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Founts of Knowledge
SERIES: BOOK HISTORY IN INDIA
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Contributors: Varuni Bhatia, Swapan Chakravorty, Nandini Chandra, Abhijit Gupta, Samarpita Mitra, Rochelle Pinto, Graham Shaw, Ulrike Stark

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Political Culture in Medieval Kerala, The
The Zamorins of Kozhikode
V. V. Haridas, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Calicut

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


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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.


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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 path-breaking 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.


Contributors: A. M. Shah, R. G. Shroff, M. N. Srinivas, Romila Thapar

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 than 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.


Contributors: Purwa Bharadwaj, Dipta Bhog, Uma Chakravarti, Swati Dhyadroy, Vaishali Diwakar, A. Mangai, Disha Mullick, Shubhra Nagalia, Kavita Panjabi, Uma Chakravarti, retired as Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi.

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.


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Discounted Life
The Price of Global Surrogacy in India
Sharmila Rudrappa, Associate Professor in Sociology and the Center for Women and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Austin

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

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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.


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India’s Foreign Policy
Coping with the Changing World
Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development, Delhi

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.


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Introduction to Experimental Economics, An

Gautam Gupta, Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

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.


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.


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.


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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 Ratnanagar, 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.


State of Being Stateless, The
An Account of South Asia

Edited by Paula Banerjee, Associate Professor, Department of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, and President, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury, Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata, and Atig Ghosh, Assistant Professor of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, and Honorary Researcher, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

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


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Three Essays on the Mahabharata
Exercises in Literary Hermeneutics
Sibaji Bandyopadhyay, former Professor of Cultural Studies, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC), Kolkata.

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 pholecu kadačana) 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


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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.

Contributors: R. Akhileshwari, Uma Maheswari Bhrugubanda, Christopher Chekuri, Kiranmayi Indraganti, Rama S. Melkote, A. Suneetha, D. Vasanta

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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.


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Class, Patriarchy and Ethnicity on Sri Lankan Plantations
Two Centuries of Power and Protest

SERIES: CRITICAL THINKING IN SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY

Kumari Jayawardena, former Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Rachel Kurian, International Labour Economist, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague

This volume takes as its central theme the plantations of Sri Lanka, from their inception in the early nineteenth century to the present day in the twenty-first. Drawing on a wealth of archival material, it offers a compelling empirical narrative of the lives and struggles of plantation workers, who have constituted, for much of modern Sri Lankan history, the single largest organised workforce in the country. In doing so, it explores the complex links between power and class, gender and ethnic hierarchies both on the plantations and outside, and crucially situates the labour movement on the plantations within the wider political and social economy of Sri Lanka.


Conquest and Community
The Afterlife of Warrior Saint Ghazi Miyan

Shahid Amin, former Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi

Conquest and Community tells the story of the Indo-Turkic warrior saint Ghazi Miyan and his influential cult in the Gangetic plains. A purported nephew of Mahmud of Ghazni, Ghazi Miyan was supposedly martyred in holy war against Hindu kings near Bahraich in modern-day Uttar Pradesh in 1034 CE. His cult continues to draw pilgrims of varying castes, both Muslim and Hindu, from all over northern India to his shrine in Bahraich.

The legendary exploits of Ghazi Miyan, the conqueror saint, and the cults of remembrance that surround his name in northern India contain layer upon layer of significance that only a master historian like Shahid Amin can reveal to us….

—Partha Chatterjee
Columbia University, New York and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata

…Deeply researched and wonderfully written, [this volume] shows us how composite religious culture is created and peaceful threads knit over the rupture of violence. A fascinating book with wide implications for our own troubled time.

—Natalie Zemon Davis
Professor Emeritus, Princeton University and University of Toronto

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Displaying India’s Heritage
History, Policy and the Asian Perspective

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This volume describes the history of museum-making in the Indian subcontinent in the 1800s and 1900s with special emphasis on the experience of Bengal. It details the connection between the museum movement and the broader political and cultural environment of the time. Issuing from strong archival research, the book presents a convincing case to consider museums as a modern public sphere where the territorial and cultural bases of nationhood were negotiated.

