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Mains Publications

- 2009** Picherit D. "Workers, trust us!": Labour middlemen and the rise of the lower castes in Andhra Pradesh", in J. Breman, I. Guérin and A. Prakash (ed.), *India's Unfree Workforce. Of Bondage Old and New*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 259-283.
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- 2004 Picherit D. and R. Voix (eds.). *Pratiques de terrain et Discours Scientifiques en Asie du Sud*, Delhi, Centre de Sciences Humaines.

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- 2007 Picherit D, "Travailleurs migrants en quête de protection : politisation, clientélisme et néo-libéralisme en Inde du sud", *International Conference*, "Informal Economy, Underground Employment: Social and Economic Issues", Paris, CEE, September 17. [full text](#)

Other

- 2009 Fouillet, Cyril, Picherit David, "Les inégalités insoutenables", in *La Libre Belgique*, August 11, pp.20-21.

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- 2009 Picherit D. "Jeunes éduqués en zone rurale : Castes, classes et nouvelles formes de migration en Inde du sud", Seminar *Mobilités, Migrations et Diasporas d'Asie du Sud* (CNRS-MIDAS), Paris, october 14.
- 2009 Picherit D. "The Meanings of Social Mobility and Migration: Young Educated Migrants Back in their Village", Guest Lecturer, *Seminar of Sociology*, Central University of Pondicherry, India, August, 25.
- 2009 Anthropological Considerations on Debt in India, at 3rd RUME Workshop, « *Financial Crisis and Over-indebtedness: Comparative perspectives between India, Mexico and Madagascar* », June 8 and 9, Montpellier, France.

- 2008** Picherit D. "Everyday Life of Labour Intermediaries in South India: Prestige, Loyalty and Authority", in *Intermediaries in Labour Relationships from 16th to 20th century in Europe*, International Workshop at Institute of European Studies at Free University of Brussels (ULB), Belgium, December 5.
- 2008** Picherit D. "Following the Migrants: The Uses of Ethnographical Tools", Seminar of *Social Anthropology* at Central University of Pondicherry, India, October 10.
- 2008** Picherit D. "Circulation et rapports sociaux au travail", in Séminaire *Diasporas et migrations en Asie orientale et méridionale* de Anne-Christine Trémon, EHESS, Paris, May 28.
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