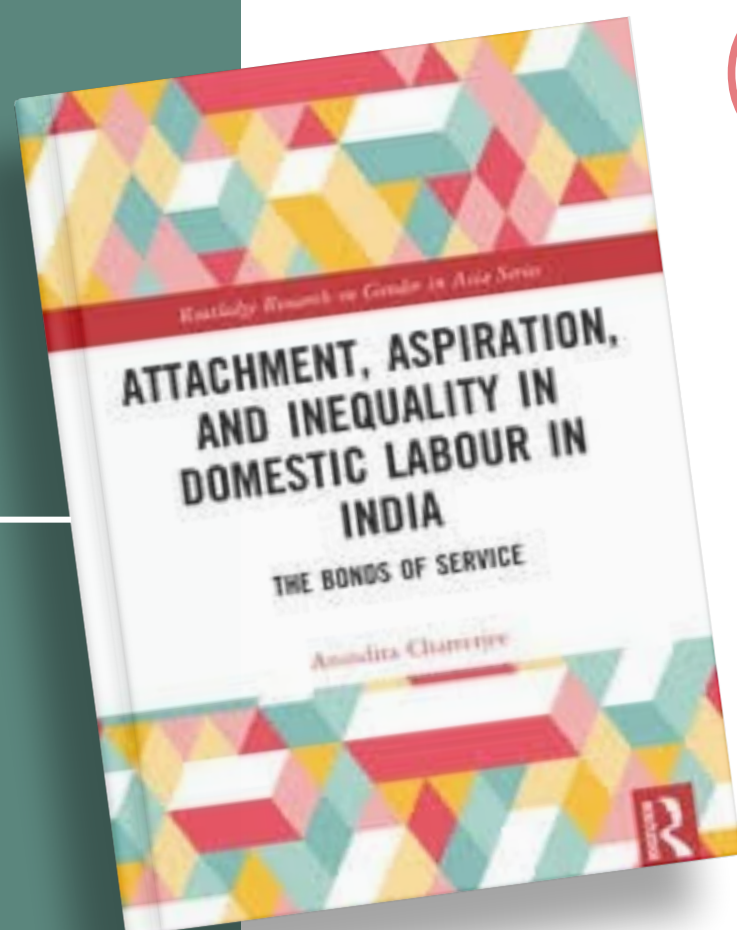




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ATTACHMENT, ASPIRATION, AND INEQUALITY IN DOMESTIC LABOUR IN INDIA: THE BONDS OF SERVICE

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This ethnographic study explores the gendered dynamics of informal labour in Kolkata, Delhi, and Noida, focusing on domestic workers' everyday lives. It critically examines how affect operates within structures of inequality, shaping both agency and vulnerability. While the intimate and informal nature of domestic work creates room for negotiation, it also exposes workers to structural oppression. Beyond workplaces, intersecting identities—caste, religion, gender, age, and politics—shape exclusion within residential spaces, often hindering collective solidarity. Workers' own exclusionary practices further fragment communities, complicating class-based organizing. Through rich narratives, the study captures their migration journeys, aspirations, struggles, and embodied labour. Ultimately, it highlights their resilience and enduring pursuit of better futures.

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