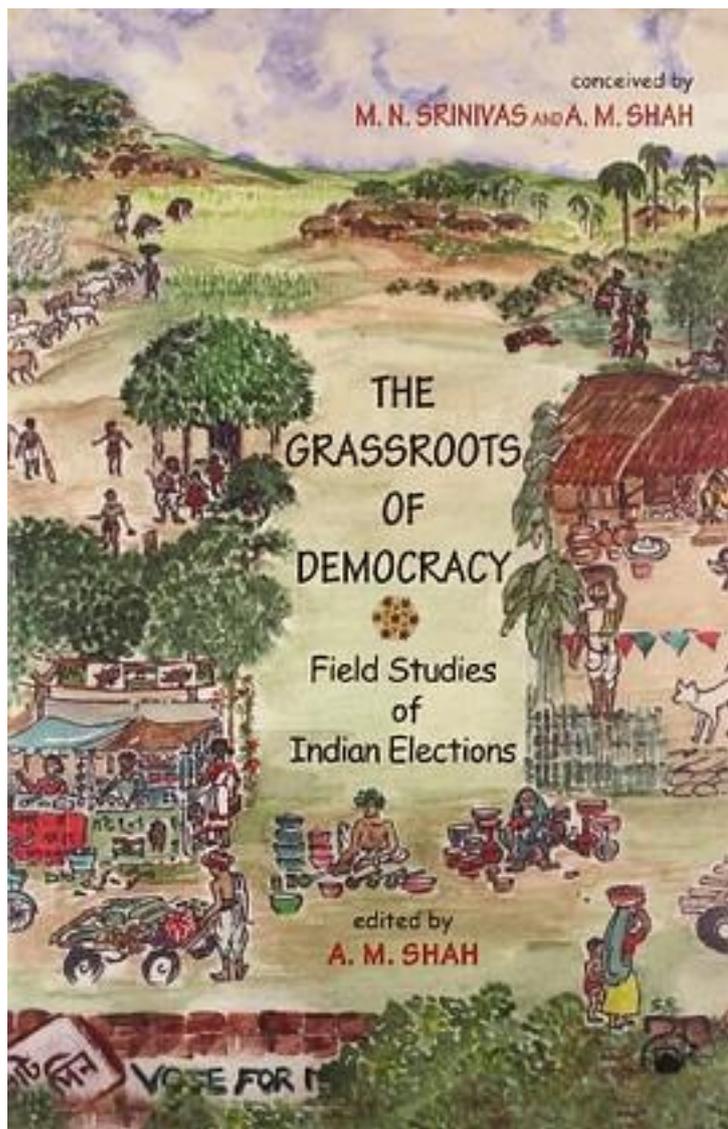


# Grassroots of Democracy



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Originally conceived by India's most influential modern anthropologist M.N.Srinivas and his eminent colleague A.M.Shah, this book contains nineteen essays based on field studies of two national elections in India's rural, tribal and urban communities, within ten Indian states. It includes an Introduction by A.M. Shah and an Epilogue by the psephologist and political scientist Yogendra Yadav. The studies which comprise the bulk of this book were conducted by sixteen sociologists at the Delhi School of Economics under the direction of M.N. Srinivas and A.M.Shah. Demonstrating the importance of fieldwork for studying elections (as compared to the questionnaire and interview method), this book provides an entirely novel perspective on the study of elections-very different from the one usually projected through the interpretation of statistics. This sociologist's micro-view contrasts with the more standard macro-view provided by political scientists, journalists and psephologists. Among the many reasons for the importance of this book as a departure from standard electoral studies is the thoroughgoing manner in which it questions the general assumption of the rational individual as the sole arbiter of his/her voting behaviour. It analyses in detail the role of an array of social factors in electoral processes and also delineates the continuity between local, regional and national politics. In so doing, it reveals how Indian democracy actually operates at the grassroots. This important new work will interest sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists and anyone interested in India's polity and society. With its diverse narratives and jargon-free descriptions of actors in the political arena, this is also a book entirely accessible to non-specialists interested in India's complex political and social processes during the drama-filled times when India goes to the polls.

#### 作者介绍:

M.N. SRINIVAS (1916-99), acclaimed worldwide as the founder of modern sociology and social anthropology in India, was a pioneer in the study of many aspects of Indian society and culture. He founded the departments of sociology at the universities of Baroda and Delhi and co-founded the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. His many books include *The Remembered Village*. A.M. SHAH (b. 1931), a student and later a colleague of M.N. Srinivas at the universities of Baroda and Delhi, is well known for his studies on the family, caste, village community, and historical sociology. He has held visiting fellowships in a variety of universities and institutes within India and abroad.

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## 评论

這本書可以叫做《民主的細節》，然後把劉瑜那本燒掉。說實話，嘲諷印度民主，仰望美式民主這個逼格本身，就註定了中國沒啥民主的希望。你又想下水，又不願意沾岸邊那些泥，能成嗎？這本書主要是介紹了一下在基層的選區中間，印度民主的早期階段（60-70年代初）是如何具體運作的——如何拉票、分票、政黨力量如何下滲，候選人如何競爭和利用個人魅力成事，所謂的保留席位又是如何具體運行的，讀下來能破除很多胡亂的假想。

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