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History and the Present—Partha Chatterjee 2006 These essays represent a critique of the disciplinary practices of history. They examine the historian's practices and assumptions, being mainly concerned with finding a set of practices of history-writing that are both truthful and ethical. They are united by the desire to find a way out of the self-constructed cage of scientific history that has made historians wary of the popular.

Forms of Collective Violence—Paul R. Brass 2006 These essays focus on the various forms of collective violence that have occurred in India during the past six decades, which include riots, pogroms, and genocide. It is argued that these various forms of violence must be understood not as spontaneous outbursts of passion, but as productions by organized groups. Moreover, it is also evident that government and its agents do not always act to control violence, but often engage in or permit gratuitous acts of violence against particular groups under the cover of the imperative of restoring order, peace, and tranquility. It has certainly been the case of incidents of collective violence in India where curfew restrictions have been used for just such purposes. In this context, secularism constitutes a countervailing practice, and a set of values that are essential to maintain balance in a plural society where the organization of intergroup violence is endemic, persistent, and deadly.

The Production of Hindu-Muslim Violence in Contemporary India—Paul R. Brass 2011-05-01 Chronic Hindu-Muslim rioting in India has created a situation in which communal violence is both so normal and so varied in its manifestations that it would seem to defy effective analysis. Paul R. Brass, one of the worlds' preeminent experts on South Asia, has tracked more than half a century's riots in the northern Indian city of Allahpur. This book is the culmination of a lifetime, thinking about the dynamics of institutionalized intergroup violence in northern India, covering the last thirty years of the 20th century as well as the entire period of communal violence is deliberately provided and narrated. He convincingly implicates the police, crime syndicates, elements of the business community, and many of its leading political actors in the continuous effort to produce communal violence. Much like a theatrical production, specific roles are played, with phases for rehearsal, staging, and interpretation. In this way, riots become key historical markers in the struggle for political, economic, and social dominance of one community over another. In the course of demonstrating how accepting arguments for abandoning or refuting a number of widely held views about the supposed causes of communal violence, not just in India but throughout the rest of the world. An important addition to the literature on Indian and South Asian politics, this book is also an invaluable contribution to our understanding of the interplay of nationalism, ethnicity, religion, and collective violence, wherever it occurs.

The Routledge Handbook of Ethnic Conflict—Karl Cordell 2016-01-22 A definitive global survey of the interaction of ethnicity, nationalism and politics, this handbook blends rigorous theoretically grounded analyses with empirically rich illustrations to provide a state-of-the-art overview of the contemporary debates on one of the most pervasive international security challenges today. Fully updated for the second edition, the book includes a new section which offers detailed analyses of contemporary cases of conflict such as in Ukraine, Kosovo, the African Great Lakes region and in the Kurdish areas across the Middle East, thus providing accessible examples that bridge the gap between theory and practice. The contributors offer a 360-degree perspective on ethnic conflict: from the theoretical foundations of nationalism and ethnicity to the causes and consequences of ethnic conflict, and to the various strategies adopted in response to it. Without privileging any specific explanation of why ethnic conflict happens at a particular place and time or why attempts at preventing or settling it might fail or succeed. The Routledge Handbook of Ethnic Conflict enables readers to gain a better insight into such defining moments in post-Cold War international history as the disintegration of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, and their respective consequences, the genocide in Rwanda, and the relative success of conflict settlement efforts in Northern Ireland. By contributing to understanding the varied and multiple causes of ethnic conflicts and to learning from the successes and failures of their prevention and settlement, the Handbook makes a powerful case that ethnic conflicts are neither unavoidable nor unresolvable, but rather that they require careful analysis and thoughtful and measured responses.

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Parties and movements. This study accords particular importance to the role of social movements in precipitating anti-minority violence. It calls for a broader understanding of social movements and a greater appreciation of their relationship to political parties.

