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Urban-agrarian entanglements and the shifting of farmer-state and farmer-land relations

As thinking of the urban and agrarian as binaries is now widely being challenged, the question becomes how to understand their ambiguous relationship. Scholarship dissolves the binary by often neglecting the agrarian as an analytical category altogether, sometimes seeing the world as universally (sub)urban. Scholars of South Asian urbanism, in contrast, argue that the agrarian is a constituting feature in the production of urban space under postcolonial capitalist conditions. Such urban-agrarian entanglement has become most visible in peri-urban regions. Following these lines, my research investigates everyday land practices of agrarian households that may facilitate or obstruct urban development/industrialization. Such land practices encompass forms of selling, buying, or building upon land. The qualitative study pays particular attention to changing farmer-state/farmer-farmer and farmer-land relations by drawing from fieldwork in a cluster of villages in the hinterland of Bangalore/India.

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