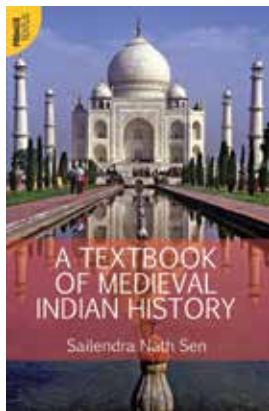
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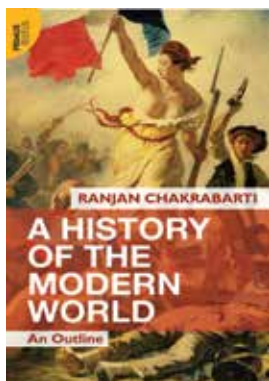
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POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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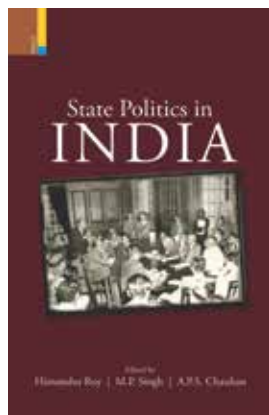
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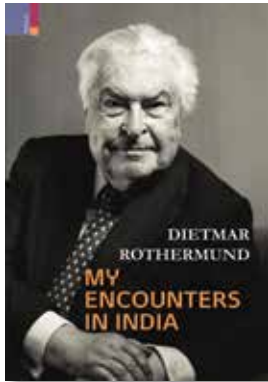
Professor of Political Science, Jiwaji University, Gwalior

This volume discusses different aspects of politics in 27 states and 2 Union Territories with legislative assemblies. It analyses different social structures; levels of economic development; land holding patterns; party systems; voting behaviour; and political culture, governance and politics of each state. The essays herein are distinctive in their focus on internal dynamics of these states, dynamics which are influenced by the size of their population, demography, territory and topography, economy, and the power structure of different castes and communities. Commonalities across boundaries at both micro and macro levels are also taken into account. These include expansion and intensification of capitalist social relations into innermost areas; breakdown of old structures and social mores; emergence of civil society; development of administrative transparency; and growth of alternative party systems and linkages of each state/region with the nation and global capital.

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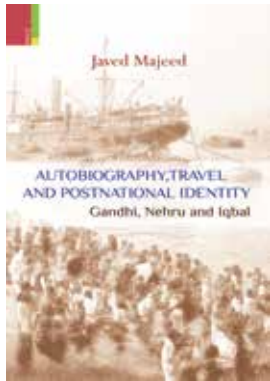
My Encounters in India

Dietmar Rothermund

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Between 1961 and 2012, Dietmar Rothermund spent about eight years in India on various assignments and met many bright scholars, resourceful politicians and leading businessmen. In this book, he has delved into his diary and put together sketches of those who left a lasting impression on him, in effect creating a portrait of contemporary India, showing the attractive features of this fascinating country, which Dietmar has come to love. He has learnt much from the Indian people he has met, and wishes to share his experiences with his readers. The text begins with his meeting Jawaharlal Nehru and ends with a short sketch of his life in India. He believes that he has had the good fortune of living in India during the formative stage of its history and becoming a historian of India, devoting his work to tracing the experiences of this great nation.

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Autobiography, Travel and Postnational Identity Gandhi, Nehru and Iqbal*

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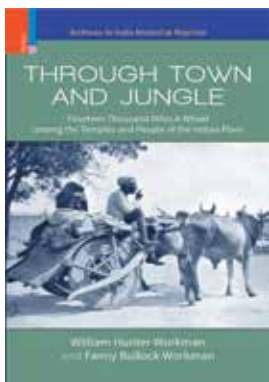
This book shows that the 'travelling autobiographies' of Gandhi, Nehru, and Iqbal differed from earlier traditions of nineteenth-century Indian and colonial travel writing by expressing ideas of selfhood outside overarching notions of nation or nationhood. Developing this line of enquiry into ties between the self, travel and anti-colonial lifewriting, the book examines Gandhi's stage fright and shyness as part of a larger gender politics and discusses the politics of translation and truthfulness in his reading of the *Gita*. The stylistic devices used by Nehru in his writings to evoke his distinctive sense of self in relation to travel are explored as part of his resistance to narrow national identities, and Iqbal's poetry is reinterpreted as a form of travelling autobiography which reconceives Islam in relation to Western modernity.

