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### Anthropology

Ancestral Images: A Hong Kong Collection / Hugh Baker  
Revised Edition  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011  
xiii. 390p. ; 24cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888083091  
Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series  
\$ 50.00 / HB  
1040 gm.

This new revised edition collects in one place the articles from the three volumes of Hugh Baker's *Ancestral Images* originally published in 1979, 1980 and 1981. The 120 articles and photographs explore everyday life, customs and rituals in Hong Kong's rural New Territories. They investigate religion, food, language, history, festivals, family, strange happenings and clan warfare. The book documents much that can no longer be found. But it also provides an understanding of a world which has not yet entirely disappeared, and which still forms the background of life in modern urban Hong Kong and its neighbouring cities. Esoteric nuggets of information are scattered through the book: How do you ascend a pagoda with no staircase? How can you marry without attending the wedding? When is it wrong to buy a book?

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Ghetto at the Center of the World / Gordon Mathews  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011  
xi. 241p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888083367  
\$ 19.00 / PB  
368 gm.

Chungking Mansions, a dilapidated seventeen-story commercial and residential structure in the heart of Hong Kong's tourist district, is home to a remarkably motley group of people. Traders, laborers, and asylum seekers from all over Asia and Africa live and work there, and even backpacking tourists rent rooms in what is possibly the most globalized spot on the planet. But as *Ghetto at the Center of the World* shows us, the Mansions is a world away from the gleaming headquarters of multinational corporations — instead it epitomizes the way globalization actually works for most of the world's people. Through candid stories that both instruct and enthrall, Gordon Mathews lays bare the building's residents' intricate connections to the international circulation of goods, money, and ideas.

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## **Art**

Chinese Art and Its Encounter With The World / David Clarke  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011  
x. 259p. ; 26cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888083060  
\$ 40.00 / HB  
848 gm.

The book offers a bridge into the critical understanding of modern Chinese art through its encounter with the world beyond China's borders. David Clarke demonstrates Chinese art's interconnections with Western cultures while exploring its inherited cultural traditions and internal historical change.

The first section deals with the cross-cultural trajectories of individual Chinese artists who traveled from China to the West and then returned. The focus then shifts from the movement of individual artists between cultures to the process by which specific genres of Western art have been interpreted by Chinese artists. The final section illuminates the encounter of cultures via visual representations of Macau and Hong Kong.

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## **Business/Management**

Beacon in the Mist: Heart-to-Heart Talks 2 / Dennis K. K. Fan, Andrew C. F. Chan & Michele Y. S. Tang (Edited)  
Kowloon, Hong Kong: Infolink Publishing Limited, 2011  
168p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789881961945  
CUHK Business Undergraduate Programmes Series 2A  
\$ 15.95 / PB  
262 gm.

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Ladies Who Launch in Hong Kong: How Twelve Women Started Million-Dollar Business / Maseena Ziegler  
Hong Kong: Maseena Ziegler, 2011  
194p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789881532114  
\$ 29.95 / PB  
252 gm.

How did 12 women with no previous experience as entrepreneurs, go on to create million-dollar businesses in Hong Kong?

Ladies who Launch in Hong Kong captures their journey to success – from start-up challenges to lessons learned and shows how you, too, can create a hugely successful business of your own.

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China by Numbers 2011  
Hong Kong: China Economic Review, 2011  
v. : 264p. ; 21cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789881909176  
\$ 55.00 / HB  
394 gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=133643>

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### **Cinema Studies**

Once a Hero: The Vanishing Hong Kong Cinema / Perry Lam  
Hong Kong: East Slope Publishing Limited, 2011  
ix. 174p. ; 18cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789881500519  
\$ 36.00 / PB  
392 gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=133796>

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### **Economics/Development Studies**

Gaming, Governance and Public Policy in Macao / Newman M. K. Lam & Ian Scott (Edited)  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press & University of Macau, 2011  
xx. 290p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888083299  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
594 gm.

The small city of Macao — formerly a Portuguese colony, now a Special Administrative Region of China — liberalised its gaming industry in 2002. Since then a score of new casinos have been built and millions of gamblers have flooded in from mainland China. Per capita income has more than doubled in five years and the gaming operators have outstripped their Las Vegas counterparts in revenue and profits. But rapid economic growth has also brought social and political problems. In this structured survey of modern Macao, 15 experts examine the effects of massive foreign investment, the problems of governance, and increasing public policy challenges in a time of rapid change and potential social instability. They also discuss the efficacy or otherwise of measures to address economic hardship, social dislocation and political change over the past decade.

