The Truth About Us: Information and Society from Manu to Modi

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In this lecture, Sanjoy Chakravorty—author of The Other One Percent: Indians in America (Oxford University Press, 2016), The Price of Land: Acquisition, Conflict, Consequence (Oxford University Press, 2013), Fragments of Inequality: Social, Spatial and Evolutionary Analyses of Income Distribution (Routledge, 2005), and Made in India: The Polical Geography and Political Economy of INdustrialization (Oxford University Press, 2007)—summarizes the work in a new book, arguing that the political manipulation of information has created what are taken to be the "truths" of India. It shows how religion and caste identities like Hindu, Dalit, and Tribal were invented by the British and how they are being repackaged in the information age through the existential debate between Hindutva and pluralism.

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