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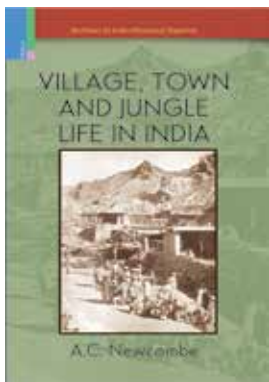
Through Town and Jungle Fourteen Thousand Miles A-Wheel among the Temples and People of the Indian Plain

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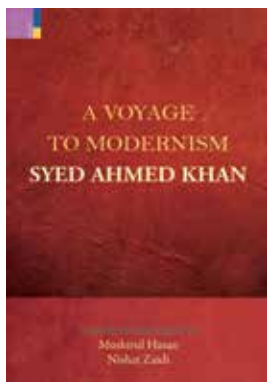


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This book provides a glimpse of colonial India during the so-called high noon of the Raj. Reprinted from holdings of the National Archives of India, it is a series of reminiscences and anecdotes of a Civil Engineer between 1874 and 1902. It covers his impressions of and experiences in places as far apart as Punjab and Hyderabad, including his understanding of the customs, languages, religions, and belief-systems of the varied peoples of the Indian subcontinent.

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A Voyage to Modernism Syed Ahmed Khan

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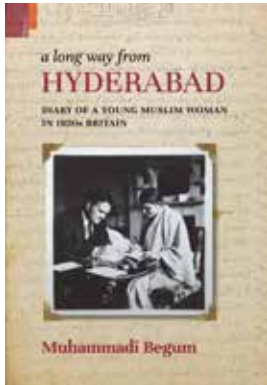
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This book is an accessible translation of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's accounts of his travels, enriched by editorial interventions and supported by rare archival photographs. Set apart from his later endeavours like *Tahzibul Akhlaq* and *Asar-al Sanadid*, these impressions of his travels mattered to all those who knew anything about his standing in public life and his stature as an enlightened reformer in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Even though his portrait of England is sometimes facile, these accounts open the door to new questions, particularly because this was the period when relations between Europeans and Indians were at the centre of many debates. This English translation, the first ever to be undertaken in full, makes these accounts accessible to those who have no knowledge of Urdu.



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A Long Way from Hyderabad Diary of a Young Muslim Woman in 1930s Britain

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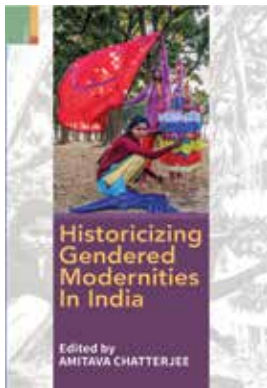
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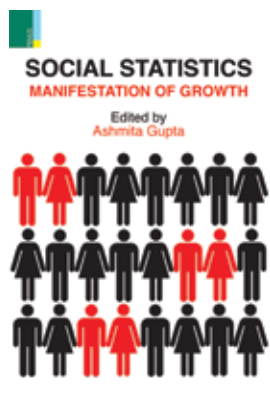
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Historicizing Gendered Modernities in India

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This volume underscores how gender is central to our imagination and understanding of modernity. The essays in this volume unravel the complexities of modernity's relationship to femininity and the cultures of gender construction in India. The essays cover varied aspects of gender identities, including the private spheres of elite women who often expressed their freedom through their subversive, restricted sexuality; the debates regarding dress codes for women; the deplorable condition of girls after marriage and the concerns of social reformers; legislative battles to achieve the right to divorce; challenges to notions of sports as a masculine activity; the different meanings of modernity for women writers and poets; the implications of print cultures and cinema on women; gendered meanings of peace and partition; the ethics of care and responsibility; women's preferences, perceptions and practices; the politics of resistance; and questions of agency and autonomy within and outside the private domain.