Governing the Locals - Tomla Lankina 2006-11 This book examines the impact of Russia’s local self-governing institutions on nationalist movement mobilization in post-Soviet Russia. It is the first study identifying municipalities as central to explaining aspects of ethnic or broader social activism in post-Soviet Russia. Because the book is comparative in scope, it also contributes to debates on movement dynamics and nationalist mobilization in other national and institutional settings.

Sharing the Sacred - Anna Bigelow 2010-02-04 The author looks at a place where the conditions for religious conflict are present, but active conflict is absent, focusing on a Muslim majority Punjab town (Malkerkotla) where both during the Partition and subsequently there has been no inter-religious violence.

Religion and Conflict in South and Southeast Asia - Linell E. Cady 2006-09-27. A major new contribution to comparative and multidisciplinary scholarship on the alignment of religion and violence in the contemporary world, with a special focus on South and Southeast Asia. Religion and Conflict in South and Southeast Asia shows how this region is the site of recent and emerging democracies, a high degree of religious pluralism, the largest Muslim populations in the world, and several well-organized terrorist groups, making understanding of the dynamics of religion and conflict particularly urgent. By bringing scholars from religious studies, political science, sociology, anthropology and international relations into conversation with each other, this volume brings much needed attention to the role of religion in fostering violence in the region and addresses strategies for its containment or resolution. The dearth of other literature on the intersection of religion, politics and violence in contemporary South and Southeast Asia makes the timing of this book particularly relevant. This book will of great interest to advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students of Asian politics, security studies and conflict studies.

Indian Secularism - Shabnum Tejani 2021-01-05 Many of the central issues in modern Indian politics have long been understood in terms of an opposition between ideologies of secularism and communalism. Observers have argued that recent Hindu nationalism is the symptom of a crisis of Indian secularism and have blamed this on a resurgence of religion or communalism. Shabnum Tejani unpacks prevailing assumptions about the meaning of secularism in contemporary politics, focusing on India but with many points of comparison elsewhere in the world. She questions the simple dichotomy between secularism and communalism that has been studied in political and social discourse. Tracing the social, cultural, and intellectual genealogies of the concepts of secularism and communalism from the late nineteenth century until the ratification of the Indian constitution in 1950, she shows how secularism came to be bound up with ideas about nationalism and national identity.

Rethinking the Man Question - Jane L. Parpart 2013-07-04 The reality of international relations and its academic study are still almost entirely constituted by men. Rethinking the Man Question is a crucial investigation and reinvigoration of debates about gender and international relations. Following on from the seminal The Man Question in International Relations this book looks at the increasingly violent and ‘toxic’ nature of world politics post 9/11. Contributors including Rawey Connell, Kimberley Hutchings, Cynthia Enloe, Kevin Dunn and Sandra Whithurst consider the diverse theoretical and practical implications of masculinity for international relations in the contemporary world. Covering theoretical issues including masculinist theories of war, masculinity and the military, cyborg soldiers, post-traumatic stress disorder and white male privilege. The book also focuses on the ways in which masculinity configure world events from conscientious objection in South Africa to ‘perno-nationalism’ in India, from myths and heroes in Kosovo to the making of Zimbabwe. This essential work will define the field for many years to come.

Invisible Institutionalities - Swethaa S Ballakrishnen 2021-02-11. Taking its cue from theoretical and ideological calls to challenge globalisation as a dynamic of homogenisation - and resistance - as led from, and directed against, the Global North, this volume asks: what can we see when we shift the lens beyond a North–South binary? Based on empirical studies of ‘frontier-zones’ of legal globalisation in India, Pakistan and Latin America, the book adopts an original format. Framed as a relational dialogue between newer as well as more prominent scholars within the field, from various corners through to postcolonial academic peripheries, it questions structural variables in the shadows of legal globalisation and how we as scholars build a space for critique.

