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The British Missionary Enterprise Since 1700

2007-11-22

a fresh and much needed overview of the fascinating and controversial subject that is history of the missionary jeffrey cox presents a balanced survey which examines britain as the home base of missions and the impact of the missions themselves

Imperial Fault Lines

2002

this book tells the history of christian missionary encounters with non christians as british and american missionaries spread out from delhi into the heartland of punjaba part of the world where there were no christians at all until the advent of british imperial rule in the early 19th century

Contemporary Hinduism

2014-09-11

most overviews of hindu belief and practice follow a history from the ancient vedas to today such approaches privilege brahmanical traditions and create a sense of hinduism as a homogenous system and culture and one which is largely unchanging and based solely on sacred texts in reality modern hindu faith and culture present an extraordinary range of dynamic beliefs and practices contemporary hinduism aims to capture the full breadth of the hindu worldview as practised today both in the sub continent and the diaspora global and regional faith ritualised and everyday practice brahmanical and non brahmanical belief and ascetic and devotional traditions are all discussed throughout the discussion is illustrated with detailed case material and images whilst key terms are highlighted and explained in a glossary contemporary hinduism presents students with a lively and engaging survey of hinduism offering an introduction to the oldest and one of the most complex of world religions

<u>Developmental State and the Dalit Question in Madhya Pradesh:</u> <u>Congress Response</u>

2013-05-13

dalit assertion has been a central feature of the states in the hindi heartland since the mid 1980s leading to the rise of political consciousness and identity based lower caste parties the present study focuses on the different political response of the congress party to identity assertion in madhya pradesh under the leadership of digvijay singh in uttar pradesh and bihar in response to the strong wave of dalit assertion that swept the region parties such as the bahujan samaj party bsp and the rashtriya janata dal rjd used strategies of political mobilisation to consolidate dalit backward votes and capture state power in madhya pradesh in contrast the congress party and digvijay singh at the historic bhopal conference held in january 2002 adopted a new model of development that attempted to mobilise dalits and tribals and raise their standard of living by providing them economic empowerment this new dalit agenda constitutes an alternative strategy at gaining dalit tribal support through of state sponsored economic upliftment as opposed to the political mobilisation strategy employed by the bsp in uttar pradesh the present study puts to test the limits of the model of state led development of the use of political power by an enlightened political elite to introduce change from above to address the weaker sections of society the working of the state is thus analysed in the context of the society in which it is embedded and the former s ability to insulate itself from powerful vested interests in interrogating this state led redistributive paradigm the study has generated empirical data based on extensive fieldwork and brought to the fore both the potentials and the limitations of using the model of development from above in a democracy it suggests that the absence of an upsurge

from below limits the ability of an enlightened political elite that mans the developmental state to introduce social change and help the weaker sections of society

Was Hinduism Invented?

2005-04-28

drawing on a large body of previously untapped literature including documents from the church missionary society and bengali newspapers brian pennington offers a fascinating portrait of the process by which hinduism came into being he argues against the common idea that the modern construction of religion in colonial india was simply a fabrication of western orientalists and missionaries rather he says it involved the active agency and engagement of indian authors as well who interacted argued and responded to british authors over key religious issues such as image worship sati tolerance and conversion

Everyday Life in South Asia

2002

a lively and informative introduction to the peoples and cultures of south asia

Memory, Identity and the Colonial Encounter in India

2017-08-18

this book sheds new light on the dynamics of the colonial encounter between britain and india it highlights how various analytical approaches to this encounter can be creatively mobilised to rethink entanglements of memory and identity emerging from british rule in the subcontinent this volume reevaluates central long standing debates about the historical impact of the british raj by deviating from hegemonic and top down civilizational perspectives it focuses on interactions relations and underlying meanings of the colonial experience the narratives of memory identity and the legacy of the colonial encounter are woven together in a diverse range of essays on subjects such as colonial and nationalist memorials british eurasian dalit and adivasi identities regional political configurations and state initiatives and patterns of control by drawing on empirically rich regional and chronological historical studies this book will be essential reading for students and researchers of history political science colonial studies cultural studies and south asian studies

