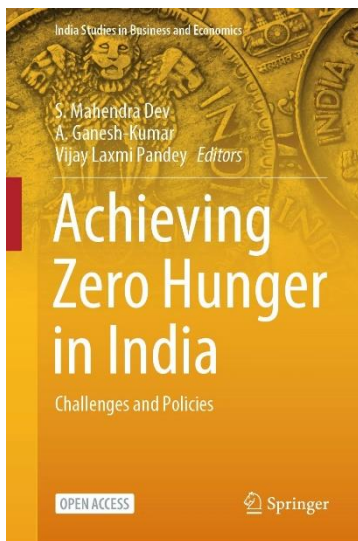


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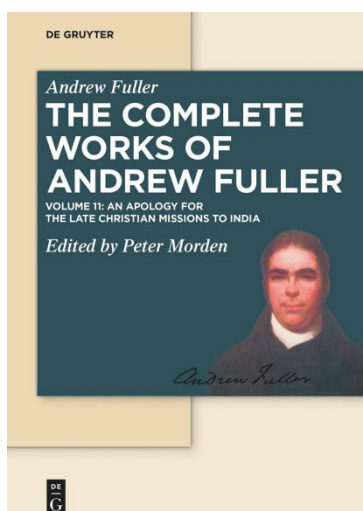


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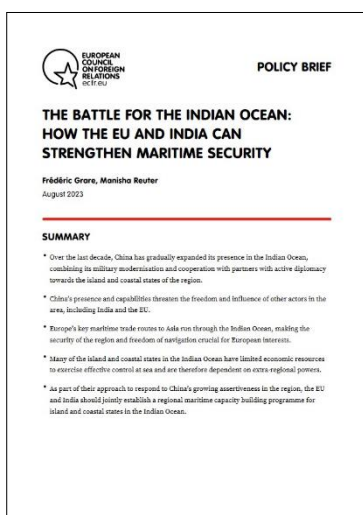


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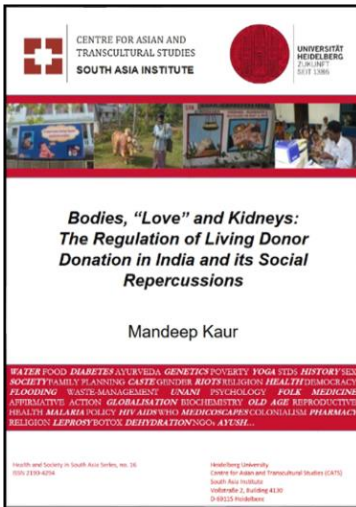


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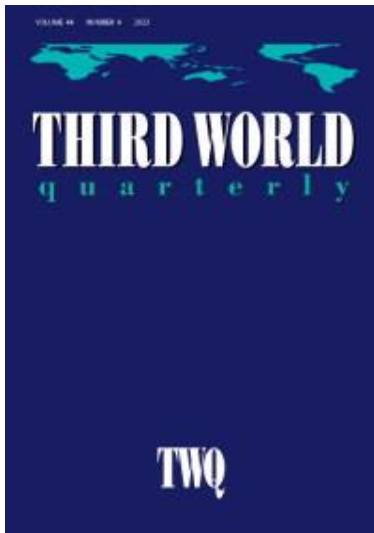
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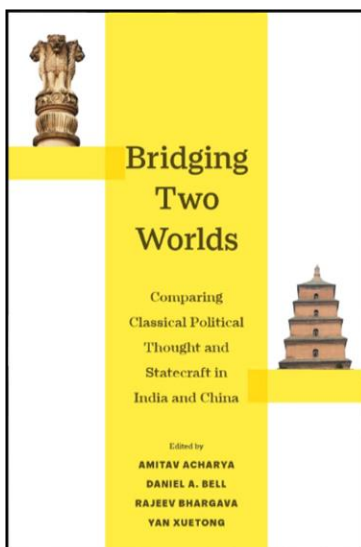


