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Publisher Description

This volume, the first in a new series on governance, conflict, and civic action in South Asia, focuses on the larger countries of South Asia—Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and especially Nepal. The 15 essays in this volume

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analyze democracy both as a process and as a value. The essays also examine in ethnographic detail the way in which democracy is actually experienced in South Asia, ranging far beyond conventional political structures to look at conflict resolution, rhetorics of foreign aid, ethnic organizations, Maoist practices of local government, Dalit resistance, and so on. Many of the processes that are analyzed in depth in the Nepalese context are shown to have their analogues in

other South Asian countries. By putting Nepalese political and social processes firmly within their South Asian context, the current political crisis in Nepal is shown to be neither so radically new and different, nor so insoluble as it might appear. At the same time, the view from the peripheries of South Asia throws into relief the extent to which India has evolved away from the traditional caste-determined patron-client structures that once formed the framework of political action there. The volume is a significant

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contribution to the study of how local democracy actually operates in South Asia. It will be of interest to political scientists, sociologists, anthropologists, and development specialists. The study entails statistical analysis to examine growth of output, its components and its determinants in two widely disparate agriculture systems, one facing considerable water scarcity and dominated by non food grains (Gujarat) but showing very high farm sector growth and the other water abundant but primarily a

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foodgrain agriculture
economy (West Bengal)
facing stagnancy in output.
This compilation includes
original essays that examine
past and current status of
the agricultural sector in
India and delineate the
challenges it faces in the era
of economic reforms. It
highlights the issues that are
beginning to raise serious
policy discussions in India in
view of continuing agrarian
crisis and the Eleventh Five
Year Plan (2007-2012). Apart
from providing macro level
analyses, the collection also
features studies which are

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based on micro (field) data that reflect the realities of the Indian agrarian economy. In addition, Reforming Indian Agriculture: Towards Employment Generation and Poverty Reduction focuses on the issues of employment, poverty, food and nutrition, and reviews other aspects of development policy like fostering inter-state cooperation for optimum utilization of resources, privatization policy to mobilize funds for social sector development and

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pattern of adoption of improved technologies by small scale industries in the country. The book will be invaluable for students, researchers and academicians working in the fields of Development Economics, Rural and Agricultural Economics, and Development Policy Analysis. Sociology and Social Anthropology in India Handbook of Agricultural Economics Essays on Society and Economy Groundwater Intensive Use Anthropological and

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Sociological Perspectives on
Savings and Debt
Explorations of the
Reciprocal Relationship
Marcelino Botin Water Forum
2007

This book evaluates Bangladesh's impressive economic and social progress, more often referred to as a 'development surprise'. In doing so, the book examines the gap in existing explanations of Bangladesh's development and then offers an empirically informed analysis of a range of distinctive factors, policies, and actions that have individually and collectively contributed to the progress of Bangladesh. In an inclusive way, the book covers the developmental role, relation, and impact of poverty

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reduction, access to finance, progress in education and social empowerment, reduction in the climatic vulnerability, and evolving sectoral growth activities in the agriculture, garments, and light industries. It also takes into account the important role of the government and NGOs in the development process, identifies bottlenecks and challenges to Bangladesh's future development path and suggests measures to overcome them. By providing an inclusive narrative to theorize Bangladesh's development, which is still missing in the public discourse, this book posits that Bangladesh per se can offer a development model to other developing countries. The book intends to explain the

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forms and dynamics of political processes in rural India.

This book critically examines the new issues and new politics regarding migration in the era of globalisation from a majority world perspective. It examines the current shifts in the global political economy and the effects it has, for example, in relation to rural displacement. When and how does this lead to national and/or transnational migration? We need to examine the ways in which migration is cut across and impacts on the generation of racism and xenophobia in the west. The issue of remittances by migrants to the 'developing' nations needs careful study as does the controversial issue of 'brain drain' versus 'brain gain' through migration. The

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growing importance of trafficking for forced labour has now been taken up by various international bodies but is it the new normality or simply an unfortunate side effect of globalisation to be overcome through legislation? Migration is becoming increasingly gendered in its composition and flows but also in the receiving countries where men and women do very different jobs. We can predict the increasing racialization and gendering of migration but how will the state and society respond to these shifts? This book was published as a special issue of Third World Quarterly.

