

What was Organized Geography of ICT Service Industries in India? Technology, Human Body, or Time-Space Constraints

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Rapid economic growth driven by information and communication technology has brought about drastic changes in the lives of people and societies in India for almost a quarter of the century. Highly skilled and educated Indian entrepreneurs are scouting for business opportunities. Indian IT enterprises are listed on the NASDAQ and NYSE, and Indian IT engineers and the BPO operators are playing an active role in helping the financial industries across the world. It seems that they have the magic wand and wave it to flatten the world. But, the geography of the ICT service industries continues to have quite different levels of economic development.

In this paper, the geographical impact of the distinct growth of the ICT service industry in India will be empirically discussed. This contribution will cover the following two key concepts of economic geography: industrial location and regional inequality; social and cultural context of service-oriented economic changes. Lastly, India's experience of development of ICT service industries, which are described through the two concepts mentioned above, will help explain the geography of the industries organized by the time-space constraints. This would also help understand the nexuses of their work and life in India's contemporary metropolises.