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## Land, People and Livelihood:

## Issues of Displacement and Development in India

India, the largest populist liberal democracy, inherited the legacy of a three-centuries old colonial history, and diverse political and cultural identities portraying multicultural and pluralistic societies. These pluralistic societies concomitantly link each other to an indigenously developed Caste System, which brands a mainstreamed population and a socially, politically and economically excluded population consisting of tribals and untouchables, or the Dalit population. This social order is closely related to the design of economic distribution among the population. Due to the expansion of urban spaces and rapid industrialization in contemporary India, there are cases of displacement induced by mass development that lead to violent means of protest. When the state expresses its legitimate coercive enforcement, the excluded communities, especially the tribals and the Dalits, with no bargaining power, express contempt and despair as promises made to them by the welfare state remain mere dreams. The lecture will address some such cases.