

**Decolonizing governance through daily living: Re-existence as a matrix of praxis  
interlocking commercial, religious and familial spheres**

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**ABSTRACT**

This article explores the governance mechanisms employed by Marwaris, an indigenous entrepreneurial community in India that engaged commercially with the colonial powers, yet has stayed immune to the colonial discourse and practices. We employ Mignolo's concept of decolonial Re-existence to explain leveraging of praxis of daily living to evolve naturalized mechanisms of business governance that interlocks multiple spheres of community life. Through ethnography, we explicate pedagogies and praxis of re-existence constituted of inculcation, formulation and exhibition playing out through the nexus of bazaar norms, familial beliefs, community values and religious faith of Marwari business community. Rooted in the historicized and embodied practices, these praxes create three kinds of interlocking – temporal, spatial and concomitant – between diverse and seemingly autonomous spheres. A parallel *decolonial matrix* unsusceptible to the homogenizing force of colonial matrix of power gets constituted through these interlocked praxes affording re-existence to perpetuate. While colonial matrix of power is more structural in terms of its impositions, the 'flesh and blood' of decolonial matrix of Marwaris is constituted through the praxis of daily living, thereby explaining how is decoloniality signified and constructed in and through praxis.

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