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**ORAL TRADITIONS IN SOUTH INDIA**

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**ESSAYS ON TULU ORAL EPICS**

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*Harrassowitz* **The present volume studies three oral epic traditions in the Tulu language (a Dravidian language). They have been living performance traditions in the Tulu speaking coastal districts of Karnataka up to the present day. For the first time, Indian, European and American scholars working on Tulu oral epics, folklorists, anthropologists as well as Indologists are brought together. All texts discussed belong to the indigenous Tulu genre called paddana, which ranges from shorter invocations of local deities to texts of epic dimensions. Because paddanas had been transmitted exclusively orally until the 19th century, it is very difficult to assign their composition to a particular historical period. The social universe described in some of them may reflect a late medieval setting. Texts of one of the epic traditions have been collected over a period of almost 150 years, from the mid-19th century to the early 2000s. Two papers (H. Bruckner / V. Rai and V. Nandavara) deal with this tradition which is part of the oldest collections. In contrast, the popular epic of the Bant heroine, Siri, only attracted the attention of scholars from the 1970s onwards. In this book, the Siri tradition is studied by C. Gowda, A. Alva, and P. Schuster-Lohlau. Peter J. Claus' important paper introduces Koddabbu, the champion of a Dalit community. The wealth of texts and versions reflected in this volume allows, for the first time, to make systematic comparisons between different texts of the same tradition as well as between narrative elements and cultural concepts found in different traditions. Linguistic analysis, too, is just beginning to reveal**

possibly unique textual and narrative features.

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## **AXIAL CIVILIZATIONS AND WORLD HISTORY**

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*BRILL* A collection of essays by social theorists, historical sociologists and area specialists in classical, biblical and Asian studies. The contributions deal with cultural transformations in major civilizational centres during the "Axial Age," the middle centuries of the last millennium BCE, and their long-term consequences.

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## **THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SOUTH ASIA**

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### **FROM THE INDUS TO ASOKA, C.6500 BCE-200 CE**

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*Cambridge University Press* This book synthesises the archaeology of South Asia from the Neolithic period (c.6500 BCE) to the third century BCE.

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## **THE PENGUIN HISTORY OF EARLY INDIA**

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### **FROM THE ORIGINS TO AD 1300**

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*Penguin Books India* **BY THE WINNER OF THE KLUGE PRIZE FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT 2008** A definitive account and ready reference of ancient Indian history The Penguin History of Early India--a complete rewrite of Romila Thapar's A History of India (Vol. 1)--brings to life thousands of years of India's precolonial history: its prehistoric beginnings; the great cities of the Indus civilization; the emergence of mighty dynasties such as the Mauryas, Guptas and Cholas; the teachings of the Buddha; the creation of the Mahabharata and the Ramayana; and the evolution of regional cultures. In exploring subjects as diverse as marriage, class, art, erotica and astronomy, Thapar provides an incomparably vivid and nuanced picture of India, creating a rich mosaic of diverse kingdoms, landscapes, languages and beliefs. As she explains how the interpretations of early Indian history have changed in the last half-century, Thapar offers fresh readings and raises new questions.

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## **OORU KERI (KANNADA)**

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*Sahitya Akademi* **Ooru (Uru): A Village, A Town. All Non-Dalit Castes-From The Brahmins And The Land-Owning Castes To The Service Castes Like The Barbers-Live In The Ooru, And It Contains The Settlement's Main Temples. Keri(Kýri): Keri Is The Ward Where The Dalits Live; It Is Separate From The Main Body Of The Village. Keri Also Means A Street. This Book Attempts A New Imaging Of The Dalit Personality.**

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## **EXCAVATIONS AT PAITHAN, MAHARASHTRA**

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### **TRANSFORMATIONS IN EARLY HISTORIC AND EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA**

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*Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG* This book reports on excavations at Paithan

in India revealed the development of two early Hindu temples from the 4th century to the 9th: the key formative phase of Hinduism. The temples started as small shrines but were elaborated into formal temples. In relation to these changes, the excavations revealed a sequence of palaeobotanical and palaeofaunal evidence that give insight into the economic and social changes that took place at that time.

