

CHAPTER 11

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Doctoral Theses

01. Singh (Vaishali)
State and Market in Liberalizing Economies: Inclusive Growth and Development in India and China (2001-2012).
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Abstract
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The thesis entitled "State and Market in Liberalizing Economies: Inclusive Growth and Development in India and China, 2001-2012" is an attempt to understand the political economy of the recent development strategy as espoused in an inclusive growth proposal. The thrust on inclusion has come as a result of decades of exclusionary policies adopted in an unbridled pursuit of higher and faster economic growth. However, the disturbing results of this imprudent strategy are becoming glaringly visible. The problem is acutely challenging for India and China as hugely populated nations. The basic research question with which the thesis deals with is to see how far the emphasis on inclusive growth reflects a furtherance of a neo-liberal agenda or a genuine concern for the marginalized sections of society. The entire study is rooted within the theoretical framework of political economy approach that argues against treating state and market as two dichotomies and instead sees state and market in constant interaction, impinging and influencing each other. Inclusive Growth is proposed to be measured based on three yardsticks of health, education and employment. This study follows the line of reasoning that within inclusive growth paradigm, state and market are working in tandem to accelerate growth and legitimize the neo-liberal growth process. The trend has clearly been towards marketization and privatization of social welfare services and the concomitant weakening of the role of state in providing basic public goods. The present study, therefore, makes a case for the indispensable role of state in building human capital which is the only way to bring about broad-based development and is especially critical for the hitherto marginalized sections of society. In other words, if there is a silver bullet that will guarantee the well-being of all, it is human capital epitomized in an educated, healthy and well-trained citizenry.

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