The Vernacularisation of Democracy - Lucia Michelutti 2020-11-29 The book is an ethnographic exploration of how ‘democracy’ takes social and cultural roots in India and in the process shapes the nature of popular politics. It centres on a historically marginalised caste who in recent years has become one of the most assertive and politically powerful groups in modern India. The Vernacularisztation of Democracy is a vivid conventional theories of democritisation the book shows how the political upsurge of ‘the lower orders’ is situated within a wider process of the vernacularisation of democratic politics, referring to the ways in which values and practices of democracy become embedded in particular cultural and social practices, and in the process becomes entrenched in the consciousness of ordinary people. During the 1990s, Indian democracy witnessed an upsurge in the political participation of lower castes/communities and the emergence of political leaders from humble social backgrounds who present themselves as promoters of social justice for underprivileged communities. Drawing on a large body of archival and ethnographic material the author shows how the analysis of local idioms of caste, kinship, kingship, popular religion, ‘the past’ and politics (the ‘vernacular’) inform popular perceptions of the political world and how of the democratic process shapes in turn ‘the vernacular’. This line of enquiry provides a novel framework to understand the unique experience of Indian democracy as well as democratic politics and its meaning in other contemporary post-colonial states. Using as a case study the political ethnography of a powerful northern Indian caste (the Yadav) and combining ethnographic material with colonial and post-colonial history the book examines the unique experience of Indian popular democracy and provides a framework to analyse popular politics in other parts of the world. The book fills

Moderate or Militant - Mushirul Hasan 2008-02-13. In this book Mushirul Hasan articulates a vision of Islam or rather the many different kinds of Islam, instead of the frightening monolith of popular perception, living in harmony with other faiths, and of Indian Muslims, inheritors of the great Indian civilization, living in a plural society. Engaging with the debates surrounding the society, polity, and history of India’s Muslims, and using historical and literary sources, as well as the writings of modern Muslim thinkers like Arif Ahmad and Mohammad Mujeeb, Hasan traces the development of contemporary ideas about Muslims from the mid-nineteenth century onwards, through British rule and the partition, to the present day. For Hasan, a truly secular reading of Indian history reveals Indian Islam as one that exists in a pluralist milieu.

Writing History, Constructing Religion - James C. Crossley 2018-01-18. Writing History, Constructing Religion presents a much-needed interdisciplinary exploration of the significance of debates among historians, scholars of religion and cultural theorists over the ‘nature’ of history to the study of religion. The distinguished authors discuss issues related to definitions of history, postmodernism, critical theory, and the impact on the study and analysis of religious traditions; exploring the application of writing history from below, discussions of ‘truth’ and ‘objectivity’ as opposed to power and ideology, crises of representation, and the place of theory in the ‘historicized’ study of religion(s). Addressing conceptual debates in a wide range of historical and empirical contexts, the authors critically engage with issues including religious nationalism, Nazism, Islam and the West, secularism, religion in post-Communist Russia, ethnicity and post modernity. This book constitutes a significant step towards the self-reflexive and interdisciplinary study of religion in history.

Religion and the Environment - R. Tanner 2016-06-03. This book is an analysis of the whole frontier between religion and the environment. It deals in turn with their interactions and the effects of each on the other in the major world religions. It considers the religious impact on human uses of time, space, materials, transport, and foods, and the environmental effects of religious influence on major topics such as population pressures, morbidity, mortality, marital arrangements, contraception, the treatment of animals, and environmental management.

