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**Who Gets Affirmative Action? Urban Space and Social Mobility of Dalits (ex-Untouchables) in an Indian City**



Affirmative action is the most potent way for Dalits (ex-untouchables) to attain upward mobility. Do all Dalit castes have access to affirmative action, when numerous such castes exist? Drawing on a mixed-method approach, the article explores access of different Dalit castes to affirmative action in Ulajhpur, a fictitious city in Rajasthan. I disaggregate Dalits into individual castes, and identify the most upwardly mobile Dalit caste, the Koli. I use historical ethnography and compare the Koli to other Dalit castes. I find that accumulation of employment and educational resources within and around Koli neighbourhoods make them competitive to secure quotas as part of affirmative action. Social geography of the city, therefore, plays a crucial role. I suggest that the opportunities urban space provides explain such differential access to affirmative action, with regard to the sociological theory of spatial opportunity structure.

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