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Art

Study on Chinese Traditional Theory of Artistic Style / Jiaxiang Hu
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
540p.
ISBN: 9789813279421
\$ 175.00 / HB

The book features an in-depth analysis of pre-modern Chinese discourses on artistic style especially the concept of Vitality-Charm (氣韻). Adopting an interdisciplinary approach, the book examines Vitality-Charm and related topics from the perspectives of aesthetics, stylistics, semiotics, cosmology, art history, and socio-cultural history. It reviews the development of, and examines the relations between, the concepts of poetic vision, spiritual resonance, spiritual expressiveness, Vitality-Charm and so on in the tradition of Chinese art (including literature, music, dancing, and drama). The book also attempts to clarify confusions caused by the overlapping and indistinct demarcations between the concepts when they are used in the discourse of, and even the training of art — especially traditional Chinese art.
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Economics

The Rejuvenation of Northeast China / Thomas Bray
China: China Translation & Publishing House, 2018

388p.
9787500155171
From Inside China Series
\$ 25.00 / PB
422gm.

Until the 1990s, Northeast China was the cradle of the new China's industrial base that made the most historic contribution to China's reform and opening-up program. However, as China's modernizing reforms deepened, the Northeast's economic development gradually began to lag behind China's eastern seaboard. This is a story of decline and rejuvenation: after the slow disaster witnessed and endured in the lonely silence of years, the people of the Northeast ultimately once again discovered the belief and confidence that their great region would rise again from the ashes.

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Maritime "Silk Road" : China's Strategic Initiative and New Asia
in the 21st Century / (Eds) Yuanzhe Ren & Hao Su
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2020
300p.
9789813108745
\$ 130.00 / HB

China is transforming from a big continental country to a strong maritime power, and its maritime strategy is playing an increasingly important role in China's overall foreign strategy. Since its inception, the "One Belt and One Road Initiative" has been increasingly seen as the centerpiece of China's new grand strategy, with the "One Road" — the establishment of a "maritime silk road" — serving as the core. Building this "21st-century maritime silk road" will involve more than 20 countries and regions, and the proposal has been strongly welcomed and supported by most countries along the road, as it is seen not only as a new platform for mutually beneficial relationships economically, but also as a new mechanism for maritime security cooperation in the Pacific and the Indian Ocean.

Drawing on the expertise of Chinese and international scholars, the book will focus on China's "21st-century maritime silk road" initiative, evaluate its strategic implication at home and abroad, and provide new proposals and perspectives for its future development.

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Remade in Guangdong : How China's World Factory Will Become Innovative / Wei Zhao

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2020

250p.

9789813223011

\$ 98.00 / HB

With China losing its previous competitive edge in manufacturing, industrial upgrading to the stage of innovation-driven development seems to be an imperative. Guangdong and its core region of Pearl River Delta are playing a role of pilot in finding a new development path for the whole country. Whether Guangdong can rebuild its global industrial competitiveness on innovation dynamics is significant to China's economic growth, both current and in the future.

The book explores next-step strategies and policies for transforming Guangdong's industrial development to an innovation level, not only for reviewing its past experience or proving certain development models. A bigger part of the book is contributed to analyze the essential ways that Guangdong emerged as world factory, as well as the current problems encountered by business and government. This is because that the future can be only better prepared when the past and present, the strengths and weaknesses, are clearly identified and understood. The book tries to combine local knowledge and information with theoretical frameworks in the research on innovation management and policy to crystallize the nature of Guangdong's industrial development.

The book presents an in-depth analysis of the rising and challenge of Guangdong as China's world factory. The book serves as an exploring trigger for those who are interested in the future of China's world factory.

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China's Market Transformation : Origins, Protagonists, and Processes / (Ed) Ning Wang

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2020

550p.

9789814696128

\$ 174.00 / HB

China's post-Mao market transformation marks a watershed in Chinese history and ranks among the most vital forces shaping the global economy. No one had predicted its coming; few have not been stunned by its speed and scope. China's Market Transformation: Origins, Protagonists, and Processes attempts to understand China's market transformation, with an emphasis on the origins and evolution of the institutional structure of production undergirding the rise of the Chinese economy, tracing the protagonists in this intriguing human drama and mapping out the zigzag processes of China's epochal transition to a market economy in three decades.