Religion in World Conflict - Jonathon Fox 2014-02-04. This new book tackles two crucial questions: First, how does religion influence its various forms and manifestations influence world politics? Second, how will adding religion to the discourse on international relations modify our theoretical understanding? Each of these leading authors addresses different aspects of these questions in different contexts providing a diverse and multifaceted view of the topic. Susanna Pearce and Tanja Ellingsen examine the religious causes of conflict on the macro-level. Several of the contributors focus on specific conflicts. The Gaurav Ghose and Patrick James examine the Kashmir conflict from the Pakistani perspective and Carolynn James and Ozgur Onalmar examine it from the Indian perspective. Similarly Hilhel Frisch examines the Palestinian-Israeli conflict from the Palestinian perspective and Jonathan Lynfield examines it from the Israeli perspective. Finally, two of the authors examine other important issues. Stuart Cohen examines the evolution of the religious view of war in the Jewish tradition and Yehudit Auerbach examines whether can play a role in conflict resolution and reconciliation. These assessments deliver fascinating conclusions. This book was previously published as a Special Issue of Terrorism and Violence.

Citizenship and Antisemitism in French Colonial Algeria, 1870-1962 - Sophie B. Roberts 2017-12-28. Professor Roberts examines the relationship between antisemitism and the practices of citizenship in a colonial context. She focuses on the experiences of Algerian Jews and their
evolving identity as citizens as they competed with the other populations in the colony, including newly naturalised non-French settlers and Algerian Muslims, for control over the scarce resources of the colonial state. The author argues that this resulted in antigovernment violence and hotly contested debates over the nature of French identity and rights of citizenship. Tracing the ambiguities and tensions that Algerian Jews faced, the book shows that anti-Semitism was not coherent or stable but changed in response to influences within Algeria, and from metropolitan France, Europe and the Middle East. Written for a wide audience, this title contributes to several fields including Jewish history, colonial and empire studies, anti-Semitism within municipal politics, and citizenship, and adds to current debates on transnationalism and globalization.

Religion and Conflict in Modern South Asia

William Gould 2011-05-05 This one is the first single-author comparisons of different South Asian states around the theme of religious conflict. Based on new research and syntheses of the literature on ‘communalism’, it argues that religious conflict in this region in the modern period was never simply based on sectarian or theological differences or the clash of civilizations. Instead, the book proposes that the juxtapositions between religious radicalism and everyday violence relates to the actual (and perceived) weaknesses of political and state structures. For some, religious and ethnic mobilisation has provided a means of protest, where representative institutions failed. For others, it became a method of dealing with an uncertain political and economic future. For many it has no concrete or deliberate function, but has effectively upheld social stability, paternalism and local power, in the face of globalisation and the growing aspirations of the region’s most underprivileged citizens.

Martial Arts and the Body Politic in Indonesia

Lee Wilson 2015-03-31 In Martial Arts and the Body Politic in Indonesia Lee Wilson offers an innovative study of nationalism and the Indonesian state through the ethnography of the martial art of Pencak Silat.

The Institutional Origins of Communal Violence

Vahide Tajima 2014-07-28 This book develops a new theoretical explanation for why transitions from authoritarian rule are often marked by spikes in communal violence. Contemporary Peace Making

Darby 2002-12-19 Contemporary Peace Making draws on recent experience to identify and explore the essential components of peace processes. Each chapter examines a different element in recent peace processes. The collection is organised around five main themes: planning for peace during periods of violence; the process of negotiations (including pre-negotiation); the effects of violence on peace processes; peace accords - constitutional and political options and; securing the settlement and building the peace.

The Intimate State

Pervez Mody 2008-03-01 This book provides an ethnography of love-marriages in the late 1980s in Delhi, identifying the ways in which marriage is ever more a pitch of intense political contestation. It bears upon anthropological understandings of marriageability, urban morality, gender, kinship and the study of the individual and the couple in contemporary India.