Economic Integration in South Asia: Issues and Pathways is one of the volumes of the series titled, **Imagine a New South Asia,**

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presented by ActionAid
International Asia. This volume

envisioning a new South Asia, free from human deprivation and poverty, where countries will become successful, proud and inclusive societies. This book demonstrates how South Asian countries can learn from the best practices in the region as well as from their failures, and also by trying to emulate the successful strategies of introducing egalitarian education and health systems of East Asia, China and Southeast Asian countries. Rich in analysis and research, this volume seeks an alternative people-centred perspective, and takes into account all those voices that have so long been unheard in policy-making processes through reviews of case

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studies. Not only will the findings of this volume be useful in conducting campaigns for appropriate policy and mindset changes, but these will also, eventually, make the emergence of a highly integrated South Asia truly possible.

Regions within Regions

From a Basket Case to a

Development Model

A Comparative Analysis of the

Growth Components Across Two

States

The Global Politics of Climate

Change Adaptation in Bangladesh

Power, Property Rights, and

Economic Development

Economic Integration in South

Asia: Issues and Pathways

The Comparative Political Economy

of Development

The Modern Anthropology of

India is an accessible textbook providing a critical overview of the ethnographic work done in India since 1947. It assesses the history of research in each region and serves as a practical and comprehensive guide to the main themes dealt with by ethnographers. It highlights key analytical concepts and paradigms that came to be of relevance in particular regions in the recent history of research in India, and which possibly gained a pan-Indian or even trans-Indian significance. Structured according to the states of the Indian union, contributors raise several key

questions, including: What themes were ethnographers interested in? What are the significant ethnographic contributions? How are peoples, communities and cultural areas represented? How has the ethnographic research in the area developed? Filling a significant gap in the literature, the book is an invaluable resource to students and researchers in the field of Indian anthropology/ethnography, regional anthropology and postcolonial studies. It is also of interest to students of South Asian studies in general as it provides an extensive and

critical overview of regionally based ethnographic activity undertaken in India.

Volume 3 of this series of the Handbooks in Economics follows on from the previous two volumes by focusing on the fundamental concepts of agricultural economics. The first part of the volume examines the developments in human resources and technology mastery. The second part follows on by considering the processes and impact of invention and innovation in this field. The effects of market forces are examined in the third part, and the volume concludes by

***analysing the economics of our
changing natural resources,
including the past effects of
climate change. Overall this
volume forms a comprehensive
and accessible survey of the
field of agricultural economics
and is recommended reading
for anyone with an interest,
either academic or
professional, in this area. *Part
of the renown Handbooks in
Economics series
*Contributors are leaders of
their areas *International in
scope and comprehensive in
coverage
The central concern of this
book is to examine in a
comparative framework, the***

ways in which grassroots mobilizations transform and institutionalize themselves, forge new collective identities and articulate new strategies for survival and resistance. Debal K SinghaRoy focuses on three major radical movements—Tebhaga and Naxalite in West Bengal and Telangana in Andhra Pradesh. Based on empirical data and supported by a wide range of secondary sources, the author argues that as spontaneous expressions of discontent against oppression, domination and marginalization turn into institutionalized movements,

the space for radical challenge shrinks. As exemplified in West Bengal, the co-option of peasant movements by the state has largely stifled the scope for radical action. In Andhra Pradesh, on the other hand, the relative independence of the grassroots mobilization process has allowed the peasantry to exercise multiple options for collective action.

This book presents a critical reassessment of theories of property rights, in response to conflicts and competition between different groups, and the state. It does so by taking an institutional political

perspective to analyse the structures of property rights, with a focus on a series of case studies from Bangladesh. In doing so, the book highlights the importance of property rights for economic growth, why developing countries often fail to design property rights conducive for economic development, and the strategies required for designing an efficient structure of rights. Since property rights falls within the domain of Law and Economics, the book ventures to explain legal issues from an economic perspective, resulting in empirical analysis that

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comprises both legal and non-legal cases.

Women, Labour and the Economy in India

New Issues, New Politics

Developments in Agriculture

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Threatening Dystopias

The Case of Bangladesh

Chronicling Continuity and Change

The Curious Trajectory of Caste in West Bengal Politics:

Chronicling Continuity and

Change critically engages with

the political dynamics of caste in

West Bengal and explores the

reasons for the relative

insignificance of caste as a

political category in the state. In recent decades, India has been witness to the assertion of geographically, culturally and historically constituted distinct and well-defined regions that display ethnic, communal, caste and other social-political cleavages. This book examines the changing configurations of state politics in India. Focussing on identity politics and development, it explores the specificities of the regions within states – not merely as politico-administrative constructs but also as conceived in historical, geographic, economic, sociological or cultural terms.

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Adopting a comparative approach, the book looks at alternative theoretical approaches – the quest for homeland, identity, caste politics and public policy. This second edition includes a new Introduction that updates the research in the area, while further developing the theoretical framework. One of the first major volumes on federalism in India, including studies from across the nation, this book will be indispensable for students and scholars of political science, sociology, history and South Asian studies.