Selected Contents:
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6. History Men and Museum Makers: Bengal in the Early-Twentieth Century
7. ‘Locality, Province and the Nation’: The Museum Story

From Plassey to Partition and After
A History of Modern India (Second Edition)

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Director, New Zealand India Research Institute, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

The book addresses important historiographical questions by taking cognisance of emergent perspectives adopted by social science scholarship over the last twenty-five years. As a major work of our times, it engages in thought-provoking debates on issues like political economy of eighteenth-century India, socio-religious reform and revival, and the nationalist movement. The newly added concluding chapter provides a succinct account of major developments in postcolonial India during the Nehruvian and subsequent years. It links contemporary debates about Indian nationhood with changes in society, economy and polity, from the years of state-directed planning under a one-party system to the emergence of a market economy in an era of predominantly coalition governments.

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In the Club
Associational Life in Colonial South Asia

Benjamin B. Cohen, Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of Utah

Clubs in India are often regarded as antiquarian institutions left over from a bygone era with little to teach us about the past or present. Yet, *In the Club* presents a different picture of India’s clubland. This book offers a comprehensive examination of social clubs across India. It argues that clubs have been key contributors to India’s colonial associational life and civil society, and remain important nodes in public culture today.


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India’s First Democratic Revolution
Dayanand Bandodkar and the Rise of the Bahujan in Goa

Parag D. Parobo, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Goa University

“… a landmark contribution to our understanding of the politics of Goa…”

—Gopal Guru, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Parag Parobo’s book opens a new location from which to view the transformation of both pre- and post-colonial Goa … by bringing the Bahujan to the centre of the analysis. … The processes he talks about: land reforms, expansion of the social sector, deepening of democracy, etc., which were initiated by Bandodkar, radically changed the social and political landscape of Goa. This book will … invert some of the comfortable readings of Goa.

—Peter Ronald D’Souza, Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies


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Selected Works of C. Rajagopalachari  
Vol. III, 1923–25  
Edited by Mahesh Rangarajan, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), Teen Murti House, New Delhi, N. Balakrishnan, former Deputy Director, NMML and Deepa Bhatnagar, Head, Research and Publications Division and NMML Archives.


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Beloved Bapu  
The Gandhi-Mirabehn Correspondence  
Tridip Suhrud, Director, Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust, Gandhi Ashram, Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, Thomas Weber, Honorary Associate, School of Social Sciences and Research Associate, Center for Dialogue, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

Beloved Bapu offers readers an unprecedented insight into the relationship between Gandhi and Mirabehn, his foremost Western woman disciple and faithful companion for twenty-three years. Gandhi and Mira were often together but corresponded extensively when they were not. The current volume brings together this correspondence, interweaving Gandhi’s letters to Mira with her own responses to him and putting them in conversation. It thereby reveals the depth and complexity of their close but fraught relationship and also provides fascinating glimpses of their perspectives, opinions and struggles with life, health, work, people and satyagraha.


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Beyond Tranquebar  
Grappling Across Cultural Borders in South India  
Edited by Esther Fihl, Professor, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, and A. R. Venkatachalapathy, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, India

This volume is a collection of essays on the Danish colony of Tranquebar, known today by the name of Tharangampadi. The essays draw from ethnographic, archival and literary research in this fishing village on the Coromandel Coast. The contributors include leading scholars in their respective fields from Denmark, USA and India. The essays are theoretically sophisticated and cover a broad range of subjects ranging from art, family, colonialism, religion, and print culture to education and material culture. This volume represents a significant intervention in the study of early colonialism in India as it also addresses the complexities of a post colony and how it is perceived in Denmark.


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Early Medieval Indian Society
A Study in Feudalisation

R. S. Sharma, former Emeritus Professor of History, Patna University

The early medieval is the focus of R. S. Sharma’s analysis. In this book, Sharma highlights the feudalisation of the socio-economic structure of India in early medieval times and attributes the rise of land grants to the varna conflict and the decline of trade. Sharma’s compelling style and breadth and depth of vision make this book accessible to professional historians and sociologists as well as to those interested in the medieval roots of many of our social and cultural ideologies and institutions.

With a Prologue by Jaya Tyagi


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Fall and Rise of Telangana, The

Gautam Pingle, Dean of Research, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad

Written by a well-known policy analyst The Fall and Rise of Telangana chronicles the Telangana movement. The stimulus for penning this book, according to the author, was the aftermath of the event of 9 December 2009 when the Government of India announced its intention of forming the Telangana State. The volume provides a historical perspective to the Telangana cause, apart from charting the events and processes in the formation of the yet-to-be-born state.


