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"India's New Company Villages: Extractive Firms and Rural Development in Eastern India"

Speaker

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Venue: Seminar Hall, 10th Floor, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

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About the Lecture

Amidst highly contentious politics, how do extractive firms implant themselves in new contexts? In the process, what kinds of new social and political forms are emerging in India's extractive economy, and what relation do they bear to past forms? I shift my focus from how social movements operate to mediate company displacement policies to how the companies themselves mediate displacement. I suggest that the corporation's relationships to the people and territories in its periphery and to the communities displaced for its mining and mineral-processing industries are no longer taking the form of the Company Town but rather the Company Village. This term indexes a form of corporate sovereignty that bears a relationship to those older forms of the Company State and the Company Town, but represents something distinctive. My talk is based on fieldwork that is in progress in and around mining areas in three districts in Odisha.

About the Speaker

Sunila S. Kale is Associate Professor in the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, where she serves as Chair and Director of the South Asian Studies program and center. Her research and teaching focus on Indian politics, the politics of energy and infrastructure, the political economy of development, and the history of capitalism. She has published *Electrifying India: Regional Political Economies of Development* (Stanford University Press, 2014).