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How do India's 'untouchables' and 'tribals' fit into the global economy?

'An exceptional book coming from researchers who lived with the most marginalised people to present the India of dislocation and despair'
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'A kaleidoscopic view of how established social forms morph and realign to produce deepening inequality' - Tania Murray Li

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Why has India's astonishing economic growth not reached the people at the bottom of its social and economic hierarchy? Travelling the length and breadth of the subcontinent, this book shows how India's 'untouchables' and 'tribals' fit into the global economy.

India's Dalit and Adivasi communities make up a staggering one in twenty-five people across the globe and yet they remain amongst the most oppressed. Conceived in dialogue with economists, *Ground Down by Growth* reveals the impact of global capitalism on their lives. It shows how capitalism entrenches, rather than erases, social difference and has transformed traditional forms of identity-based discrimination into new mechanisms of exploitation and oppression.

Through studies of the working poor, migrant labour and the conjugated oppression of caste, tribe, region, gender and class relations, the social inequalities generated by capitalism are exposed.

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