

PETTY PRODUCTION IN
INDIA'S INFORMAL ECONOMY:
A SLEW OF RESEARCH
QUESTIONS

Seizing the Indian nettle

- Pcp as most common form of production
- Indian capitalism and non polar classes
- Pcp and poverty

The economics of petty production

-1-Internal logics

- Simple reproduction
- Disguised wage work
- Self exploitation
- Contradictory class place
- Multiple practices of exploitation and oppression

Economics -2 - persistence and reproduction of pcp

- Residual or structural?
- Failure to accumulation - reproduction by multiplication
- Constraints on agrarian accumulation
- Constraints on non-agrarian accumulation
- Constraints on collective action
- Poverty-creating processes of pcp and the creation of pcp (primitive accumulation)
- Social institutions and pcp – pre-capitalist relics or structures of accumulation?
- The sphere of reproduction and the reproduction of pcp
- Capacities to resist external forces

Economics -3 – projects for pcp

- Economic development for pcp?
 - Yes! Many projects
 - Agrarian ‘populism’
 - Small / micro / tiny industry
 - NCEUS
 - Inclusive Development
 - No! Incoherent projects
 - Destruction
 - Protection
 - Promotion
 - Tolerance
 - Sustenance through law of unintended outcomes

Pcp and its politics

- Populist mobilisation: pcp as capital
- Pcp as labour
- Pcp for pcp
- Identity politics
- Maoism and the revolutionary potential of pcp
- Unlike peasant society in 1970s, lack of distinctive politics