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Illustrates the enduring relevance
and vitality of the comparative
political economy of
development approach and
presents the relation between
theory and empirical material in
an interactive way. This title
offers an explanation of what is
happening in the continent of
Africa and the sub-continent of
South Asia.

Does increased access to
groundwater irrigation through
electricity reforms affect
agricultural and groundwater

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outcomes?

A Comparative Perspective

People's Car

Opportunities and Threats to
Development

Industrial India and the Riddles
of Populism

Water Ethics

evidence from West Bengal,
India. Final project report
submitted to the Australian

Centre for International
Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

Over the past three decades the
developing world has seen increasing
devolution of political and economic
power to local governments.

Decentralization is considered an
important element of participatory
democracy and, along with

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privatization and deregulation, represents a substantial reduction in the authority of national governments over economic policy. The contributors to *Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries* examine this institutional transformation from comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives, offering detailed case studies of decentralization in eight countries: Bolivia, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, South Africa, and Uganda. Some of these countries witnessed an unprecedented "big bang" shift toward comprehensive political and economic decentralization: Bolivia in 1995 and Indonesia after the fall of Suharto in 1998. Brazil and India decentralized in an uneven and more gradual manner. In some other countries (such as Pakistan),

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devolution represented an instrument for consolidation of power of a nondemocratic national government. In China, local governments were granted much economic but little political power. South Africa made the transition from the undemocratic decentralization of apartheid to decentralization under a democratic constitution. The studies provide a comparative perspective on the political and economic context within which decentralization took place, and how this shaped its design and possible impact. Contributors Omar Azfar, Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Pranab Bardhan, Shubham Chaudhuri, Ali Cheema, Jean-Paul Faguet, Bert Hofman, Kai Kaiser, Philip E. Keefer, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, Justin Yifu Lin, Mingxing Liu, Jeffrey Livingston, Patrick Meagher, Dilip

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Mookherjee, Ambar Narayan, Adnan Qadir, Ran Tao, Tara Vishwanath, Martin Wittenberg

This book presents recent findings from the South Asian region (SA), broadly including groundwater studies on (a) quantity, (b) exploration, (c) quality and pollution, (d) economics, management and policies, (e) groundwater and society, and (f) sustainable sources. It offers a compilation of compelling, authentic insights into groundwater scenarios throughout the water-stressed South Asia region. Comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, it is the most densely populated region in the world: It occupies approximately 4% of the global land area but supports more than 25% of the global population. The SA region now faces

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an acute shortage of fresh water due to a rapid rise in water demand and changes in societal water-use patterns. Combining essential advances and perspectives, this book offers a valuable resource for all scientists, planners and policymakers who are interested in understanding and developing the SA and other related areas.

The Indian Council of Social Science Research, the premier organization for social science research in India, conducts periodic surveys in the major disciplines of the social sciences to assess disciplinary developments as well as to identify gaps in research in these disciplines. Rarely has such a contentious and complex issue emerged in twenty-first century development as that of water. In this book, co-editors David

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Hemson, Kassin Kulindwa, Haakon Lein, and Adolfo Mascarenhas use a global spread of case studies to illustrate that water is not simply an issue of physical scarcity, but rather a complex and politically-driven issue with profound future implications, both in the developing world and outside it. The book argues that for the international community to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, governments must step in to protect the rights of the poor. Here, the links between poverty and access to clean water are explored with an eye to political reform that can end the exploitative policies of big business and help to shape a more equitable world for all.

Poverty and Water
Groundwater of South Asia
Political Stratification and

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Governance in West Bengal

Microprocesses of Democratization in

Nepal and its Neighbours

The Modern Anthropology of India

A Technical Compendium to Millions

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Bangladesh is currently ranked as one of the most climate vulnerable countries in the world. In *Threatening Dystopias*, Kasia Paprocki investigates the politics of climate change adaptation throughout the South Asian nation. Drawing on ethnographic and archival fieldwork, she engages with developers, policy makers, scientists, farmers, and rural migrants to show how Bangladeshi and global elites ignore the history of landscape transformation and its attendant political conflicts. Paprocki looks at

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how groups craft economic narratives and strategies that redistribute power and resources away from peasant communities. Although these groups claim that increased production of export commodities will reframe the threat of climate change into an opportunity for economic development and growth, the reality is not so simple. For the country's rural poor, these promises ring hollow. As development dispossesses the poor from agrarian livelihoods, outmigration from peasant communities leads to precarious existences in urban centers. And a vision of development in which urbanization and export-led growth are both desirable and inevitable is not one the land and its people can sustain. Threatening Dystopias shows how a

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powerful rural movement, although hampered by an all-consuming climate emergency, is seeking climate justice in Bangladesh.

