

## Title

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**Religion, Development and the rights of subordinated people: Christianity and Dalit Social Action in India**

## What this Study Contributes

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It will throw new light on the complex role of Christianity in the assertion of Dalit rights in India. Today, a large proportion of India's 25 million Christians are ex-untouchables or Dalits, many living in India's southern states.

## Team

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**Principal Investigator:** Prof David Mosse (SOAS)

## University

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School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

## Award

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Phase 1 Small Grant £81,229

## Research Partners

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the Institute for Development Education and Studies (IDEAS)

## Approach

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In this study David Mosse has re-assessed research he conducted with a Christian-Hindu community 1982-83 in light of new fieldwork, including interviews and a simple survey, conducted in the same village in order to investigate changing inter-caste and inter-religious relations. He has also engaged in further archival research and conducted more interviews with Christian and Dalit leaders across southern India.

## Findings

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The project ends 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

## Activities and Outcomes

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- Active collaboration with Father Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, a Dalit Jesuit priest-sociologist.

## Further Information

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