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Cultural History of Early South Asia
A Reader

Edited by Shonaleeka Kaul, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi

This volume presents a wide-ranging survey of the diverse art forms of early South Asia. In doing so, it departs from the dominant tendency of treating the arts as static ‘heritage of the past’ with just exhibition value, and instead perceives them as dynamic processes of meaning and communication in the past. It connects cultural production with ordinary life, to explore the various roles which literature and visual arts played in the lives of their communities. Here, art is investigated as objects of aesthetic enjoyment, but also as creations of rhetorical or philosophical moment, as well as of utilitarian value. Bringing together authoritative voices on South Asia history, archaeology and literature, the volume acquaints its readership with fundamental contributions to the region’s art history.


Political Culture and Economy in Eighteenth Century Bengal
Networks of Exchange, Consumption and Communication

Tilottama Mukherjee teaches in the Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

The historiography of eighteenth-century India has been polarised. Historians have spoken of either a general decline or degeneration in the aftermath of the decay of the Mughal Empire, or at the other end of the spectrum, focused on the realignments and reorientation occurring in large parts of the erstwhile Mughal Empire. In this volume, the author has examined the nature of the commercial economy that emerged in the latter half of the eighteenth century in Bengal. She has looked at the period that saw the transition from Mughal rule to Company state. The evidence examined suggests that Bengal economy was decentralised—in the sense of not being regulated by a single agency—but not fragmented, and there was an extraordinary movement of commodities and people.


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Integration of the Indian States

V. P. Menon was Secretary, States Ministry after Independence

This is the revised edition of a classic. It is a first-hand account of the story of princely states and their integration into the Indian Union after Independence in 1947. The author, V. P. Menon, worked closely with Sardar Patel as the secretary of the state's Ministry to convince the rulers of the princely states to join the Union. Menon has provided a factual account of the proposals, negotiations and finally, the integration of these states with newly independent India.

With an Introduction by Asha Sarangi


Nature without Borders

Mahesh Rangarajan, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, M. D. Madhusudan, Senior Scientist and Trustee, Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore, and Ghazala Shahabuddin, independent researcher

This book explores the ways in which conservation of biodiversity can coexist with human actions and interests through a series of different essays. While wildlife conservation in India has traditionally depended on fencing off fragments of habitats and guarding them against human encroachment, such an approach is limited in value, given that formally designated Protected Areas occupy a very small proportion of territory and that nature and natural processes transcend human boundaries and cannot be contained within the borders of nature reserves. Recent research shows that conservation efforts can occur beyond the borders of Protected Areas and within human settlements. This eclectic collection of essays explores this topic through case studies that focus on different species, different environments (whether urban or rural), and different social and political constituencies ranging from local farming or fishing communities to the educated middle class to corporate interests and the state.


New Perspectives in the History of Indian Education

Edited by Parimala V. Rao, Assistant Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

This volume reevaluates some of the major interventions in the development of modern education in India since the mid-nineteenth century. The empirically rich essays focus on the initiatives to promote education among the socially and educationally backward Dalit communities and the status of Dalit institutions. The authors argue forcefully about the centrality of education in fostering social mobility and change. The essays on women’s education discuss how intensely controversial it was to educate girls, and how women struggled to establish their identity and make their voices heard in a traditional society undergoing a transition to modernity.


Contributors: Hayden Bellenoit, Radha Gayathri, Suresh Chandra Ghosh, Simone Holzwarth and Verónica Oelsner, Laura Dudley Jenkins, Mahima Manchanda, Preeti, Parimala V. Rao; Eleanor Zelliot
Selected Works of C. Rajagopalachari
Vol. II, 1921–22

Edited by Mahesh Rangarajan, Director, NMML, N. Balakrishnan, Deputy Director, NMML, and Deepa Bhatnagar, in-charge of the Research and Publications Division, NMML

Days of the Beloved, The
Harriet Ronken Lynott, former member of the faculty of the Harvard School of Education and author of several books and case books on Organizational Behavior. Mohini Rajan belonged to a Hyderabad family. Granddaughter of the man who was Kotwal to Osman Ali Khan Nizam VII, she was familiar with many of the families who appear in this book and interviewed their surviving members.

Selected Works of C. Rajagopalachari, Vol. 2, 1921–22, is part of a series of ten volumes that gather together the writings of Rajaji over the period 1907–72. The second volume covers a brief but significant phase in Rajaji’s political life during 1921–22, beginning with his arrest for participating in the non-cooperation movement in December 1921 and imprisonment in Vellore Central Jail. Rajaji’s jail diary is published here with detailed annotations for the first time. By the time Rajaji was released from jail in March 1922, Mahatma Gandhi, by then his close associate, had been arrested and remanded to Yeravda Jail. The mantle of bringing out the nationalist weekly Young India fell on Rajaji’s shoulders. Through the columns of Young India, Rajaji kept alive Gandhiji’s message of non-violence and his emphasis on the importance of khaddar and the spinning wheel. Besides his various editorials and articles in Young India, the present volume also contains letters, speeches and other writings of Rajaji during these years. The volume ends with his spirited defence of the non-cooperation programme opposing council entry at the 37th Session of the Indian National Congress at Gaya in December 1922. Overall, the collection offers a close commentary on the non-cooperation movement and its aftermath.

