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Economics

A Primer for India (Second Edition)

G. Omkarnath, Professor of Economics, University of Hyderabad



This volume is tailor-made for foundation courses in undergraduate programmes. Its pedagogic standpoint is based on two convictions. First, a foundation course need not invoke formal economic theory which is a contested terrain, especially at the present time. Second, such a course should be grounded on the empirical reality of the economy in which students live. The distinctive features of the book include:

- Text focuses on the inter-dependent nature of the economic structure of society
- Elucidation of basic economic concepts and measures with relevant data from original sources
- A rigorous attention to the process of economic growth, including the critical role of policy in guiding growth

This is the second edition of the book.

Selected Contents: PART I: THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY 1. Basic Economic Processes 2. The System of Production 3. The System of Markets 4. The System of Money and Finance Part II: THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH 5. Growth and Demand 6. Industrialisation and Growth 7. Liberalisation and Growth 8. Petty Production and Poverty Part III ADDENDA 9. Monitoring the Indian Economy 10. Economic Theory: An Orientation

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Introduction to Experimental Economics, An

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This volume introduces the student to experimental methodology and details the procedure and protocol to be followed in conducting experiments in economics. It begins by describing the main areas where experiments are currently used: games involving strategic decisions where there are typically two players and the decision of one player is contingent upon how she expects the other player to behave, public goods games with small groups and a group fund designed to test the existence of the free rider problem through a voluntary contributions mechanism and games involving a choice between two or more lotteries that seek to explain decision-making under conditions of uncertainty. It also discusses experiments designed to elicit the impact of community, caste, religion and multiplicity of culture.

Selected Contents: 1. Introduction to Experimental Economics 2. Experiments with Games of Strategic Choices 3. Experiments with Public Goods 4. Individual Decisions under Uncertainty 5. Various Types of Experiments: Field Experiments, Experiments with Gender and Religion and Multicultural Experiments, Natural Experiments, Non-Monetised Experiments 6. The Methodology and Protocol of Experimental Economics 7. Introduction to Programming using z-Tree *Bibliography*

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Banking on Words

The Failure of Language in the Age of Derivative Finance

Arjun Appadurai, Goddard Professor in Media, Culture and Communication, New York University



In this provocative look at one of the most important events of our time, renowned scholar Arjun Appadurai argues that the economic collapse of 2008—while indeed spurred on by greed, ignorance, weak regulation, and irresponsible risk-taking—was, ultimately, a failure of language. To prove this sophisticated point, he takes us into the world of derivative finance, which has become the core of contemporary trading and the primary target of blame for the collapse and all our subsequent woes. With incisive argumentation, he analyses this challengingly technical world, drawing on thinkers such as J. L. Austin, Marcel Mauss, and Max Weber as theoretical guides to showcase the ways language—and particular failures in it—paved the way for ruin.

Selected Contents: Preface 1. The Logic of Promissory Finance 2. The Entrepreneurial Ethic and the Spirit of Financialism 3. The Ghost in the Financial Machine 4. The Sacred Market 5. Sociality, Uncertainty, and Ritual 6. The Charismatic Derivative 7. The Wealth of Dividuals 8. The Global Ambitions of Finance 9. The End of the Contractual Promise

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Discounted Life

The Price of Global Surrogacy in India

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India is the top provider of surrogacy services in the world, with a multi-million dollar surrogacy industry that continues to grow exponentially, as increasing number of couples from developed nations look for wombs in which to grow their babies. Some scholars have exulted transnational surrogacy for the possibilities it opens for infertile couples, while others have offered bioethical cautionary tales, rebuked exploitative intended parents, or lamented the exploitation of surrogate mothers—but very little is known about the experience of and transaction between surrogate mothers and intended parents outside the lens of the many agencies that control surrogacy in India. A detailed and moving study, *Discounted Life* delineates how local labor markets intertwine with global reproduction industries.