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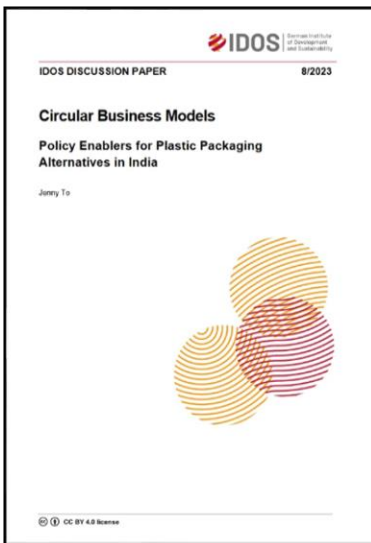


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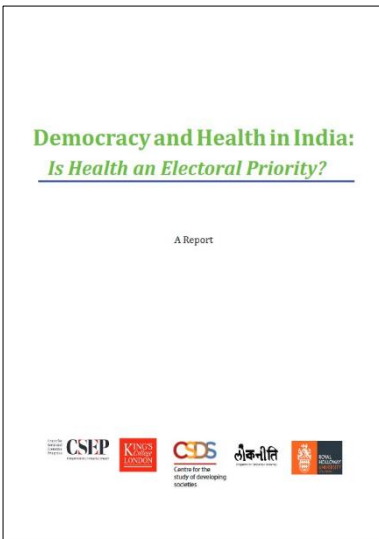
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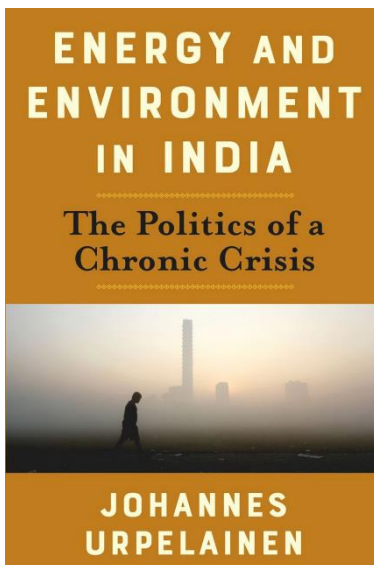


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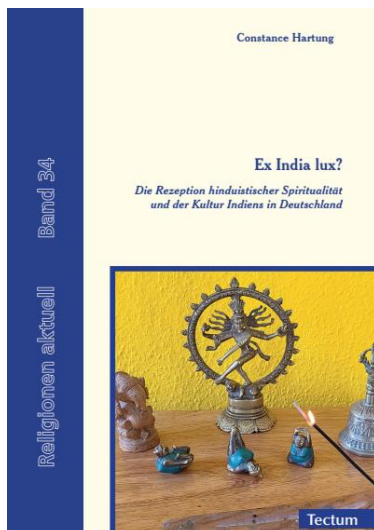


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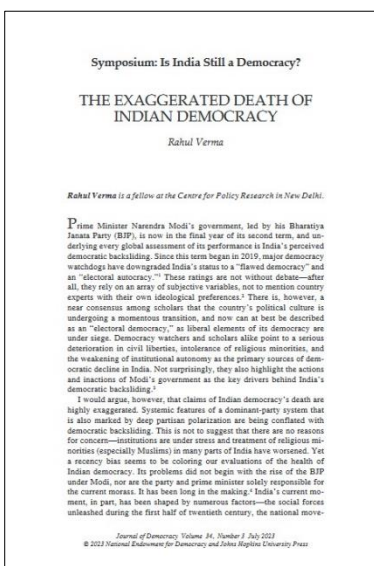


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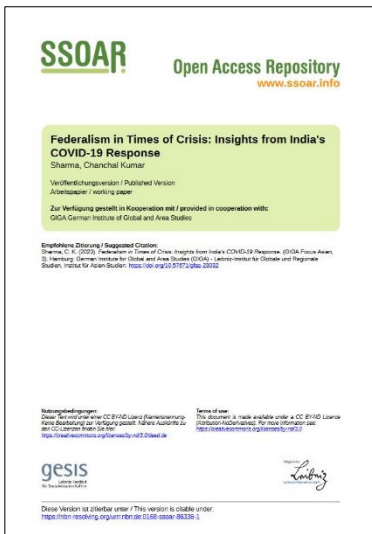