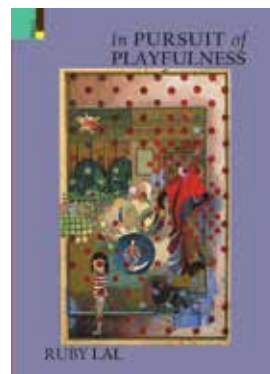
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Social Statistics Manifestation of Growth

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This collection of essays includes articles that are important from a historical as well as modern perspective. Beginning with a discussion on the changing role of statistics in social sciences and the importance of a methodological approach, the articles in this volume include a paper evaluating the theories prescribed in Kautilya's Arthashastra from a contemporary perspective. The cutting edge research techniques developed by Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Michael Kremer, Nobel Laureates in Economics for 2019, such as exogenous natural experiments and instrumental variable techniques (IV) using two-stage least squares (2SLS) are also discussed in this volume. A survey of research papers from the field of Econophysics; an analysis of the major data sources available in India to identify data gaps that will allow gender inequality to be explored from various dimensions, as well as articles on social problems specific to Bihar, such as child nutrition, migration, and the Industrial Incentive Policy are also included.



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In Pursuit of Playfulness The Girl-Child/Woman and Nineteenth-Century India*

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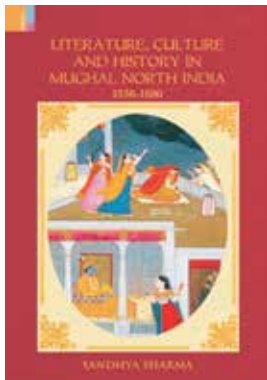
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In this engaging and eloquent history, Ruby Lal traces the becoming of nineteenth-century Indian women through a critique of narratives of linear transition from girlhood to womanhood. In the north Indian patriarchal environment, women's lives were dominated by the expectations of the male universal, articulated most clearly in household chores and domestic duties. The author argues that girls and women in the early nineteenth century experienced freedom, eroticism, adventurousness and playfulness, even within restrictive circumstances.

Although women in the colonial world of the later nineteenth century remained agential figures, their activities came to be constrained by more firmly entrenched domestic norms. Lal skillfully marks the subtle and complex alterations in the multifaceted female subject in a variety of nineteenth-century discourses, elaborated in four different sites—forest, school, household and rooftops.

'This extraordinary portrait of young women in nineteenth-century north India begins with a vivid and moving conversation with an elderly woman whose memories stretch back over many decades. That intimate personal tone continues to animate the feisty and imaginative women that Ruby Lal found in neglected archives and brought to life for us.'

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Literature, Culture and History in Mughal North India, 1550–1800

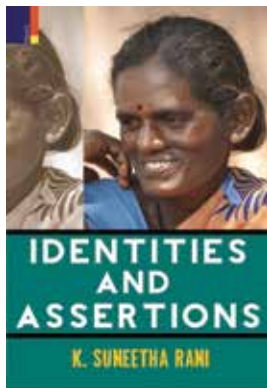
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This book studies Mughal Indian polity and dynamics of family, kinship, and caste through Riti Kal literature. It is the first detailed study of the so-called vernaculars, in this case Braja poetry, as source material, so far neglected by both the literati and the historians in context of Mughal north India. The literature, in the form of drama and Braja bhasha poetry, provides evidence of regional diversities and varied patterns of historical developments in medieval north India as well as a dynamism in the political and socio-cultural spheres in pre-modern India. A detailed analysis of Riti Kal poetry reveals that the region, in spite of conflicts and contestations for power, did acknowledge the Mughals as the undisputed rulers of Hind, the future India. Further, while poets continued to advocate the conventional role of women in family and society, they also depicted, with sympathy and understanding, the individuality, liberty and sexuality of the fairer sex.

‘The book can also be placed alongside, and in counterpoint to, scholarship on the changing tenor of Indo-Persian aesthetic cultures in the Mughal period (as in the work of Sunil Sharma and Muzaffar Alam). Sharma’s study is an indispensable contribution, pointing to new and revelatory considerations of a highly formalized literature vitally engaged in history.’

