Call for Book Chapters

Book Title Theme:

Im|Mobilities and Migrations in India

Special focus: Role of technology in migration and mobility

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Abstracts are invited for an interdisciplinary edited volume themed **Im|Mobilities and Migrations in India,** to be published with an esteemed international publisher. Abstracts for original and unpublished work may be submitted, and those that may not have appeared in or be under consideration for another journal, nor may they be under review or submitted to another press during the review process. Contributions based on *theoretical frameworks*, *qualitative research,* and/or *comparative analyses* on migrations in India are highly encouraged.

Brief background: Human mobility has been omnipresent in the history of civilizations, but the meaning and patterns of mobility have been changing over the decades - in India and globally, in urban and in rural areas. Over time, mobility as a concept has allowed an understanding that studies mobile people in connection to material, ideal, and virtual flows. Within this inclusive approach, migration has been at the forefront of research and has been referred to as one of the most prominent forms of mobility. The recent pandemic situation and its allied dynamics has significantly necessitated that we reimagine these fundamental social science concepts (of mobility and migration) that run through the fabric of global and local societies. This reimagination has been possible across society in fundamental ways because of digital infrastructures, devices and practices. A special emphasis of this edited volume therefore will be on technology's role in affecting, inflecting, and facilitating migration and mobility. Overall, this edited volume is designed towards understanding technology's role in migration and other forms of mobility in India through the lens of significant and associated social institutions and processes.

Contributions in the following areas are highly encouraged:

- Emerging theories of migration and mobility in the Indian/ South Asian context
- Technology and migration/mobility in India (Online platforms, AI systems, digital infrastructures, devices and practices)
- Impact of the recent pandemic on migration/mobility in India
- Intersectionality and Migration in India

Other thematic contributions may include (but are not limited to):

- Adaptations of migration regimes and their impact on migration/mobility in India
- Postcolonial/Decolonial positionalities of migrants in India
- Media and social construction of mobilities across geosocial scales in India/ South Asia
- Identity politics and migration in South Asia
- Infrastructure changes and migration/ mobility in India
- Leisure mobilities in India / South Asia
- Spatial imaginaries of migration and mobility in India/ South Asia

Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit an abstract of 200-300 words (in .doc/.docx/.pdf format), OR a sample chapter if you have any such work-in-progress, *by August 31, 2020*
- Include a tentative chapter title, and contributor name(s) and affiliations
- A one-page CV (in .doc/.docx/.pdf format) describing contributor's academic credentials (*Optional*)

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