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Review

This is an important and fascinating book which is likely to become a key text in the anthropology of neo-liberal capitalism, development and industrialisation in South Asia. Engagingly written and ethnographically rich, Dream Zones reveals the multiple meanings, contestations and realities of Special Economic Zones in India, showing how large scale infra structure projects are built upon an 'economy of anticipation' that deals in dreams of the future as much as dystopian nightmares of rupture and loss. -- Katy Gardner, Professor of Anthropology at London School of Economics

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