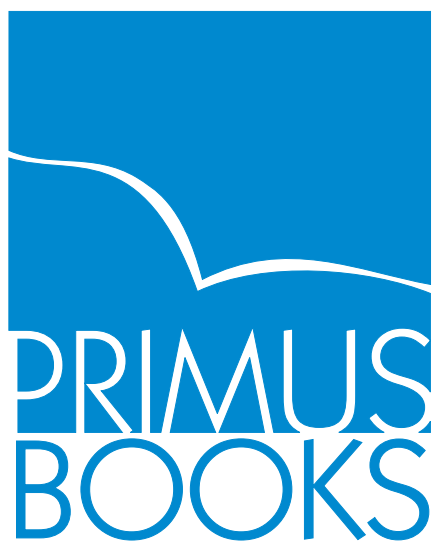




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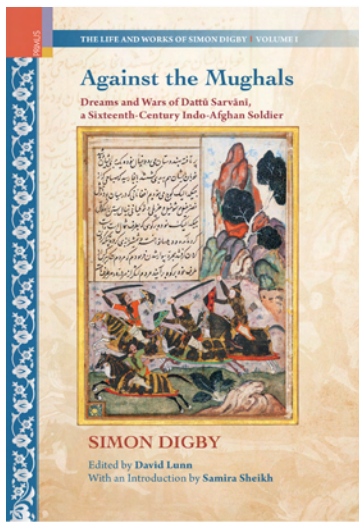
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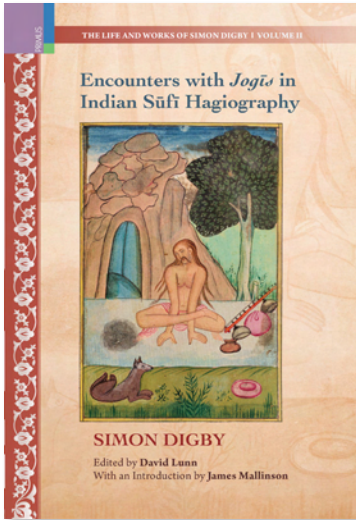
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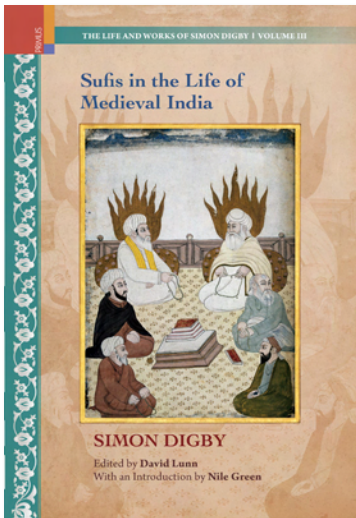
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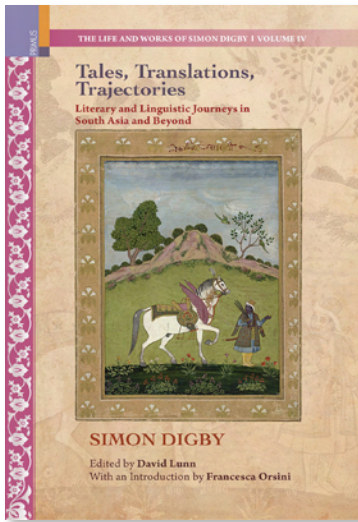
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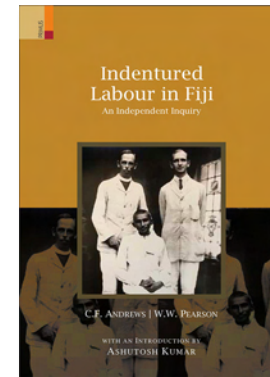
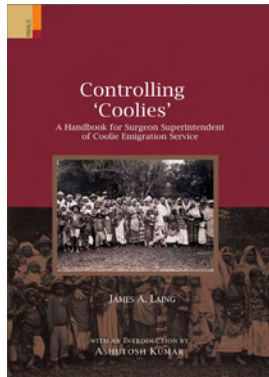
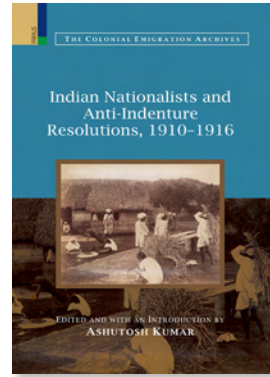
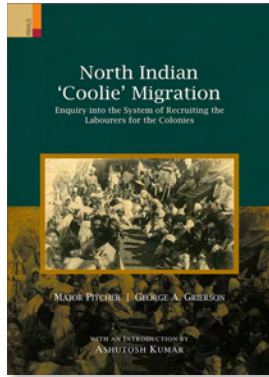
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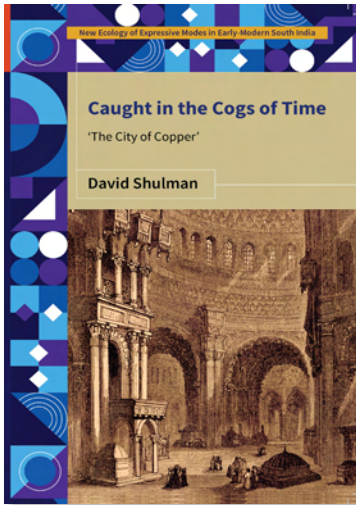
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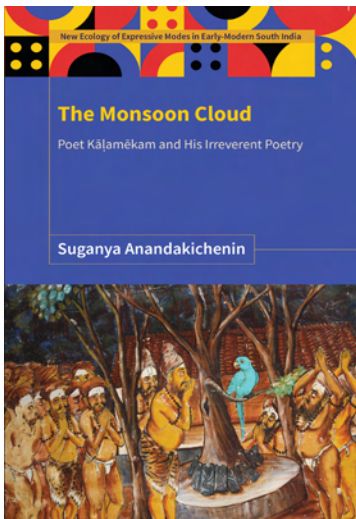
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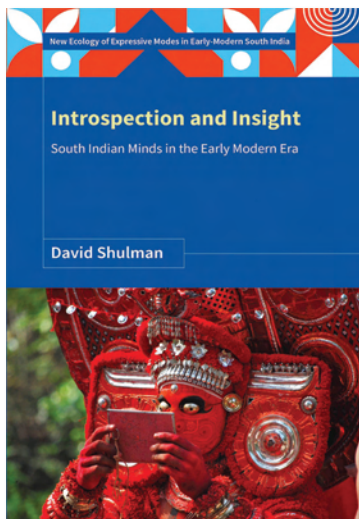


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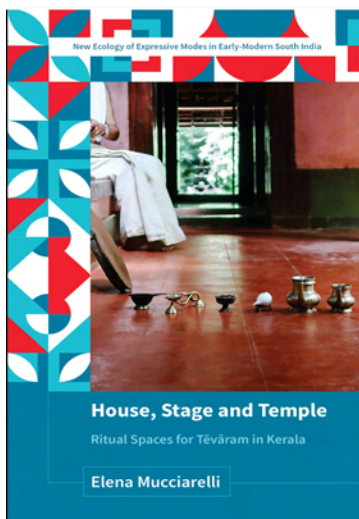
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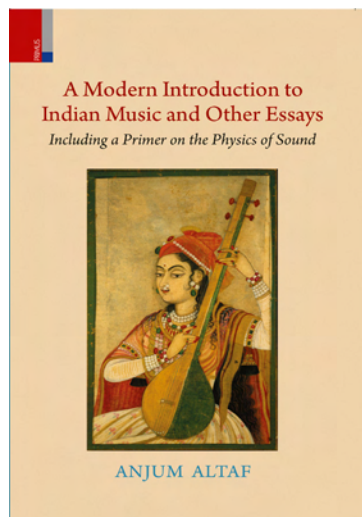
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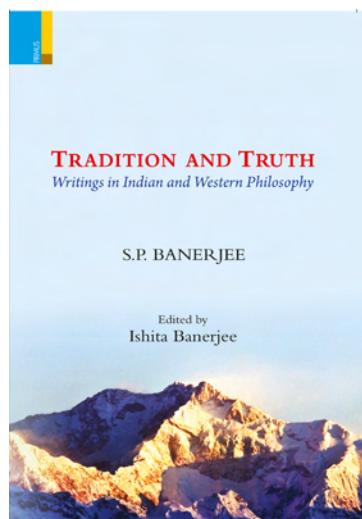
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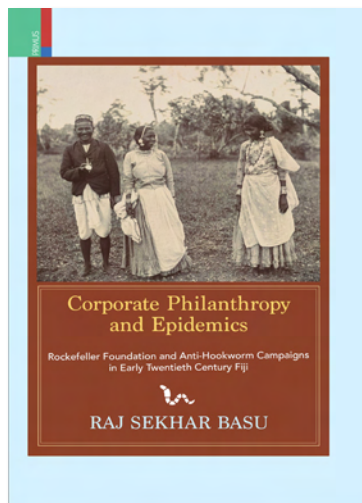
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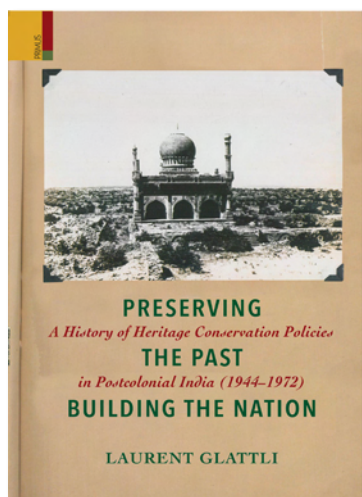
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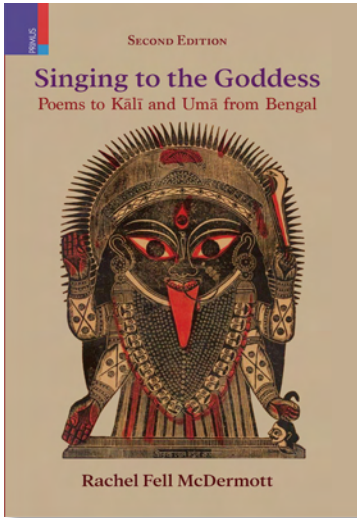
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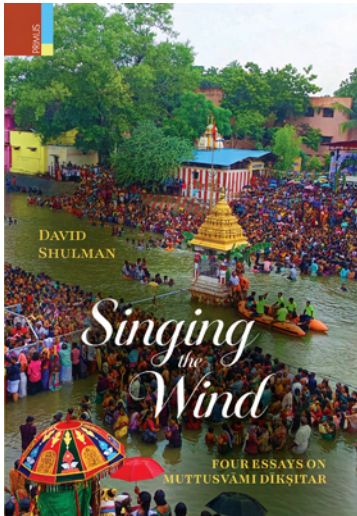
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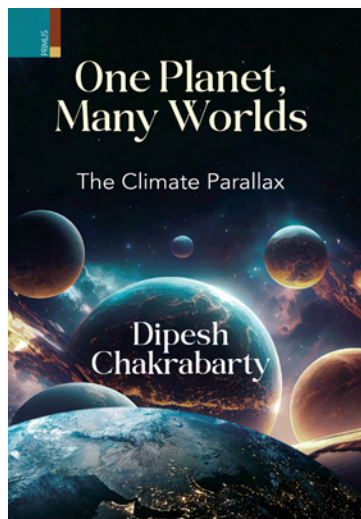
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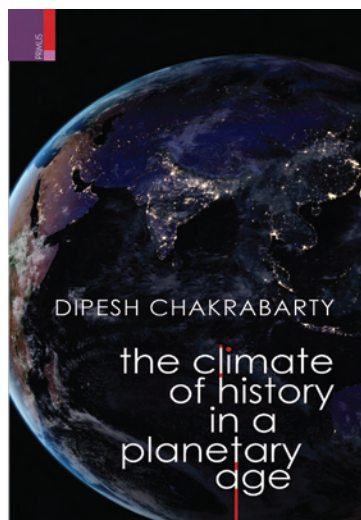
One Planet, Many Worlds*

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A historian offers a unique look at the pandemic, climate change, and the human versus non-human.

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DIPESH CHAKRABARTY is the Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor of History, South Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago.



