

Ignored or ill - represented? The Grievance of Terai-Madhes Conflict in Nepal

About the Book

In the wake of recent democratic movements in Nepal, Terai-Madhes region has emerged as a hot topic in politics and academia. It is now known not only as an agriculturally fertile, but also a politically contested region. There is a contest for recognition, for representation and for redistribution of power to tens of ethnic groups residing in this region.

Whatever the present contentions are, people in this region had long been suffering from the ignorance by the establishment as well as the regional elites. Unfortunately, most of the academic analyses so far have been concentrating merely on centre to periphery exploitation. This book counter-argues that there are also many other reasons than this, viz., international geopolitical interests, stronghold of regional elites and immense diversity of societies within the region.

This book begins its journey from the semantic debate on the region, illustrates the historical context of exclusion and discrimination, provides a snapshot of the regional uprising of 2007 and explores international geopolitical causes behind the prolonged conflict. Mainly focusing on the rise of communalism, it also discusses about positive and negative impacts of the overall conflicts in Terai-Madhes region.