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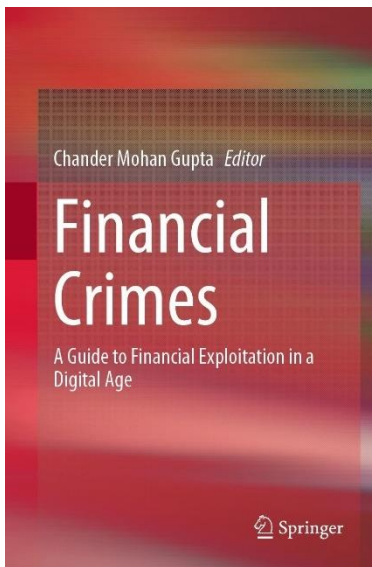
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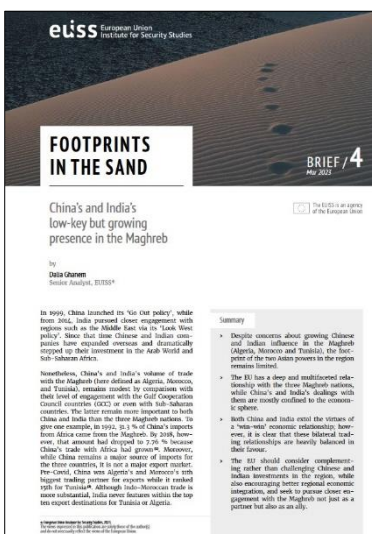


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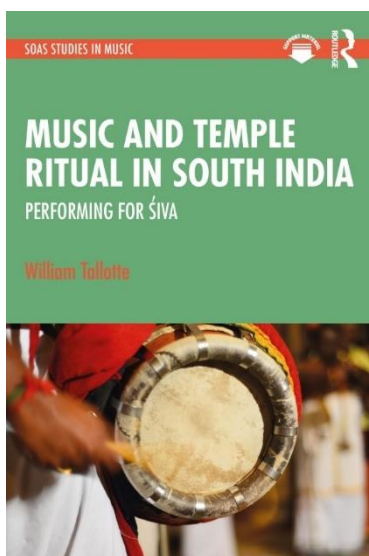


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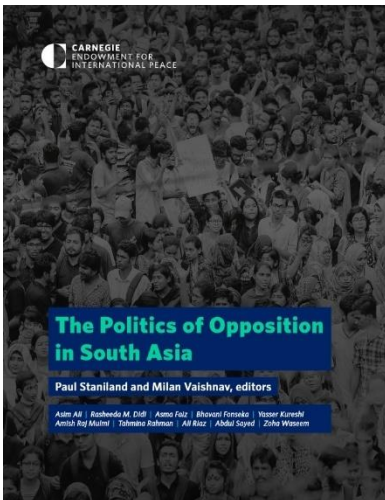


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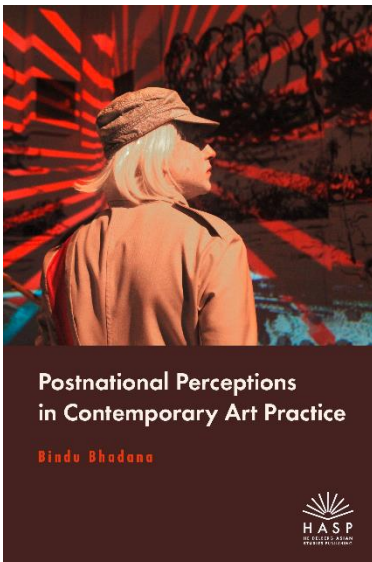
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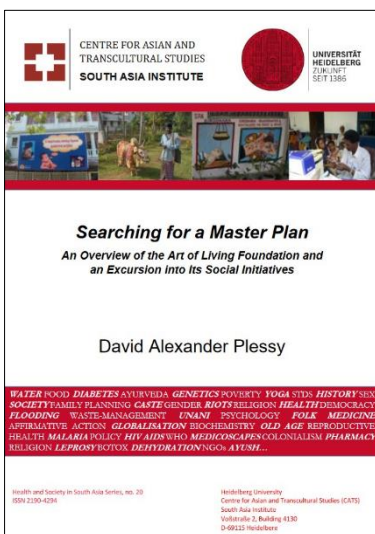