This is the first book to analyze agrarian change in rural Bengal since the recent upsurge in agricultural growth which began in the mid-1980s. A distinguished cast of contributors explore the complex linkages between agricultural growth, agrarian social change, government policy and local level practice.

Economic Integration in South Asia: Issues and Pathways is one of the volumes of the series Imagine a New South Asia presented by ActionAid International Asia. It envisions a new South Asia, free from human deprivation and demonstrates how

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South Asian countries can learn from the best practices in the region as well as from their failures, and also by trying to emulate the successful strategies of East Asia, China and Southeast Asian countries to introduce education and health systems.

While addressing the issues of using groundwater in agriculture for irrigation in the developing world, this book discusses the problems associated with the degradation and overexploitation of using it. It explores the practiced and potential methods for its management in the context of agricultural development.

Socio-economic Profile of Rural India (series II): Eastern India (Orissa, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh)

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A Quantitative Analysis

Local Democracy in South Asia

Trade, Labour and Transformation of
Community in Asia

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India (Open Access)

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Rethinking State Politics in India

This book explores and interrogates the food–water–energy nexus, arguably the most crucial factor in sustaining India’s economic development. The book sheds light on different experiences faced in states across India, including the consequences of electricity tariff reforms and related policies on irrigated agriculture. Part 1 focuses on the historical development of agriculture and social change in

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India, with special reference to the mode of responses and adaptations in social systems against the inherent low and erratic rainfall and resulting water stress in India during the pre-colonial period. Additionally, it investigates how colonial development destroyed social systems and discusses future development prospects. Part 2 discusses contemporary issues of agriculture and social change in India. A comprehensive examination of various important issues related to South Asian agricultural development in the past and in the present, this book will be a valuable reference for researchers of Asian development, sustainable development, environmental policy, South Asian Studies and Development Studies.

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In the context of the current financial crisis, and at a time of deep global change, growing attention is paid to the global norms and ethical values that could underpin future global policy. Water is a key global resource. At the 3rd Marcelino Botin Foundation Water Workshop, held in Santander, Spain, June 12-14, 2007, the role of ethics in the de

This book considers the transformative impact of global trade and production networks on local economies, work and labour organization, and various forms and meanings of 'community'. It examines the socio-economic transformation in Asia and the restructuring of manufacturing industries, ports and the information technology sector.

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Groundwater for Sustainable Livelihoods and Equitable Growth explores how groundwater, often invisibly, improves peoples' lives and livelihoods. This unique collection of 19 studies captures experiences of groundwater making a difference in 16 countries in Africa, South America and Asia. Such studies are rarely documented and this book provides a rich new collection of interdisciplinary analysis. The book is published in colour and includes many original diagrams and photographs. Spring water, wells or boreholes have provided safe drinking water and reliable water for irrigation or industry for millennia. However, the hidden nature of groundwater often means that it's important role both historically and

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in the present is overlooked. This collection helps fill this knowledge gap, providing a diverse set of new studies encompassing different perspectives and geographies. Different interdisciplinary methodologies are described that can help understand linkages between groundwater, livelihoods and growth, and how these links can be threatened by over-use, contamination, and ignorance. Written for a worldwide audience of practitioners, academics and students with backgrounds in geology, engineering or environmental sciences; *Groundwater for Sustainable Livelihoods and Equitable Growth* is essential reading for those involved in groundwater and international development.

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Groundwater Irrigation, Energy Use,
and Food Production

Proven Successes in Agricultural
Development

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India

Economic Integration in South Asia

Ethnography, Themes and Theory

Growth, Stability, and Equity in
Agriculture

Globalisation and Migration

In comparison to other
social groups, India's
rural poor – and
particularly Adivasis and
Dalits - have seen little
benefit from the country's
economic growth over the
last three decades. Though
economists and

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statisticians are able to model the form and extent of this inequality, their work is rarely concerned with identifying possible causes. Employment, Poverty and Rights in India analyses unemployment in India and explains why the issues of employment and unemployment should be the appropriate prism to understand the status of wellbeing in India. The author provides a historical analysis of policy interventions on behalf of the colonial and postcolonial state with

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regard to the alleviation of unemployment and poverty in India and in West Bengal in particular. Arguing that, as long as poverty - either as a concept or as an empirical condition - remains as a technical issue to be managed by governmental technologies, the 'poor' will be held responsible for their own fate and the extent of poverty will continue to increase. The book contends that rural unemployment in India is not just an economic issue but a political process that has consistently been

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shaped by various socio-economic, political and cultural factors since the colonial period. The analysis which depends mainly on ethnography extends to the implementation of the 'New Rights Agenda', such as the MGNREGA, at the rural margin. Challenging the dominant approach to poverty, this book will be of interest to scholars working in the fields of South Asian studies, Indian Political Economy, contemporary political theories, poverty studies, neo-liberalism, sociology

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and social anthropology as well as development studies.