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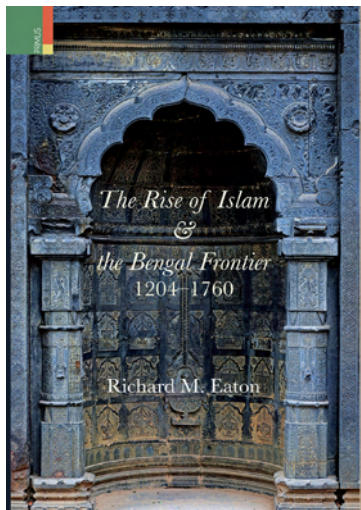
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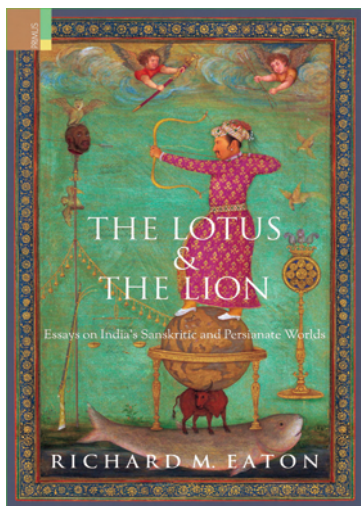


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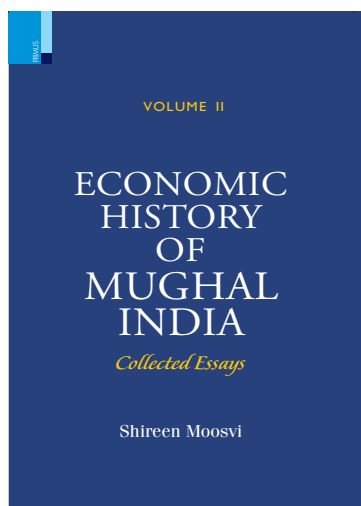
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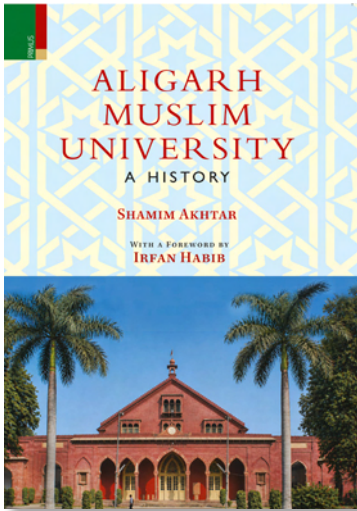


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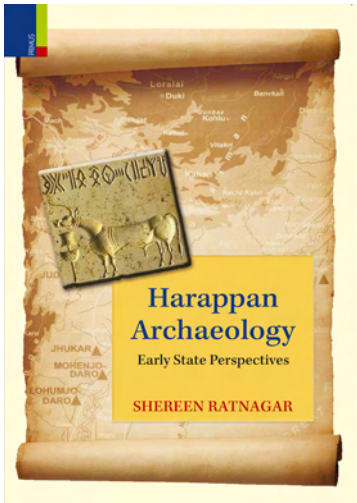
A History

Foreword by Irfan Habib

In India, the bulk of higher education is provided by its statutory universities established by both central and provincial/state legislation. There are 50 centrally controlled universities that are under the Indian constitutional and legal framework, in which Aligarh Muslim University is one such. This book is a comprehensive, yet critical study of the establishment and the evolution of the Aligarh Muslim University. The erstwhile Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College was assigned its status as university by central legislation in 1920 leading its establishment as a public institution. From its beginnings, the inclusion of the term 'Muslim' in its official name, and its distinct character as a 'minority' educational institution has been constantly evoked. Post-independence legislation has dispensed with all religious or communal reservations in the composition of its administration so that by statutes, Aligarh Muslim University is like any other secular university.

Aligarh Muslim University: A History is a study of both the university's evolution and the current situation of the prominent institution.

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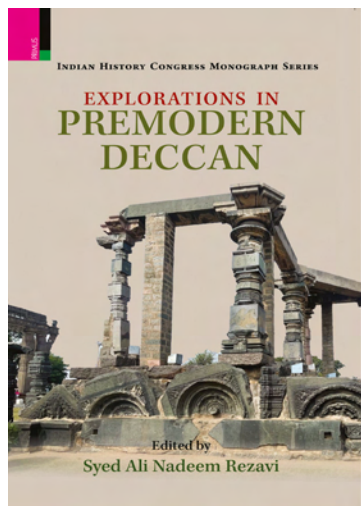
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Explorations in Premodern Deccan

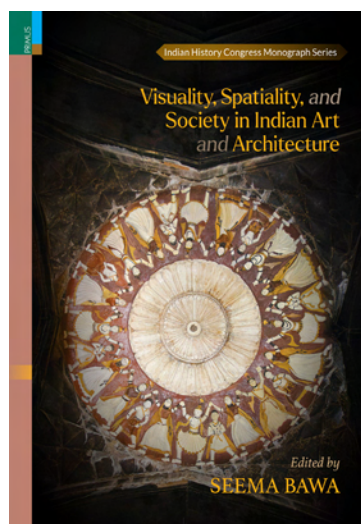
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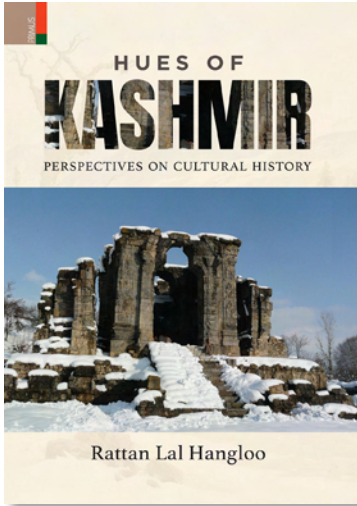
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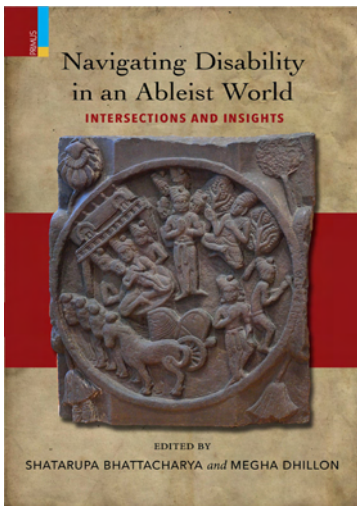
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Hues of Kashmir

Perspectives on Cultural History

Hues of Kashmir is an engagement with a multi-layered universe that traces four foundational strands—Shaivism, history-writing, *Kashmiriyat*, and mysticism—as interconnected components of Kashmir's intellectual and cultural heritage. While each domain can be studied independently, examining them together reveals how Kashmir's philosophical depth, historical memory, humanistic ethos, and spiritual fluidity shaped one another across centuries. The aim is not to romanticize Kashmir as a timeless utopia but to understand how real historical processes created patterns of co-existence, conflict, exchange, and creativity that remain central to the region's identity even today.

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Navigating Disability in an Ableist World

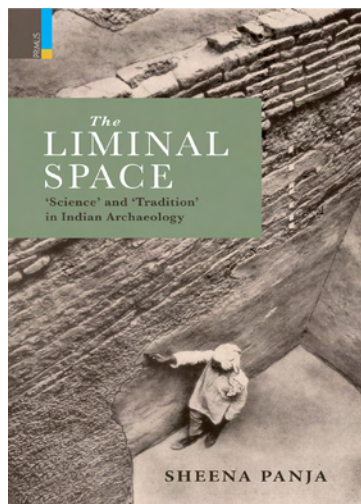
Intersections and Insights

Navigating Disability in an Ableist World examines the discourse surrounding disability through both historical sources and contemporary scholarship. Bringing together the perspectives of scholars and activists, this collection explores disability in relation to structures of ableism across different social and historical contexts. The volume engages with sources ranging from popular tales such as the Jatakas, the Buddha's birth story, to colonial perspectives on disability, highlighting its place within Indian history. Also exploring representations of ableism in Bollywood movies and literature, the essays reflect shifts in societal attitudes toward people with disabilities. This includes portrayals of both disabled characters and more recent challenges to ableist perspectives in Hindi literature. The book emphasizes lived experiences, particularly regarding intimacy and the struggles faced by families of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

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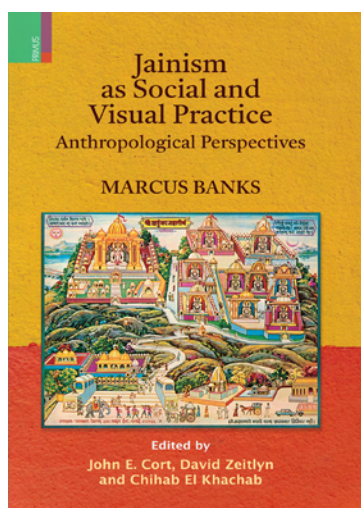
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'Science' and 'Tradition' in Indian Archaeology

This book explores the relationship between the specialized 'scientific' discipline of archaeology and the more fluid realm of 'collective memory', defined through textual and oral traditions, in reconstructing the past in colonial and postcolonial India. Drawing on personal letters, official documents, and secondary sources consulted in various archives and libraries, the book examines the emergence and transformation of an ambivalent archaeological methodology through the ideas of colonial officials such as Mortimer Wheeler, the indigenous intellectual response in early twentieth-century Bengal, and the work of post-Independence archaeologists including H.D. Sankalia and B.B. Lal, culminating in the volatile debates of the later twentieth century.

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Jainism as Social and Visual Practice

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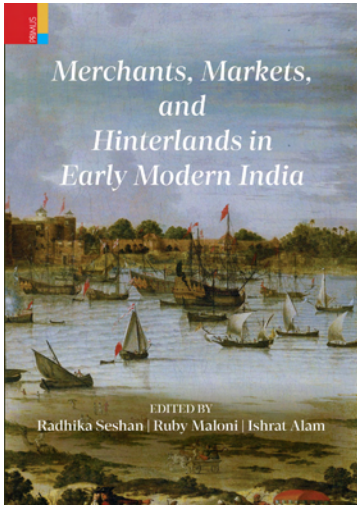
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Merchants, Markets, and Hinterlands in Early Modern India

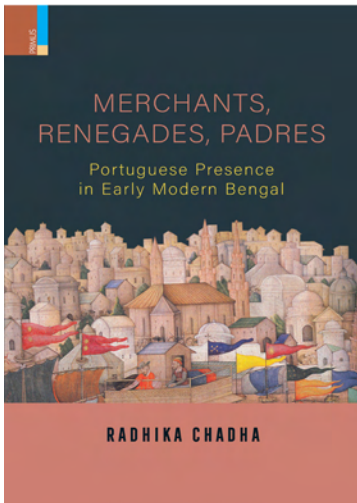
The early modern period witnessed a great expansion in the world economy. At this time, the Indian subcontinent was integrated into this wider system and became a hub for commerce. The connection of the hinterland with ports, which were linked to Indian Ocean trade networks, existed prior to the coming of European maritime powers. Thus, when European traders reached India, they stepped into a pre-existing framework of trade routes and complex multilateral networks of exchange. The resultant consequences of this incursion have been understood from different viewpoints in *Merchants, Markets, and Hinterlands in Early Modern India*.

Editors

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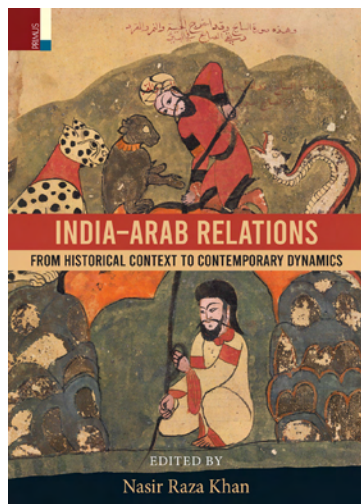
Merchants, Renegades, Padres

Portuguese Presence in Early Modern Bengal

Merchants, Renegades, Padres explores the Portuguese presence in Bengal and Arakan to rethink the broader dynamics of early modern empire in Asia. It argues that private traders and renegades in these regions did not function at the empire's margins but formed essential components of its economic, political, and cultural fabric. Their activities reveal the interdependence of formal and informal forces that sustained Portuguese power across the Bay of Bengal, in particular, and over the Indian Ocean, more generally.

Earlier scholarship posited strict distinctions between 'official' and 'private' authority, and between areas within and beyond state control. In doing so, it obscured the fluid and adaptive nature of early modern imperial polities.

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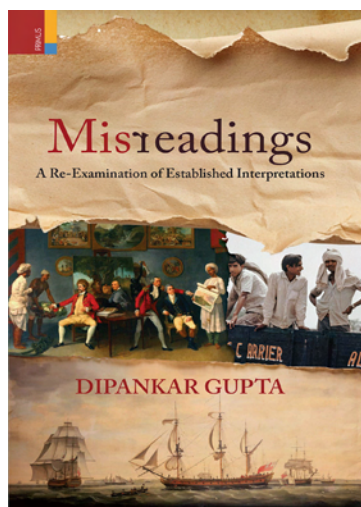
India–Arab Relations

From Historical Context to Contemporary Relations

India–Arab Relations: From Historical Context to Contemporary Dynamics traces the deep linkages that exist between the Arab world and the Indian subcontinent, historically as well as culturally, examining the process of their transformation in the modern era. Trade and intellectual exchanges have always taken centre stage between the regions, slowly developing into a contemporary strategic partnership shaped by energy, security, migration, diaspora, and diplomacy. The present volume highlights the continuities and shifts in their relations across centuries, through various incidents that have shaped their current status. By locating India's recent 'Look West' and 'Go West' policies within broader regional dynamics, the volume offers valuable insights on international relations, West Asia studies, and India's foreign policy.