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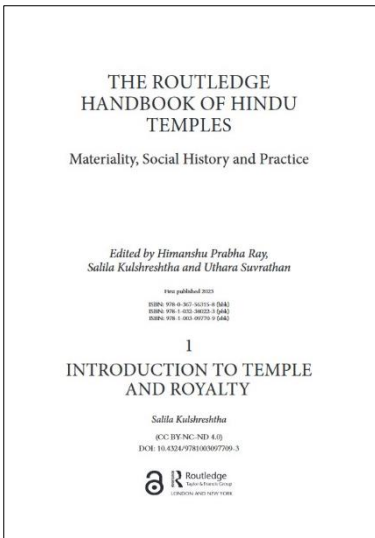
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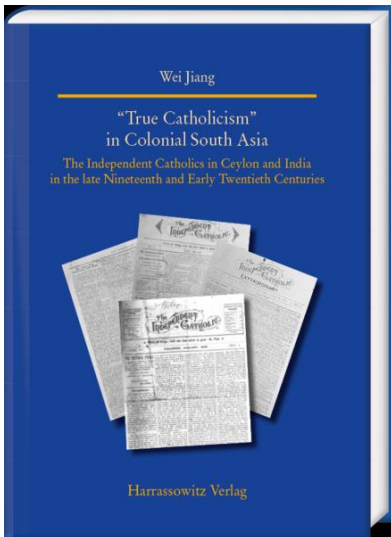


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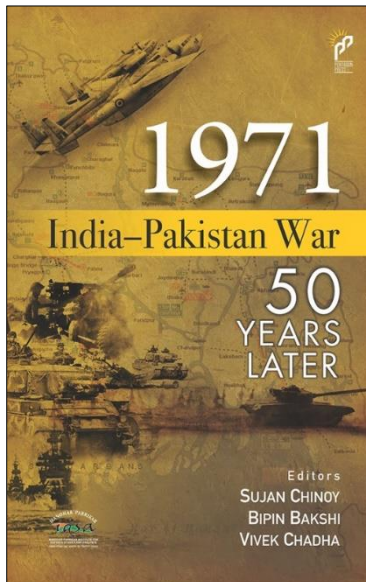
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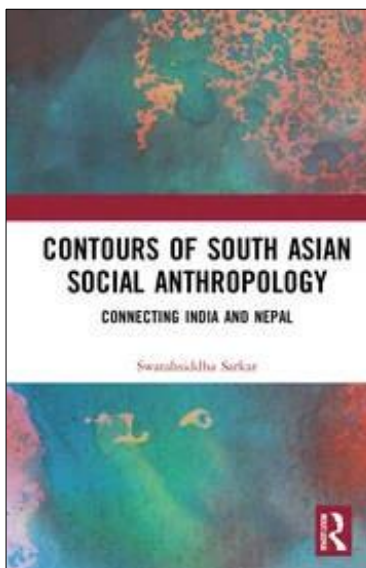


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**ABSTRACT**

**1. Introduction**

Domestic violence comprises the largest share of all reported crimes against women in India (UN, 2013). Almost one fourth of Indian women say they have experienced it in the past year and 50 percent think it is justified under some circumstances (Datta, 2017). There are several theories to explain the persistence of domestic violence: evolutionary theories, social and family culture of violence and honor, gender inequality, patriarchy, and economic dependence (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022). Economic dependence is considered an important trigger for marital violence and honor behavior (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022). Recent cross-country findings suggest that job losses experienced by men, especially, are associated with higher incidences of intimate partner violence (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022).

A natural research question then arises whether policies that alleviate economic stress also reduce domestic violence. In rural India, where much of the population is still dependent on casual agriculture, how capital in a form of productivity and income shock (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022) in the form of a national rural employment guarantee program is associated with the impact of labor loss (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022).

**2. Literature**

Domestic violence is commonly linked with economic violence. This paper tests how India's workforce program impacts the effect of labor loss on marital violence of the household, such as women or the elderly (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022). Datta (2017) and Sen (2014) show that the effect of labor loss on marital violence is significantly larger for women who are employed in the informal sector (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022). Datta (2017) and Sen (2014) show that the effect of labor loss on marital violence is significantly larger for women who are employed in the informal sector (Datta, 2017; Sen, 2014; Sen, 2015; Sen, 2016; Sen, 2017; Sen, 2018; Sen, 2019; Sen, 2020; Sen, 2021; Sen, 2022).