Untouchable Pasts

1998-03-19

untouchable pasts constructs a history of an untouchable and heretical community over the last two hundred years the satnamis of central india have combined the features of a caste and a sect to question and challenge the tenor of ritual power that variously defines hinduism at the same time within the community schemes of meaning and power particularly those centering on gender have been imbued with ambiguity and a reproduction of forms of inequality the book presents an interpretive account of satnami endeavors encounters and experiences by combining history and anthropology archival and field work it addresses a clutch of theoretical questions and a range of key and inextricably bound analytical relationships in an accessible manner issues of caste and untouchability sect and kinship myths and pasts are rendered here as part of a wider dynamic between religion and power gender and community writing and the constitution of traditions ritual and the making of modernities and orality and the construction of histories indeed untouchable pasts brings together the perspectives and possibilities defined by three overlapping but distinct theoretical developments that have been elaborated in recent years first novel renderings of anthropologies and enthnographies of the historical imagination second critically engaged constructions of histories from below particularly by the collective subaltern studies endeavor and finally a conceptual emphasis on the everyday as an arena for the production negotiation transaction and contestations of meanings within wider networks and relationships of power by casting these analytical tendencies in a critical dialogue with one another untouchable pasts works toward questioning some of those overarching oppositions for example between ritual and rationality myth and history tradition and modernity and community and state that have formed the conceptual core of several inherited traditions of social and political theory within the academy in both western and non western contexts

Hagiography and Religious Truth

2016-09-16

the hagiographic materials from the world's religions can tell us much about the beliefs and practices of the people yet the limited degree to which hagiography has been used as an instrument for understanding diverse religious traditions is surprising hagiography and religious truth provides a clearer understanding of the ways hagiography functions to disclose truth for practitioners and suggests various ways that these underexploited sources enrich our comprehension of broader issues in religious studies this volume provides a much needed cross cultural and interreligious comparison of saints lives iconography and devotional practices the contributors show that hagiographic sources can in fact be truths of manifestation which function as vehicles for prefiguring configuring and refiguring religious social and cultural life the editors argue that some meanings simply cannot be communicated effectively through historical critical methodologies by exploring how hagiography functions throughout several of the world's religious traditions this volume illustrates how various modes of hagiography articulate religious ideas and uniquely represent conceptions of sanctity

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possessing the city is a social history of the property market in late colonial delhi a period of much turbulence and transformation it argues that historians of south asian cities must connect transformations in urban space with the economy of the city using new archival material anishvanaik outlines the place of private property development in delhi s economy from 1911 to 1947 rather than large scale state initiatives like the delhi improvement trust it was profit oriented decentralised and market based initiatives of urban construction that created the delhi cityscape this volume also serves to chart the emerging relationship between the state and urban space in this period rather than a narrow focus on urban planning ideas it argues that the relationship be thought of in a triangular fashion the intermediation of the property market was crucial to emergingstatecraft and urban form in this period possessing the city examines struggles and conflicts over the commodification of land particularly disputes over rents and prices of urban property the question of commodification can also however be discerned in struggles that were not ostensibly abouteconomic issues clashes over religious sites in the city through careful attention to the historical interrelationships between state space and the economy in delhi this volume offers a novel intervention in the history of late colonial delhi

Possessing the City

2019-11-28

an engrossing and definitive narrative account of history and myth that offers a new way of understanding one of the world s oldest major religions the hindus elucidates the relationship between recorded history and imaginary worlds hinduism does not lend itself easily to a strictly chronological account many of its central texts cannot be reliably dated even within a century its central tenets karma dharma to name just two arise at particular moments in indian history and differ in each era between genders and caste to caste and what is shared among hindus is overwhelmingly outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another yet the greatness of hinduism its vitality its earthiness its vividness lies precisely in many of those idiosyncratic qualities that continue to inspire debate today wendy doniger is one of the foremost scholars of hinduism in the world with her inimitable insight and expertise doniger illuminates those moments within the tradition that resist forces that would standardize or establish a canon without reversing or misrepresenting the historical hierarchies she reveals how sanskrit and vernacular sources are rich in knowledge of and compassion toward women and lower castes how they debate tensions surrounding religion violence and tolerance and how animals are the key to important shifts in attitudes toward different social classes the hindus brings a fascinating multiplicity of actors and stories to the stage to show how brilliant and creative thinkers many of them far removed from brahmin authors of sanskrit texts have kept hinduism alive in ways that other scholars have not fully explored in this unique and authoritative account debates about hindu traditions become platforms from which to consider the ironies and overlooked epiphanies of history

The Hindus

2010-09-30

2019-07-08

power purity hierarchy discipline non harm austerity chastity

Merchants of Virtue

2022

captures the lives of those living close to the border areas of jammu and their stories of contesting or reinforcing india pakistan boundaries

Rethinking Conflict at the Margins: Dalits and Borderland Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir

2020-10-29

there is a widespread consensus today that the constitutional flexibility to alter state boundaries has bolstered the stability of india s democracy yet debates persist about whether the creation of more states is desirable political parties regional movements and local activists continue to demand new states in different parts of the country as part of their attempts to reshape political and economic arenas remapping india looks at the most recent episode of state creation in 2000 when the states of chhattisgarh jharkhand and uttarakhand came into being in some of the poorest yet resource rich regions of hindi speaking north and central india their creation represented a new turn in the history of the country s territorial organisation this book explains the politics that lay behind this episode of post linguistic state reorganisation and what it means for the future design of india s federal system

