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## SYSTEMIC CRIMINALITY AND CAPITALISM

Based upon ethnographic research conducted among industrial workers and trade unionists in urban India, this lecture interrogates the systemic relationship between capitalism, organised crime and institutional corruption. Using an extended case study of the decline of effective collective action in an Indian company town, I argue that corruption and violence are integral to the political-economic processes of industrial societies. I consider what the implications of this model are for understandings of political corruption. I suggest that analytic frameworks premised on the interrogation of petty bribery are inappropriate conceptual tools with which to explain the entropy of institutions.

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