



A New India?

Critical Reflections in the Long Twentieth Century

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Description

Critically examines the notion of a 'new' India by exposing the many economic, social, and political contradictions that are integral to contemporary India.

'A brilliantly nuanced narrative of the two Indias, their interactions and their consequences. This is a must-read book both for the expert and the lay-person interested in the evolution of 21st century India.' —*Ajit Singh, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge, UK*

'India is an "idea" that is constantly being reinvented. But "new India", welcome to the global economy, cannot be understood without the other India being ignored in the process of re-branding – and without history. Anthony D'Costa has created a fine multidisciplinary team not only from history but also from anthropology, art and architecture, development studies, economics and business to explore the need for a New India and the contradictions it generates. This is a book that is widely relevant and should be widely read.' —*Professor Barbara Harriss-White, Director, Contemporary South Asia Studies Programme, Oxford University*

This volume critically examines the notion of a 'new' India by acknowledging that India is changing remarkably and by indicating that in the overzealous enthusiasm about the new India, there is collective amnesia about the other, older India. The book argues that the increasing consolidation of capitalist markets of commodity production and consumption has unleashed not only economic growth and social change, but has also introduced new contradictions associated with market dynamics in the material and social as well as intellectual spheres. The volume also features a Foreword by Deepak Nayyar.

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