The SAGE Handbook of Social Anthropology

Richard Fardon 2012-07-25 In two volumes, the SAGE Handbook of Social Anthropology provides the definitive overview of contemporary research in the discipline. It explains the what, where, and how of current and anticipated work in Social Anthropology. With 80 authors, contributing more than 60 chapters, this is the most comprehensive and up-to-date statement of research in Social Anthropology available and the essential point of departure for future projects. The Handbook is divided into four sections: Part I: Interfaces examines Social Anthropology's disciplinary connections, from Art and Literature to Politics and Economics, from Linguistics to Biomedicine, from History to Media Studies. Part II: Places examines place, region, culture, and history, from regional, area studies to a globalized world. Part III: Methods examines issues of method, from archives to war zones, from development projects to art objects, and from ethics to comparison. Part IV: Futures anticipates anthropologies to come: in the Brain Sciences; in post-Development; in the Body and Health; and in new Technologies and Materialities. Edited by the leading figures in social anthropology, the Handbook includes a substantive introduction by Richard Fardon, a think piece by Jean and John Comaroff, and a concluding last word on futures by Marilyn Strathern. The authors - each at the leading edge of the discipline - contribute in-depth chapters on both the foundational ideas and the latest research. Comprehensive and detailed, this magisterial Handbook overviews the last 25 years of the social anthropological imagination. It will speak to scholars in Social Anthropology and its many related disciplines.

Through Times of Trouble

Anna Matveeva 2017-12-20 This book explains the position of the rebels in Southeastern Ukraine. It follows the rebellion’s fortunes after Moscow did not repeat the Crimea scenario in Donbas, analyzes the logic of armed struggle and the phenomenon of the Russian Spring, and introduces prospects for solutions.

The Idol Thief

Vijay Kumar 2018 In October 2011 when New York-based antiques dealer Subhash Kapoor, the darling of the art world whose pieces can be seen in every major museum, presented his passport at immigration in Germany, he was unceremoniously whisked away into Interpol custody. India had weeks earlier issued a red-corner notice for Kapoor’s arrest after connecting him to audacious idol thefts in two Tamil Nadu temples. But when the US authorities subsequently raided Kapoor’s warehouses in New York, more skeletons came tumbling out of his closet. They recovered no less than 100 dollar million worth of stolen Indian art. This was just Kapoor’s inventory he bequeathed to his family. The true scale of his loot is incalculable. The US declared Kapoor one of the most prolific commodities smugglers in the world. This is the unbelievable true story of how Kapoor was caught, told by one of the men who had for years been chasing Kapoor and is still tracking idols that have passed through his hands. From complicit police officers to corrupt museum officials, from jilted girlfriends to secret inscriptions on centuries-old idols, and from two-faced academics to shady temple looters and smugglers this book has it all. Prepare to be shocked at the twenty-first century pillaging of India’s temples by a glittering cast of oil-well barons.

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Religious Practice and Democracy in India

Pradeep K. Chhibber 2014-07-17 This book demonstrates the close relationship between religion and democracy in India. Religious practice creates ties among citizens that can generate positive and democratic political outcomes. In pursuing this line of inquiry the book questions a dominant strand in some contemporary social sciences - that a religious denomination (Catholic, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and so on) is sufficient to explain the relationship between religion and politics or that religion and democracy are antithetical to each other. The book makes a strong case for studying religious practice and placing that practice in the panoply of other social practices and showing that religious practice is positively associated with democracy.