History of Education in Modern India, The
1757–2012 (Fourth Edition)

Suresh Chandra Ghosh held the Chair of History of Education at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, till 2002

This volume presents an overview of the education system in India from its colonial beginnings through Independence till the present day. The fourth edition includes the latest discussions and debates around the major changes planned for and already implemented in the education sector. It also includes the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission, the Yashpal Committee Report, and the enactment of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (the RTE Act).


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A. K. Chettiar
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Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, Research Fellow, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Cambridge, USA

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Ashoka was the third emperor of the Maurya dynasty and also one of the finest rulers in World-history. A dedicated Buddhist, he is idolised for his altruistic hegemony. In fact, the candour and emotion of his messages on stone show him less as a political figure than as a self-reflective individual.

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How the Indus Civilization was Discovered
Nayanjot Lahiri, Professor, History Department, Delhi University

Spanning nearly a century, Finding foreign cities is a tale of men such as the colorful collector-traveller Charles Masson, who first described Harappa; the archaeological pioneer Alexander Cunningham, Harappa’s first excavator; discerning diggers such as Daya Ram Sahni, Rakhaldas Banerji, and Madho Sarup Vats who uncovered Harappa and Mohenjodaro; the Italian linguist-turned-explorer Luigi Pio Tessitori, who unearthed Kalibangan but never lived to tell the tale of his exploits; government officials of all kinds who, as self-taught archaeologists, stumbled upon significant clues in their work areas; and, presiding over the whole process, a Cambridge classicist brought by Lord Curzon to India as Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India—John Marshall—who finally pieced together the maze of enigmatic data on the long forgotten Indus civilisation. The book comprises a powerful narrative history of how India’s antiquity was unexpectedly unearthed. It will interest every serious reader of history and
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that made Gopal’s reputation. They range from analyses of imperialists such as Curzon and Churchill, to nationalists such as Nehru, Gandhi, Ambedkar, and Patel, to novelist-democrats such as E.M. Forster and Rabindranath Tagore. The Suez Crisis, cricketers and cricket-writing, secularism and Hinduva, women and Indian law, and the English language in South Asia are among the varied subjects that they are about.

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—Partha Chatterjee

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Mahatma Jotirao Phule and Low Caste Protest in Nineteenth-Century Western India

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This is the first Indian reprint, with a new preface by the author, of a classic work which was first published in 1985. This study concentrates on the first leader of the movement against untouchability, Mahatma Jotirao Phule. It shows him as its first ideologist, working out a unique brand of radical humanism. It analyses his contribution to one of the most important and neglected social developments in western India in this period—the formation of a new regional identity.

**Caste Question, The**

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Focusing on western India in the colonial and postcolonial periods, this innovative work shines a light on South Asian historiography and on ongoing caste discrimination, to show how persons without rights came to possess them and how Dalit struggles led to the transformation of such terms of colonial liberalism as rights, equality, and personhood.

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As India became free on 15 August 1947, Mahatma Gandhi planned a discussion in Sevagram on 2 February 1948, on the future equations of his political and non-political associates, but 30 January 1948 intervened. Thanks primarily to Rajendra Prasad and Vinoba Bhave, the proposed conference did take place, after a slight deferment, in March 1948. Without the Mahatma, the meeting acquired a new theme: ‘Gandhi is Gone. Who Will Guide Us Now?’ The record of discussions at the conference were typed out for limited circulation amongst the participants. Published here for the first time sixty years on, the discussions of that conference remain amazingly pertinent, stimulating and challenging today.

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Many Lives of a Rajput Queen, The
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South Asian Scholars and the West
Edited by Jackie Assayag, Senior Research Fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, and Véronique Benei, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics, London

This book, which is a blend of autobiography and intellectual history by some of South Asia’s foremost contemporary historians and sociologists, shows how the intervention of scholars of South Asian descent has reconstituted the debate on postcolonialism, imperialism, globalisation, capitalism and national traditions.

