

# Labour, Finance and Social Dynamics

## Objectives

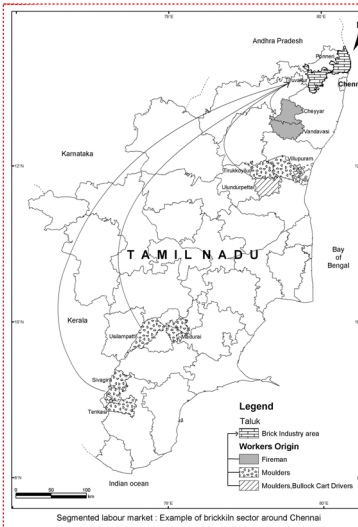
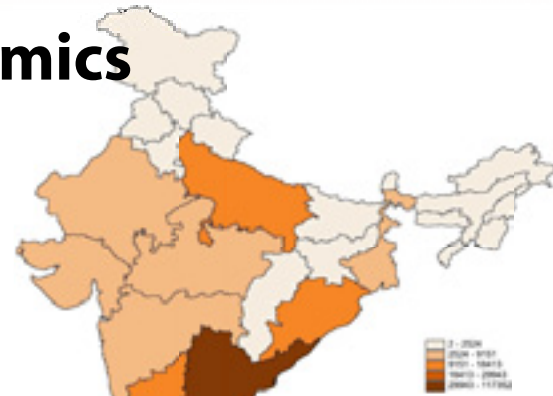
A growing number of initiatives (public schemes, NGOs, grass-roots organizations) develop new kinds of services. Such services attempt to manage, decentralisation on the one hand, and poverty and inequalities (and sometimes both together) on the other hand. Various kinds of social dynamics result of this: "informalisation" of the economy goes hand in hand with making "the poor" responsible for themselves through self-employment, risk management (microfinance) and self-organisation. At the same time, new forms of public/private partnerships and links of a new nature between public authorities and "civil society" do emerge. This research programme attempts to analyse the formation of these new forms of service, their legitimacy, impact and limits, as well as the discourses and ideologies within which they take place.

## Areas of research

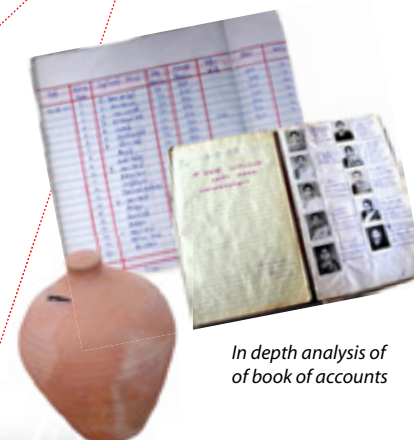
1. "The Social Dimension of Money, Finance and Microfinance" with an in-depth analysis of the link between money, finance and social relations and with a focus on over-indebtedness and debt bondage
2. "Labour: Popular Worlds and Globalisation" with a historical and updated analysis of employed and unemployed populations; how caste, kinship and solidarity relations shape work relations, work perceptions and work identities.
3. "Social Innovations: Discourses and Practices" with an analysis of organizations and institutions (processes, functioning and ideologies).
4. "Civil Society, Solidarity and public Spheres" with an analysis of solidarity mechanisms and public spheres (emergence, evolution or disappearance, link with pre-existing institutions).



Intensive field work



SHGs linked  
31 March 2001 - 31 March 2002  
Feedback between quantitative and qualitative methodologies and between macro and micro analysis



In depth analysis of book of accounts



## Materials and Methods

A large part of the work is focused on South India with, nevertheless, a comparative view via seminars and the publication of collected works. Its interdisciplinary nature is specific to this programme, with researchers from various disciplines (economy, anthropology, agronomy, sociology, political science as well as geography).

## Main Results

- Regular academic publications
- Operational proposals for practitioners
- International Seminars



Publications

## Partners

- Madras University, Department of Anthropology
- Centre de recherche sur les innovations dans l'économie sociale, les entreprises et les syndicats, Université UQUAM, Montreal, Canada
- Institute for Human Development (New-Delhi)
- Institut Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement, Geneva, Switzerland
- International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
- Laboratoire Population Environnement Développement (IRD-Université de Provence), Marseille, France
- Laboratoire interdisciplinaire pour la Sociologie Economique (CNRS - CNAM), Paris, France
- Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Paris)
- Federal University of Bahia, Brazil
- Unité Mixte Innovation, CIRAD-INRA, Montpellier, France
- Various Indian Microfinance Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations

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