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Income Distribution and China's Economic "New Normal" / Haiyuan Wan & Shi Li

Chinese Economics Research Series, Volume 17

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019

324p.

9789811200649

\$ 125.00 / HB

As the Chinese economy has moved to a "New Normal" of slower growth and changed model of development, its income distribution is being affected in a number of ways. What exactly are the impacts brought by the new changes? How should we view China's income distribution on the whole? What trend will

we see in the future? With regard to these and other questions that arise against the backdrop of the economic "New Normal", the book provides an in-depth analysis of the new issues, characteristics and trends in relation to income growth rates, income and wealth gaps, and the proportion of personal income in China.

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Interpreting Zhejiang's Development : Cultural and Social Perspectives / Lixu Chen

WSPC-ZJUP Series on China's Regional Development: Volume 1
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
424p.

9789813279575

\$ 145.00 / HB

This book explores the development of Zhejiang province, an eastern coastal province of China. Since China's reform and opening-up, Zhejiang has become one of China's forerunners in economic, social and political transformation. This province has prioritized and encouraged entrepreneurship, and the private sector has played an important role in boosting the regional economy. This book analyzes Zhejiang's transformation from an underdeveloped region to one of the richest regions in China with unique cultural and social perspectives. It also highlights the impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on Zhejiang and its role in this initiative.

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The Belt and Road Initiative : ASEAN Countries' Perspectives / (Eds) Yue Yang & Fujian Li

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
276p.

9789811205767

Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative: Volume 8

\$ 105.00 / HB

ASEAN countries play a crucial role in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) that was initiated in 2013. A number of priority

BRI projects have since been implemented. The implementation of BRI brings new opportunities and challenges to countries in the region, and also to regional integration.

In this book, researchers from universities and think-tanks in ASEAN countries study the BRI from the perspective of regional studies. It presents an analysis of responses on BRI of the government and people from individual ASEAN members. The book addresses three areas: First, the strengths and weaknesses of ASEAN countries, and the opportunities and challenges for them in implementing the BRI (a SWOT analysis); second, the impacts of BRI on building the ASEAN community; and third, interactions between BRI and ASEAN-China cooperation.

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Research on Efficiency and Fairness of Resources Allocation by
China's Governmental Administration / Hong Sheng & Pu Qian
Series on Chinese Economics Research: Volume 16
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
440p.
9789813278608
\$ 170.00 /HB

In China, the government controls a large part of resources, such as land, energy, bank savings, and so on. This book studies the efficiency and fairness of resources allocation by governmental administration in China. The book states that it is neither fair nor efficient to allocate resources by the governmental administrations. These resources should be allocated by the market.

The book analyzes the resources allocation by government administration in three key areas namely education, health care, and land. A quantitative analysis is developed for describing more precisely the situation of unfairness in fiscal resources allocation. This book also describes how ordinary people address the misposition of resources by governmental administrations by migrating from the provinces with less resources to the provinces with more resources in education or health care. Thus, the book

concludes that the actual allocation of resources is determined by the interactions between ordinary people and the government.

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China's Belt and Road Initiative and Building the Community of Common Destiny / (Eds) Linggui Wang & Jianglin Zhao
Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative: Volume 5
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
292p.

ISBN: 9789813278714

\$ 105.00 / HB

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has attracted growing attention from around the world since it was first announced. It is, along with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a critical instrument for realizing what the Chinese government calls the Community of Common Destiny (CCD).

The core idea presented in this volume is that the CCD represents a new paradigm for promoting regional collaboration in socio-economic development, and plays a crucial role in reshaping the international geopolitical landscape. Contributors show that the belief in common development and common security transcends differences in cultural tradition and pre-existing level of development. This belief underlies the commitments among countries and regions participating in the BRI to working closely together in pursuit of shared and sustained prosperity.

The chapters are based on papers presented at "Building the Community of Common Destiny between China and Its Neighbors: Challenges and the Future", an international forum co-organized by the National Institute for Global Strategy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the University of International Relations (China). Thirty experts from more than twenty countries have contributed to this volume.

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The Belt and Road Initiative in the Global Context / (Eds) Linggui Wang & Jianglin Zhao
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019

256p.