Selected Contents: Introduction: Markets in Life 1 Reproductive Interventions 2 Converting Social Networks into Labor Markets 3 The Many Meanings of Surrogacy 4 Locating Surrogacy in Child Sharing and Wage Labor 5 Babies as Commodities 6 Fetuses as Persons, Surrogate Mothers as Nonpersons 7. Surrogacy as a Gift Conclusion: Discounted Life

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Founts of Knowledge

SERIES: BOOK HISTORY IN INDIA

Edited by **Abhijit Gupta**, Associate Professor, Department of English, Jadavpur University; and Director, Jadavpur University Press, Kolkata, and **Swapan Chakravorty**, Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore Distinguished University Professor in the Humanities, Presidency University; and former Director-General, National Library of India, Kolkata



Founts of Knowledge is the third in a series titled 'Book History in India', which was started in 2004 to showcase the latest research in what was then a nascent field in India—the history of the book. It continues the trajectory of the first two volumes (published by Permanent Black) in establishing book history as a major tool of enquiry in the Indian academy, and brings together the finest scholars and the most recent research in the area.

Contents: Introduction 1. Benares Beginnings: Print Modernity, Book Entrepreneurs, and Cross-Cultural Ventures in a Colonial Metropolis 2. At Home in Bombay: Housing Konkani Print 3. Six Blind Men and the Elephant: *Bhagavata Purana* in Colonial Bengal 4. Childspeak: Children's Periodicals in Hindi in Colonial North India (1920–50) 5. Bangla Literary Journalism at Nationalism's 'Moment of Departure': The Intervention of *Bangadarsan* 6. On the Wrong End of the Raj: Some Aspects of Censorship in British India and its Circumvention during the 1920s–1940s: Part 2 7. Educational Texts in Bengal, 1830–1900: Some Problems Relating to British Imports 8. What Really Happened under a Tree outside Delhi, May 1817

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India's Foreign Policy

Coping with the Changing World

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India's Foreign Policy: Coping with the Changing World traces the values and principles that have shaped India's foreign policy and its evolution starting from the Aligned Movement, up to the end of the Cold War; decline of multilateralism and the nation state; and the challenges of globalisation. It also looks at India's relations with world powers like the United States (US), Russia, China and Japan, and with its neighbours, particularly Bangladesh and Pakistan. It further analyses and suggests appropriate strategies for dealing with recent developments that have far-reaching consequences for India in the coming years.

Contents: Introduction 1. India's Foreign Policy: Underlying Principles, Strategies and Challenges Ahead 2. Dealing with Neighbours 3. Democracy and Governance in Bangladesh 4. Indo-Bangladesh Economic Relations 5. Indo-US Relations 6. The Indo-US Civilian Nuclear Deal 7. Indo-(Soviet) Russian Relations 8. India and China: An Uneasy but Critically Important Relationship 9. The United Nations as a Foreign Policy Arena for India and China 10. China's Tryst with Globalization 11. Perspectives of India and Japan on Disarmament and Security Issues 12. India and the Indian Diaspora: Changing Salience 13. Pakistan and Indo-Pak Relations

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Konkaboti

The Extraordinary Journey of a Village Girl

By **Troilokyanath Mukhopadhyay**.

Translated from the Bengali by Arnab Bhattacharya, author/editor and a translator



The tales of Troilokyonath Mukhopadhyay (1847–1919) are excursions into fantasy, where fact confronts the unreal. *Konkaboti*, written in Bengali, is Troilokyonath's first novel (1892). It begins with the childhood years of the eponymous heroine and Khetu, a boy from her village. In time, their mothers want them to marry, but Konkaboti's father plans her wedding with an aged zamindar. The prospect appals her and she falls ill. Konka and Khetu then undergo amazing experiences leading to their 'death'. But matters are resolved through a twist in the tail of the narrative. The novel has satirical references to prevalent social practices such as sati. In an Afterword, the translator puts the novel in perspective.

