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Economics/Development Studies

The Economies of China and India : Cooperation and Conflict (In 3 Volumes) / (Ed in Chief)
John Whalley
Singapore : World Scientific Publishing Pte Ltd., 2017
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\$ 1100.00 (Set)

Volume 1: China and India: The International Context and Economic Growth, Manufacturing Performance and Rural Development

Volume 2: Competitiveness, External Cooperation Strategy and Income Distribution: Changes in China

Volume 3: Economic Growth, Employment and Inclusivity: The International Environment
Editor-in-chief: John Whalley

China and India, the two largest developing countries, are developing rapidly both inside themselves and towards global markets. Are these two economies dual or dueling? This 3-volume set tries to answer this question by providing comprehensive analyses scoping varied economic issues.

This volume set covers both China's and India's strategies and objectives in international governance, their bilateral and multilateral trade agreement negotiations, financial liberalization, growth prospects, rural development and agriculture, income distribution, labor market mechanism, manufacturing and competitiveness upgrading, as well as environmental and other social issues.

The set collects papers (most unpublished until now) written by Chinese and Indian researchers who have rich experiences and strong backgrounds in policy analyses and are well connected to Chinese and Indian policy makers. Thus, these papers contain valuable first-hand information about China's and India's development strategies. This makes this volume set an essential source of reference for China–India comparisons and studies.

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The RMB Exchange Rate : Past, Current, and Future /Yin-Wong Cheung, Kenneth K Chow, Fengming Qin
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2016
276p.
9789814675499
\$ 125.00 / HB

Over the past two decades, China's robust economic performance has propelled it to the world stage. At the same time, the world has increasingly scrutinized China's economic policies and activities. One of the hotly contested issues is China's foreign exchange rate policy. China's current reform and modernization policies to convert its centrally planned economy towards a market-driven one could hardly draw on experiences of other countries.

This book provides a succinct and up-to-date account of China's exchange rate policy including the currency undervaluation debate and the internationalization of its currency. It begins with a brief history of the modern China's foreign exchange rate policy. In particular, it highlights the three Chinese policy characteristics; namely, independence, controllability and practicability, and graduality. This prologue helps to interpret China's policy on its currency, the renminbi (RMB); including its recent initiatives to promote the international use of its currency.

The book covers the basic theoretical and empirical issues that are relevant for determining the equilibrium value of the RMB exchange rate and, hence, its degree of misalignment. Then it evaluates the controversy surrounding the RMB valuation debate, and highlights the sensitivity of empirical estimates of the degree of misalignment to alternative presumptions.

The book also examines the timely issues related to China's recent efforts in promoting the use of its currency in the global financial market. After describing the background of China's recent efforts to internationalize the RMB, the book a) discusses the main promotional policies, including the recent Qianhai project and Shanghai Free Trade Zone initiative, b) evaluates the current status of the offshore RMB market, the level of international use of the RMB and the admission to the SDR basket, and c) assesses the future prospects of the RMB to be a global currency.

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2015 Estimation of Agricultural Productivity and Annual Update of Competitiveness Analysis for Greater China : Optimising Agricultural Productivity and Promoting Innovation Driven Growth / Khee Giap Tan, Randong Yuan, Teleixi Xie
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2017
256p.
9789813148321
\$ 145.00 / HB

Although the successful economic transformation and reform of China since the 1970s could be regarded as a triumph in human history, China has now entered into the New Normal Era and encountered some slow-down in recent years. The perspective of China's growth under the New Normal Era is relevant for both the domestic and global economies.

As the third instalment of ACI's annual tracking of the dynamics of competitiveness for Greater China, this volume includes the rankings and simulation results at both the provincial and regional levels. These offer insights for policy-makers, industry leaders and other stakeholders in identifying challenges and opportunities for sound decision-making. As an important part in determining the success of China's structural change, agricultural productivity is also discussed in detail. Quantitative research is conducted to estimate the agricultural total factor productivity at the provincial level. This provides policy recommendations to help China achieve self-sufficiency in terms of agricultural products
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Social Development and Social Policy: International Experiences and China's Reform / (Eds) Dongtao Qi, Lijun Yang
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co.Pte Ltd., 2017
424p.
9789814730969
\$ 156.00 / HB

Social policy reforms driven by profound social changes have been a popular and pressing topic worldwide in recent years in both policy and academic circles. In this book, prominent social policy scholars from Europe, North America, and Asia discuss the history of social policies, compare different social development models, and analyze the challenges facing these economies' social policy reforms. The book provides comprehensive and comparative perspectives and updated data on social development and social policy reforms in the world's major economies, and particularly, in mainland China.
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Linguistics

Formal Aspects of Chinese Grammar / Jie Xu
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2017
204p.
9789813202900
\$ 100.00 / HB
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=239690>

Formal Aspects of Chinese Grammar / Jie Xu
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2017
204p.
9789813202917
\$ 50.00 / PB

This book is a collection of seven articles published in the past decade by the author. These articles are concerned with various issues including possessor raising, null subject, null object, pied-piping in logical form, focus marker, question formation, and adverbial reflexive. Each article has made a contribution to its topic. More importantly, these seven articles, taken as a whole, also constitute a window through which readers may look at the issues from a formal syntactic perspective and get a sense as how works have been conducted in the framework concerned, how arguments have been constructed, and how justifications have been provided in the field.

