Rethinking State Politics in India
Regions within Regions

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In recent decades, India has been witness to the assertion of geographically, culturally and historically constituted distinct and well-defined regions that have emerged within its states. Displaying sharpened ethnic, communal, caste and other social-political cleavages, these regions are significant in the emerging political landscape — they are the arena where political and economic choices will be made and unmade in the future.

This volume adopts a sub-national comparative method for carrying out an in-depth analysis of the politics of identity as well as development in the large, multi-level polity of India by focusing on micro narratives that may otherwise be passed over while viewing the larger picture. The articles focus on regions within states and not the state per se, as the unit of analysis. Interestingly, they employ both intra-state and inter-state regional perspectives in a comparative mode to highlight the nuanced nature of the movements for autonomy.

The volume will be especially useful for students and researchers in the fields of Political Science, Sociology, Development Studies and Economics as well for those in the areas of public policy and administration.

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