Contents: Translator's Preface. A Biographical Note on the Author. A Note on the Translation. Glossary of Non-English Words/Phrases. *Konkaboti.* Book I. 1. An Old Yarn. 2. Kusumghati. 3. Tonu Roy. 4. Khetu. 5. Nironjon. 6. Farewell. 7. Konkaboti. 8. The Boy and the Girl. 9. Meni. 10. Bou-didi. 11. A Matrimonial Proposal. 12. Shnareshwor. 13. Trouble Brewing. 14. About Godadhor. 15. Konkaboti's Ailment. Book II. 1. The Boat. 2. Underwater. 3. The Royal Robe. 4. The Milkwoman. 5. The Burning Ghat. 6. The Tiger. 7. In the Forest. 8. The In-laws. 9. The Root. 10. The Theft. 11. The Ghost Company. 12. Frog Sahib. 13. Putrid Water. 14. The Master Mosquito. 15. Khorbur. 16. The Ogre. 17. The Wife of the Stars. 18. The Formidable Sepoy. 19. The Sati on the Pyre. Conclusion: Afterword from the Translator

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Learning from Peace

Krishna Kumar was Director National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi.

This volume looks at some of the areas of knowledge acquired at educational institutions. The perspective from which these few areas and the knowledge they offer are looked at is that of peace education. Sources of knowledge might differ, and different sources of the same knowledge have the capacity to impart a distinct character. But apart from knowledge itself, the ethos in which different kinds of knowledge are taught and learnt can also lead to considerable conflict in society because ethos too casts its own imprint on knowledge. Social selection is inevitably involved in shaping an institutional ethos. Thus, different kinds of schools can lend to the social fabric remarkably divergent ways of seeing and representing things. This range of possibilities is reflected in the issues discussed in this volume.

Selected contents: Prologue 1. Discussing Conflict with Children 2. Children and History 3. Environment, Science and Social Science 4. Two Worlds 5. Corporal Punishment 6. A Course in Peace Education 7. Epilogue

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Political Culture in Medieval Kerala, The

The Zamorins of Kozhikode

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This work concerns an obscure aspect in the history of Kerala between the twelfth century and the onset of modern times, focusing on the Zamorins, rulers of the kingdom of Kozhikode (or Calicut) after the decline of the Cheras. The power and authority of the rulers as well as the ways in which they sought to legitimise it are reconsidered in the light of newly available material. The interaction and interdependence among royal functionaries, local chiefs and temple authorities help us understand the political culture. This study makes use of material contained in the *Granthavari* or palm leaf manuscripts documenting the institutions of the Zamorin.

With a Foreword by Kesavan Veluthat

Contents: *Preface*.1. Introduction. 2. From the *Age of Great Men* to the *Age of Lords*. 3. Power at the Centre: Lineage, Kinship and the King. 4. Nodes of Power: Locality Chiefs and Local Magnates. 5. The Functioning of a Medieval State. 6. Rituals, Symbols and the Status of Royalty. 7. Temples and Royalty. 8. Royalty and Patronage of Culture. 9. State Festivals. 10. Suicide Squads: Challenge to the Hegemony of the Zamorin. 11. Conclusion. *Glossary. Bibliography*

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Readings on Dalit Identity

History, Literature and Religion

SERIES: CRITICAL THINKING IN SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY

Edited by Swaraj Basu, Professor, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi



Dissent towards the ideology of caste and also the assertion by Dalits for equity and justice has been expressed through writings over a period of time. Since the 1970s, there have been attempts by scholars across disciplines to shed light on the cultural world of Dalits by constructing alternative historical and religious traditions, and even today Dalit identity continues to be an important agenda of academic debate. With a multidisciplinary approach, *Readings on Dalit Identity* brings together a diverse selection of writings that looks at how through the reinterpretation of history, literature and religion, the Dalits challenged their ascribed status and created a new identity for themselves.

Contents: Introduction PART I: HISTORY 1. Contested Past: Anti-Brahmanical and Hindu Nationalist Reconstructions of Indian Prehistory 2. Inventing Caste History: Dalit Mobilisation and Nationalist Past 3. Making of an Identity: Meghwals of Rajasthan 4. Contested History of Dalits: An Alternative Perspective 5. The Problem of Cultural Memory PART II: LITERATURE 6. Reading Sharankumar Limbale's *Towards an Aesthetic of Dalit Literature*: From Erasure to Assertion 7. Struggle for Identity and Dignity: Dalit Literature in Hindi and *Joothan* 8. Meaning of Work in Dalit Autobiographies 9. The Making of History: Autobiographical Extracts of Shantabai Kamble, Kumud Pawde and Urmila Pawar 10. From Panchamars to Dalit: The Evolution of Tamil Dalit Writing PART III: RELIGION 11. Is Caste System Intrinsic to Hinduism? Demolishing a Myth 12. Popular Religion and Social Mobility in Colonial Bengal:

