



Everyday Peace?: Politics, Citizenship and Muslim Lives in India

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Providing important insights into political geography, the politics of peace, and South Asian studies, this book explores everyday peace in northern India as it is experienced by the Hindu-Muslim community.

- Challenges normative understandings of Hindu-Muslim relations as relentlessly violent and the notion of peace as a romantic endpoint occurring only after violence and political maneuverings
- Examines the ways in which geographical concepts such as space, place, and scale can inform and problematize understandings of peace
- Redefines the politics of peace, as well as concepts of citizenship, agency, secular politics, and democracy
- Based on over 14 months of qualitative and archival research in the city of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, India

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