Remapping India

2013-10-01

western policymakers political activists and academics alike see patronage as the chief enemy of open democratic societies patronage for them is a corrupting force a hallmark of failed and failing states and the obverse of everything that good modern governance ought to be south asia poses a frontal challenge for this consensus here the world s most populous pluralist and animated democracy is also a hotbed of corruption with persistently startling levels of inequality patronage as politics in south asia confronts this paradox with calm erudition sixteen essays by anthropologists historians and political scientists show from a wide range of cultural and historical angles that in south asia patronage is no feudal residue or retrograde political pressure but a political form vital in its own right this volume suggests that patronage is no foe to south asia s burgeoning democratic cultures but may in fact be their main driving force

Patronage as Politics in South Asia

2014-10-16

this work focuses on processes of articulating identity the notions of shared idioms and sacred symbols shaping this volume suggest both a search for common ground and boundary drawing processes individual chapters locate sites of these modes and the conditions that engender them

problematizing the truth claims of unitary markers of identity

<u>Shared Idioms, Sacred Symbols, and the Articulation of Identities</u> in South Asia

2009-01-13

the maratha period of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries when an independent maratha state successfully resisted the mughals is a defining era in the history of the region of maharashtra in western india in this book prachi deshpande considers the importance of this period for a variety of political projects including anticolonial hindu nationalism and the non brahman movement as well as popular debates throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries concerning the meaning of tradition culture and the experience of colonialism and modernity sampling from a rich body of literary and cultural sources deshpande highlights shifts in history writing in early modern and modern india and the deep connections between historical and literary narratives she traces the reproduction of the maratha period in various genres and public arenas its incorporation into regional political symbolism and its centrality to the making of a modern marathi regional consciousness she also shows how historical memory provided a space for indians to negotiate among their national religious and regional identities pointing to history s deeper potential in shaping politics within thoroughly diverse societies a truly unique study creative pasts examines the practices of historiography and popular memory within a particular colonial context and illuminates the impact of colonialism on colonized societies and cultures furthermore it shows how modern history and historical memory are jointly created through the interplay of cultural activities power structures and political rhetoric

Creative Pasts

2007-05-08

a powerful book on caste a subject that has dramatic importance not only for the history of democracy in modern india but for the general discussion on the interferences of social inequalities and cultural exclusions the caste question goes beyond the usual antitheses of localism and globalism and illustrates a decisive notion of intensive universality etienne balibar a sustained and probing analysis of the modern history of caste in western india connecting issues of gender personhood property and politics to facts of oppression and inequality this is the most politically and theoretically engaged book on caste to have come out in a long time dipesh chakrabarty author of habitations of modernity a profound reflection at once historically rich and theoretically nuanced on the nature of political modernity itself john comaroff co author with jean comaroff of of revelation and revolution rao is entirely convincing in this brilliant and audacious re evaluation of political modernity in india through the perspective of anti caste struggles mrinalini sinha author of specters of mother india the global re structuring of an empire

The Caste Question

2009-10-13

in this book lorea explores the relationship between bengali folklore heterodox religious movements and politics of cultural representation through the contextual study of the eccentric guru bhaba pagla 1902 1984 his ecstatic songs and their performers

Folklore, Religion and the Songs of a Bengali Madman

2016-08-01

historically religious scriptures are defined as holy texts that are considered to be beyond the abilities of the layperson to interpret their content is most frequently analyzed by clerics who do not question the underlying political or social implications of the text but use the writing to convey messages to their congregations about how to live a holy existence in western society moreover what counts as scripture is generally confined to the judeo christian bible leaving the voices of minorities as well as the holy texts of faiths from africa and asia for example unheard in this innovative collection of essays that aims to turn the traditional bible study definition of scriptures on its head vincent 1 wimbush leads an in depth look at the social cultural and racial meanings invested in these texts contributors hail from a wide array of academic fields and geographic locations and include such noted academics as susan harding elisabeth shüssler fiorenza and william 1 andrews purposefully transgressing disciplinary boundaries this ambitious

book opens the door to different interpretations and critical orientations and in doing so allows an ultimately humanist definition of scriptures to emerge

Theorizing Scriptures

2008-01-04

this is a powerful and exciting work mosse has produced a work of scholarship that is lively and readable without any loss of subtlety and sophistication it is a ground breaking study of critical importance to the ways we understand religious nationalism and the anthropology of postcolonial experience susan bayly author of asian voices in a postcolonial age