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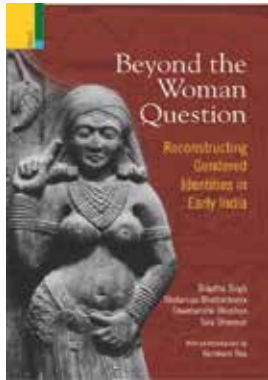
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Identities and Assertions Dalit Women's Narratives

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This book analyses Dalit women's narratives through an examination of debates around questions of identity of Dalit women. It focuses on the construction of self through narratives, and maps the historical developments and contexts in which Dalit women's narratives were recorded and analysed. From discussions on methodology to questions of Dalit feminist ideology to political power and family, companionship and sexuality, this book attempts to recapitulate the history of the Dalit movement and literature that has already been documented. It also includes a deliberation on the Dalit movement and Dalit literature in Telugu-speaking regions.



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Beyond the Woman Question Reconstructing Gendered Identities in Early India

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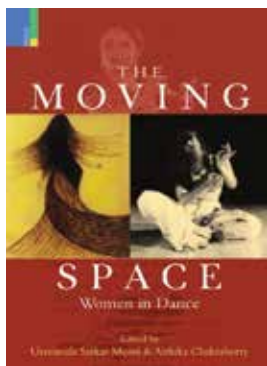
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Beyond the Woman Question both revisits and interrogates some of the central tenets of the 'woman question' as it emerged in colonial India and shaped (and continues to shape) subsequent historiography. These include issues of women's access to resources, ritual 'rights', and locations within the family, primarily relating to an unmarked category of upper-caste/class women. In terms of chronology, the essays range from the mid-first millennium BCE to the turn of the first/second millennium CE. Spatially, they deal with regions as diverse as Kashmir, and parts of north and central India. Using a wide range of sources—inscriptional and visual as well as normative and narrative texts—this book contends that gender identities were not monolithic, even as elite women seem to be the most visible/accessible. The issues explored include participation in gift exchanges and their economic, social, political and cultural significance; the construction of gender identities through rituals; and the representation of gender relations in literary traditions. Collectively, the volume contributes to the growing body of historical research on gender relations in early India.



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The Moving Space Women in Dance

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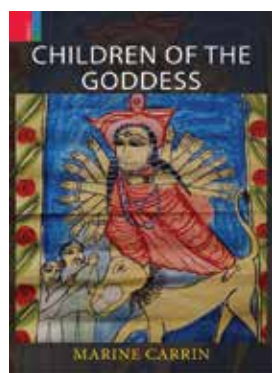
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Aimed at addressing the lacunae in academic publications on women dancers in India, *The Moving Space* highlights the idea of the 'space' created, occupied and negotiated by women in Indian dance. It initiates a conversation between dance scholarship and women's studies, and brings together scholars from a multi-disciplinary background, emphasizing that research and practice have roots in both these specific areas. This book takes dance as a critical starting point, and endeavours to create an inclusive discourse around the female dancer and the historic, gendered and contested 'space(s)' that accommodate or are created by her. This collection of essays contextualizes women dancers from diverse historical and social milieu—from temple to courtyard, from silver screen to dance bars and from national to regional stages—within the larger rubric of dance studies, and brings out stories of survival, struggle, empowerment, subjugation and subversion.

'The entire volume is extremely interesting and informative and positively contributes to dance studies, especially in the area of women practitioners. The different accounts of survival, struggle, empowerment, subjugation and subversion that women dancers have faced throughout history are analysed and depicted with understanding and sincerity.'

—AMITA DUTT (MOOKERJEE), *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*



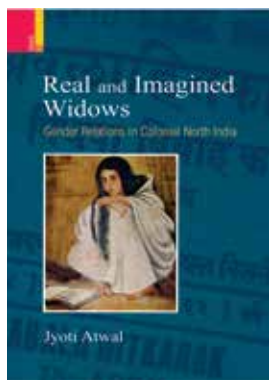
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Children of the Goddess Devotion and Female Priesthood in Bengal

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The women featured in this book live on the frontier between the tribal and the low-caste society in Bengal, and turn to religion in order to forge a new identity. The book provides a window to a little-known world where social marginality, subaltern assertion, the politics of gender, and the contestation between tribal religion and Hinduism merge to produce a unique perspective on popular Hinduism.