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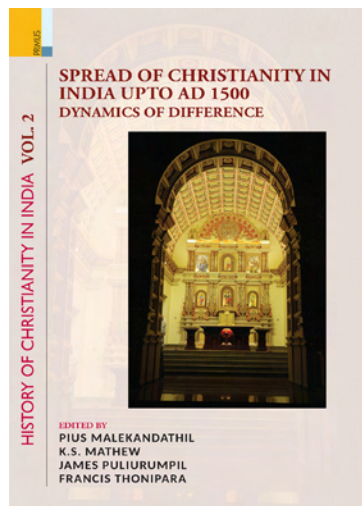
Misreadings

A Re-Examination of Established Interpretations

Misreadings examines five major misconceptions that cloud popular perceptions of social reality. The first is the transformations brought about by urbanization in gender relations, particularly the patriarchy, which the term 'manxiety' best captures. The second misreading concerns the evolution of socialist thinking that Marx himself initiated to accommodate with its scope higher levels of efficiency in private entrepreneurship. To this end, Marx's *Capital* is closely scrutinized. In the context of caste, the next misreading examines how immediate, everyday concerns often trump the dictates of the ritual hierarchy. Closely related is the misreading of traditional texts; while they can inspire, they can also muddle the goals of modern democracy. Finally, the misunderstanding of history leads one to overlook the four accidents that occurred between the fifteenth and seventeenth centuries that favoured the rise of European colonialism.

Through these 'readings', this book aims to correct long-held popular beliefs and prejudices and, in doing so, encourage a democratic temper, foster empathy, and emphasize a greater sense of citizenship at the popular level.

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Spread of Christianity in India up to AD 1500

Dynamics of Difference (History of Christianity in India, Volume II)

Spread of Christianity in India up to AD 1500: Dynamics of Difference examines the history of the St. Thomas Christians, and unravels the complex socio-economic and cultural processes by which this community navigated its unique identity within a space where Eastern Syriac liturgical traditions, Indic cultural practices, and Christian religious beliefs intersected. The St. Thomasites' internal struggle to define what it meant to be an 'Indian Christian' was influenced by faith and trade-related networks with Persia, the community's overwhelming tilt towards the Seleucia-Ctesiphon Church, and local Indic cultural practices by which their everyday social and cultural life was shaped.

This volume analyses what it means to constitute the Indian-Christian community vis-à-vis its complex history, its locality-specific behaviours, and the challenges it faced over time. The volume will be of great interest to scholars and researchers of sociology of religion and the history of Christianity in South Asia.

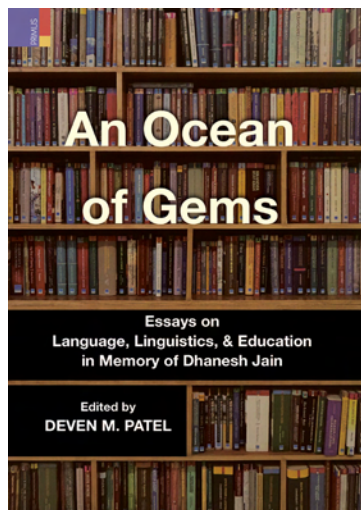
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An Ocean of Gems

Essays on Language, Linguistics, and Education in Memory of Dhanesh Jain

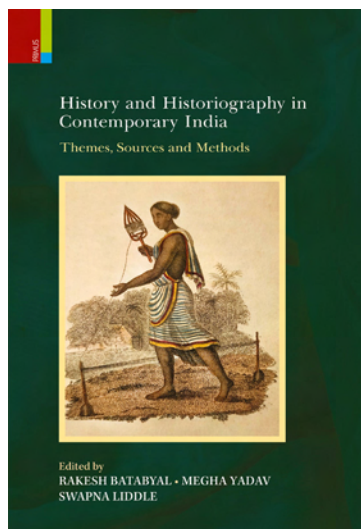
An Ocean of Gems is dedicated to Dr Dhanesh Jain (1939–2019), distinguished scholar of Indian sociolinguistics and founder of Ratna Sagar, parent company of Primus Books. He was also a dedicated academic and coeditor, with George Cardona, of *The Indo-Aryan Languages*, a seminal reference work on the subject. As a publisher, Dhanesh Jain was an inspiration to authors and readers, tirelessly advocating and pragmatically supporting the Indian academic publishing industry with highcalibre academic reference books and Indological scholarship.

'The collection reflects Dhanesh Jain's enduring commitment to documenting India's multilingualism—via grammar, pedagogy, and digital preservation—and emphasizes that multilingualism is not peripheral but fundamental to Indian society'.

—Veena Kapur, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College for Women,
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History and Historiography in Contemporary India

Themes, Sources and Methods

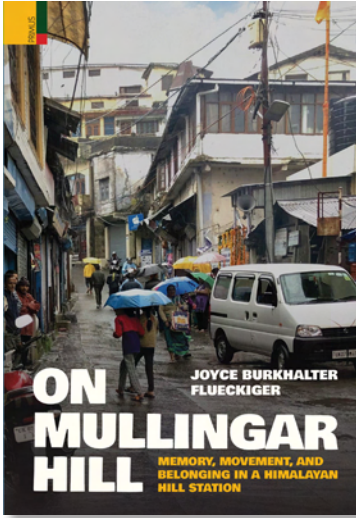
The first Delhi History Congress, held in February 2024, was organized by The History Collective to provide a platform for historians to engage with each other's research. During the conference, a number of historians shared their contributions to the body of rich and diverse historiographical traditions. The papers collected here in *History and Historiography in Contemporary India* are a selection of those presented at the conference. They are arranged in four thematic groups—History of Gender and Sexuality, Business History, History of Science and Technology, and the History of Architecture—and span a range of periods, places, and approaches.

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On Mullingar Hill

Memory, Movement, and Belonging in a Himalayan Hill Station

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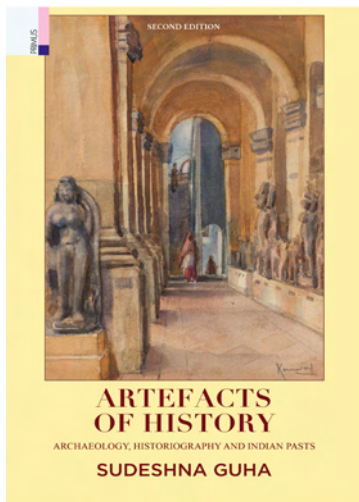
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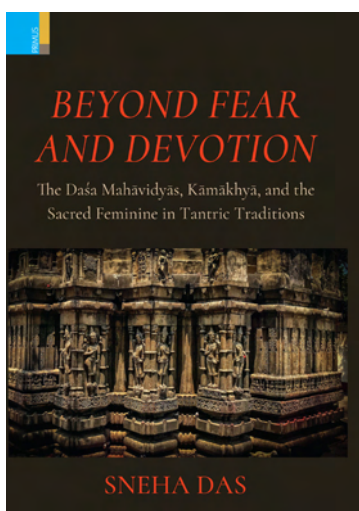
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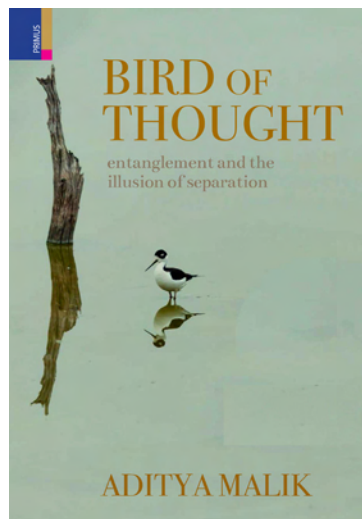
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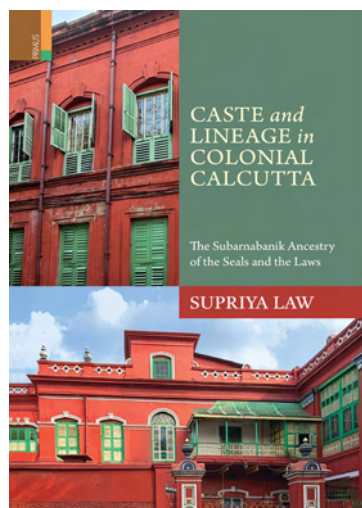
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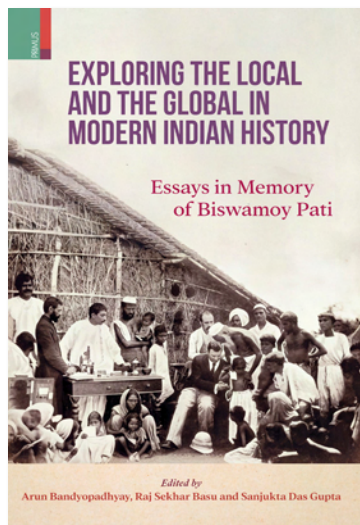
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Exploring the Local and the Global in Modern Indian History

Essays in Memory of Biswamoy Pati

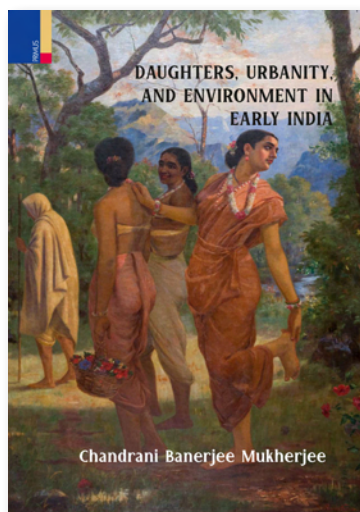
Exploring the Local and the Global in Modern Indian History presents a panoramic view of the range of global and local historiographical themes that interested Biswamoy Pati. While connecting creatively with his diverse research interests, the contributions in this volume from his friends, colleagues and students reflect the open enquiry with which he approached established and emerging ideas—understanding the field of history as a space of dynamism and intellectual stimulation.

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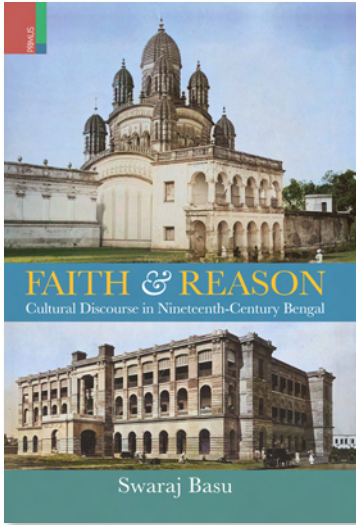
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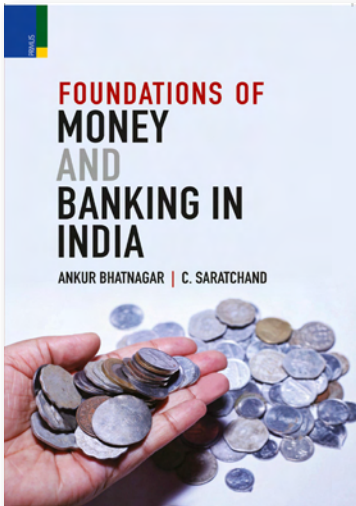
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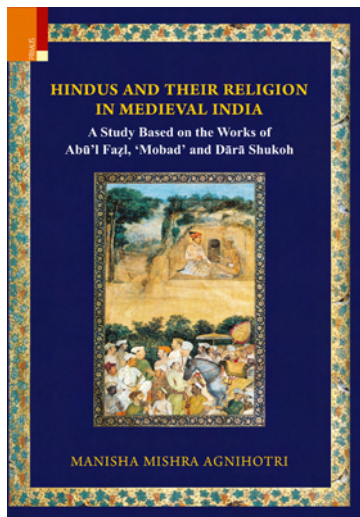
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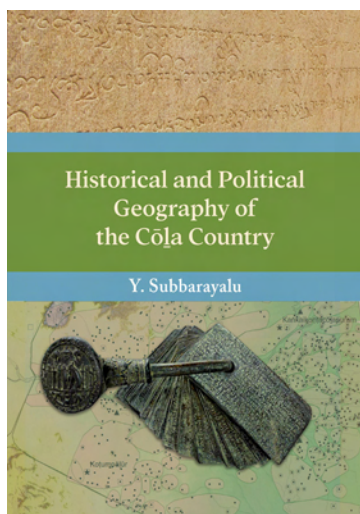
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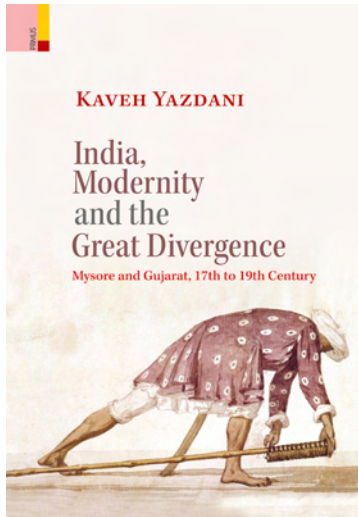
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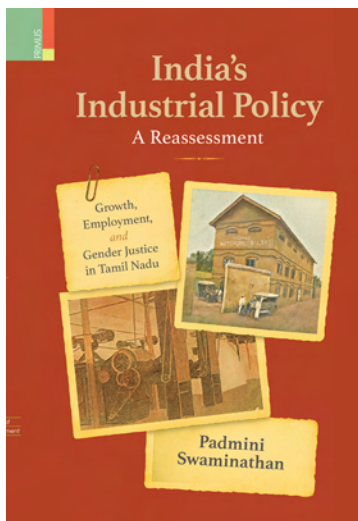
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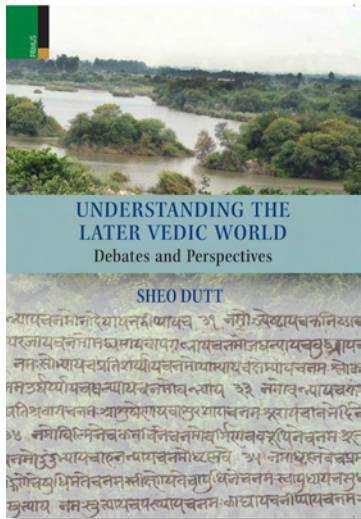
Growth, Employment, and Gender Justice in Tamil Nadu

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'By foregrounding labour and gender, she [Swaminathan] shows that industrialization is inseparable from social organization. This is a valuable corrective to the tendency of treating industrial policy as a purely technical matter of subsidies and tariffs'.

