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## Border Precarity: Violence and Everyday lives of Indigenous people in Indo-Myanmar Borderlands

### Abstract

How do we explain and approach a border region that remains in a perpetual state of violence? What happens to the local communities living in such regions? In this paper, we use border precarity to understand the everyday lives of communities, particularly in areas and regions under conflict, if not conflict-ridden. Precarity, in its simplest sense, implies a condition of vulnerability and dispossession, of risk and uncertainty. We transposed the concept of precarity as both a conceptual and analytical tool to engage with the lives of Indigenous Kuki, Chin, and Mizo communities in the Indo-Myanmar borderlands. The stories of indigenous Kuki, Chin, and Mizo people's lives are embedded in the history of border-making and immersed in violence, with many facing multiple displacement, relocation, and disruption of lives. While state policies of border control and regulation have marginalized and curtailed movements, the perennial condition of violence deepens their precarity.

**Date: 18th September, Wednesday, 2024**

**Time: 1.00 PM**

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