9789813277243

Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative: Volume 6

\$ 95.00 / HB

This book explores a wide range of topics related to the policies and implementation of the BRI. The topics include the associated risks and challenges, new opportunities for multilateral cooperation, and approaches to promoting the BRI among participating countries. The book analyzes how people and governments in Russia, Egypt, Pakistan, the US, Malaysia, Turkey, Singapore, India and 22 other countries respond to the BRI, and BRI's impact on the dynamics of national, regional and global development.

The book's chapters are based on papers presented at the "International Symposium of the Belt and Road Initiative in the Global Perspective", co-organized by the National Institute for Global Strategy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Beijing Foreign Studies University in Beijing. A total of 39 experts from more than 30 countries have contributed to this book.

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Industrial Overcapacity and Duplicate Construction in China
Reasons and Solutions / Ping Li, Feitao Jiang & Jianhai Cao
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
292p.

9789813277274

Series on Chinese Economics Research: Volume 15

\$ 105.00 / HB

Since 2012, industrial overcapacity has become an increasingly serious problem in China, against the backdrop of domestic economic slowdown and continued downturn in international markets. Overcapacity is widespread in the traditional manufacturing sector, particularly in iron and steel, cement, electrolytic aluminium, flat glass, and ship-building industries. It is also grave in emerging industries such as polysilicon, solar cells, and wind power equipment.

This book provides an overview on the overcapacity problem facing China and examines the main characteristics of overcapacity in some important industries. The book identifies two types of overcapacity: one is excess capacity that results from natural supply-demand dynamics or cyclical economic fluctuations under a relatively sound market system; the other is overcapacity caused by the overinvestment of enterprises under a flawed economic system. It probes into how overcapacity is caused and finds two contributors — change of growth model and institutional flaws. It explores to establish a long-term mechanism for solving the problem. The book concludes that China should establish a long-term mechanism to prevent and resolve overcapacity, and to establish healthy relationship between the market and the government.

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Urban Composite Development Index for 17 Shandong Cities :
Ranking and Simulation Analysis Based on China's Five
Development Concepts / Khee Giap Tan (et al.)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
460p.
9789813272330
\$ 175.00 / HB

Shandong is a thriving economic centre with a Gross Regional Domestic Product of RMB 6.3 trillion in 2015, the third-highest in China. It is also the third-largest province by land area in the country with the second-largest resident population of 98,470,000. With such impressive characteristics, Shandong's urbanisation rate had quickly expanded from 45 percent in 2005 to 57 percent in 2017. As such, in line with the growing affluence of the province, the people's ever-growing demand for urban development in areas such as infrastructure, public services, education and environmental protection has exceeded the provision of such facilities.

In view of these developments, the Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS) developed Shandong's

first city-level index which assesses the levels of urban development and liveability for each city. The ranking and simulation analysis via the Urban Composite Development Index for 17 Shandong cities was constructed to provide an empirically robust framework to better understand the quality of urban development of Shandong cities in a comprehensive and rigorous manner, while at the same time highlight important policy implications for further growth and development. Further, this publication incorporates key elements which ensures that the construction of the index is unique, empirically sound and relevant to Shandong's development in the context of China. Overall, the analysis provided in this book relates to the broad dimensions of urban development of Shandong cities and can stand up to academic scrutiny as it is based on rigorous methodological foundations. In addition, the study will remain accessible and appealing to policymakers as it offers tailored policy recommendations based on the analysis that will enable them to take appropriate policy interventions in each city to improve their overall performance in urban development. This research will help to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each city and empower policymakers to formulate more effective development strategies.

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Economic Impact of the Internet Plus Era : A Case Study of Shanghai / Youmei Li, Feng Yin & Yongyou Nie
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
292p.

9789813272514

\$ 105.00 / HB

With the advent of the Internet, and the resulting interconnection within a city and among cities, internet innovation has led to a number of important applications in economic and social fields, helping traditional industries upgrade and organizations gain new core competencies, thereby engendering new business models and new industries. This is what we refer to as the "Internet Plus". The "Internet Plus" action plan was first introduced by Premier Li Keqiang in his Government Work Report at the Third Plenary

Session of the 12th National People's Congress on March 5, 2015. This book expounds how "Internet Plus" plan transforms and influences traditional economy, impacts technological and economic aspects of industries, extends its reach to people's daily lives and creates more profound social implications. In addition, the authors put forward constructive measures and suggestions for Shanghai to promote development of the "Internet Plus" era and to enhance the city's economic impact and service level as a core city.