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## **NATIONALISM, LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY IN INDIA**

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### **MEASURES OF COMMUNITY**

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*Taylor & Francis* This book examines linguistic nationalism in India. It focuses on the emergence of language as a marker of identity by analysing themes such as Linguistic Reorganization of States, nationalism, philology, and linguistic identity. Formulating a novel conception of doxastic nature of community experience, the author presents a theory about nationalism as a cultural phenomenon by studying the constraints of western theological apparatuses that limit our understanding of it. The book looks at how an ecclesiastical notion of community is at the heart of the debate around linguistic and national identity - something that is redefining politics the world over. This volume will be useful for scholars and researchers of political studies, political sociology, sociology, historical linguistics and cultural studies.

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## **ORIENTALISM AND THE POSTCOLONIAL PREDICAMENT**

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### **PERSPECTIVES ON SOUTH ASIA**

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*University of Pennsylvania Press* This book explores the ways in which colonial administrators constructed knowledge about the society and culture of India and the processes through which that knowledge has shaped past and present Indian reality.

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## **HANDBOOK OF ANCIENT AFRO-EURASIAN ECONOMIES**

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### **VOLUME 2: LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND IMPERIAL ECONOMIES**

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*Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG* The second volume of the Handbook describes different extractive economies in the world regions that have been outlined in the first volume. A wide range of economic actors - from kings and armies to cities and producers - are discussed within different imperial settings as well as the tools, which enabled and constrained economic outcomes. A central focus are nodes of consumption that are visible in the archaeological and textual records of royal capitals, cities, religious centers, and armies that were stationed, in some cases permanently, in imperial frontier zones. Complementary to the multipolar concentrations of consumption are the fiscal-tributary structures of the empires vis-à-vis other institutions that had the capacity to extract, mobilize, and concentrate resources and wealth. Larger volumes of state-

issued coinage in various metals show the new role of coinage in taxation, local economic activities, and social practices, even where textual evidence is absent. Given the overwhelming importance of agriculture, the volume also analyses forms of agrarian development, especially around cities and in imperial frontier zones. Special consideration is given to road- and water-management systems for which there is now sufficient archaeological and documentary evidence to enable cross-disciplinary comparative research.

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## **THE ORIGINS OF YOGA AND TANTRA**

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### **INDIC RELIGIONS TO THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY**

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*Cambridge University Press* **Yoga, tantra and other forms of Asian meditation are practised in modernized forms throughout the world today, but most introductions to Hinduism or Buddhism tell only part of the story of how they developed. This book is an interpretation of the history of Indic religions up to around 1200 CE, with particular focus on the development of yogic and tantric traditions. It assesses how much we really know about this period, and asks what sense we can make of the evolution of yogic and tantric practices, which were to become such central and important features of the Indic religious scene. Its originality lies in seeking to understand these traditions in terms of the total social and religious context of South Asian society during this period, including the religious practices of the general population with their close engagement with family, gender, economic life and other pragmatic concerns.**

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## **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF INDIAN HISTORY**

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*Popular Prakashan*

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### **YAKSHAGANA**

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*Abhinav Publications* **Folk Culture, The Perennial Substratum Of The Sophisticated Metropolitan Culture, Takes Many Lively And Colourful Forms. This Is Particularly True In India. This Book Is A Study Of One Such Expression Of The Folk Culture Obtained In South Kanara, India. It Is Not One Of Those Dry Academic Studies Usually Made By Foreign Scholars. For The Authors, The Book Has Been A Passionate Involvement In A Traditional Art Form Yakshagana. The American Authors Have Put Down Their Experience With The Hope That The Reader Will Enjoy An Imaginary Trip To South Kanara, A Walk Through The Fields And A Thrilling Night Of Yakshagana. In A Lively Style, This Book Brings Home To The Readers Almost Everything About This Particular Form Of Dance-Drama, The Music, Dance Costumes And Make-Up And Impromptu Dialogue As Well As Its Literature On Which The Dramatic Themes Are Based, The Rituals Performed Before, During, And After The Drama, The Organization Of A Troupe, The Existing Troupes, And The Training Of The Performers. With**

