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PROJECT

The Making of Corporate Engineers: Engineering Profession and Social Change in Industrializing India (c. 1952-1975)

Stefan Tetzlaff is a historian of South Asia and its connection with the world. Stefan holds a PhD in History from the Centre for Modern Indian Studies at the University of Göttingen and has been based at different academic institutions in Paris, New Delhi, London, Göttingen and Berlin. He is broadly interested in the history of mobility, technology and business practices. His first book project "The Motorization of the Mofussil" considers these different aspects in the context of the arrival of the automobile in rural and small-town India during the interwar period. Stefan's second project traces the origins and paths of India's industrial development in the post-independence period by focussing on business collaborations with foreign enterprise and their local ramifications.

The project examines the interplay between engineering profession and social change between 1952 and 1975. In doing so, the project analyses the mutual interdependency between the growth of engineering cadres in private companies and two specific aspects of social change in industrializing India: 1) the social origins, education and employment of engineers, and 2) their contribution to corporate enterprise and industrial growth.