Title

Religion, Development and the rights of subordinated people: Christianity and Dalit Social Action in India

What this Study Contributes

It will throw new light on the complex role of Christianity in the assertion of Dalit rights in India. Today, a large proportion of India's 25 million Christians are ex-untouchables or Dalits, many living in India's southern states.

Team

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Research Partners

the Institute for Development Education and Studies (IDEAS)

Approach

In this study David Mosse has re-assessed research he conducted with a Christian-Hindu community 1982-83 in light of new fieldwork, including interviews and a simple survey, conducted in the same village in order to investigate changing inter-caste and inter-religious relations. He has also engaged in further archival research and conducted more interviews with Christian and Dalit leaders across southern India.

Findings

The project ends 30th September 2010.
Activities and Outcomes

- Active collaboration with Father Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, a Dalit Jesuit priest-sociologist.

Further Information

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