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Modernization and Globalization in an Andean Indigenous Village, 1986-2008

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An examination, over the last 20 years, of the increasing interaction of an indigenous village in the Peruvian Andes with the Peruvian state and the global economy. Change in the peasant community, Choquecancha, is externally pushed by government assimilationist agendas, but it is also internally generated by their own desire to modernize, as they embrace individualism, consumerism and materialism. The people of Choquecancha are changing from peasants to capitalists. Their challenge is to learn how to move into the world system with all its values and procedures without losing their unique Andean culture including their ecologically sound farming practices, their values of community, reciprocity, gender complementarity, and their belief in a sacred, living landscape.



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