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Tracing change in urban India through Hindu temple publics, this embedded ethnography seeks to interrogate the complex relationship between tradition and new-ness in space and time, circuits of mobility and ways of being, in the wake of the changes that neo-liberal economics and globalization has brought to Bangalore city.

Through rituals and performed affect — 'rasa and bhava' — that is deployed among priests, devotees and others during the festival of Kanu Pandigai, Srinivas explores the nature of moral subjectivity in a South Asian neo-liberal urban context. She builds towards a theoretical scaffolding for cultural durability by focusing on the subjunctive.



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