*Gaming, Governance and Public Policy in Macao* will be of interest to anyone concerned with the gaming industry and its uses in strategies for economic growth. For those who want to know more about Macao than its gaming tables and neon lights, the book will provide a range of interpretations of the way in which the city is developing.

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### **General**

Driving Lantau: Whisper of an Island (CD Included) / Lo Yin Shan & Anthony McHugh  
Hong Kong: MCCM Creations, 2011  
413p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789881858443  
Bilingual English & Chinese language  
\$ 39.95  
700 gm.

Lantau. A place away from Hong Kong, with indigenous people, animals and plants, an also wanderers. People on Lantau hold their own beliefs – the 1897-born monk from Fujian at the Trappist Haven Monastery, an old farmer who has led an eco-friendly life-style long before Lohas, a photographer-auntie, a medical practitioner who collects herbs from the mountains, a botanist who loves the many butterflies ...

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Memories Lost and Found: A Couple's Journey through the Jeers and Cheers of Alzheimer's / H. G. Lee

Hong Kong: Red Publish, 2011

143p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888072385

\$ 13.00 / PB

200 gm.

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## **History**

History Without Borders : The Making of an Asian World Region, 1000 – 1800 / Geoffrey C. Gunn

Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011

xvi. 416p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888083343

\$ 60.00 / HB

934 gm.

Astride the historical maritime silk routes linking India to China, premodern East and Southeast Asia can be viewed as a global region in the making over a long period. Intense Asian commerce in spices, silks, and ceramics placed the region in the forefront of global economic history prior to the age of imperialism. Alongside the correlated silver trade among Japanese, Europeans, Muslims, and others, China's age-old tributary trade networks provided the essential stability and continuity enabling a brilliant age of commerce ...

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Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms / Peter Lorge (Editor)

Sha Tin, Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2011

ix. 252p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789629964184

\$ 52.00 / HB

546 gm.

The period of the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (907–960) has long been treated as an anomaly in the history of China, an age of great disunity between the empires of the Tang and the Song dynasties. Breaking with previous scholarship on China's middle period, this edited volume presents individual studies that focus on the art, culture, and politics of the interregnum, challenging underlying assumptions about the unitary nature of dynastic culture and its value as a category of historical analysis. It understands these decades as a time of important transition in which the incipient cultural shifts of the mature Tang dynasty turned into the foundations of Song society. Consequently it highlights the complex narrative processes that gave birth to Song culture.

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Pictures of Tilling and Weaving: Art, Labor, and Technology in Song and Yuan China / Roslyn Lee Hammers

Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011

x. 293p. ; 26cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888028634

\$ 45.00 / HB

1420 gm.

Around 1145 the Southern Song dynasty official Lou Shu inaugurated a genre known as pictures of tilling and weaving through the creation of a pair of paintings that depicted farming families cultivating grain and weaving silk cloth. Each painting scroll was devoted to illustrating one of forty-five discrete procedures employed in these processes, and each step was accompanied by a poem. The *Pictures of Tilling and Weaving* document scientific techniques of agrarian labor and provide commentary on Southern Song society and politics.

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### **Linguistics**

A Dictionary of Hong Kong English: Words from the Fragrant Harbor / Patrick J. Cummings and Hans-Georg Wolf

Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011

xxxi. 276p. ; 19cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888083305

\$ 15.00

376 gm.

This book is the first dictionary of Hong Kong English and one of the few non-native variety dictionaries of English. It includes only words and word senses that are particular to this variety or have a specific reference to Hong Kong, and thus contributes to legitimizing Hong Kong English as a variety in its own right. While the main focus is on contemporary language use, from all domains of Hong Kong life, historical terms and references are covered as well. Entries are designed according to the state of the art in lexicography and show pronunciation, source language, frequency, authentic usage, and cultural conceptualizations. As additional features, the dictionary provides a brief history of Hong Kong English, a list of acronyms and abbreviations, historical place names and their current equivalents, words of Hong Kong origin now in international use, as well as further reference material.