Contributors: Shahid Amin, Arjun Appadurai, Jackie Assayag, Véronique Benei, Urvashi Butalia, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Partha Chatterjee, Vasudha Dalmia, Prasenjit Duara, Ramahandra Guha, Akhil Gupta, Sudipta Kaviraj, Purnima Manekar, Gyan Prakash, Sanjay Subrahmanyan

Dr Ambedkar and Untouchability
Analysing and Fighting Caste
Christophe Jaffrelot, Director, CERI (Centre d’Études et Recherches Internationales), Sciences Po, Paris

This book focuses on the three key areas that are central to a full understanding of India’s pioneering Dalit: Ambedkar as social theorist; Ambedkar as statesman and politician; and Ambedkar as an opponent of caste Hinduism and advocate of Buddhism as a method of release from Hindu social oppression. In each case, Jaffrelot argues, Ambedkar was the first to forge new political, symbolic, and emotively powerful strategies for Dalits. These not only proved effective in Ambedkar’s own lifetime; they resonate powerfully even today.

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This book sets out to demonstrate the complex forms of historiography produced in south India, arguing that the division between Indo-Persian and vernacular historiographies is artificial. The authors demonstrate the existence of a group of literati (karanams), who passed from Telugu and Tamil to Marathi and Persian. Through a reading of and translations from the relevant texts, the book sets out to shake some prejudices in the received wisdom on medieval and early modern India.

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— The Statesman

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Women of the Hindu Right in India
Kalyani Devaki Menon teaches religious studies at DePaul University, Chicago

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George Gheverghese Joseph holds joint appointments at the University of Manchester and Exeter, United Kingdom, and at the University of Toronto, Canada

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With an Introduction by Narayani Gupta, Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi

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**M. K. Gandhi’s Hind Swaraj**  
A Critical Edition  
Annotated, translated and edited by Suresh Sharma, historian and anthropologist, and Tridip Suhrud, Professor, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Ahmedabad

On board the Kildonan Castle, on his return from England to South Africa, M. K. Gandhi wrote *Hind Swaraj* in Gujarati between 13 and 22 November 1909. This centenary edition of Gandhi’s *Hind Swaraj* is both a celebration of the text as also its biography. This critical edition restores the sanctity of the 1910 first edition and brings it in conversation with the subsequent editions of 1921 and 1939. It also compares the Gujarati original with the English rendering. For the first time, this edition brings together three texts (Gujarati, Hindi and English) and also includes the original Preface and Foreword of Gandhi. This is the only bilingual edition of *Hind Swaraj*.


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Selected Works of C. Rajagopalachari, Vol. I, 1907–21
Mahesh Rangarajan, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), N. Balakrishnan, Deputy Director, NMML, Deepa Bhatnagar, In-charge of the Research and Publications Division and NMML Archives
Chakravarti Rajagopalachari (1878–1972), popularly known as Rajaji, was the first Governor General of independent India (1948–50) and one of the most important leaders of the Indian national movement in the Madras Presidency. Known as Mahatma Gandhi’s ‘conscience-keeper’, he was awarded India’s highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna in 1955. Part of a ten-volume series, volume I looks at the period when Rajaji became involved in the freedom movement (1907–21). It is a collection of articles and letters he wrote to prominent leaders like Gandhi, Gokhale, Vijayaraghavachariar, and in newspapers like The Hindu, Madras Mail and Commonwealth.

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Part of a ten-volume series, volume 2 covers a brief but significant phase in Rajaji’s political life, beginning with his arrest for participating in the non-cooperation movement in December 1921 and his imprisonment in Vellore Central Jail. Besides his various editorials and articles in Young India, this volume also contains letters, speeches and other writings of Rajaji during these years. Overall, the collection offers a close commentary on the non-cooperation movement and its aftermath.

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A Select Bibliography of the English and European Language Sources

Introduced and annotated by Edward Simpson, Senior Lecturer, Social Anthropology, School of Oriental and Anthropological Studies, London

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Structure of Hindu Society, The

Nirmal Kumar Bose, former Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata

The lucid and scholarly translation from the original Bangla Hindu Samajyer Goran has been done by Andre Betelle. Prof. Betelle’s introduction analyses the qualities of Bose’s mind and work, especially as illustrated in this book, and his preface to this revised edition enriches this valuable study. The author has undertaken an ambitious task in which he has attempted to identify the organising principles of Hindu society, the factors which ensured its continuity for centuries, and the forces by which it is ultimately weakened. This book brings together, within a single framework, approaches which are ordinarily practised separately by ethnographers, Indologists and social historians.