Real and Imagined Widows Gender Relations in Colonial North India

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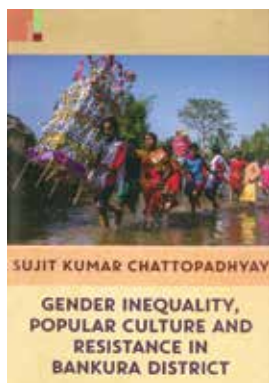
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This book explores the politico-cultural imagination that formed the subtext of the reformist, nationalist and women's discourses on widowhood from the colonial period to the 1950s. It examines legislative debates on the relationship between sexuality, morality, property rights and widowhood, and explores the world of literate widows of the early twentieth century. It also traces the manner in which the complex connection between the nineteenth-century idea of widowhood and the concept of the anti-colonial Mother India of the 1920s transformed the notion of the ideal Hindu widow into a metaphor for a struggling/recovering nation in post-colonial India. This metaphor further evolved in independent India under Nehruvian socialism, where, uniquely combined with Gandhian moral reformism, it produced renewed and reformed cultural codes for widows in particular and for Indian women in general.

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'This book is a valuable addition to the existing works on question of widows, inheritance and remarriage, and fully succeeds in highlighting the varied responses to the question of widows in UP based on various equations of caste, class, regional peculiarities and their effect on gender relations.'

—PREM CHOWDHRY, *The Book Review*



Gender Inequality, Popular Culture and Resistance in Bankura District

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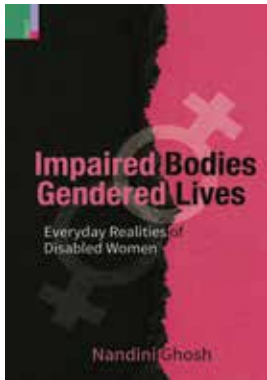
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This book examines the connections and interrelationships at play between gender inequality, popular culture and resistance on the basis of case studies conducted in the district of Bankura, an area well known for its tradition and variety of popular culture. In contemporary India, gender-based prejudice is perhaps the most pervasive form of inequality, arguably more so in the rural society of Bengal, where the deep rooted and complex forms of gender inequality are largely reproduced and legitimized in popular culture. Accordingly, this book argues that if the exercise of power inherently involves resistance, then gendered power is countered by some aspects of popular culture in favour of a more equitable relationship between men and women. The text also examines resistance to the ideological forms of gender bias and inequality depicted in popular culture such as folk songs, riddles, rhymes, and proverbs operative in the rural society of Bankura, and explores the intimate connection between popular culture and the everyday life of the general population.

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'... this book is a scholarly contribution to our ever increasing corpus on fast disappearing folk cultures and gender inequality.'

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Impaired Bodies, Gendered Lives Everyday Realities of Disabled Women

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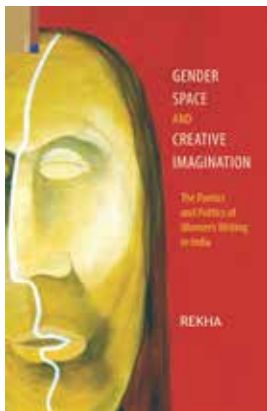
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This book explores the intersections of gender and disability. Situating disabled women in their local contexts and using an ethnographic approach, it provides a review of empirical literature on disabled women, both globally and in India. It seeks, hence, to illustrate how globally gendered structures influence practices of gender and ability in specific communities. The lives of disabled women remain entrenched in gendered regimes within families, communities, and public spaces, though the agency demonstrated by these women in defining themselves as women and negotiating gendered spaces is remarkable. Keeping this in mind, this book steers a balance between a sound academic understanding of the issues of gender and disability and the involved care of a feminist disability activist.

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Gender, Space and Creative Imagination The Poetics and Politics of Women's Writing in India

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This book is about contemporary women's writing in India and its experiential, ideological, and representational topography. It offers a nuanced critique of the gender-space dialectics that underline and often engage the attention of women writers in this country. By critically examining select works of Krishna Sobti, Mahasweta Devi, Kamal Desai, Ambai, and Githa Hariharan, this book puts in perspective the vibrant heterogeneity of their creative corpus and its attendant concerns. It reads afresh these narratives as empowering aesthetic and discursive endeavours that consciously remap women's gendered reality, helps to unravel Indian women writing's aesthetics of creation, critique and conditioning, and puts into perspective its activist shift from representation to self-presentation.