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Sarasvatichandra Part II

Gunasundari's Household

By Govardhanram Madhavram Tripathi

Translated by Tridip Suhrud, who works at the Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust, Ahmedabad



Part II details the complex dynamics of a Hindu joint family. Minister of Ratnanagari, Vidya Chatura and Gunasundari were married as children. Intelligent, eager, a young Gunasundari is educated by Vidya Chatura; the two share pleasures of the mind, poetry and literature. But this newfound aesthetic conjugality is disrupted when his relatives come to live with them as dependents. Gunasundari must suddenly manage a household of fourteen people, each with different needs and idiosyncracies. Govardhanram's minute, often wry, observations on human nature, the interpersonal conflicts, his sharp characterisations, descriptions of a pregnant Gunasundari struggling to keep the family 'joint' and content make this a delight to read.

Selected Contents: Translator's Acknowledgement. Translator's Introduction. Preface I. Preface II. 1. On the Outskirts of Manoharpuri 2. The Outlaws 3. The Injured Man 4. Gunasundari 5. Gunasundari (Continued) 6. A Night in Manoharpuri 7. Forest, Dark Night and Sarasvatichandra 8. Kumud Sundari Leaves Suvarnapur 9. Preparations for the Morning 10. An Encounter with the Outlaws 11. Smouldering Embers

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Sociology and History

Dialogues Towards Integration

A. M. Shah retired as Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi.



Conceived as a series of dialogues between Shah and his fellow social scientists, and indeed between the two disciplines of Sociology and History, essays in this collection nuance ethnographic fact with a historical dimension in ways that were pathbreaking for their time. The book includes Shah's well-known study of the Vahivancha Barots—traditional record-keepers of genealogies and narrators and creators of myths. Shah offers several essays on theory and method in sociology and history, anchored in review of literature, and empirical material. A significant inclusion is the discussion between Shah and Romila Thapar on sociological understanding of ancient India, examining the relation between lineage, clan, caste and the state.

Selected Contents: Introduction 1. The Vahivancha Barots of Gujarat: A Caste of Genealogists and Mythographers with a Foreword by M. N. Srinivas 2. Social Anthropology and the Study of Historical Societies 3. Myth of the Self-sufficiency of Indian Village 4. Political System in Eighteenth-century Gujarat 5. Historical Sociology: A Trend Report 6. Studying the Present and the Past: A Village in Gujarat 7. Towards a Sociological Understanding of Ancient India: A Response to Professor A. M. Shah 8. History and Sociology 9. A Sociological Approach to the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century History of Gujarat 10. The Indian Sociologist, 1905–14, 1920–22 11. The Indian Journal of Sociology, 1920–21 12. Anthropology in Bombay, 1886–1936

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State of Being Stateless, The

An Account of South Asia

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This volume brings together the lived experiences of diverse stateless groups within a comparative framework, using research conducted across dissimilar groups in different geographical locations—India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan. Demonstrating that continued situations of dislocation and/or refugeehood can produce statelessness, the book elaborates a new way of thinking about this increasingly important field of study, and suggests a way towards framing better and more inclusive international and national laws to deal with this issue.

With a Foreword by Ranabir Samaddar

Selected Contents: The Grid: The Stateless and the Citizen 1. Words of Law, Worlds of Loss: The Stateless People of the Indo-Bangladeshi Enclaves 2. The Remains of Partition? The Citizenship Question of Stateless Hindus in India 3.Ordeal of Citizenship: The Up-Country Tamils in Sri Lanka and India 4. The Chinese of Calcutta: A Case of Statelessness 5. The Stateless Chakmas in Arunachal Pradesh 6. Elusive Home-Thoughts: The Unstable World of the Lhotsampas in South Asia 7. Ambiguous Identities: Statelessness of Gorkhas in North-East India

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Thinking Gender, Doing Gender

Feminist Scholarship and Practice Today

[With Indian Institute of Advanced Study]

Edited by Uma Chakravarti, historian and activist in the democratic rights and women's movements.



