

# The Price of Tea

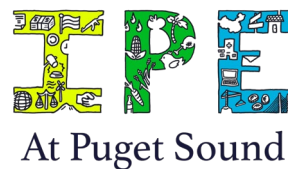
## The Political Economics of Tea Production and Distribution in South India

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# The Plantation Crisis

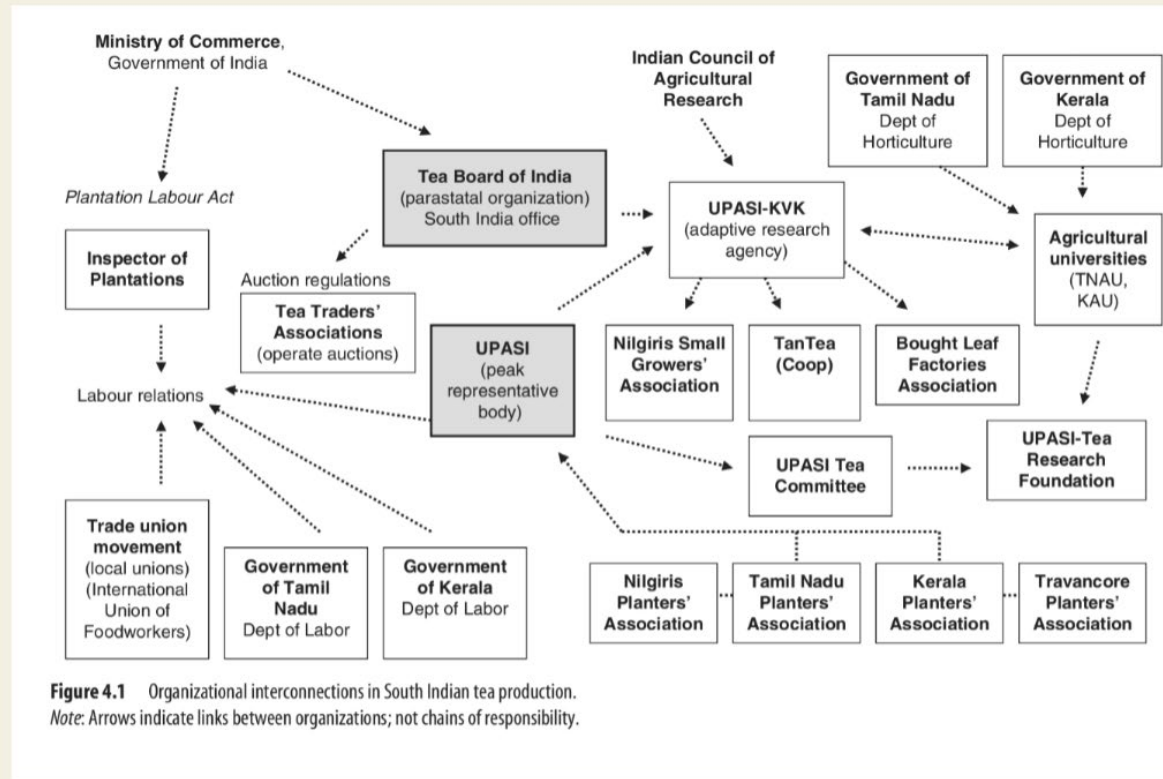
- Intentionally constructed unfreedoms through colonial and neoliberal processes
- Elements of identity: plantation patriarchy, caste, ethnicity



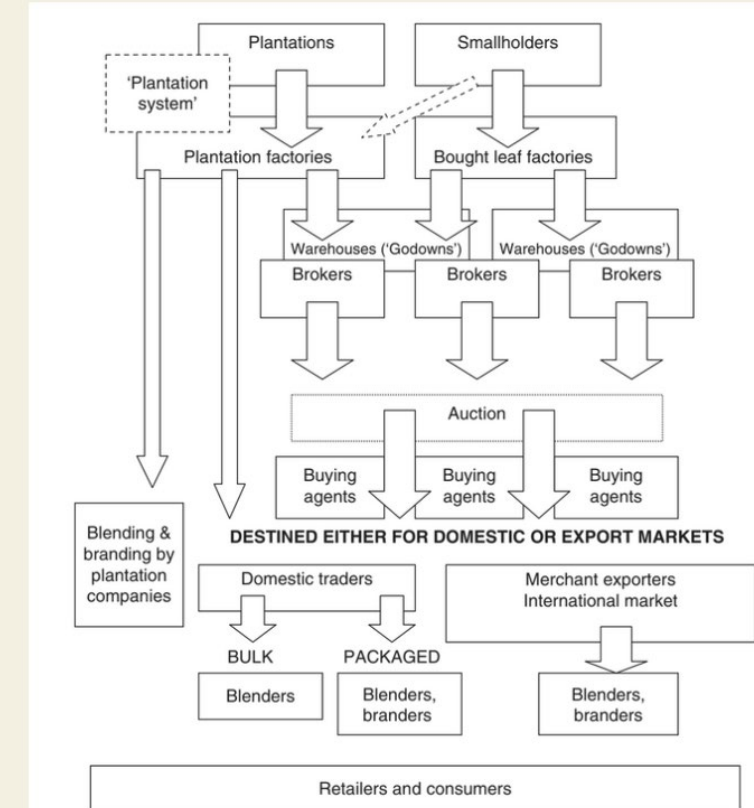
# Theoretical Frameworks

- Feminist Theory
  - Social, biological, and physical reproduction
- Anti-Colonial Theory
  - Colonial power structures must be dismantled for liberation
- Dalit Theory
  - Dignity in dismantling caste
- Dependency Theory
  - Unmaking neocolonialism

# Global Value Chains & Notable Actors



Source: Neilson and Pritchard 2009



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# Developing Agency

- Restructuring Unions
- Wage Coalitions
- Worker Driven Social Response
- Contending with consumerism



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