

What Goes Into an Outlook?

Notes on Commodity Prices in Indian Agri-Markets

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About the Lecture:

The economic and political volatility of India's agricultural commodity prices is as well-known as it is little understood. But this relationship, between material urgency and conceptual ambiguity, is at the very heart of how markets for agricultural produce work and are experienced every day. Perhaps nothing exemplifies this better than the matter of price. Drawing on multiple seasons of ethnographic fieldwork in an agricultural market in central India, Dr. Krishnamurthy will illustrate this relationship and its effects through a close look at a global commodity (soybean) and the making and manifesting of its post-harvest price in regional and local markets in India.

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