**Nineteen Four-Colour Reproductions, Twenty-Tree Black-And-White Illustrations And Eighteen Line Drawings, Yakshagana Has Something To Offer To Each Of Its Readers. For Those Trained In Music There Is The Style Of Singing And Rhythms Peculiar To Yakshagana. And Those Who Are Learned In Poetry, Religious Epics And Legends Can Revel In The Beauty Of The Poetry, And Those Who Have A Sense Of Colour And Design Can Be Enchanted By The Costumes And Make-Up. The Readers Will Vicariously Experience The Intricate Steps Of The Dance, Not To Be Seen In Any Other Indian Dance Forms, Yet They Are Characteristically Indian. Yakshagana, As Experienced By The Authors, Reveals The Deeper Meanings Of The Indian Epics And Legends Through The Extempore Dialogue Of The Performers. Their Descriptions Of The Risqué Humour Of The Buffoon And His Comic Movements Come Alive Before The Readers. Here Is A Point Of Departure For More Study In New Directions, Valuable To The Students Of Arts And Folk Culture, And Yet Tempting The General Readers With Its Rich Fare Of Aesthetic And Intellectual Experiences. Yakshagana Is Tempting To The Booklover In Many Other Ways: The Subject Of The Book Has Been Presented And Decorated By One Of The Famous Indian Artists K.K. Hebbar, And Introduced By C. Sivaramamurti, A Noted Historian And Archaeologist Whose Deep Knowledge In Iconography Has Made Rich Contributions To The Study And Understanding Of The Ancient And Medieval Visual Arts In This Country.**

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### **PSYCHO-SOCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE INDIAN MINDSET**

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*Springer* This volume situates Indians in the contemporary world and profiles the major facets of their thought and behaviour; then goes back to trace their roots to ancient thought to see how the past predisposes and the present guides Indians in their everyday life. The volume begins with a conceptual framework showing how the Indian worldview has encompassed and enveloped a variety of ideas and influences from divergent sources. As a result, Indians are both collectivists and individualists, hierarchically oriented while respecting merit and quality, religious as well as secular and sexually indulgent, spiritual as well as materialists, excessively dependent but remarkably entrepreneurial, non-violent in principle but violent in practice and comfortable in shifting between analytical, synthetic as well as intuitive approaches to reality. Such a coexistence of opposites often causes inaction, hesitation and perfunctory action, but also equips Indians to be innovative by continuously aligning their thought and behaviour to the demands of a milieu. The milieu has an inner layer consisting of desh (place), kaal (time) and paatra (person), which are embedded in the larger societal contexts of castes and classes, poverty, corruption, fragmenting politics, conflicts and violence and unfolding global opportunities and challenges. Cultural heritage permeates in all these. Indians function in this tiered, multifactorial, dynamic space. This volume draws evidence from ancient texts and the latest national and

international research, many of which were conducted by the author and his associates. It does not, however, hesitate to indulge in anecdotal evidence, cases and speculative ideas in order to complete the picture. The author takes an in-depth view of the Indian mindset without getting the reader lost in either the intricacies of ancient philosophical abyss or the trivialities of present-day non-events.

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## **COSMOPOLITANISM**

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*Duke University Press* **As the final installment of Public Culture's Millennial Quartet, Cosmopolitanism assesses the pasts and possible futures of cosmopolitanism—or ways of thinking, feeling, and acting beyond one's particular society. With contributions from distinguished scholars in disciplines such as literary studies, art history, South Asian studies, and anthropology, this volume recenters the history and theory of translocal political aspirations and cultural ideas from the usual Western vantage point to areas outside Europe, such as South Asia, China, and Africa. By examining new archives, proposing new theoretical formulations, and suggesting new possibilities of political practice, the contributors critically probe the concept of cosmopolitanism. On the one hand, cosmopolitanism may be taken to promise a form of supraregional political solidarity, but on the other, these essays argue, it may erode precisely those intimate cultural differences that derive their meaning from particular places and traditions. Given that most cosmopolitan political formations—from the Roman empire and European imperialism to contemporary globalization—have been coercive and unequal, can there be a noncoercive and egalitarian cosmopolitan politics? Finally, the volume asks whether cosmopolitanism can promise any universalism that is not the unwarranted generalization of some Western particular. Contributors. Ackbar Abbas, Arjun Appadurai, Homi K. Bhabha, T. K. Biaya, Carol A. Breckenridge, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Ousame Ndiaye Dago, Mamadou Diouf, Wu Hung, Walter D. Mignolo, Sheldon Pollock, Steven Randall**

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## **THE CULTURE AND CIVILISATION OF ANCIENT INDIA IN HISTORICAL OUTLINE**

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## **GIRLS FOR SALE**

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## **A PLAY FROM COLONIAL INDIA**

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*Indiana University Press* **A masterpiece of British Indian literature in a vibrant modern English translation**

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## **FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY**

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*Orient Blackswan* **The third, expanded edition of this well-known text on sociology has detailed analyses of the economic system, industry, population and food supply. Importance has been given to forces such as**

industrialisation and the Green Revolution that have helped to shape modern India. A comprehensive text, useful to both teachers and students.