The Saint in the Banyan Tree

2012-10-01

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

The Modern Anthropology of India

2013-06-03

pragmatic modernism traces an alternative strain of modernism influenced by pragmatist philosophy and characterized by its commitment to gradualism continuity and habit rather than spectacular events and radical rupture

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2010

the third edition of this groundbreaking text offers a powerful model for cultural ecological analysis and a pedagogy of responsibility authors martusewicz edmundson and lupinacci provide teachers teacher educators and educational scholars with the theory and classroom practices they need to help develop citizens who are prepared to support and achieve diverse democratic and sustainable societies in an increasingly globalized world readers are asked to consider curricular strategies to bring these issues to life in their own classrooms across disciplines designed for introductory educational foundations and multicultural education courses ecojustice education is written in a narrative conversational style grounded in place and experience but also pushes students to examine the larger ideological social historical and political contexts of the crises humans and the planet we inhabit are facing fully updated with cutting edge research statistics and current events throughout the third edition addresses important topics such as indigenous learning black lives matter the flint water crisis standing rock the rise of fascism and climate change and develops ecojustice approaches to confronting these issues an accompanying online resource includes a conceptual toolbox links to related resources and more

Distinguishing Selves

2002

this text offers a powerful model for cultural ecological analysis and pedagogy of responsibility providing educators with information and classroom practices they need to educate future citizens for diverse democratic and sustainable communities

Pragmatic Modernism

2014-11-28

this reference work provides bibliographic details for students of 18th century studies

EcoJustice Education

2020-07-14

toward a cognitive theory of narrative acts brings together in one volume cutting edge research that turns to recent findings in cognitive and neurobiological sciences psychology linguistics philosophy and evolutionary biology among other disciplines to explore and understand more deeply various cultural phenomena including art music literature and film the essays fulfilling this task for the general reader as well as the specialist are written by renowned authors h porter abbott patrick colm hogan suzanne keen herbert lindenberger lisa zunshine katja mellman lalita pandit hogan klarina priborkin javier gutiérrez rexach ellen spolsky and richard walsh among the works analyzed are plays by samuel beckett novels by maxine hong kingston music compositions by igor stravinsky art by jean baptiste simeon chardin and films by michael haneke each of the essays shows in a systematic clear and precise way how music art literature and film work in and of themselves and also how they are interconnected finally while each of the essays is unique in style and methodological approach together they show the way toward a unified knowledge of artistic creativity

Teaching for EcoJustice

2011-05-20

five historians uncover the ties between people s daily routines and the all encompassing framework of their lives they trace the processes of social construction in western europe the united states latin america africa and china discussing both the historical similarities and the ways in which individual history has shaped each area s development they stress the need for a social history that connects individuals to major ideological political and economic transformations

Novel Professions

2006

divessays in this collection assess the nation as a subject of disciplinary inquiry considering both its enduring relevance and its inadequacy as an analytical category for studying history literature and culture div

The Eighteenth Century

2003

includes biographies of fellows appointed reappointments publications musical compositions academic appointments and index of fellows

Toward a Cognitive Theory of Narrative Acts

2010-06-01

this revised edition aims to provide a comprehensive exploration of the economic and social divisions in human societies the book takes a global perspective and includes detailed information on stratification around the world addressing the ways in which governments corporations and workers cope with milestone changes such as greater european unification and an increased us economic presence extensive comparative information as well as an overview of how historically social statification has changed and evolved gives readers a global perspective on class conflict

Reliving the Past

2014-02-01

this book argues that there is a new sinological form of orientalism at work in the world it has shifted from a logic of essential difference to one of sameness or general equivalence china is now in a halting but inevitable process of becoming the same as the usa and the west orientalism is now closer to the cultural logic of capitalism even as it shows the afterlives of colonial discourse this shift reflects our era of increasing globalization the migration of orientalism to area studies and the pax americana the liberal triumph at the end of history and the demonization of maoism an ever closer sino west relationship and the overlapping of anti communist and colonial discourses to make the case for this re constitution of orientalism this work offers an inter disciplinary analysis of the china field broadly defined vukovich takes on specialist work on the politics governance and history of the mao and reform eras from the great leap forward to tiananmen 1989 the western study of chinese film recent work in critical theory which turns on the china reference and other global texts about or from china through extensive analysis the production of sinological knowledge is shown to be of a piece with western global intellectual political culture this work will be of great interest to scholars of asian postcolonial and cultural studies

After the Imperial Turn

2003-05-29

this explores everyday learning among working class canadians exploding the myth that such learning is class neutral

Reports of the President and the Treasurer - John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

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