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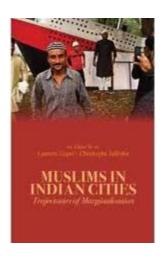
Around the publication of the book

Muslims in Indian Cities: Trajectories of Marginalization

Laurent Gayer and Christophe Jaffrelot (eds.), London, Hurst, 2012

At more than 150 million people, Muslims are the largest Indian minority but are facing a significant decline in socio-economic as well as political terms - while waves of communal violence have affected them over the last twenty-five years.

In India's cities, these developments find contrasting expressions. While Muslims are lagging behind, local syncretic cultures have proved to be resilient in the South and in the East (Bangalore, Calicut, Cuttack). In the Hindi belt and in the North, Muslims have met a different fate, especially in riot-prone areas (Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Jaipur, Aligarh) and in the former capitals of Muslim states (Delhi, Hyderabad, Bhopal, Lucknow).



These developments have resulted in the formation of Muslim ghettos and Muslim slums in places like Ahmedabad and Mumbai. But (self-)segregation also played a role in the making of Muslim enclaves, like in Delhi and Aligarh, where traditional elites and the new Muslim middle class searched for physical as well as cultural protection through their regrouping.

This book supplements an ethnographic approach to Muslims in eleven Indian cities with a quantitative methodology in order to give a first- hand account of this untold story.

Programme

Introduction

Christophe Jaffrelot (Sciences Po, CERI/CNRS)

Session 1

Radhika Kanchana (Sciences Po, CERI)

Calicut: "Kozhikode's Kuttichira: Exclusivity Maintained Proudly"

Gayatri Jai Singh Rathore (Sciences Po, CERI)

Jaipur: "Ramganj, From Occupation-Based to 'Communal' Neighbourhood?"

Discussant

Agnès Deboulet (Université Paris 8/CNRS)

Session 2

Juliette Galonnier (Sciences Po, OSC)

Aligarh: "Sir Syed Nagar/ Shah Jamal, Contrasted Tales of a 'Muslim' City"

Christophe Jaffrelot (Sciences Po, CERI/CNRS)

Bhopal and Ahmedabad: "Two patterns of Muslim urban marginalization"

Discussant

Jules Naudet (CMH, ERIS/CNRS)

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