



Lecture

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Denny 401

Immoral Economies? Corruption as Practice and Discourse in India

Corruption is central to the everyday economies and identities of young people in urban north India. Jeffrey uses an analysis of corruption as a lens through which to understand emerging youth cultures in India and changing patterns of caste and class reproduction. Jeffrey builds on a critical engagement with the work of Pierre Bourdieu and five years of ethnographic field research conducted between 1995 and 2007 in western Uttar Pradesh.

Craig Jeffrey is Assistant Professor of Geography and International Studies at the University of Washington. His research focuses on the cultural politics of inequality in India, with particular reference to agrarian change, educational regimes, youth politics, and rural poverty. Jeffrey has published nearly forty articles and has two forthcoming books: *Reproducing Difference? Education, Unemployment, and Youth Cultures in India* (with Patricia Jeffery and Roger Jeffery) and *Telling Young Lives: Portraits in Political Geography* (coedited with Jane Dyson).

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