

## **Abstract**

The paper explores the extent to which people adapt to their deprived living conditions and what kind of form adaptation processes take. The study combines quantitative and qualitative information drawing back on survey data and case studies from two villages in Andhra Pradesh, India. One of the contributions of the paper is that two distinct adaptation processes in the context of poverty are identified, namely resignation and optimism.

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