Thinking Gender, Doing Gender focuses on pedagogy and classroom practice, theoretical obstacles created by disciplinary constraints, and practices in the performing arts from a gender perspective. This volume focuses more on *doing* gender rather thinking gender: in classrooms, in the making of curricula, in the writing and recall of history, in reading literature and cinema, and in the practice of culture in theatre and urban spaces.

Selected Contents: Introduction 1. Education as *Trutiya Ratna*: Towards Phule-Ambedkarite Feminist Pedagogical Practice 2. Women, Men and Others in the Class and in the Past: The Challenges of Mainstreaming Gender in History 3. Reading Gender in School Textbooks: The Tussle Between Tradition and Modernity 4. *Chhatra Prabodhan*: Tacking Modern Education to Tradition 5. Random Thoughts: Objectivity, Subjectivity and Writing Myself into Science 6. Feminist Epistemology and Oral History as Method 7. The 'Man-made' Famine and Women's Responses to Hunger: The Pivotal Dynamics of Food in the Tebhaga Movement 8. Memory as Ritual, Memory as Renewal: Some Thoughts on Feminist History-writing 9. Devadasi and/or 'Prostitute'? Analysing *Jogtin* Prostitute in Post-colonial Rural Maharashtra 10. 'Mitro Marjani': Recasting Women and Subversion 11. Gender and Commodity Aesthetics in Tamilnadu, 1950–70 12. Reimagining Nation and Redefining Regional and Gender Identities in the Cinema of the 1950s 13. Women in Theatre: Journey from Respectability to Agency 14. Staging Feminist Theatre 15. Building Blocks: Casting a Woman's Eye on the Built Environment

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Three Essays on the Mahabharata

Exercises in Literary Hermeneutics

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Three Essays on the Mahabharata **investigates what the** Mahabharata **and the** Gita **mean today**, how that meaning has been constituted, and how it is exploited to fashion the practice of everyday Indian politics. Treating these hallowed texts as 'pre-texts' to gain a more nuanced understanding of India's colonial and pre-colonial discourses on the meaning of the Indian 'essence', the author underscores that the forty-seventh verse of the second chapter of the *Gita (Gita 2.47—ma phalecu kadacana)* is now unanimously accepted as the kernel verse. By situating pre-modern commentaries on 2.47



with modern commentaries on and translations of the same, the author demonstrates that a series of conceptual shifts have accompanied the process of consecrating the verse to the highest rank.

With a Foreword by Arindam Chakrabarti

Selected Contents: Introduction. Essay I. Translating *Gita* 2.47 or Inventing the National Motto. Essay II. Seeing and Saying: A Reflection on the *Mahabharata*'s War-reportage. Essay III. A Critique of Non-violence. Bibliography. About the Author. Index.

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Vegetarians Only

Stories of Telugu Muslims

By **Skybaaba**, writer, poet, activist and freelance journalist. Edited by **A. Suneetha**, Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies, Hyderabad, **Uma Maheswari Bhrugubanda**, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, EFL University, Hyderabad.



A translation of twelve short stories titled *Adhure: Muslim Kadhalu, Vegetarians Only* introduces the reader to the life-world of Telugu Muslims, their dreams, sorrows and predicaments, presenting moving portraits of people battling indigence, prejudice and isolation with dignity and courage. Negotiations around the burqa and dowry are interwoven with communal sharing of marriage expenses and work. Unfulfilled love, the desperation and helplessness of penury are attenuated by promises of migration to the Gulf. These stories also evocatively foreground the friendships and camaraderie between rural and small-town Telugu Muslims and Dalits and invite us to share the emotional journeys that Skybaaba creates for each of his characters.

