**Asian Cities**

**Winter 2020 Book Review Instructions**

As part of the course, you are expected to submit a book review of the text “ Rivers Remember” by Krupa G. The word count for the novel should not exceed 2,000 words and should be double spaced (11, Times New Roman). The bibliographic citation format should be in APA style. Please note that you are expected to strictly adhere to these above stated rules. If you don’t follow these rules, marks will be deducted. In the review, you are expected to make a central argument/thesis about the book. In that sense, I expect a review that is a critical commentary, not a mere summary of the book. You have to relate the book with any of the theories and discussions you have heard or noted in class or engage with a broad body of literature (theories of global cities and ordinary cities, Indian and Chinese urban development, Lewis model, McGee’s desakota framework, Friedmann and Geertz’s work etc. are some examples) we have covered in the class. In the review, I expect to a see a clear opinion/thesis statement about the book and then you have to provide evidence to back up this statement. An example would be what you find noteworthy or deficient about the author’s argument or how this book changed or did not change your understanding of urban studies or the urban context in developing countries in Asia. The author’s arguments about social and gender relations, the role of the state in urban development and the region’s political economy, the importance of researcher’s positionality

Other issues could include Chennai’s status in the hierarchy of global cities, the level of Indian economic development, urban governance, social inequality in India, the urban-rural relationship, urban informality, the author’s interviews and research with communities etc. are some further examples/suggestions for focus for the review. Please try to be as original as possible in your review of the book. It is important to start with a summary of the book (please make it as brief as possible) and then focus on a few quick examples from the book to support your main argument.