

Jesuit Management Education in East and Central India: 1970s to present

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The case

- Emerging field of business management education in India
- Prominent place for Jesuit institutions
- The case of Jesuit management education in East and Central India:
 - Xavier Labor Relations Institute, Jamshedpur (founded in 1949)
 - Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi (founded in 1953)
 - Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (founded in 1987)
 - Xavier Institute of Development and Action Service, Jabalpur (founded in 1995)

Dilemmas and contradictions

- Enlightenment thinking and a neoliberal agenda.
- Religious values and helping less privileged,
- Local context: Indian cultural formations, tribal areas and local political circumstances
- Product of joined initiatives of local and European actors.

These business schools form fascinating spaces where the global is connected to the local, the spiritual to the rational and the elite to the grassroots.

Research question

How are these different epistemologies, values and ideologies being negotiated and reconciled in the making, evolvement and practices of the management institutes in the period 1970 to present?

- Competing ideologies and objectives?
- Funding related to ideological and religious objectives?
- Relations with local actors?
- The role of religion and spirituality in practices?

Relevance

Beyond the dichotomy of Europe and India: A **transnational network** approach

- Post-colonial sentiments in Europe-India relations
- Globalisation and multiple modernities
- Evolving discourses of modernization and development in India
- History of higher education in independent India

Methodology

- a. Semi-structured interviews (oral history)
- b. Discourse analysis of documentation
- c. Financial and relational network analysis



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