Violence Denied

Jan E. M. Houben 1999 In the course of millennia of dealing with problems of violence, South Asia has not only developed coping mechanisms to deal with the violence, it also developed arguments justifying and rationalizing its employment under certain circumstances. Some of these arguments seemingly transform all sorts of violence' into 'non-violence'. Historical and cultural aspects of the tensions between violence and its denial and rationalization in South Asia are taken up in the contributions of this volume which deal with topics ranging from the origins of the concept of 'ahl-ul-bayt', to the iconography and interpretation of a beheading goddess, and violent heroines in Ajayna's Hindi short stories.
After the Coup - Michael J. Montesano 2019-01-07 After the Coup brings together the work of a group of leading Thai intellectuals of several generations to equip readers to anticipate and understand the developments that lie ahead for Thailand. Contributors offer findings and perspectives both on the disorienting period following the Thai coup of May 2014 and on the challenges to the country and its institutions. Chapters assess the impact of the coup on the economic and political systems, the role of the monarchy and the military, the media, democracy and the economy, the long-running violence in Southern Thailand, and a number of surprising social and political trends certain to shape the future of Thailand. The volume will serve as a valuable resource for all those concerned with that future. "This highly acclaimed collection of scholars' answers to basic questions about the political situation after the 2014 military coup in Thailand offers a comprehensive analysis of many crucial institutions and sensitive issues that have touched the book. The cover book the intricate challenges among conflicting classes, political movements, the military, and, above all, the monarchy. It puts on the table many important debates about the crisis of democratization in the country, including the struggle of Malay-Muslims in Southern Thailand, the transformation of electoral violence, the dilemma of political decentralization, the changing roles of the media, and the impact of slowing economic growth and an ageing society on the future of Thailand." — Kanokrat Lerkchoosakul, Chulalongkorn University, author of The Rise of the Octobrists in Contemporary Thailand "After the Coup should be read by anyone interested in understanding the current state of Thailand's political affairs, tracing the historical origins of the current challenges and conflicts, and looking for clues about what may be to come. This outstanding set of scholars explores how Thailand's disparate collective identities are at the root of the current political and social conflict. These collective identities carry with them different visions of what it means to be 'Thai', what democracy is and how it should function, and the sources of political legitimacy. The chapter authors describe how these behind Thailand's 'ambiguous coup' have attempted to crush, co-opt, quell, and control these competing world views. "— Allen Bicken, University of Michigan, author of Building Party Systems in Developing Democracies "Featuring a collection of essays authored by many of the field's leading lights, expertly curated and edited by one of the most knowledgeable scholars in Thai Studies, After the Coup is a vital contribution to the study of contemporary Thai politics. The depth and sophistication of its analysis, and the variety of viewpoint represented, make it a must-read for anyone wishing to understand the significance of the military coup staged in Thailand on 22 May 2014, one in crucial respects quite unlike the series of coups d'état that punctuate the country's modern political development." — Federico Ferrara, University City of Hong Kong, author of The Political Development of Modern Thailand "This book covers many of the most important current aspects of the Thai political problem, to help readers better understand why Thailand continues to struggle for democracy. For example, it provides for a very insightful sense of an emergent middle class that has been one of the main obstacles in Thai democratic progress, both before and since the military coup d'état of 2014." — Tipitak Phakkdeeewan, Dean, Faculty of Political Science, Ubon Ratchathani University

Violence and Vengeance - Christopher R. Duncan 2013-10-15 Between 1999 and 2000, sectarian fighting flared across the eastern Indonesian province of North Maluku, leaving thousands dead and hundreds of thousands displaced. What began as local conflicts between migrants and indigenous people over administrative boundaries spiraled into a religious war pitting Muslims against Christians and continues to influence communal relationships more than a decade after the fighting stopped. Christopher R. Duncan spent several years conducting fieldwork in North Maluku, and in Violence and Vengeance, he examines how the individuals actually taking part in the fighting understood and experienced the conflict. Rather than religion as a façade for the political and economic motivations of the regional elite, Duncan explores how and why participants came to the conflict as one of religious difference. He examines how these perceptions of religious violence altered the conflict, leading to large-scale massacres in houses of worship, forced conversions of entire communities, and other acts of violence that stressed the religious identities. Duncan's analysis extends beyond the period of violent conflict and explores where local understandings of violent conflict have complicated the efforts of forced migrants, efforts at conflict resolution and reconciliation.

