Unit Three: Development and Mobilization
Narmada in India

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Wednesday October 5th
Gateway 11.201
“Drowned Out” Screenings

SCREENING ONE:
DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2005
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SCREENING TWO:
DATE: Thursday, October 6, 2005
TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Class 1: Planning from Above v. Planning from Below

1. Background and History:

   - Of India: societal structure and the role of tribals and dalits; caste system; state system and division of responsibilities over river basins; the Narmada valley
   - Of development: as ideology; modernity; nationalism; exploitation; technocracy; development and link to colonialism
   - Of planning: City and National Planning; contrast American tradition; Planning in a global age
   - Of dams: Their growth during the 20th century
   - Project background: History; question of who is ‘project-affected’; question of land ownership and title and their link to resettlement and rehabilitation.
(cont.’) Class 1: Planning from Above v. Planning from Below

2. Planning from above:
   - Institutions - inter-State structure
   - As technocracy: hydrology and engineering; benefit-cost analysis and post-project evaluation
   - As democracy: defining ‘national interest’; what is the unit of democracy, of demos, of self-determination?
(cont.’) Class 1: Planning from Above v. Planning

3. Planning from below:

- As a critique of democracy: the rise of social movements - new v. old movements; crisis of Emergency and its impact; NBA as a NSM?

- As a critique of modernity: how to be modern and different (Calderon);

- As a critique of technocracy: indigenous knowledge and public speech through protest.