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In an Outpost of the Global Economy *Work and Workers in India's Information Technology Industry*

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The emergent Information Technology (IT) and IT-Enabled Services (ITES) industries have become emblematic of India's entry and integration into the global economy, and have put India at the centre of discourses about globalisation. Although these industries have received substantial media and academic attention, there has, till recently, been little research on these developments from a sociological or anthropological perspective. Little is known about the people who work in them, the nature of the work, or its wider social and cultural ramifications. The book provides an in-depth analysis of the complexities of these new global industries, the organisation and culture of work within them, and their impact on workers. Each essay draws on original field research conducted in India, and contextualises its observations within current theoretical debates on globalisation, the information economy, and the transformation of work in the post-industrial era. The major themes of this volume are how cultures at work and beyond the workplace are mutually constituted and imbricated in one another, and the diverse ways in which the 'global' is instantiated in the 'local' in the context of hi-tech led globalisation in India.

The book will be of interest to scholars and students in the fields of sociology, anthropology, management, labour studies, information technology, and business and organisational studies, apart from the general reader.

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