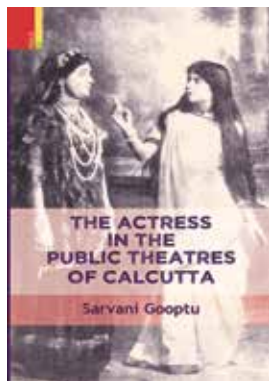
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'The book is certainly commendable in its broad scope and the depth of some of its literary analysis. . . '

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The Actress in the Public Theatres of Calcutta

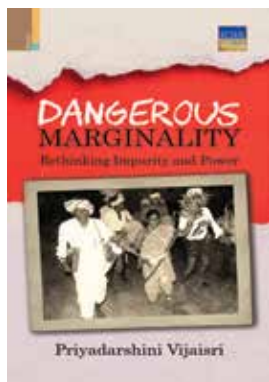
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This book tells the story of a bold new generation of women who, for the first time in the history of Bengali theatre, performed in the public theatres of Calcutta. Women managed to break into the exclusively male-dominated terrain of amateur and private Bengali theatre only in 1873, when actresses made their appearance on stage for the first time. This book traces the journey of these women who not only dared to be part of these Calcutta-based theatre groups but also put their life and soul into this world. It also examines their relationship with their male mentors and patrons, and considers whether their attempts to break their shackles and to speak with an independent voice was successful.

'... a rich pool of resources for researchers and theatre enthusiasts in search of the roots of theatrical practice in Calcutta. It provides useful material through which the intimate histories of women can be written and addresses questions around the agency and the struggle of women in the public theatre.'

—SARAH RAHMAN NIAZI, *The Book Review*



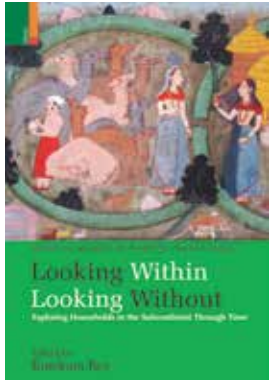
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Dangerous Marginality Rethinking Impurity and Power

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This book focuses on village festivals invoking Matangi, an outcaste clan goddess in Andhra Pradesh, to explore the ambiguous category of outcaste priest and priestess, whose intriguing presence appears in fleeting images in colonial archives and missological accounts. These striking personae challenge the assumptions predominant in discourses on caste, making it apparent that the constraints in engaging with such seemingly inscrutable sites lies not only in the paucity of sources but also about the dread that comes with the loss of secure ideologies. The compelling evidence of this ritual space suggests the need to move beyond the frame of pathos that has come to define not only the past of outcastes but also their very being. Based on field data and historical sources, this book offers a framework to critically examine the ways in which outcastes shape caste culture in definitive ways even as their presence signifies a deeper tension in historical processes.



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Looking Within Looking Without Exploring Households in the Subcontinent Through Time Essays in Memory of Nandita Prasad Sahai

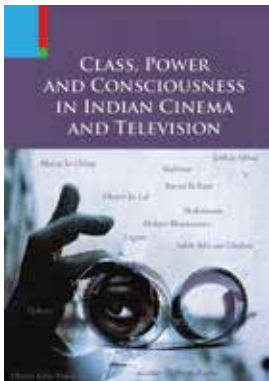
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This volume includes discussions based on archaeology, visual representations, the Sanskrit epics, medical literature, early Tamil texts, compositions drawn from a variety of religious traditions, official documents including court records, and inscriptions. Chronologically, it ranges from the early historic to the early modern period. Spatially, the regions explored include the Gangetic Valley, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Bengal, and Rajasthan. The essays herein envisage the household as a site of production, consumption and distribution, and as one where cultural meanings are constituted, communicated, and contested. Running through these essays is a focus on the everyday, on the ways in which gender, class, caste, and community identities evolve through and revolve around the household.

‘... the real weight of this volume lies in the interrogation of powerful normative discourses that have sought to name, normativize and interdict the minutiae of everyday relationships in the household.’

