



To Make Live or Let Die? Emergent Assemblages for the Protection of Surplus Populations

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Large numbers of people in the global south have no access to land or a living wage. They are 'surplus' to the needs of capital, and not plausibly described as a labour reserve. What are the social forces that might assemble to keep these people alive, and why would they do so? In this special keynote talk within CCIG Forum 10, Tania Li examines this question by contrasting a conjuncture in India, where a make-live program has emerged under the rubric of a citizen's "right to food," and Indonesia, where persistent myths about community self sufficiency combined with the massacre of the organized left in 1965 leaves surplus populations radically exposed.

The event will include responses from:

Jessica Pykett, Aberystwyth University

John Clarke, The Open University

A reception will follow from 17:00