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Basic Research and Industrial Innovation in China / Xielin Liu & Peng Cheng

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018

536p.

9789813235588

Series on Innovation and Operations Management for Chinese Enterprises: Volume 2

\$ 175.00 / HB

Chinese enterprises have relied on importing technology and imitation as their main technology strategies in the past. Based on analysis of cross-countries' case studies and the history of industrial innovation, the authors proposed the concept of industry-driven basic research and expounds the important role of scientific discovery in industrial technological innovation. They are convinced that both the government and enterprises should focus on industry-driven basic research in order to bridge the gap between the government's target and what enterprises actually do in China. The challenge remains to be seen if China can transform Science and technology investment into real industrial innovation capability.

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Institutional Change and Rural Industrialization in China : The Putting-Out System in Handicraft Industry in Late Qing and Early Republic Period/ Feizhou Zhou

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018

164p.

9789814569910

Peking University Series on Sociology and Anthropology: Volume 5

\$ 75.00 / HB

This book explores the development of the putting-out system in hand-woven textile industries in late Qing Dynasty and China's Republican Period. In classic sociology theory, the putting-out system in handcraft production was regarded as traditional and inefficient. In the context of Republican China, it was believed that this kind of household-based production system would have totally failed in competition with the factory system of machinery production. However, this book exhibits the historical fact that the putting-out system was booming in handcraft textile production and subsequently provides an explanation to this phenomenon from the perspectives of institutional analysis and quantitative modeling. With rich county-level data and comprehensive analysis, this book is valuable for both researchers, academics and students in economics and social history studies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=649587>

The Political Economy of China's Belt and Road Initiative / Lei Zou (Translated) Zhiping Zhang

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018

404p.

9789813222656

Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative: Volume 1

\$ 145.00 / HB

Silk Road was once the most important economic-cultural tie connecting the Eurasian countries before the rise of the West. In

September 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping put forward the initiative to jointly build the Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road, which is abbreviated as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). This book analyzes the BRI through the approach of political economy and establishes the analytic framework of BRI from historical and comparative perspectives. It clearly displays the strategic considerations, future vision, constructing framework, governmental actions, latest achievements, multiple opportunities and potential risks of BRI. As China's grand national development strategy and international cooperation initiative, the BRI will largely shape China's domestic and foreign policies in the Xi Jinping era. The book is the first academic monograph on the BRI and it enables readers to comprehensively understand this initiative and its implications to China, Eurasia and the world.

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Independent Innovation in China : Theory and Cases / Huibo Zhong & Jiasu Lei

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018
436p.

9789813209893

Series on Innovation and Operations Management for Chinese Enterprises: Volume 1

\$ 150.00 / HB

Using a combination of theoretical analysis and case studies, this book analyses the theoretical issues — concept and type of independent innovation, and the practical issues — construction of institutional system which is in favor of independent innovation. It is written for researchers who are engaged in similar fields and readers who are interested in independent innovation. In this book, a comparison of the independent innovation modes of China, Japan and South Korea is presented. The ability, mode and track are defined clearly. The efficient path of Chinese independent innovation is put forward through case studies.

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Education

China's Education Reform : Current Issues and New Horizons /
(Eds) Ruiquan Gao & Guanjun Wu
WSPC-ECNU Series on China: Volume 4
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018
304p.
9789813237025
\$ 115.00 / HB

China's Education Reform: Current Issues and New Horizons collects important research findings of education studies on China conducted by the academics at East China Normal University (ECNU) in recent years. The book covers topics including the rebuilding of contemporary Chinese education reform, the breakthrough of China's pedagogy, problems facing the education reform, and the ecological orientation of education technology, among others.

This book is the fourth volume in the WSPC-ECNU Series on China. The WSPC-ECNU Series showcases the significant contributions to scholarship in social sciences and humanities studies about China. The Series is jointly launched by World Scientific Publishing, the most reputable English academic publisher in Asia, and ECNU, a top University in China with a long history of exchanges with the international academic community.