Studies in Indian History and Culture

U. N. Ghoshal

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Subjugated Nomads

The Lambadas Under the Rule of the Nizams

Bhangya Bhukya, Associate Professor, Department of History, Osmania University, Hyderabad

This book traces the historical transition of the Lamba community of Hyderabad State under the Nizams during colonial rule. The study spans nearly two centuries—from the early eighteenth to about the middle of the twentieth century. The author shows how this community, originally caravan traders, confronted the colonial or modern state power which had adversely transformed their lives.


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Mohammad Moienuddin

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Nayanjot Lahiri

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Nehru, Prasad, Azad, Vinoba, Kripalani, JP, and Others Introspect, Sevagram, March 1948

Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Former Governor of West Bengal

As India became free on 15 August 1947, Mahatma Gandhi planned a discussion in Sevagram on 2 February 1948, on the future equations of his political and non-political associates, but 30 January 1948 intervened. Thanks primarily to Rajendra Prasad and Vinoba Bhave, the proposed conference did take place, after a slight deferment, in March 1948. Without the Mahatma, the meeting acquired a new theme: ‘Gandhi is Gone. Who Will Guide Us Now?’


Gandhi: In His Time and Ours

David Hardiman

This book examines Gandhi as the creator of a radical style of politics. It argues that whereas politicians garner support by demonising those they oppose, Gandhi resisted such a politics. He asserted that there are always grounds for a fruitful dialogue between opponents. How did Gandhi create this new form of politics? Hardiman shows its basis within Gandhi’s larger vision of an alternative society based on respect, non-violence, and ecological harmony. His politics in turn constituted one of the many directions by which he activated this peculiarly personal vision. Gandhi’s influence on new social movements—by environmentalists, anti-war campaigners, feminists, human rights activists—are also examined to assess his legacy.

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Gandhi’s Conscience Keeper

C. Rajagopalachari and Indian Politics

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Hailed by Mahatma Gandhi as his conscience keeper, Chakravarti Rajagopalachari (1878–1972; better known as Rajaji) epitomised the practical wisdom, religious tolerance and statesmanship that Gandhi brought to the nationalist movement. Vasant Srinivasan presents Rajaji’s vision as that of a theocentric liberal. Examining his political ideas and actions alongside his literary works, as well as in relation to Nehru and Periyar, she shows how Rajaji steered clear of ideological dogma and charted an ethic of responsibility.

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A Reader

Christophe Jaffrelot, Director, Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Paris

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Islam, Rights, and the History of Kashmir

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Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation

Community, Religion, and Cultural Nationalism

Tanika Sarkar, Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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Partha Chatterjee. Professor of Political Science, and Raziuddin Aquil, Fellow in History, both at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

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c. 1200–1800

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Indian Labour and its Forgotten Histories

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Nivedan

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At an early age Dharmanand set off on an incredible journey of austere self-training across the length and breadth of Britain’s Indian Empire, halting to educate himself at places connected with Buddhism. Meera Kosambi’s Introduction contextualises the life, career, and achievement of one of modern India’s greatest scholar-savants.

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Designing Selves and Nations in Colonial Times

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Sexuality, Obscenity, Community

Women, Muslims, and the Hindu Public in Colonial India

Charu Gupta has a SOAS PhD in History and is a Reader in History at Delhi University

The cultural imagination of Hindu India is the subject of this book. The book explores moral and sexual worries among an aspiring section of Hindu middle-class caste reformers. This group epitomised male fears over women’s autonomy.
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This book sets out to demonstrate the complex forms of historiography produced in south India, arguing that the division between Indo-Persian and vernacular historiographies is artificial. The authors demonstrate the existence of a group of literati (karanams), who passed from Telugu and Tamil to Marathi and Persian. Through a reading of and translations from the relevant texts, the book sets out to shake some prejudices in the received wisdom on medieval and early modern India.

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The Mulshi Satyagraha 1920–1924

Rajendra Vora

Back in the 1920s, the peasants of Mulshi Peta, near Pune, had protested against the construction of a dam being built with government support by the industrial house of the Tatas. The struggle was led by Pandurang Mahadev (‘Senapati’) Bapat, a socialist and nationalist who had been educated in England. In 1995, Rajendra Vora’s book on the Mulshi Satyagraha won the prestigious G.H. Deshmukh award of the Pune Sahitya Parishad. Vora was then persuaded to write an English version. This is that version, and it includes a chapter which links contemporary anti-dam protests with ideas and activities first expressed in the 1920s.

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