—TCA Ranganathan, former Chairman & Managing Director, EXIM Bank of India

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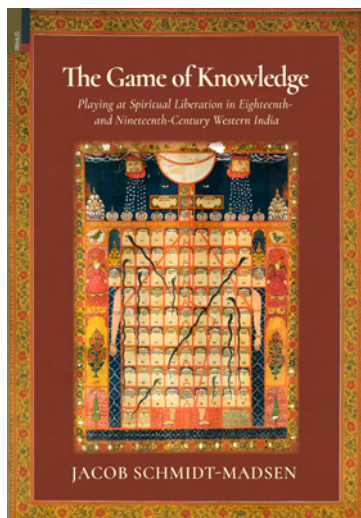
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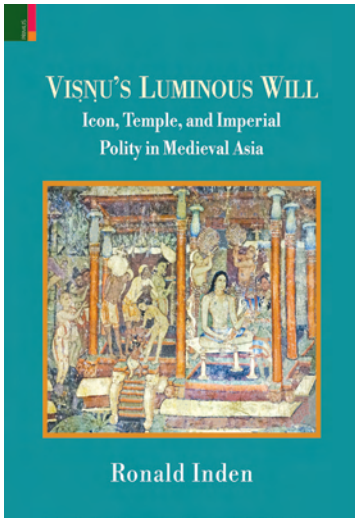
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Playing at Spiritual Liberation in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Western India

Snakes and Ladders is one of the most successful board games ever marketed. It was introduced by British game manufacturers in the late nineteenth century, but its history can be traced back to the religious Vaishnava and Jaina communities in eighteenth-century Western India. It was known there as the 'Game of Knowledge' and variously used for entertainment, education, divination, and self-exploration.

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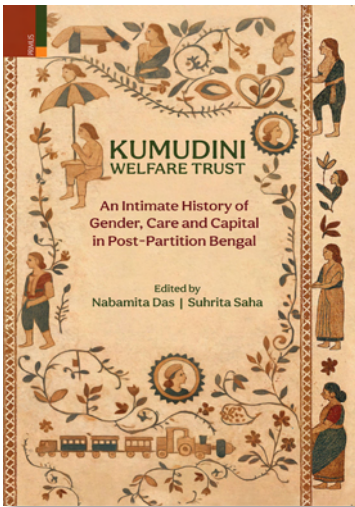
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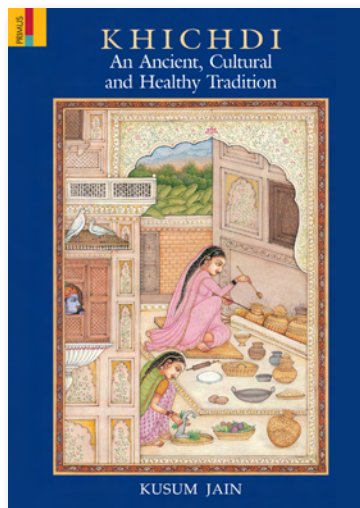
An Intimate History of Gender, Care and Capital in Post-Partition

Kumudini Welfare Trust traces the intimate history of one of the oldest welfare organizations in Bangladesh, founded in the aftermath of Partition and sustained through the labour of women. Drawing on ethnographic research at Mirzapur, Narayanganj and Dhaka, the chapters explore how care, work, memory and the market are woven into the daily rhythms of the Trust's hospitals, schools and workshops. The chapters presented in this volume collectively explore the intricate and evolving relationship that the Trust has maintained with the socio-political landscape of Bangladesh. Kumudini has continuously adapted to the country's historical shifts—most notably the violence and transformation brought about by the Liberation War of 1971.

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Khichdi

An Ancient, Cultural and Healthy Tradition

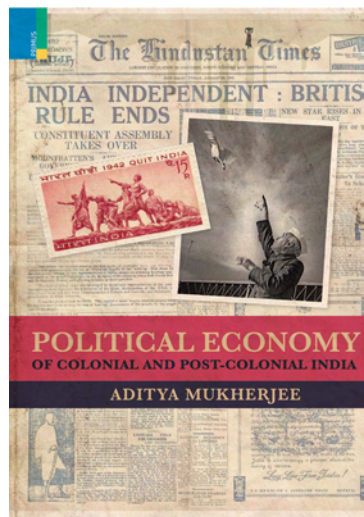
This is a collection of 121 recipes made across India that celebrate the romance of rice and pulses with ghee. The commonest pulse used in khichdies all over India is moong. The use of common ingredients with variations in amount, mode of cooking, use of special utensils (heavy-bottom pot), low or medium flame, the variety of temperings, accompaniments served with it and the cultural significance make all the difference.

All the recipes in this collection have been kitchen-tested by the contributors and highly complimented by their friends and relatives. Hope you enjoy reading about them and trying out the recipes in your homes as well.

*'Khichdi is an outstanding and meticulously-researched book that not only provides over 100 recipes of khichdi from all over country but brilliantly discusses a history that takes you back to the Vedic times and also discusses Al- Biruni's work, Qitab-ul-Hind. In Al-Biruni's view, 'Hindustan's food is about porridge consistency', meaning rice and lentil, that is basically a reference to khichdi. Khichdi is a metaphor for life, which is symbolic of the everyday lifeworld. Our staple diet mostly includes either dal-roti or dal-rice, which is a perfect balance of all the essential nutrients. Khichdi also comprises a similar balance of healthy nutrients. In the vein of segregation and hierarchies in classrooms, the gaps between the rich and the poor, the biggest misfortune of khichdi is that it has been segregated and has always been labelled as the 'poor man's food'. Although the poor are unaware of the science of balancing nutrients, they instinctively know what is good for their body. The other misfortune is that khichdi is often made fun of and is frequently used humorously in conversation. Khichdi is also often used idiomatically to depict confusing situation, such as its often said *kya Khichdi Paka Rahi Hai*.'*

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Political Economy of Colonial and Post-Colonial India

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.

An examination of the Indian national movement's 'idea of India', implemented by the post-colonial Indian state led by Jawaharlal Nehru forms a core theme of the book. It also discusses Indira Gandhi shaping the Indian economy, taking the Nehruvian path to its logical conclusion and then initiating the shift to economic reform. Finally, it discusses at length the growing challenge of perhaps the longest lasting legacy of colonialism—religious communalism—which threatens India's integrity today.

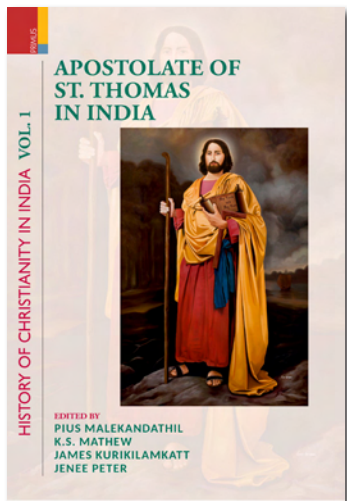
'It's hard to overstate the importance of this book. It embodies a lifetime of scholarship and political commitment, and the early essays repay the same attention as more recent ones. Each essay can be savored separately but together they represent a substantial and significant achievement that is a distinctive and vital contribution to global history and the reconsideration of social science.'

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London School of Economics and Political Science

'Prof. Mukherjee has done a great service by giving us his life's work in a fine compendium. What makes the book even more important is the timing of its publication. Indians would fare far better and have more arrows in their argumentative quiver against the rising tide of communal fascism if they picked up this book as soon as it hit the stores.'

—Shubham Sharma, *NewsClick*

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Apostolate of St. Thomas in India

(History of Christianity in India, Volume I)

Apostolate of St. Thomas in India traces the history of the missionary works of St. Thomas and the origins of Christianity in the subcontinent. It delves into the genesis of the St. Thomas Christians, a community whose various works including their historical documents in Syriac and Malayalam were destroyed by the Portuguese colonizers at the Synod of Diamper (1599) fearing their heretical contents. The chapters here revisit these themes from different perspectives, examining a variety of archaeological and literary sources and using tools of historical research and a multi-disciplinary methodology to question the existing overarching historical narratives about the St. Thomas Christians. This allows readers to retrieve a history that was previously erased as well as understand the alterity of the community's past outside of the convention created by the Euro-centric 'myth of historicity'.

The volume is a reservoir for scholars working on the origin of Christianity in South Asia in general and for those looking for a nuanced understanding of the origin of St. Thomas Christians in particular.

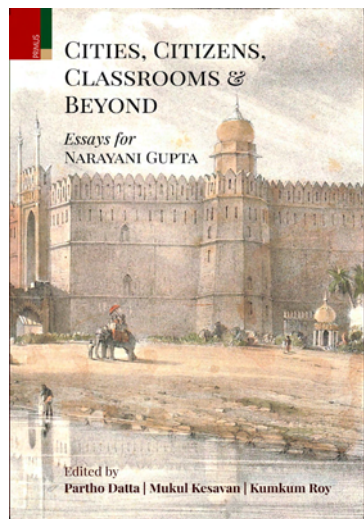
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Cities, Citizens, Classrooms and Beyond

Essays for Narayani Gupta

Narayani Gupta's pioneering scholarship, concern with the fate of Delhi and campaigns to make the city a habitable space continue to inspire generations of people from diverse fields. Among her writings, *Delhi Between Two Empires* (1981) remains a classic work of urban history. One of the founders of the Conservation Society Delhi, her activism over many years has generated a new civic consciousness around monuments, heritage and shared spaces. Her work with Delhi schools has been equally significant. She has edited and authored school textbooks in Hindi and English, guidebooks to historical sites for children, and promoted innovative teaching methods.

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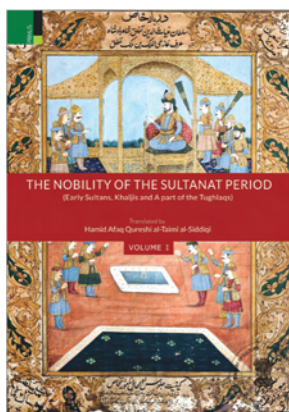
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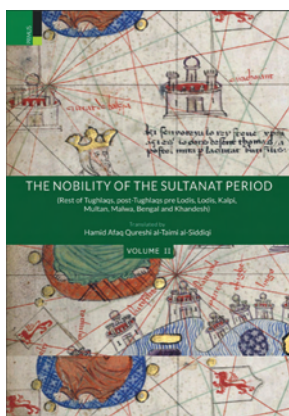
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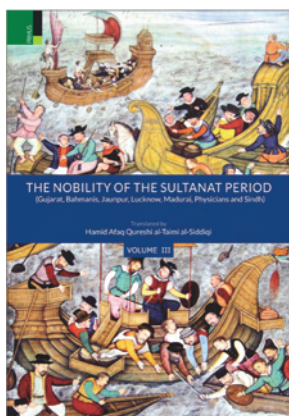
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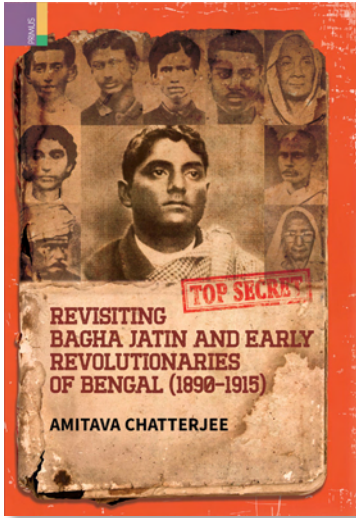


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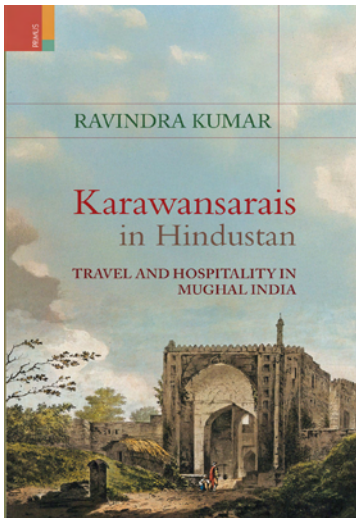


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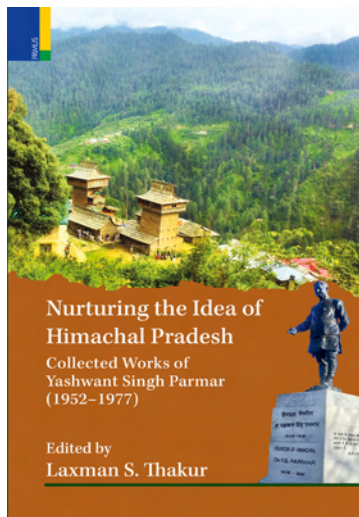


