



# **NARRATIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IN BRAZIL AND INDIA**

LOSING NATURE

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*Narratives of Environmental Challenges in Brazil and India: Losing Nature*, edited by Zélia M. Bora and Murali Sivaramakrishnan, contextualizes the two subcontinents of India and Brazil and closely examines environmental issues from within and without. This collection focuses largely on the fate of forests and water in these two geographical terrains.

This book explores narratives that reflect transformations: hitherto unprecedented demographic expansions, exploitation of natural resources, pollution and depletion of river and fresh water sources, uncontrollable demands on the energy front, waste and garbage disposal, and drastic reduction of biodiversity. All of these are factors to research when one considers "losing nature."

In philosophical as well as theoretical terms, the questions of what is nature, what is gained and lost in human-nature interaction, and what is the essential "balance" of nature are all important queries on a similar scale. Societal reality in present-day Brazil and India is reconstructed and deconstructed at will by the powerful influence of the past alongside that of globalization and technocratic market structures. This volume contemplates the representation and interrogation of environmental issues in both subcontinents, Brazil and India.

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