**3. Methodology**

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**4. Results**

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**5. Conclusion**

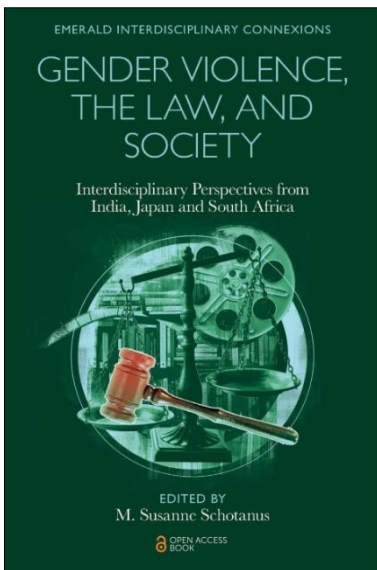
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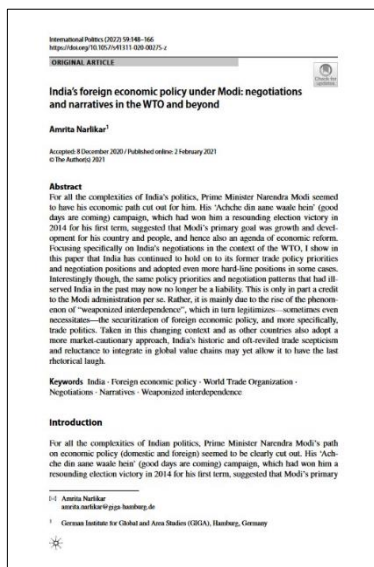


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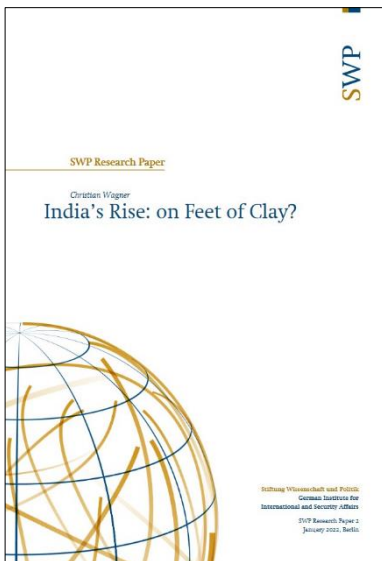


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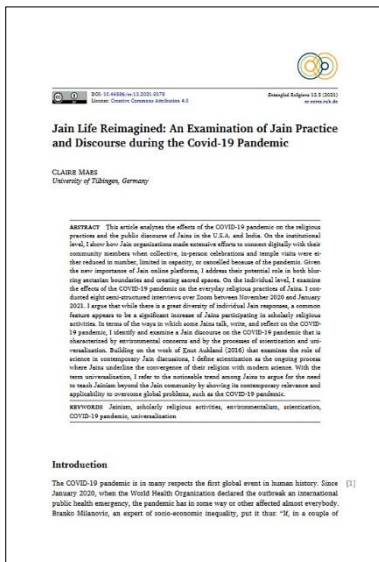
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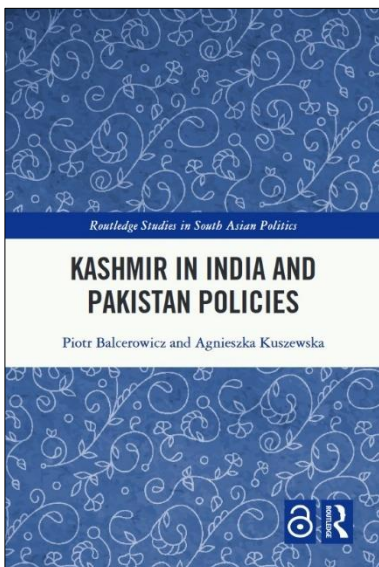
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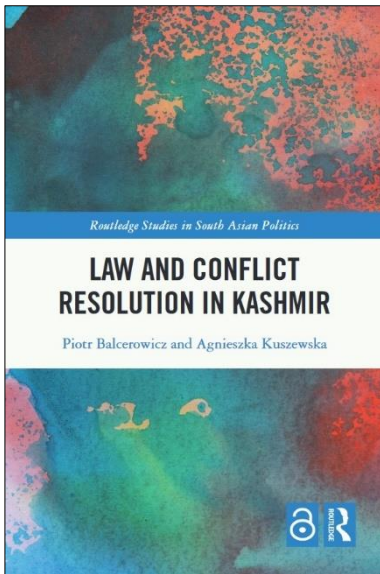