The Politics of Social Ties - Mila Dragojevic 2016-02-24 After forced migration to a country in which local inhabitants form an ethnic majority, why do some individuals support exclusivist and nationalist political parties while others do not? Based on extensive interviews and an original survey of 1,200 local Serbs and ethnic Serbian refugees fleeing violent conflict in Bosnia and Croatia, The Politics of Social Ties argues that those immigrants who form close interpersonal networks with others who share their experiences, such as the loss of family, friends, and home, in addition to the memory of ethnic violence from past wars, are more likely to vote for nationalist parties. Any political mobilization occurring within these interpersonal networks is not strategic, rather, individuals engage in political discussion with people who have a greater capacity for mutual empathy over the course of discussing other daily concerns. This book adds the dimension of ethnic identity to the analysis of individual political behavior, with treating ethnic groups as homogeneous social categories. It adds valuable insight to the existing literature on political behavior by emphasizing the role of social ties among individuals.

The Partition Motif in Contemporary Conflicts - Smita Tewari Jassal 2007-01-11 This important book is a dialogue on the theme of partition and its far-reaching sociological implications for communal patterns, generational dynamics and individual lives. While the governing imagery of partition is drawn from the context of India and Pakistan, the analysis compares similar processes in the context of Israel and Palestine and East and West Germany. Developing the concept of 'partition-societies', the volume succinctly explains the social, economic and political implications of such divisions. The lens of Partition is used to analyse the way societies that have experienced breaks and traumas are organized and constituted and the ways in which they deploy their understanding of the past to reconstruct themselves. The book enquires into ways in which local communities as well as wider national entities use their knowledge of the past. The international contributors to this volume show how this separation was of significance not only in the strict political sense but formed the basis for long-term processes of identity, of memory and inspiration, and the very basis on which different societies were organized.

Nationalist Passions - Stuart J. Kaufman 2015-11-06 Nationalist and ethnic conflict can take many forms, from genocidal violence and civil war to protests movements and peaceful squabbles in democracies. Nationalist Passions poses a stark challenge to extreme nationalist understandings of political conflict. Stuart J. Kaufman elaborates a compelling theory of ethnic politics to explain why ethnic violence erupts in some contexts and how peace is maintained in others. While the core of Kaufman's theory is an assertion that conflicts are initiated as a result of political simplification, he also argues that nationalism can be used for peaceful political purposes, such as the promotion of human rights and democracy.

Participation - Samuel Hicken 2013-07-04 Participation has established itself as a significant approach to project implementation, policy-making and governance in developing and developed countries. Participation, however, has become fashionable to dismiss participation as more reductionist than substance, and subject to manipulation by agencies and social change agents intent simply on pursuing their own agendas under cover of legitimacy. In this important new volume, development and other social policy scholars and practitioners seek to rebuff this simplistic conclusion, while addressing the problems of power and politics which have beset some approaches to participation. The book describes and analyses new experiments in participation from a wide diversity of social contexts that show how, far from being a redundant and depoliticizing concept, participation can - given certain conditions - be linked to genuinely transformative processes and outcomes for marginalized communities and people. This volume is the first comprehensive attempt to evaluate the state of participatory approaches in the aftermath of the 'Tyranny of Participation'.

Refashioning Futures - David Scott 1999-05-30 How can we best forge a theoretical practice that addresses the struggles of once-colonized peoples, many of which face the collapse of both state and society in today's era of economic reform? David Scott argues that recent cultural theories aimed at 'deconstructing' Western representations of the non-West have been successful to a point, but that changing realities in these countries require a new approach. In Refashioning Futures, he proposes a strategic practice of criticism that brings the political more clearly into view in areas of the world where the very coherence of a secular-modern project can no longer be taken for granted. Through a series of linked essays on culture and politics in his native Jamaica and in Sri Lanka, the site of his long scholarly involvement, Scott examines the ways in which modernity inserted itself into and altered the lives of the colonized, and the ways in which their participation in these modern postcolonial states and their legal systems come under scrutiny, as do our contemporary languages of the political. Scott demonstrates that modern concepts of participation must be deepened and broadened to encompass the complex and dynamic nature of political life in the 21st century. His ultimate goal is to describe the modern political in a way that enables us to perceive more deeply the contours of our historical present and that enlarges the possibility of reshaping it.
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