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Agrarian Crisis and the Outliers of the Neoliberal Regime

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The Topic The last two decades of Neoliberal policies have been

accompanied by an acute agrarian crisis. Over a quarter million peasants have committed suicide during 1995 to 2011. Loss of land, assets and livelihood has pushed millions into indebtedness and extreme distress. Distress driven migration, hunger and under-nutrition are reported widely from the rural countryside. Amidst the rural populace the condition of the Dalits and Adivasis are even more precarious. The ruling classes are clearly legislating for Neoliberalism and subverting livelihoods. The lecture will explore the policy framework responsible for the

agrarian crisis and the possible way out.

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