Selected Contents: Of Mofussil Muslim Lives. 1. Jani Begum 2. Petition 3. Vegetarians Only 4. Romance 1424 Hijri 5. The Dying Flame 6. Homeland 7. The Benefactor 8. The Wedding Feast 9. Sheer Khorma 10. Life in Death 11. Nowhere to Turn 12. Urs

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Violence and the Burden of Memory

Remembrance and Erasure in Sinhala Consciousness

Sasanka Perera, Professor of Sociology, and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, South Asia University, New Delhi



Post-Independence Sri Lanka has been wracked by decades of civil war and political violence, particularly from the late 1970s to 2009. These protracted conflicts have been immensely destructive, resulting in many thousands of deaths and disappearances, both of armed personnel (whether of the Sri Lankan state or separatist outfits) and civilians. How is such extraordinary institutional violence remembered? Violence and the Burden of Memory takes as its theme these forms of remembering and memorialising large-scale violent death and destruction and the attendant loss, grief and suffering. Sasanka Perera explores how issues of memory and forgetting are represented in the monuments, public and private rituals and the works of visual artists through sociological analysis and ethnographic research.

Selected Contents: The Burden of Memory 2 Celebrating Heroism and Glorifying Death 3. Remembering Death and Mourning the Loss of Innocence 4. Domains of Private Memory 5. Visual Artists Remember; Visual Artists Narrate 6. Towards a Conclusion: Erasure, Lingering Memory and Moving Beyond Memory?

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Development, Decentralisation and Democracy

Edited by **Ash Narain Roy**, Director, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi, and **George Mathew**, Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi

Bringing together fourteen essays critical in contemporary development discourse, this volume addresses the broad themes of development as freedom, equality and human ascent within the framework of democracy and decentralised governance.

Abridged contents: Introduction 1. The Need for Impatience 2. A Synopsis of the Idea of Development 3. Reconceptualising Social Development 4. Technology, Freedom and Development: Towards Conceptual Clarifications 5. Development as Growth of GNP: The Trojan Horse of Development Discourse 6. A Post-capitalist Paradigm: The Common Good of Humanity and the 'Progressive Governments' of Latin America 7. Amartya Sen in Beijing 8. Universal Primary Education, the Obstacles in Rural Areas: A Comparison 9. Poverty Alleviation: The Indian Food Security Oriented Approach 10. Metropolitan City Finance in India: Options for a New Fiscal Architecture 11. Politics of a Public Space Refusing to be Public Enough: A Case of Innovation in Governance from Kerala 12. Towards Sustainable Innovation: The Plantation Sector in Kerala 13. State, Markets, and the Changing Household Demand for Education in Kerala 14. Family Planning and the History of Gender in Kerala: A Brief Foray | M. A. Oommen: A Profile

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Economic Growth and its Distribution in India

SERIES: READINGS ON THE ECONOMY, POLITY AND SOCIETY

Edited by **Pulapre Balakrishnan**, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

This volume represent a range of perspectives and methods pertaining to the study of growth and its distribution in India. The essays in Section I represent issues of abiding interest and provide the canvas upon which the rest of the articles may be seen as placed. Section II takes a macro view of the economy. Section III reflects upon the three major sectors of the economy and the desirable space for finance in India, Section IV assess the extent to which recent growth has been inclusive, approaching the issue from various angles.

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FDI in India

History, Policy and the Asian Perspective

Manoj Pant, Professor, Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, JNU, Deepika Srivastava, Probationer, Indian Economics Service, and former Assistant Professor, Lady Shriram College, Delhi University

The volume begins with explaining what transnational corporations (TNCs) are, and describes their emergence in developing countries and the subsequent changes in the nature of foreign investment across the world. It presents the history of foreign direct investment (FDI) in developed and developing nations, particularly in Asia. In looking at the Indian case, the book highlights the changes in industrial productivity after liberalisation and also presents a comparison of the performance of domestic- and foreign-owned firms.

Contents: 1. Overview 2. FDI Policies in Asia 3. India's Foreign Investment Policy 4. India's Foreign Investment Policy after 1995 5. A Comparison of Domestic and Foreign Firms 6. Export Orientation of FDI in India's Manufacturing Sector 7. FDI and Spillovers 8. Trade and FDI 9. Conclusion and Policy Recommendation Annexure A Sector Specific Conditions on FDI Annexure B List of Industries







India Rural Development Report 2013|14 IDFC Rural Development Network

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