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Literature

Song Dynasty Tales : A Guided Reader / Zhenjun Zhang, Jing Wang
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2017
372p.
9789813143272
\$ 100.00 / HB

Together with the noted Tang dynasty tales, Song dynasty tales have long been highly valued and widely read in the Chinese world. As the first English translations of a selected collection of 12 Song dynasty tales, this book opens a window into the world of literature, culture, and the colorful lives of the royal house and common people in the 10th- to 13th-centuries. In addition to the translation and meticulous annotations, it offers a general introduction as well as commentaries on each tale.

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Politics

China's Belt and Road Initiatives and Its Neighboring Diplomacy / Edited by: Jie Zhang;

Translated by: Mengqi Xu

Singapore : World Scientific Publishing Pte Ltd., 2016

316p.

9789813140202

\$ 140.00 / HB

This book studies China's Belt and Road Initiatives and the country's neighboring diplomacy. The Belt and Road Initiatives proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013 consist of two main components, the land-based "Silk Road Economic Belt" and ocean-going "Maritime Silk Road". China has implemented the initiatives by establishing Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and Silk Road Fund. This book focuses on analysis of the initiatives and the responses from the major powers, neighboring countries and regions.

The book consists of four parts: the Overview; The Belt and Road Initiatives and Big Powers; The Belt and Road Initiative and Regions; The Belt and Road Initiative and Hot Issues. The Overview explicates the strategic orientations, connotations and approaches of implementation of the initiatives from a theoretical perspective. The second part analyzes the Asia-Pacific strategies of four great powers, namely the United States, Russia, Japan and India, their relations with China and responses to the initiative. The third part discusses the Belt and Road Initiatives and four regions, namely Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Central Asia. It evaluates their attitudes and responses towards the Belt and Road Initiatives, strategic docking and major challenges in this regard. The fourth part touches upon the initiatives and current hot issues including non-traditional security, the South China Sea dispute, and venture analysis on investment environment renovation.

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China and the Group 20 : The Interplay between a Rising Power and an Emerging Institution /
(Eds) Catrina Schläger, Dongxiao Chen, Alexander Rosenplänter, Haibing Zhang
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte., Ltd., 2016

340p.

9781938134890

\$ 150.00 / HB

Since the great financial crisis in 2008, the Group 20 (G20) has played an increasingly important role in global economic governance as an emerging global macroeconomic coordination mechanism. China and the Group 20 provides experts' observations on the development of the G20, G20's influence on global economic governance and China's role in this emerging institution. The first part of the book analyses important policy issues facing the G20 and global economic governance including the G20's role in strengthening and promoting global macroeconomic coordination; reform of the international financial system; the stability and effectiveness of the international monetary system; the integration of international trade and investment regimes; the new agenda of international development and the complex relations among the major powers. The second part focuses on China's relations with the United States, the EU, and the other BRICS countries, and their implications to the G20's development. China, as the largest developing country and the second largest economy, has the responsibility to safeguard the general interests of developing countries on one hand, and to cooperate with the developed countries to create an equal and open economic environment on the other hand. The book chapters are contributed by experts from the main member countries of the G20.

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Is China an Empire? / Han Shih Toh

Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2017

292p.

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\$ 90.00/ HB

With the rapid increase in China's overseas investment and trade, China's global economic clout is increasing by the day. Does China's global economic reach make it an empire in the 21st century? What sort of impact will China's trade and investment have on its global counterparts? Chinese investment projects around the world, from railways in Africa and dams in Latin America to the acquisition of landmark buildings in the US, look to alter global patterns of influence and power. How would other countries react to China's rising international influence?

The US government and many Americans deny their country is an empire, although the US status as the leading superpower makes it an empire in all but name. How will China coexist with the US, which has arguably been an imperialist power since the end of World War II? How will the incumbent neo-imperialist power, the US, deal with an emergent China?

With its acute analysis of Sino–US relations, the book will interest readers who wish to understand the impact of China on various countries, its place on the world stage as well as the geopolitical implications for all in the 21st century.

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Is China an Empire? / Han Shih Toh
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2017
292p.
9789814667425
\$ 20.00/ PB

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China's Political Dynamics under Xi Jinping / Zhiyue Bo
Singapore : World Scientific Pub. Co. Pte Ltd., 2017
212p.
9789813146303
\$ 115.00 / HB

China watching is anything but being boring because Chinese politics is filled with dramas almost on a daily basis. In the past three years since Xi Jinping became general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese political drama has unfolded with a lot of twists and turns.

Based on a series of articles published on the Diplomat, this volume offers snapshots of different episodes of the political drama from December 2014 to January 2016, focusing mostly on the main character of the show — President Xi Jinping and serving as an appetizer for those who are hungry about Chinese elite politics.

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