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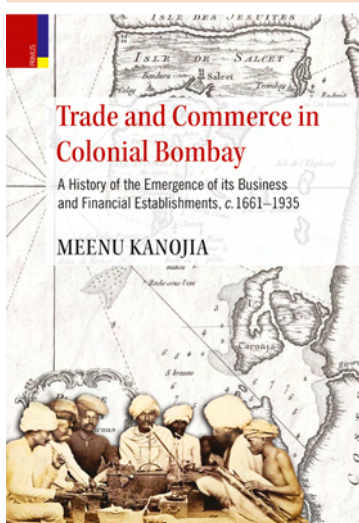
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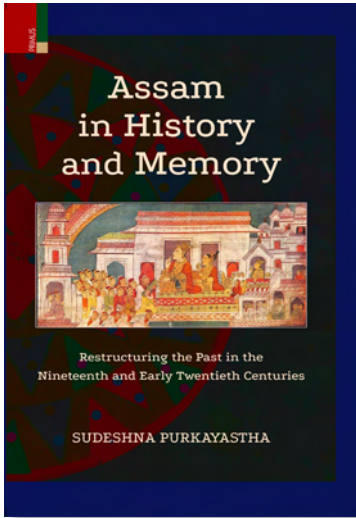
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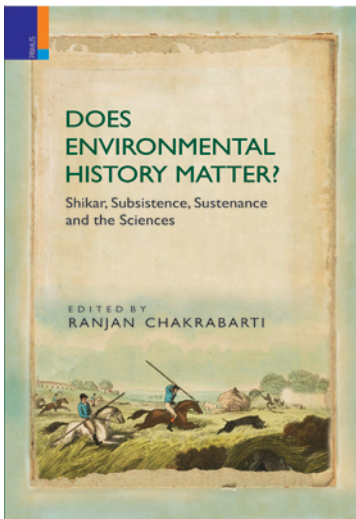
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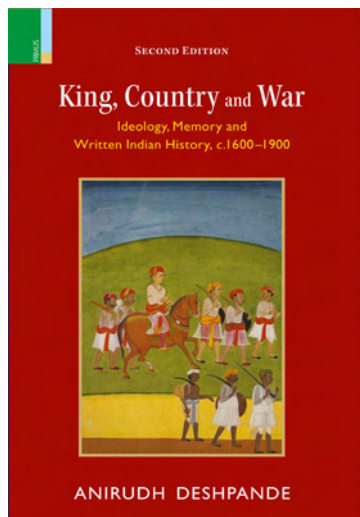
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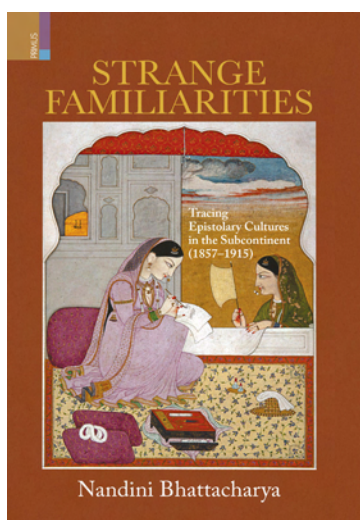
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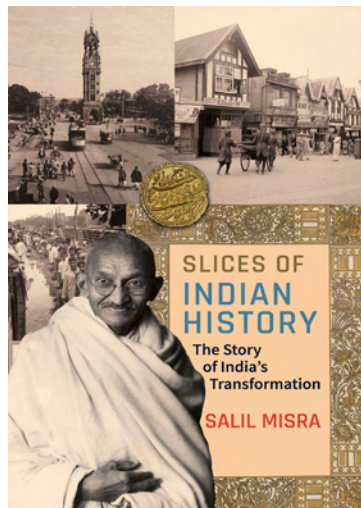
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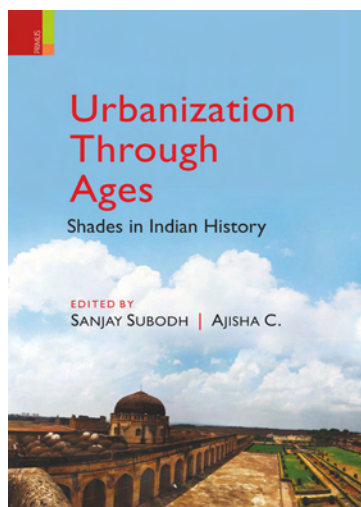
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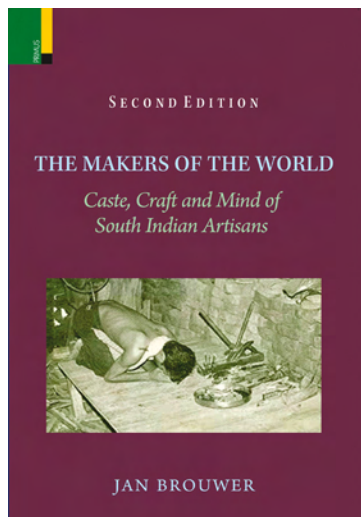
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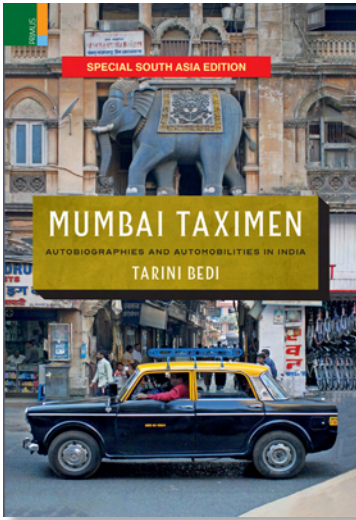
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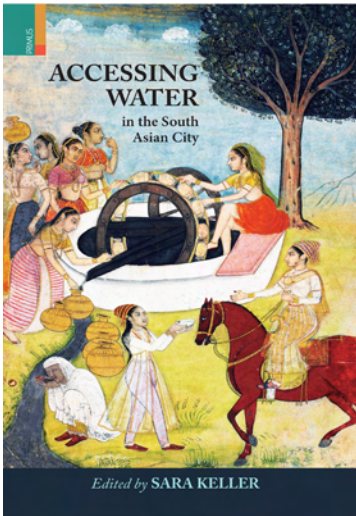
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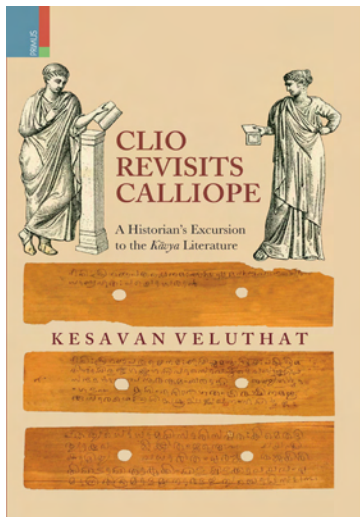
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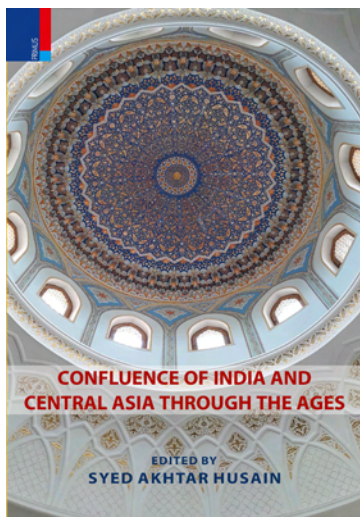
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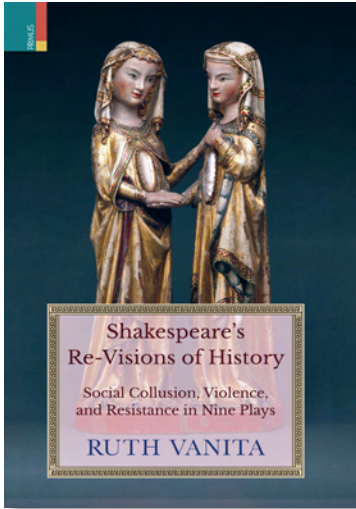


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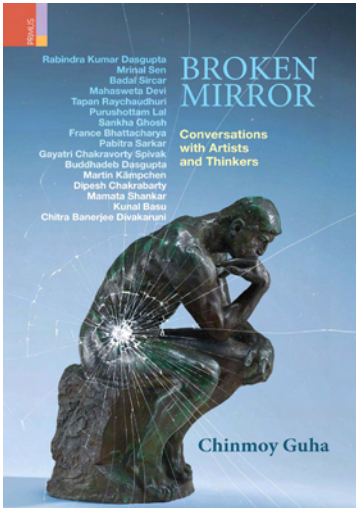
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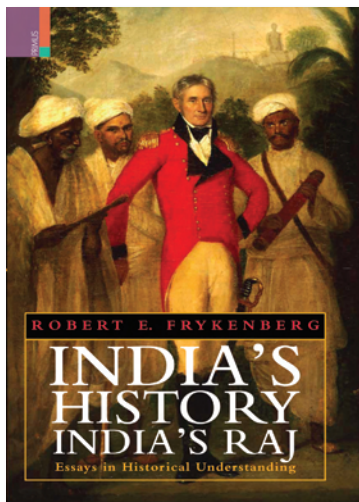
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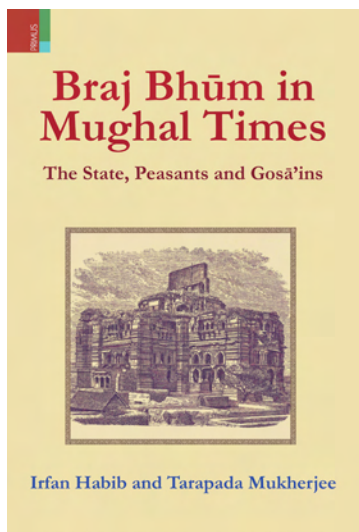
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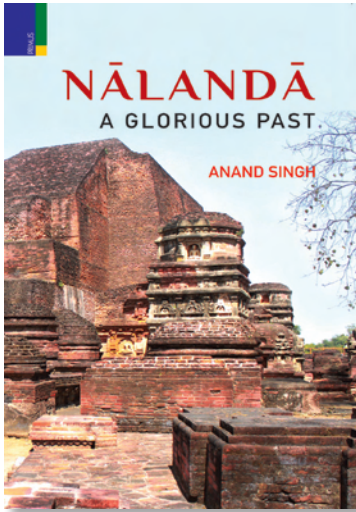
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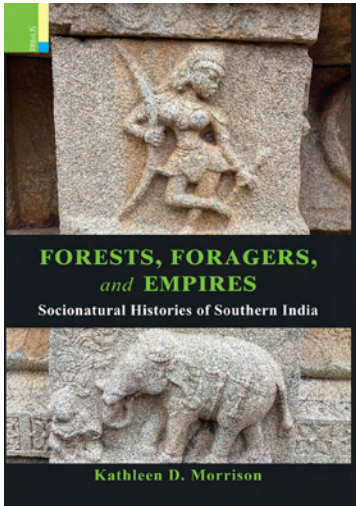
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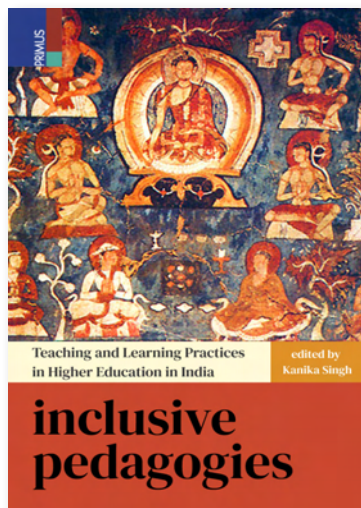
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Inclusive Pedagogies

Teaching & Learning Practices in Higher Education in India

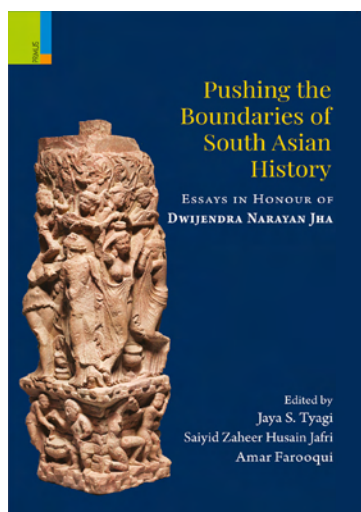
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Pushing the Boundaries of South Asian History

Essays in Honour of Dwijendra Narayan Jha

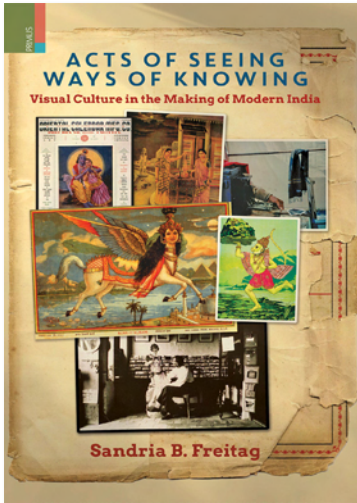
Pushing the Boundaries of South Asian History is a tribute to Professor Dwijendra Narayan Jha's skill and craftsmanship as a historian. He was an outstanding scholar, who constantly reinvented himself and kept abreast of changes in historical perspectives and methodology. The chapters herein, organized into four sections, focus on new aspects of South Asian history, drawing attention to liminal areas, filling intermittent spaces, and retrieving histories that sometimes slip through the gaps created by chronological boundaries of ancient versus early medieval, medieval vis-à-vis the modern. This demonstrates the fluid and nebulous nature of 'boundaries' and how 'connected' histories are. It also showcases the deeply entangled and intersecting layers of past societies and the new ways through which historians can attempt to retrieve the past.

