South Asian Borderlands

*South Asian Borderlands* is an interdisciplinary volume exploring a range of historical, anthropological and literary ideas and issues in South Asian borderlands. Going beyond the territorial and geopolitical imaginaries of contemporary borderlands in South Asia, this book engages with questions of sovereignty, control, policing as well as continuing affections across politically divided borderlands. Modern conceptions of nationhood have created categories of legality and illegality among historically, socially, economically and emotionally connected residents of South Asian borderlands. This volume provides unique insights into the interconnected lives and histories of these borderland spaces and communities.

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