The last available census estimated around 10 per cent of total urban working women in India are concentrated in the low paid domestic services such as cleaning, cooking, and taking care of the children and the elderly. This is found to be much higher in certain parts of India, emerging as the single most important avenue for urban females, surpassing males in the service since the 1980s. By applying an imaginative

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and refreshing mix of disciplinary approaches ranging from economic models of the household, empirical analysis and literary conventions, this book analyses the changing labour economy in post-partition West Bengal. It explains how and why women and girl children have replaced this traditionally male bias in the gender segregated domestic service industry since the late 1940s, and addresses the question of whether this increase in vulnerable individuals working in domestic

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service, the growth of the urban professional middle class in the post liberalization period, and the increasing incidences of reported abuses of domestics, in urban middleclass homes in the recent years, are related. Covering five decades of the history of gender and labour in India, this book will be of interest to scholars working in the fields of gender and labour relations, development studies, economics, history, and women and gender studies. India is witnessing a

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unique moment in populism,
with sentiments divided
between economic reforms
that promise fast
industrialization and
protests that thwart such
industrialization. This
book offers an
ethnographic study of
divergent local responses
to the proposed
construction of a Tata
Motors factory in eastern
India that would have
produced the Nano, the so-
called people's car.
Initial excitement was
followed by long protests
among the villagers whose
agricultural land was

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being acquired for the project. After these protests secured the relocation of the factory, further demonstrations followed, sometimes involving the same participants, seeking to bring the factory back. People's Car explores this ambivalence concerning industrialization, asking why long drawn resistances against corporate industrialization coexist with political rhetoric and slogans promoting fast-paced industrialization. Majumder argues that such contradictory rhetoric and

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promises target divided sentiments in rural India where land is incommensurable with money and a site specially marked by desire for middle caste small landowners aspiring to futures beyond agriculture. Previous studies of industrialization have generally focused on either demands for development or populist critiques. Moving beyond romantic clichés about urban/rural divisions, People's Car offers a single analytical and

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ethnographic framework demonstrating how pro- and anti-industrialization forces feed off each other.

The world has made enormous progress in the past 50 years toward eliminating hunger and malnutrition. While, in 1960, roughly 30 percent of the world's population suffered from hunger and malnutrition, today less than 20 percent does some five billion people now have enough food to live healthy, productive lives. Agricultural development has contributed

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significantly to these gains by increasing food supplies, reducing food prices, and creating new income and employment opportunities for some of the world's poorest people. This book examines where, why, and how past interventions in agricultural development have succeeded. It carefully reviews the policies, programs, and investments in agricultural development that have reduced hunger and poverty across Africa, Asia, and Latin America over the past half

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century. The 19 successes included here are described in in-depth case studies that synthesize the evidence on the intervention's impact on agricultural productivity and food security, evaluate the rigor with which the evidence was collected, and assess the tradeoffs inherent in each success. Together, these chapters provide evidence of "what works" in agricultural development.

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**Study on the agricultural
performance of West Bengal
during 1957-1994.**

**Intensive use of groundwater has
resolved the demand for drinking
water and, through irrigation,
has contributed to the
eradication of malnourishment in
many developing countries. The
spectacular worldwide increase**

in groundwater use in the last decades, especially in arid and semi-arid regions, has been a silent revolution carried out by millions of small farmers. In some instances, groundwater abstraction has caused problems of quality degradation, excessive drawdown of groundwater levels, land subsidence, reduction of spring and baseflows or degradation of groundwater-dependent ecosystems. Most of these problems could be anticipated, mitigated, or even avoided with more active water agencies, adequate regulations and users' participation in management. Groundwater Intensive Use contains a selection of papers presented at a symposium held in December

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2002 in Valencia, Spain. It

constitutes a step forward in creating a greater worldwide awareness of the relevance of groundwater in water resources policy. The book presents new ideas and accounts of recent advances in technical, economic, legal, administrative and political issues. It addresses groundwater development to ecosystems sustainability, through different or complementary approaches. A wide series of case studies from North and South America, Europe, South Asia and North and Sub-Saharan Africa cover the various issues. These case studies represent countries with a wide diversity of social circumstances, from areas in which development is emerging,

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**to communities with a long
history of successful
groundwater use.**

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