Editors

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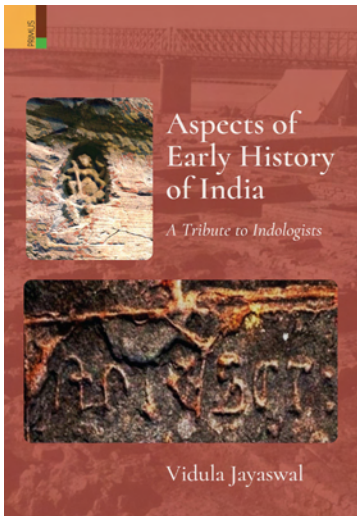
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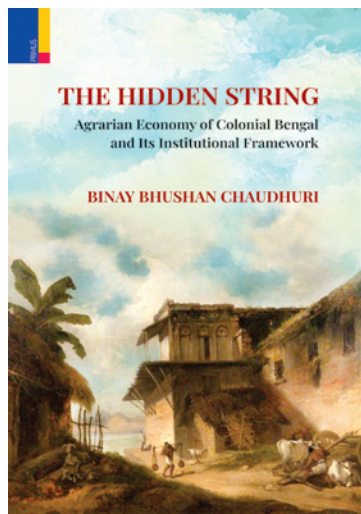
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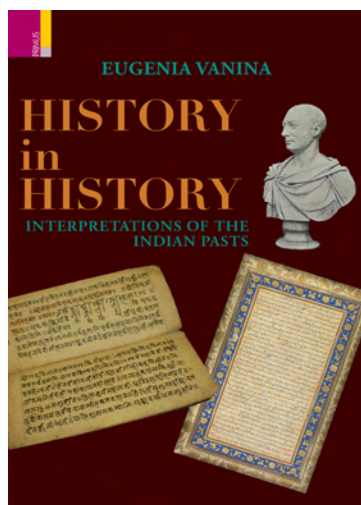
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Agrarian Economy of Colonial Bengal and Its Institutional Framework

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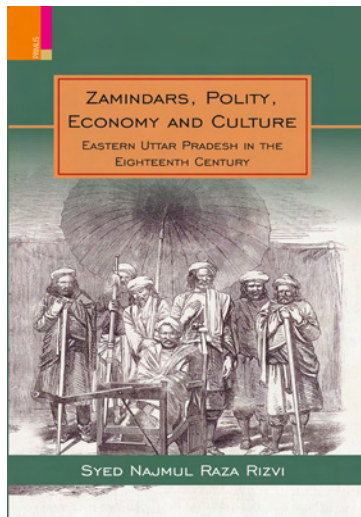
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EUGENIA VANINA, Chief Researcher, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.



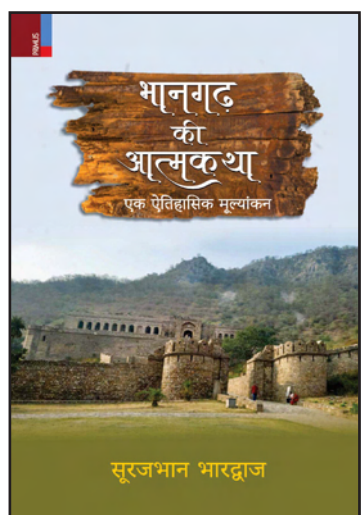
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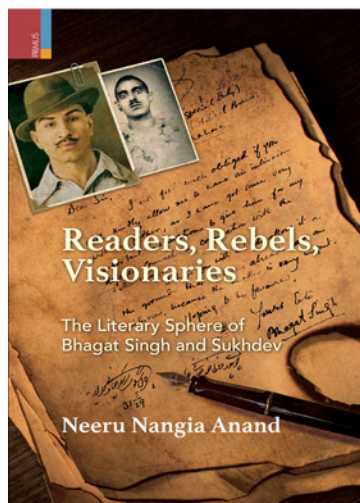
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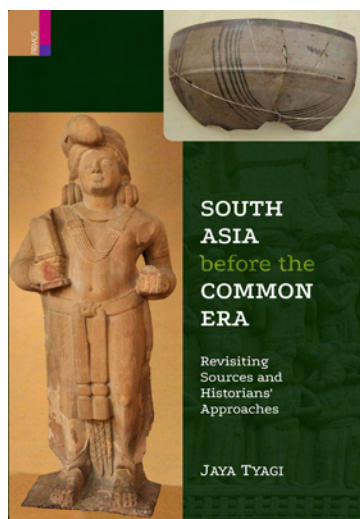
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The Literary Sphere of Bhagat Singh and Sukhdev

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Revisiting Sources and Historians' Approaches

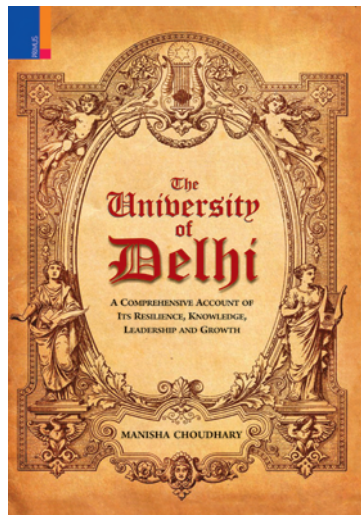
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'The history of early South Asia has been the subject of several books, authored by established scholars in the field, with significant contributions made in the present century by Romila Thapar (*Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300*, London, Penguin 2002), Upinder Singh (*A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century*, New Delhi, Pearson, 2008), and Ranabir Chakravarti (*Exploring Early India: Up to c. AD 1300*, Delhi, Primus, 2016). Jaya Tyagi's attempt can be viewed in the context of this scholarly tradition'.

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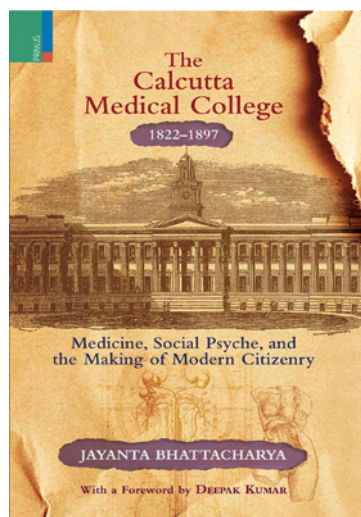
The University of Delhi

A Comprehensive Account of Its Resilience, Knowledge, Leadership and Growth

After the shift of the capital of British India to Delhi in 1911, the imperial administration noted the need for a new educational institution in the city. The University of Delhi was ultimately established in 1922, after many delays and a decade-long struggle.

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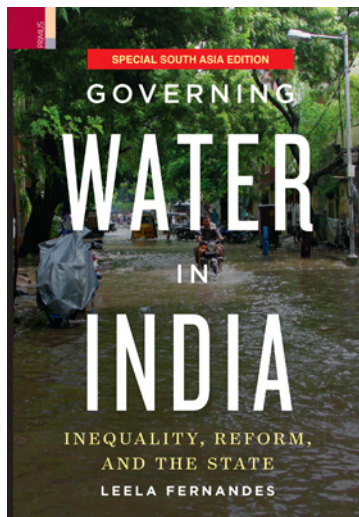
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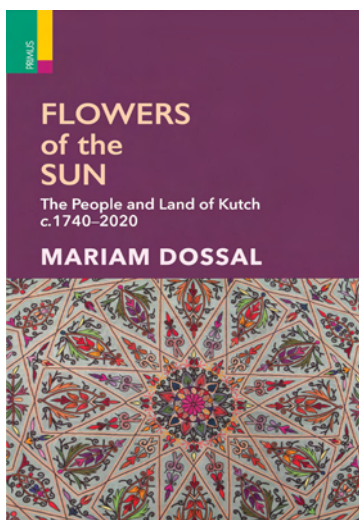
Governing Water in India*

Inequality, Reform, and the State

Intensifying droughts and competing pressures on water resources foreground water scarcity as an urgent concern of the global climate change crisis. In India, individual, industrial, and agricultural water demands exacerbate inequities of access and expose the failures of state governance to regulate use. State policies and institutions influenced by global models of reform produce and magnify socio economic injustice in this “water bureaucracy.”

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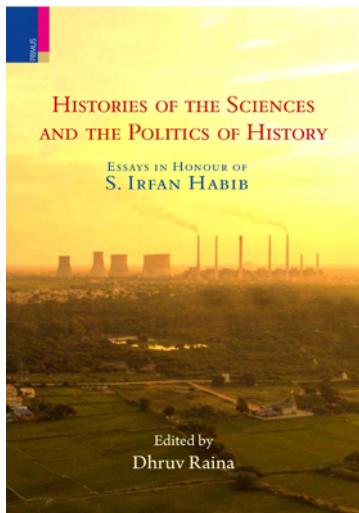
Flowers of the Sun

The People and Land of Kutch, c.1740–2020

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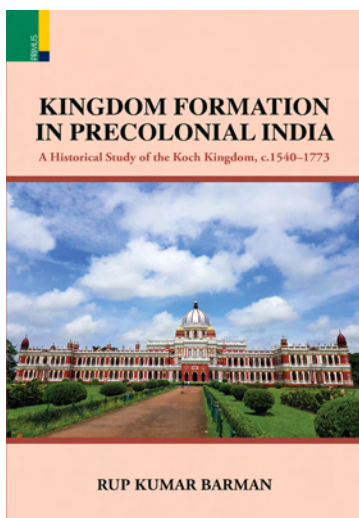
Histories of the Sciences and the Politics of History

Essays in Honour of S. Irfan Habib

The history and politics of the pursuit of the numerous disciplines of the sciences is enmeshed with debates about the impact of colonialism and decolonization, their relationship with emerging 'global' concerns, popular and state-driven science policies of governments, as well as their linkages of languages and cultural expressions. All these have been concerns for research in the academic life of Professor S. Irfan Habib. In his honour, *Histories of the Sciences and the Politics of History* presents contributions by scholars who have associated and worked with him or have been his friends in his intellectual journey. This volume covers a range of subjects from the history of science in South Asia to the trends of science policies in different eras in independent India.

Editor

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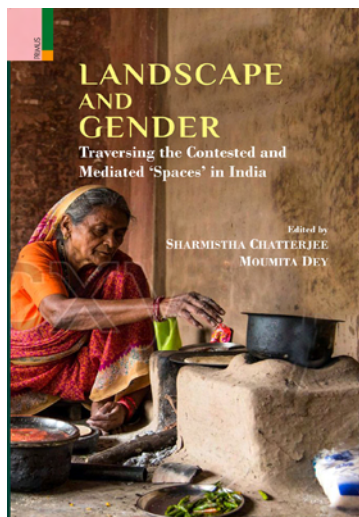
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Kingdom Formation in Precolonial India

A Historical Study of the Koch Kingdom, c.1540–1773 CE

State formation in the Indian subcontinent has been a subject of research among historians and social scientists for decades. Based on their approaches and findings, scholars have conceptualized and propagated various models of early and secondary state formation. *Kingdom Formation in Precolonial India* explores the possibility of an alternative model of kingdom formation by examining the precolonial history of the Koch Kingdom, which flourished in the Tista–Brahmaputra region between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. It provides new insights into the role of warfare in kingdom formation, centralization of political authority, surplus appropriation through unusual means, monetization of the economy, and the correlation between legitimization of the ruler and cultural change of the ruled. This book may be of interest to students, academicians, and scholars studying north-east India and north Bengal.

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Landscape and Gender

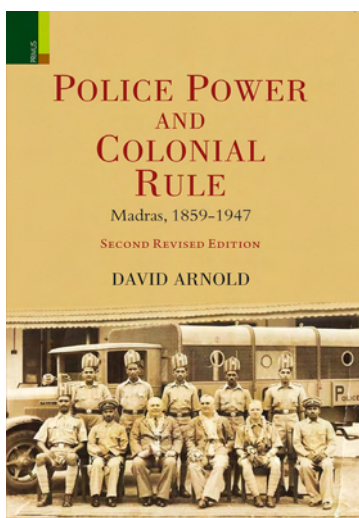
Traversing the Contested and Mediated 'Spaces' in India

Landscape and Gender delves into the intricacies of contested and mediated 'spaces' through a gendered lens. Bringing together a range of subjects—archaeology, history, cultural geography, and urban studies—the chapters here examine the connections between landscape and gender within a spatio-temporal framework unique to India. The volume explores spaces that are regulated and subordinated by agencies, and which reinforce gender gaps in quotidian landscapes.

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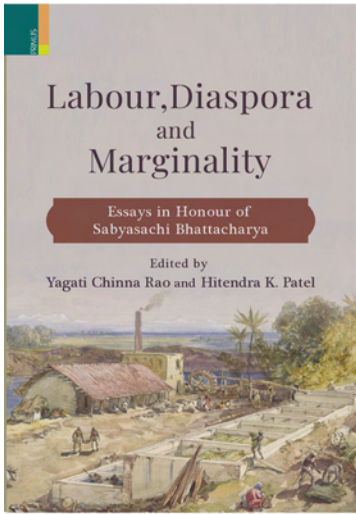
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Police Power and Colonial Rule

Madras, 1859–1947 (Second Revised Edition)

Police Power and Colonial Rule analyses the increasing deployment and growing authority of the police in the Madras Presidency of British India, demonstrating the centrality of policing to the colonial regime and its legacies. Beginning with the formation of a colonial constabulary in 1859, the book examines the evolving organization and structure of the force, its racial hierarchies, and response to rapidly changing political and social conditions that led up to Indian independence. Based on cutting-edge research, this work explores the contested role of the police in combating nationalist opposition and labour militancy, and shows how the police, through the formation and expansion of armed units, replaced the military in enforcing internal order and suppressing anti-colonial resistance.

