

Subaltern¹ Perspectives on Rural Development and the Trans-localization of *Adivasi-Dalit-Peasant Struggles in Orissa, India*

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Abstract - This paper introduces subaltern perspectives and critical analysis of rural development in Orissa, India. Specifically, the conceptions shared by thirteen subaltern (including *Kondha Adivasis and Panos Dalits*) organizations convened as the *Lok Adhikar Manch* (LAM) are considered as these groups view current rural development strategy as being a means of compulsory modernization shaped by contemporary neoliberal globalization or the priorities of the globalization of capital. Furthermore, subalterns have identified such rural development realities as the core reasons for their continued impoverishment and marginalization and the current development impasse between themselves and the corporatized-developmental state. Given these challenges, LAM espouses the need for a trans-local activism while advocating for pluri-nationalism and a rural development which recognizes multiple life projects, including the subaltern way of being.

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