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## **SOUTH INDIA**

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*Good Year Books* Educational resource for teachers, parents and kids!

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## **THE HIMALAYAN CRYOSPHERE:**

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### **PAST AND PRESENT**

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*Geological Society of London* The Himalaya mountains contain not only one of the largest concentrations of ice outside the polar regions, but contribute to the hydrological requirements of large populations spread over seven nations. The exceptionally high elevations of this low-latitude cryosphere presents a natural laboratory and archives to study climate-tectonics interactions as well as regional v. global climate influences. The existing base-level data on the Himalayan cryosphere are highly variable. Several climate fluctuations occurred during the late Quaternary (MIS1-MIS5, especially the last c. 100 ka), which led to the evolution of the Himalayan landscape. Detailed studies of these archives, along with those of the present cryosphere and related hydrosphere, are essential for understanding the controls on present and future hydrology of the glacial-fed mountain rivers. This volume, a follow-up of the XII International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Science, Goa (A SCAR symposium), provides new data from locales spread over the entire Himalaya region and from Tibet. It provides a glimpse of the late Quaternary cryosphere, as well as a discussion in the last section on sustainability in the context of geohazard mitigations as well as the hydrological budget.

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## **BALANCE OF POWER IN WORLD HISTORY**

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*Springer* The balance of power is one of the most influential ideas in international relations, yet it has never been comprehensively examined in pre-modern or non-European contexts. This book redresses this imbalance. The authors present eight new case studies of balancing and balancing failure in pre-modern and non-European international systems.

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## **A JOURNEY FROM MADRAS THROUGH THE COUNTRIES OF MYSORE, CANARA, AND MALABAR,...**

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**FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE, ARTS, AND COMMERCE; THE RELIGION, MANNERS, AND CUSTOMS; THE HISTORY NATURAL AND CIVIL, AND ANTIQUITIES, IN THE DOMINIONS OF THE RAJAH OF MYSORE, AND THE COUNTRIES ACQUIRED BY THE HONOURABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY, IN THE LATE AND FORMER WARS, FROM TIPPOO SULTAN**

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## **IMAGINED RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES?**

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## **ANCIENT HISTORY AND THE MODERN SEARCH FOR A HINDU IDENTITY**

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## **THE PERFORMANCE OF TRIBAL SARPANCHES IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

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### **A STUDY**

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*Cambridge Scholars Publishing* The local administration system in India has a vast history, extending from the ancient and medieval periods today. The local government system was, however, formally launched in 1882 by Lord Rippon, and is popularly known as Magna Carta. Article 40 of the Indian constitution states the directive principles of state policy and the importance of local government administration to the functioning of Indian democracy. The government of India has appointed several committees to focus on the functioning and restructuring of Panchayat Raj bodies, including the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act and the Burya committee recommendations, which gave importance to political reservation for the Scheduled Tribes in Panchayat Raj bodies. The PESA Act paved the way for the political empowerment of Scheduled Tribes in Panchayat raj systems, allowing them the opportunity to utilise various politico-administrative powers and functions. This book explores the role and performance of Scheduled Tribe Sarpanches in Panchayat Raj local bodies in the Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh. It sheds light on the development of, and welfare activities undertaken by, the Sarpanches. Further, this book also reveals the utilization of powers, functions and grants by the Tribal Sarpanches, giving a vivid picture of the decision-making style of Scheduled Tribal Sarpanches at the grassroots level of the Panchayat Raj system.