DAVID ARNOLD, Professor Emeritus in the Department of History, University of Warwick and a Fellow of the British Academy



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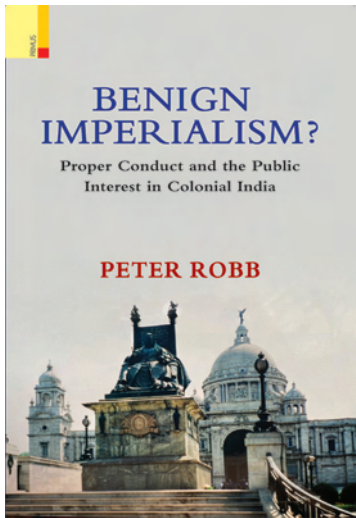
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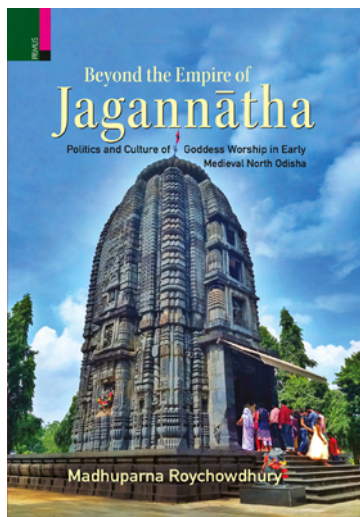
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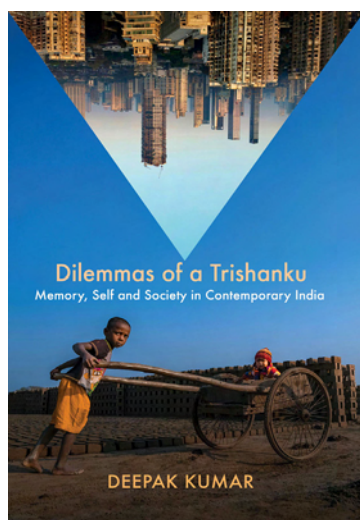
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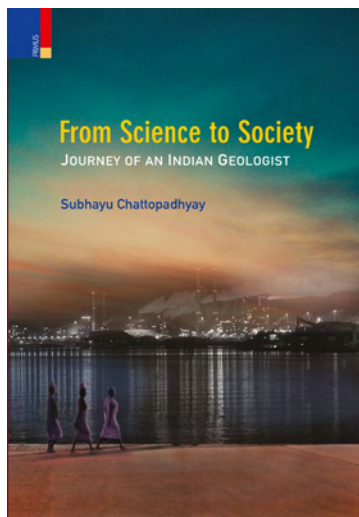
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DEEPAK KUMAR retired as Professor of History of Science and Education from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



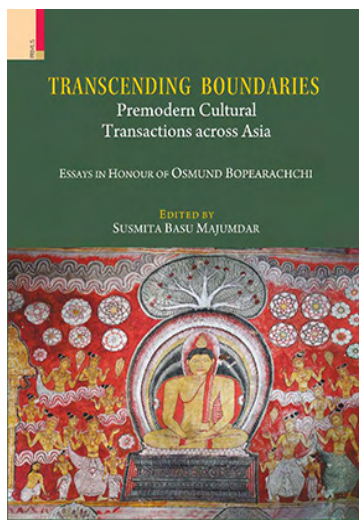
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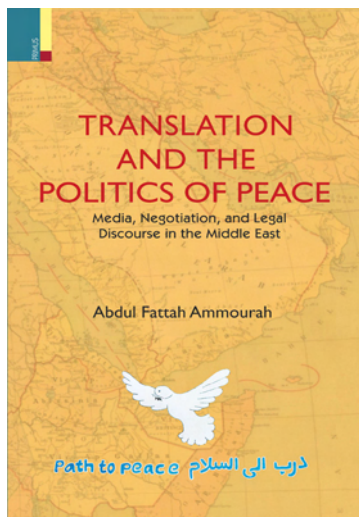
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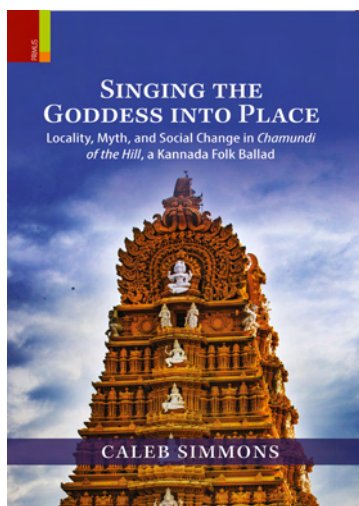
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-Abu Zafar is a researcher and journalist with interests in political communication, media discourse and politics of representation.

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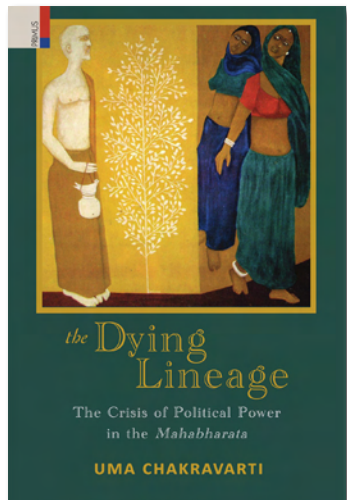
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'Imagining places and representing them through their deities has been a practice in India for nearly 1500 years. Beginning with works such as the *Nilamatapurana*, which dates back to the sixth or the seventh century, and the *Skandapurana*, of which the oldest surviving version is available from a ninth century manuscript, the practice developed to assume the form of *sthalamahatmyas* or *sthalapuranas*, produced in great numbers until the close of the nineteenth century and, at times, even later. There also exist a large number of oral texts that belong to this class, which unlike the written accounts have found only an occasional discussion in the existing scholarship. Caleb Simmons's *Singing the Goddess into Place* is an attempt to introduce one such text from southern Karnataka, *Bettada Chamundi* (translated as *Chamundi of the Hill*), with a critical assessment and a translation'.

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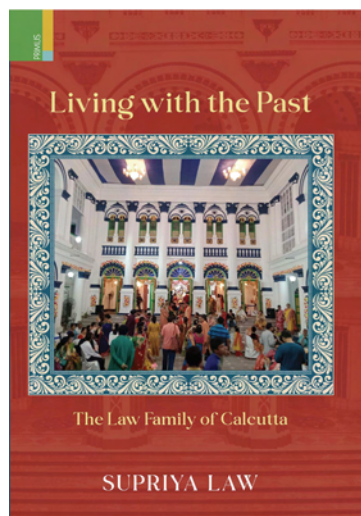
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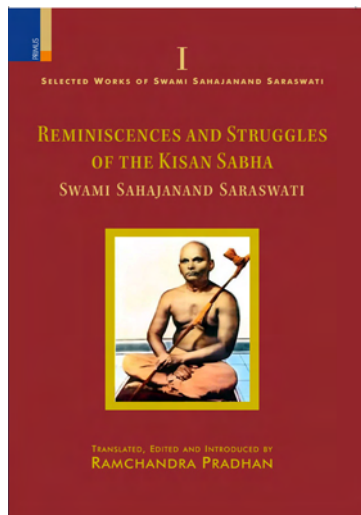
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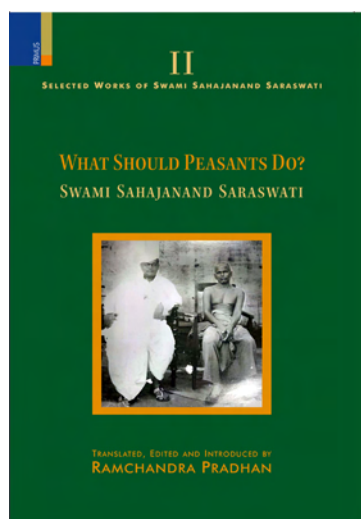
RAMCHANDRA PRADHAN (d. 2026), a well-known social activist and a Gandhian scholar, taught at Ramjas College, Delhi University for several decades.

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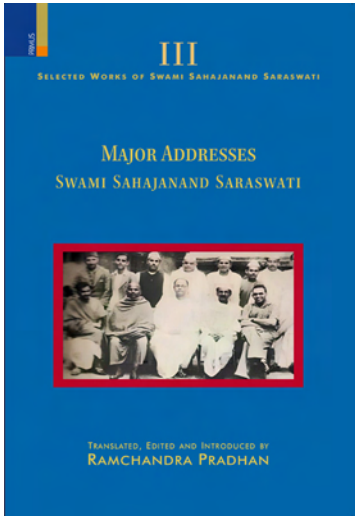
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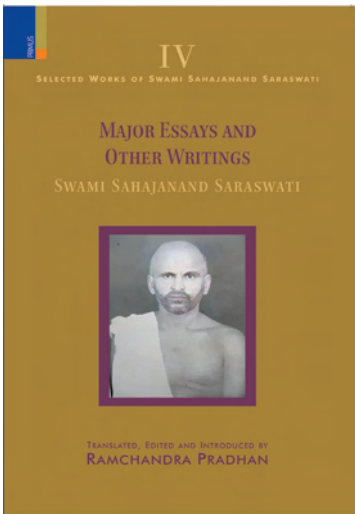


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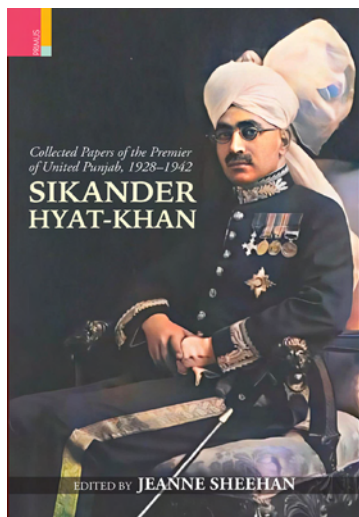