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History

Han Xin's Challenge : A Tale of the Foundling of the Western Han / (Translated & Ed) Vibeke Bordahl & Liangyan Ge with Yalong Wang
Nordic Institute of Asian Studies – Voices of Asia Series No. 2
Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2019
xviii, 490p.
9788776942687
\$ 99.50 / HB
864gm.

The death of China's first emperor in 210 BCE initiated a brutal power struggle between Xiang Yu, Hegemon-King of Western Chu, and Liu Bang, later founder of the Han dynasty; the lowly Han Xin also strove for advancement. For over 2,000 years, the resulting story has been celebrated in China. Even today its main protagonists are household names. This is an epic tale of courage and cowardice, honour and treachery, acted out by lords, officials and soldiers, mothers, wives and concubines, and has inspired great works of literature, performance and the arts. Yet only recently has this narrative been translated into English – in *Western Han: A Yangzhou Storyteller's Script* by the same authors (see p. 50). To a large extent, *Han Xin's Challenge* is a shortened version of *Western Han*, largely comprising its English translation plus explanatory text. It is more than that, however. The story has been made more accessible to the general reader without compromising the accuracy of the translation. Its text is also illuminated with artwork that brings the narrative to life and shows how embedded the tale is in Chinese culture, even today. The result is a text ideal for the teaching of Chinese history, culture and literature. But also it is a sweeping drama, a page-turner, a story that anyone can enjoy.

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Chinese Migrants Write Home : A Dual-Language Anthology of Twentieth-Century Family Letters / (Eds) Gregor Benton, Huimei Zhang & Hong Liu

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019

600p.

ISBN: 9789813274921

\$ 165.00 / HB

Qiaopi is the name given in Chinese to letters written home by Chinese emigrants to accompany remittances, in the 150 years starting in the 1820s. Qiaopi had numerous functions and dimensions, ranging from economic and social to cultural and political. In June 2013, the Qiaopi Project was officially registered under UNESCO's "Memory of the World" programme, set up in

1992 because of "a growing awareness of the parlous state of preservation of documentary heritage" in the world.

This book presents around one hundred letters from Singapore, China, Malaysia, Thailand, the USA, and Canada, including photographic reproductions of the original letters, transcriptions in Chinese characters, and English translations, where necessary with explanatory notes. Most of the letters collected in Chinese and non-Chinese archives, and in this sourcebook, were products of the Qiaopi system as traditionally defined. A few, especially some to and from North America, especially in the second half of the twentieth century, went through the Post Office, and were not handled by Chinese remittance companies. Not all the letters accompanied remittances.

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Law

Interpreting China's Legal System / (Ed) Lin Li
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018
548p.
9789813231306
\$ 165.00 / HB

This book systematically and concisely expounds the construction process of China's legal system since China's reform and opening-up. Chapter 1 defines the legal system in China and describes the development of China's legal system from 1949 to 1978. Chapter 2 introduces China's legislative system, including its historical development, division of legislative functions and power, and legislative procedures. Chapter 3 compares the differences between the law systems of other countries and China's law system and how other law system in the world influences the law system in China. Chapter 4 studies China's constitutional law system, including its historical development, forms of law and enforcement of the constitution. Chapter 5 introduces China's administrative legal system, including main principles, administrative legislation and administrative compensation.

Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9 describe China's civil and commercial legal system, China's economic legal system, China's social legal system and China's criminal legal system respectively. Chapter 10 introduces China's legal system in litigation and non-litigation procedure in terms of criminal, civil, administrative and non-litigation procedures. Chapter 11 analyses the legal system in the special administrative regions in China and its relationship with China's legal system. The last chapter, Chapter 12 studies the relationship between the international law and China's domestic law system.

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Philosophy

China's Values / Han Zhen & Zhang Weiwen (Translated) Zhao Chaoyong

China: China Social Sciences Press, 2018

Vi, 382p. ; 24.6x17.3 x2.1cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9787520324694

\$ 25.00 / HB

744gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=649596>

Comprehensive Summary Collection of the Classics of Chinese Philosophy / (Eds-in-Chief) Li Tieying & Wang Weiguang (Ed) Chen Xia

China: China Social Sciences Press, 2018

vi, 296p.

9787520328128

\$ 25.00 / PB

642gm.