—RASHMI PANT, *The Book Review*



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Class, Power and Consciousness in Indian Cinema and Television

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This book offers a historical understanding of the Indian Audio-Visual media. It asserts that media is essential to the bourgeois domination of a system in which democracy normally does not work for the poor. Hence, in narrating the history of Indian cinema it simultaneously examines the histories of the Indian nation portrayed in this cinema. It is a well-known fact that cinema, and its cousin television, comprise a media which is central to the self-perception of contemporary Indians. Indeed, it would not be wrong to say that the visual representations of social realities in this media shape popular mentality in a country with an old, influential and thriving film industry. In sum, being Indian today is often expressed in the idiom popularized by Hindi cinema and television, and these idioms are what this book comments on.



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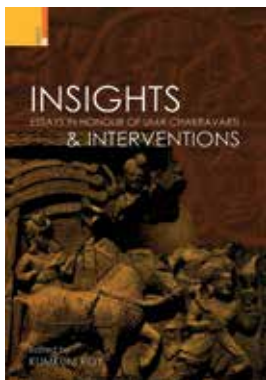
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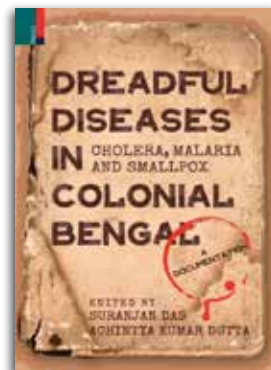
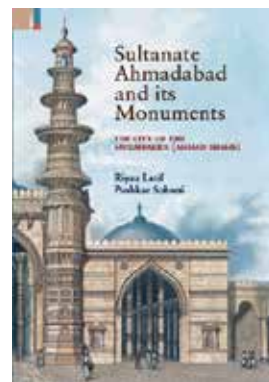
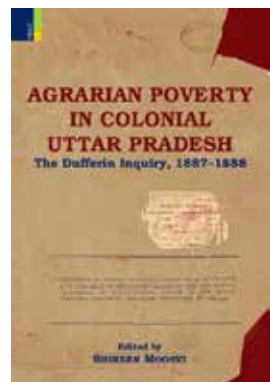
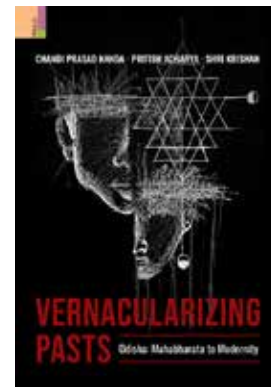
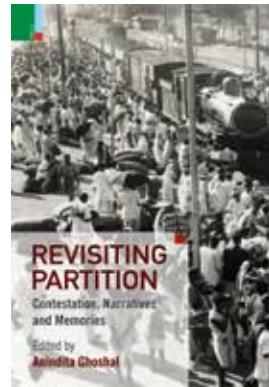
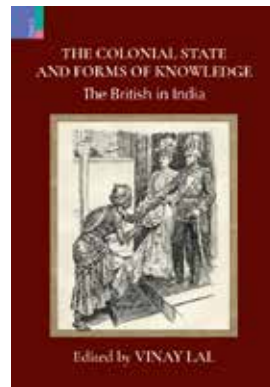
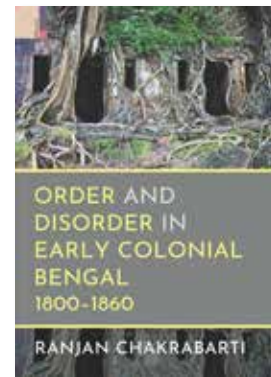
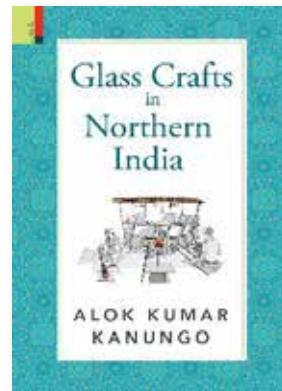
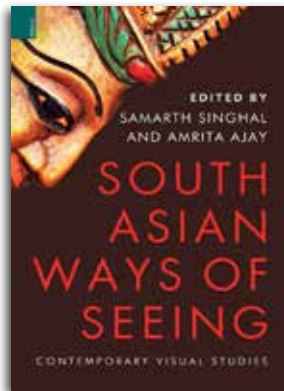
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