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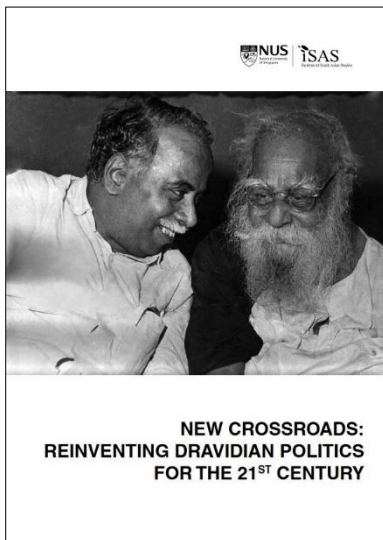
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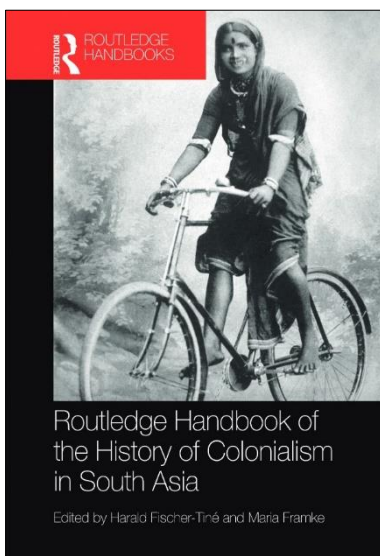


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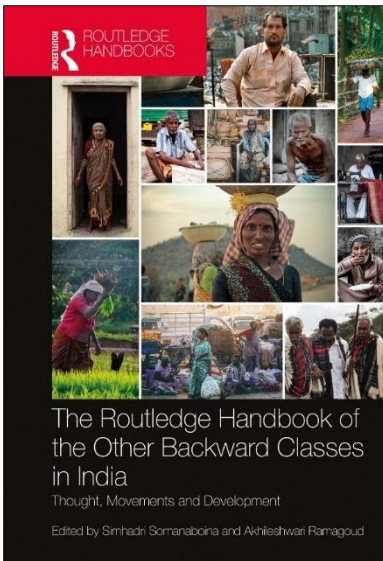
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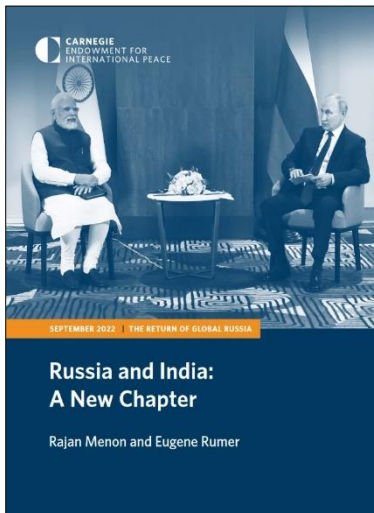


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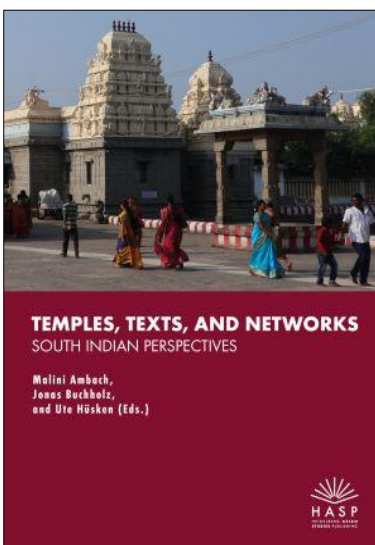