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Performing Arts

The TENG Guide to the Chinese Orchestra / Chenwei Wang,
Junyi Chow & Samuel Wong
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
624p.
ISBN: 9789813235175
\$ 35.00 / PB

The TENG Guide to the Chinese Orchestra is a seminal guide to equip composers, scholars and music enthusiasts worldwide with the necessary knowledge to work with Chinese musical instruments. The INSTRUMENTATION section outlines the history, physical attributes and performance techniques of Chinese musical instruments in detail. It also includes practical scoring advice for composers and reference charts for fingerings and chords. The ORCHESTRATION section contains systematic analyses of score excerpts from Chinese orchestra pieces spanning the last 60 years to demonstrate how Chinese musical instruments work together in an orchestra.

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Politics

A Critical Decade : China's Foreign Policy (2008–2018) / Zhiqun Zhu
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
316p.
ISBN: 9789811200779
Series on Contemporary China: Volume 46
\$ 125.00 / HB

China emerged as a major economic, diplomatic, and military power during the critical decade from 2008 to 2018. As a result, China's foreign policy has become more active and dynamic. This book provides a unique perspective to understand Chinese foreign policy during this decade by examining continuities and changes in both internal and external factors that have shaped China's development. The book focuses on key challenges in China's diplomacy such as US-China relations, the Korean

Peninsula, Taiwan, Japan, India, Chinese investment overseas, the Belt and Road Initiative, global and regional cooperation, soft power, etc. It also includes an extensive annotated bibliography of major recent publications on various aspects of Chinese foreign policy. This is the first scholarly book that studies the evolution and key challenges of China's foreign relations during the critical decade (2008–2018) when China grew into a crucial, sometimes assertive, power in international affairs.

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China's Omnidirectional Peripheral Diplomacy / (Eds) : Jianwei Wang & Tiang Boon Hoo

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
408p.

9789813141780

Series on Contemporary China: Volume 45

\$ 150.00 / HB

Book Details:

In view of its size, and vast land and sea boundaries that it shares with its neighbours, China has always regarded its peripheral policy as a crucial aspect of its national security. Such a mentality conforms to Chinese leaders' core belief that a stable external environment — in particular, its immediate region — remains the sine qua non for the continued and sustained rejuvenation of their nation.

This book examines China's evolving strategies towards its surrounding peripheries. It is the first book to examine in detail President Xi Jinping's steering of China's peripheral diplomacy. It argues that China pursues an ambitious, omnidirectional regional diplomacy that emphasizes the entire periphery region, and not just specific peripheries. According to this book, Chinese regional policy cannot be properly and adequately understood without taking into account its full breadth, substance and scope.

Featuring chapters that explore China's evolving policy in Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia and Central Asia, and addressing new developments under Xi, this book fleshes out the intricacies of how China has been managing its peripheral relationships in Asia under new circumstances and new leadership.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=649602>

China's 19th Party Congress : Start of a New Era / Kerry Brown
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018
248p.
9781786345912
\$ 105.00 / HB

This book gives an overview of key themes domestically and internationally from the 19th Communist Party Congress held in Beijing in October 2017, setting out the main policy priorities for the Xi government in China as the country moves towards fulfillment of the first Centenary Goal, the hundredth anniversary of the Communist Party of China in 2021.

Written as the first full length analysis by an international group of authors of different aspects of the Congress, making it perfect for graduate students and researchers, as well as individuals interested in China Studies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=649603>

East Asian Studies in the Perspective of Regional Integration /
Xinbo Wu
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018
316p.
ISBN: 9781938134968
\$ 125.00 / HB

East Asia is now experiencing significant economic growth and social change. Integration of East Asia seems an irresistible trend, as East Asian countries are closely interdependent with each other and share many common interests in economic development. This book analyzes the cooperation and challenges of East Asian countries in the process of integration. It includes 15 chapters in four sections. The first section discusses the impact of East Asia cooperation and economic integration. The second section emphasizes the election of political leadership in East Asia. The third section covers the topics of East Asian cultural identity, history and norms. The fourth section studies the relationship between East Asia and the World. The chapters

are selected from two Trilateral symposia held in Seoul and Shanghai in 2013 and 2014, respectively. The Symposia offer comprehensive and diversified views of scholars from China, Korea and Japan.

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