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### **PARVA**

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## **A TALE OF WAR, PEACE, LOVE, DEATH, GOD, AND MAN : KANNADA NOVEL**

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It Is A Transformation Of An Ancient Legend Into A Modern Novel. In This Process, It Has Gained Rational Credibility And A Human Perspective. The Main Incident, The Bharata War, Symbolic Of The Birthpangs Of A New World-Order, Depicts A Heroic But Vain Effort To Arrest The Disintegration And Continue The Prevailing Order. It Is Viewed From The Stand Points Of The Partisan Participants And Judged With Reference To The Objective Understanding Of Krishna. Narration, Dialogue, Monologue And Comment All Are Employed For Its Presentation. Shot Through With Irony, Pity And Understanding Objectivity, The Novel Ends With The True Tragic Vision Of Faith In Life And Hope For Mankind.

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## **KALILA AND DIMNA**

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## **THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF HINDU RITUAL**

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### **TEMPLES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GODS**

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*Cambridge University Press* In this groundbreaking study, Michael Willis examines how the gods of early Hinduism came to be established in temples, how their cults were organized, and how the ruling elite supported their worship. Examining the emergence of these key historical developments in the fourth and fifth centuries, Willis combines Sanskrit textual evidence with archaeological data from inscriptions, sculptures, temples, and sacred sites. The centre-piece of this study is Udayagiri in central India, the only surviving imperial site of the Gupta dynasty. Through a judicious use of landscape archaeology and archaeo-astronomy, Willis reconstructs how Udayagiri was connected to the Festival of the Rainy Season and the Royal Consecration. Under Gupta patronage, these rituals were integrated into the cult of Vishnu, a deity regarded as the source of creation and of cosmic time. As special devotees of Vishnu, the Gupta kings used Udayagiri to advertise their unique devotional relationship with him. Through his meticulous study of the site, its sculptures and its inscriptions, Willis shows how the Guptas presented themselves as universal sovereigns and how they advanced new systems of religious patronage that shaped the world of medieval India.

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## **AN AGRARIAN HISTORY OF SOUTH ASIA**

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*Cambridge University Press* Originally published in 1999, David Ludden's book offers a comprehensive historical framework for understanding the regional diversity of agrarian South Asia. Adopting a long-term view of history, it treats South Asia not as a single civilization territory, but rather as a patchwork of agrarian regions, each with their own social, cultural and political histories. The discussion begins during the first millennium, when farming communities displaced pastoral and tribal groups, and goes on to

consider the development of territoriality from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries. Subsequent chapters consider the emergence of agrarian capitalism in village societies under the British, and demonstrate how economic development in contemporary South Asia continues to reflect the influence of agrarian localism. As a comparative synthesis of the literature on agrarian regimes in South Asia, the book promises to be a valuable resource for students of agrarian and regional history as well as of comparative world history.

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### **THE CAMBRIDGE WORLD HISTORY**

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*Cambridge University Press* The era from 1400 to 1800 saw intense biological, commercial, and cultural exchanges, and the creation of global connections on an unprecedented scale. Divided into two books, Volume 6 of the Cambridge World History series considers these critical transformations. The first book examines the material and political foundations of the era, including global considerations of the environment, disease, technology, and cities, along with regional studies of empires in the eastern and western hemispheres, crossroads areas such as the Indian Ocean, Central Asia, and the Caribbean, and sites of competition and conflict, including Southeast Asia, Africa, and the Mediterranean. The second book focuses on patterns of change, examining the expansion of Christianity and Islam, migrations, warfare, and other topics on a global scale, and offering insightful detailed analyses of the Columbian exchange, slavery, silver, trade, entrepreneurs, Asian religions, legal encounters, plantation economies, early industrialism, and the writing of history.

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### **THE MAHĀVAṂSA, OR, THE GREAT CHRONICLE OF CEYLON**

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*Asian Educational Services* This Book Brings The Great Historical Chronicle Of Sri Lanka In A English Translation For The First Time.