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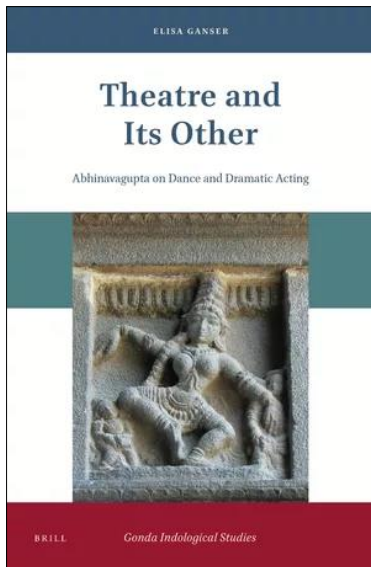
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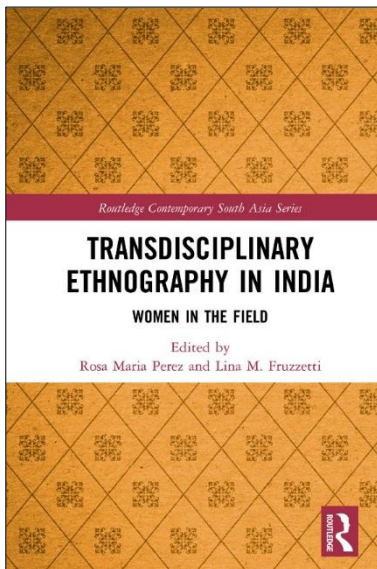


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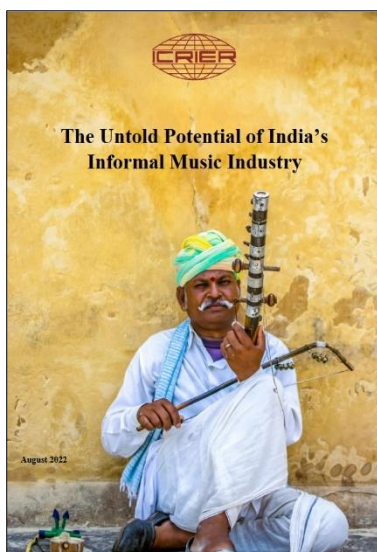


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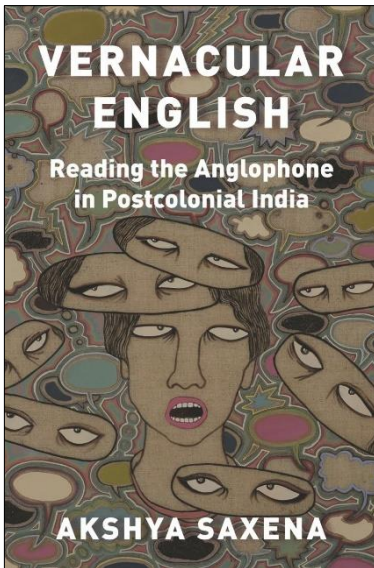


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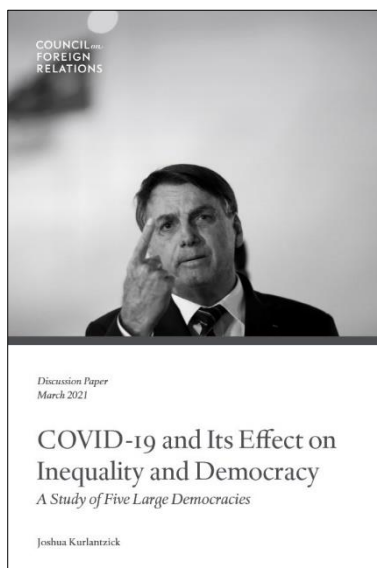


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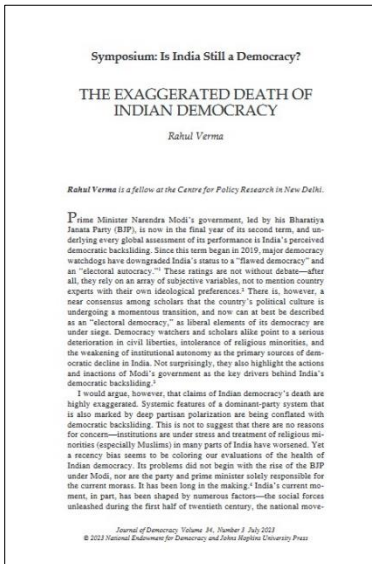


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