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

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Amidst highly contentious politics, how do mining and metal 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 and mineral-processing areas in Odisha.



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