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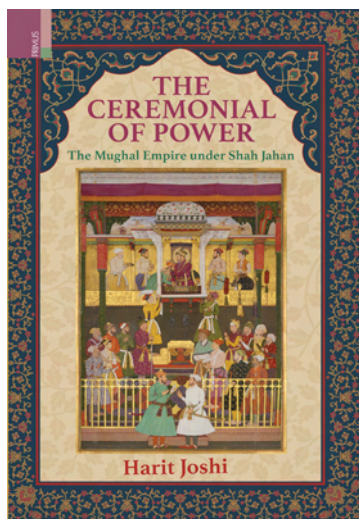
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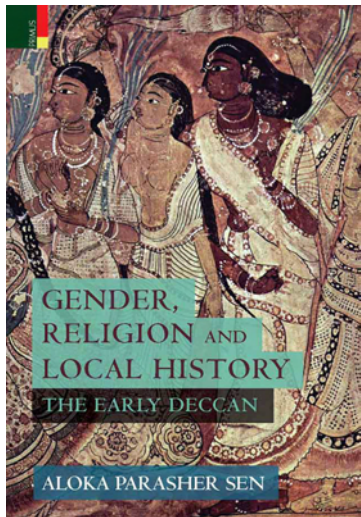
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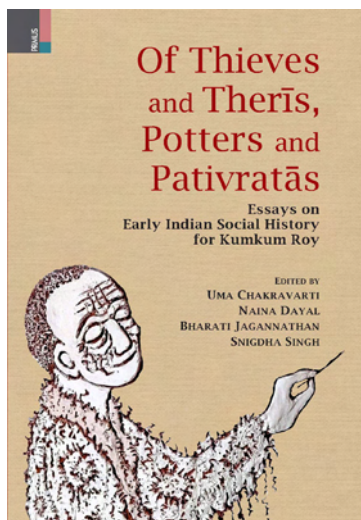
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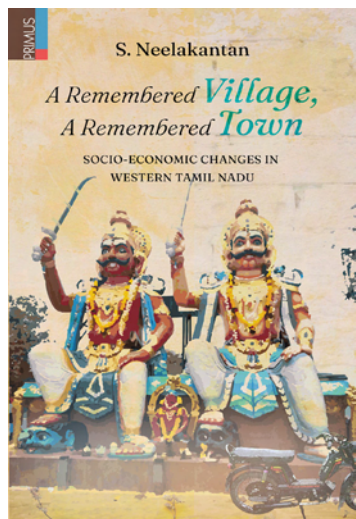
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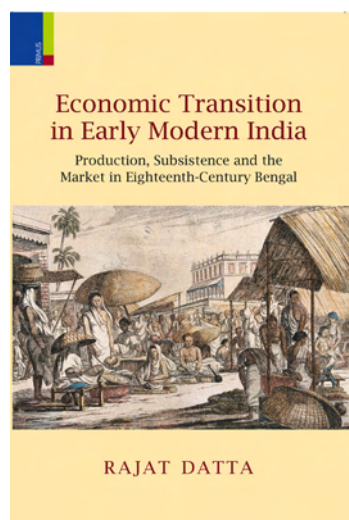
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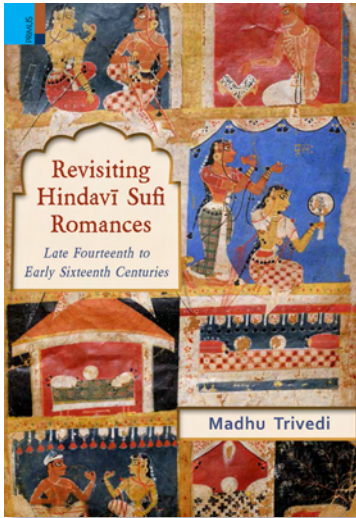
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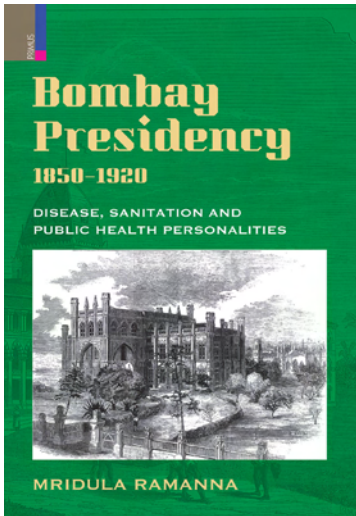
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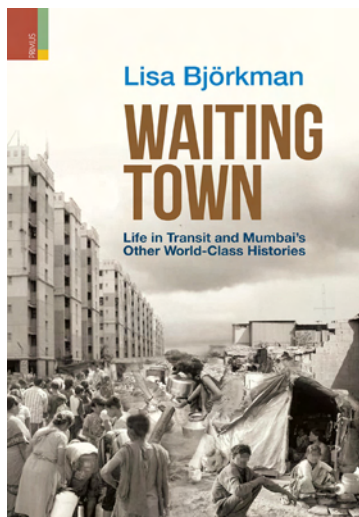
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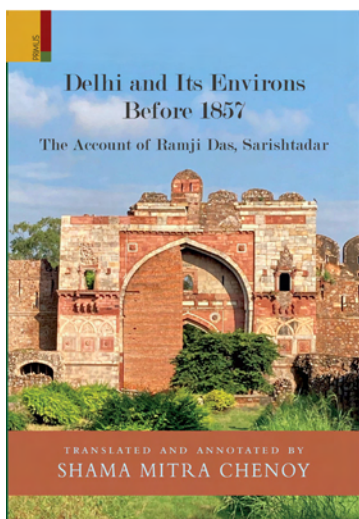
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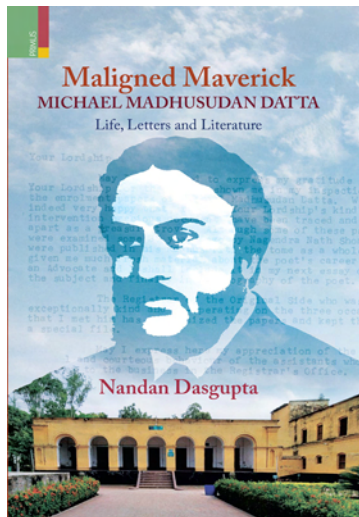
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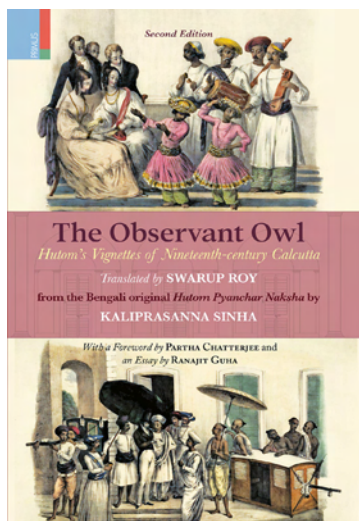
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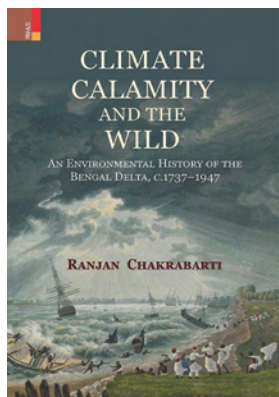
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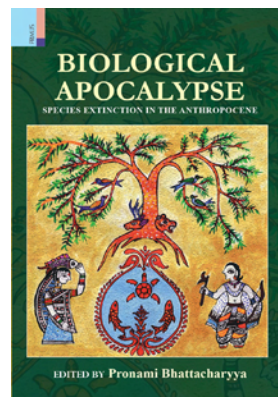
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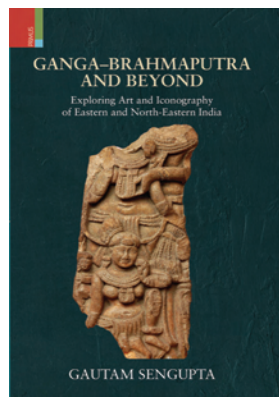
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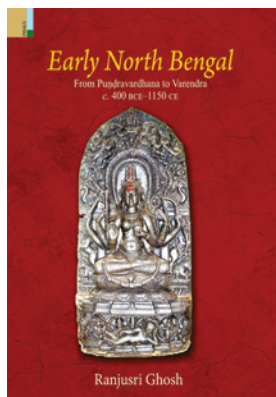
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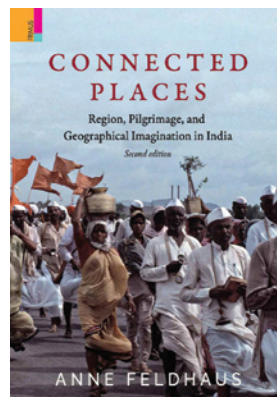
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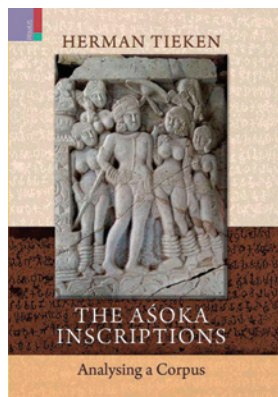
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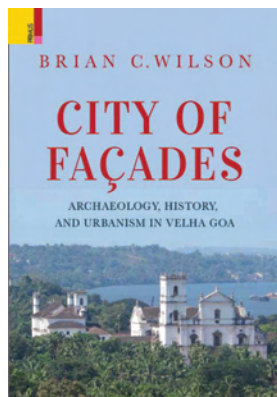
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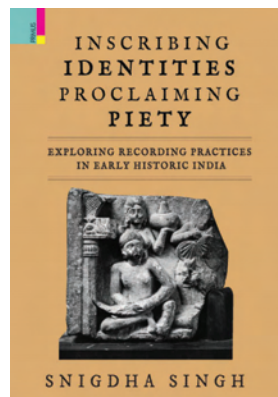
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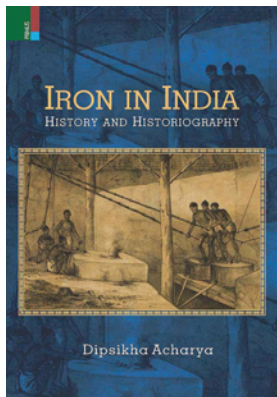
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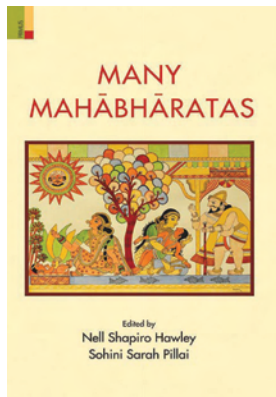
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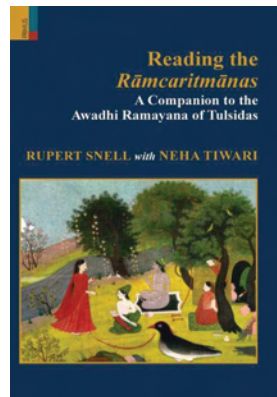
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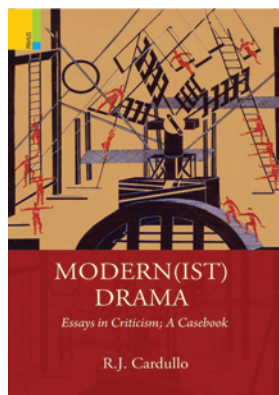
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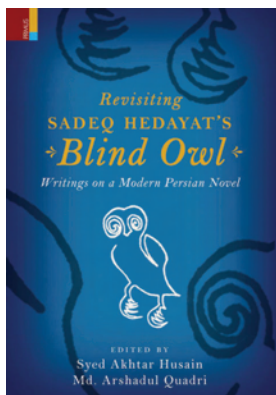
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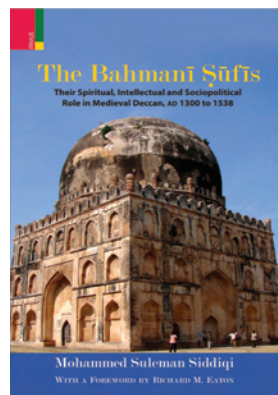
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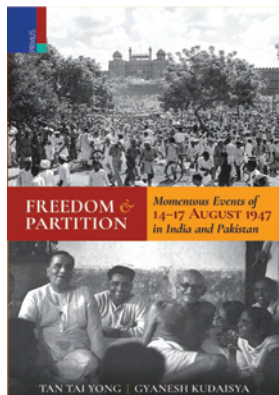
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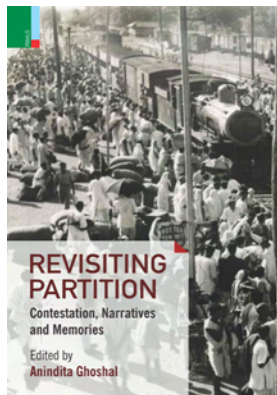
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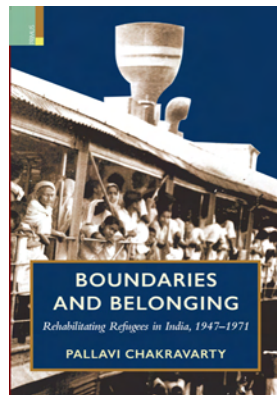
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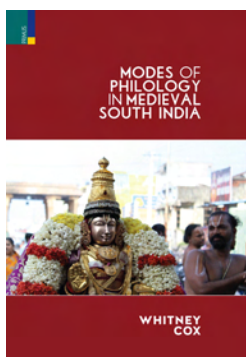
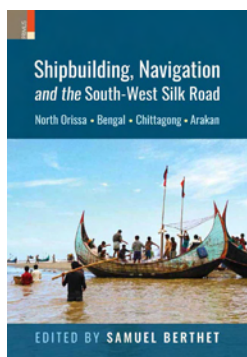
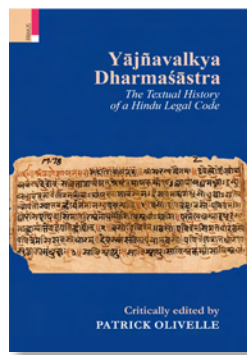
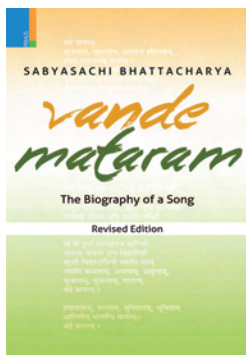
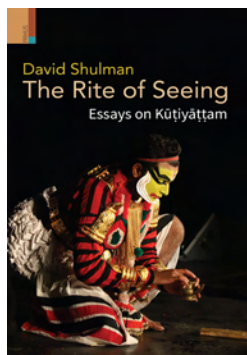
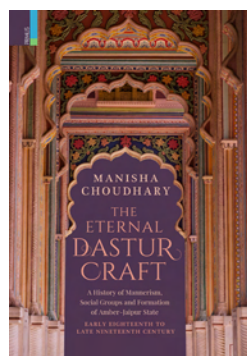
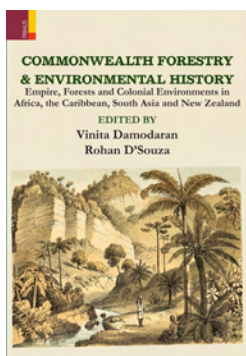
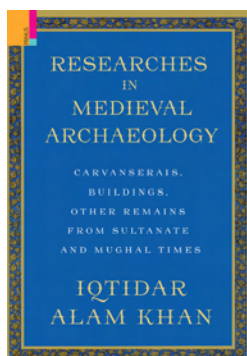
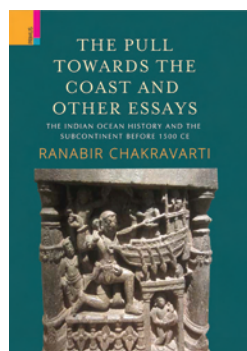
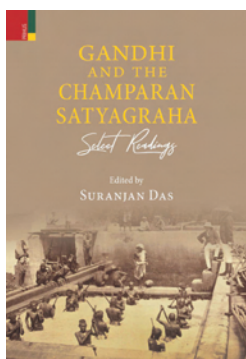
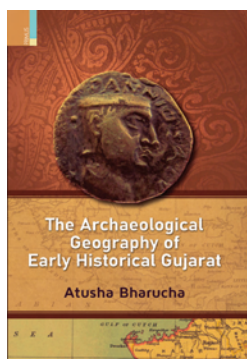
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