CONTENTS

Acknowledgments ix

INTRODUCTION On Background 1

- 1. PRIVILEGE Situating India's Transnational Class 25
- 2. GLOBAL/INDIAN Cultural Politics in the IT Workplace 53
- 3. MERIT Ideologies of Achievement in the Knowledge Economy 87
- 4. INDIVIDUALS Narratives of Embedded Selves 115
- 5. **FAMILY** Gendered "Balance" and the Everyday Production of the Nation 145
- 6. **RELIGION** When the Private Is Transnational 173

CONCLUSION Apolitical Politics 199

Notes 207

Bibliography 215

Index 227