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### **LITERARY CULTURES IN HISTORY**

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### **RECONSTRUCTIONS FROM SOUTH ASIA**

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*Univ of California Press* "A superb collection. This pathbreaking book is sure to have wide and lasting interest not only for students of South Asian literature, but for anyone interested in the role of literature in cultural self-definition, conflict and change."--David Damrosch, President, American Comparative Literature Association and editor of *The Longman Anthology British Literature* "This tour-de-force might be not only a landmark in Indian cultural history, but a major accomplishment in the scholarship of global cultures, inviting us to think critically about forms of history and communities of literature."--Walter D. Mignolo, author of *Local Histories/Global Designs: Coloniality, Subaltern Knowledges and Border Thinking*

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## THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF INDIA: LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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### DILLY THE DINOSAUR

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*Egmont Childrens Books* These four stories introduce Dilly, the world's naughtiest dinosaur. First, he decides to hate water and vows never to wash again, until his friend Dixie objects to the very smelly dinosaur he becomes. Then, Dilly lets loose his ear-splitting super-scream which makes his father have a disaster with his sister's birthday cake, but things get even messier when Dilly tries to make a replacement. Dilly gets very confused one day, waiting for it to rain cats and dogs, and finally makes his own very characteristic contribution to the family's house-painting day!

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### ANCIENT INDIAN SOCIAL HISTORY

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#### SOME INTERPRETATIONS

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*Orient Blackswan* A collection of papers that interprets afresh, known facts about the early period of Indian history up to the end of the first millennium AD. The papers discuss several associated themes such as society and religion, social classification and mobility and the study of regional history. A useful reference book for postgraduate students of History.

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### A HISTORY OF INDIA

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### ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INDO-EUROPEAN CULTURE

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*Taylor & Francis* The Encyclopedia of Indo-European Culture is a major new reference work that provides full, inclusive coverage of the major Indo-European language stocks, their origins, and the range of the reconstructed Proto-Indo-European language. The Encyclopedia also includes numerous entries on archaeological cultures having some relationship to the origin and dispersal of Indo-European groups -- as well as entries on some of the major issues in Indo-European cultural studies. There are two kinds of entries in the Encyclopedia of Indo-European Culture: a) those that are devoted to archaeology, culture, or the various Indo-European languages; and b) those that are devoted to the reconstruction of Proto-Indo-European words. Entries may be accessed either via the General Index or the List of Topics: Entries by Category where all individual reconstructed head-forms can also be found. Reference may also be made to the Language Indices. In order to make the book as accessible as possible to the non-specialist, the Editors have provided a list of Abbreviations and Definitions, which includes a number of definitions of specialist terms (primarily linguistic) with which readers may not be acquainted. As the writing systems of many Indo-European groups vary considerably in terms of phonological representation, there is also included a list of Phonetic Definitions. With more than 700 entries, written by

specialists from around the world, the Encyclopedia of Indo-European Culture has become an essential reference text in this field.

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## **INDIAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

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### **INSTITUTIONS AND ISSUES**

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*New Age International*

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## **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HINDUISM**

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*Infobase Publishing* "Encyclopedia of World Religions" explores the major religions of the world, emphasizing the living faiths and their background. Each illustrated volume provides access to the theological concepts, personalities, historical events, institutions, and movements that helped shape the history of each religion and the way it is practiced.

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## **MANAGING RISK IN FARMING**

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*Food & Agriculture Org* This guide is intended to help extension workers better understand the concept of risk, the situation where risk occurs and management strategies that can be used to reduce, or at least soften, its effect. It is hoped that the guide will be useful in assisting extension workers to provide farmers with advice on the kind of risk management strategies that they can employ to deal with risk in their day-to-day operations. In this way extension workers can help farmers recognize and understand the risks that they are likely to face and assist them in making better farm management decisions that reduce the negative effect of the risks encountered in farming.

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## **KARIMAYI**

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The story of the archetypal Mother, the mother of all Chandrashekhara Kambar's stories, variously called Mayi, Idimayi, and now Karimayi, is at the heart of this novel. The narrative of Karimayi moves through an astounding time span, beginning from the mythopoeic times of Goddess Karimayi's birth to the historical and cultural shifts in the life of a small rural community called Shivapura during the British colonial era. Written in the Kannada language in 1975, Karimayi breaks the familiar narrative of an idyllic and traditional village community getting destroyed by the incursion of modernity. Instead, the multiple and layered narrative of Karimayi weaves everything into itself the story of the village's past, the myth of Karimayi, the disorder that sets in with the invasion of colonial modernity and the lure of the city, but, most importantly, also of the disruption of another form of native modernity that the village community has already begun to incorporate into its rhythms of life. "

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## **TANTRIC COMMUNITIES IN CONTEXT**

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