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
Works Cited