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### **Literature**

Eating Smoke: A True Story / Chris Thrall

Hong Kong: Blacksmith Books, 2011

417p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789881900296

\$ 29.95 / PB

496 gm.

'One Man's Descent into Drug Psychosis in Hong Kong's Triad Heartland'

Chris Thrall left the Royal Marines to find his fortune in Hong Kong, but instead found himself homeless and hooked on crystal meth.

Soon he began working for the 14K, Hong Kong's largest triad group, as a doorman in one of their nightclubs in the Wan Chai red-light district.

Dealing with violence, psychosis and the 'foreign triad' a secretive expat clique which, unbeknown to the world, works hand-in-hand with the Chinese mafia – he had to survive in the world's most unforgiving city, addicted to the world's most dangerous drug.

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One Night in Hong Kong / Wong Sik-hau

Hong Kong: Red Publish, 2011

423p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888122189

\$ 35.00 / HB

648 gm.

The story – "One Night in Hong Kong" depicts how a young Chinese physician, for certain reasons, passing himself off as a gigolo, waits upon a young American widow for one night at a Hong Kong hotel. She is charming and passionate; he is handsome and gentle. She likes his personable appearance; he cannot resist her tempting coquetry. Their story is funny, touching and infused with romance and wonder.

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Politically Correct 2 / Chip Tsao

Hong Kong: CUP Magazine Publishing Limited, 2011

vi. 149p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 97898881934239

1. Literature
2. Political Satire

\$ 14.95 / PB

258 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=133806>

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### **Official Publications**

Hong Kong 2010

Hong Kong: The Information Services Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government, 2010

x. 504p. ; 25cm.

ISBN-13: 9789620203855

\$ 45.00 / HB

1190 gm.

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### **Maps/Atlases**

Hong Kong : 160 Years' Development in Maps / Victor F. S. Sit

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Hong Kong: Joint Publishing (H. K.) Co. Ltd., 2010

178p. ; 36 cm.

ISBN-13: 9789620429941

\$ 180.00

790 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=133808>

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Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Map)  
31<sup>st</sup> Edition  
Hong Kong: Survey and Mapping Office, Lands Department, 2011  
Map : Scale 1 : 200.000  
ISBN-13: 9789625672465  
\$ 10.00  
12 gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=133809>

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### **Politics/Administration Studies**

Facility Siting in the Asia-Pacific: Perspectives on Knowledge Production and Application /  
Tung Fung, S. Hayden Lesbirel & Kin-che Lam (Edited)  
Sha Tin, Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2011  
viii. 282p. ; 24cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789629964061  
\$ 49.00 / HB  
586 gm.

This volume explores the management of conflicts arising from the siting of unwanted projects in the Asia-Pacific, a region inadequately explored by the relevant literature. The work includes studies on a variety of locations, including Hong Kong, Japan, Mainland China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore, and others. Contributions are drawn from several leading scholars intimately familiar with the locations under study, and employ theoretical, comparative, and policy-based approaches to analysis of environmental conflict, risk management, and public participation. The editors also provide introductory and concluding sections in which the siting issues under discussion are summarized and contextualized. The result is a collection that serves as an invaluable aid and source of information for policymakers, environmentalists, and scholars of the Asia-Pacific and elsewhere.  
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### **Philosophy**

Ethics in Early China: An Anthology / Chris Fraser, Dan Robins & Timothy O'Leary (Edited)  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011  
xv. 312p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888028931  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
490 gm.

Early Chinese ethics has attracted increasing scholarly and social attention in recent years, as the virtue ethics movement in Western philosophy sparked renewed interest in Confucianism and Daoism. Meanwhile, intellectuals and social commentators throughout greater China have looked to the Chinese ethical tradition for resources to evaluate the role of traditional cultural values in the contemporary world. Publications on early Chinese ethics have tended to focus uncritical attention toward Confucianism, while neglecting Daoism, Mohism, and shared features of Chinese moral psychology. This book aims to rectify this imbalance with provocative interpretations of classical ethical theories including widely neglected views of the Mohists and newly reconstructed accounts of the "embodied virtue" tradition, which ties ethics to physical cultivation. The volume also addresses the broader

question of the value of comparative philosophy generally and of studying early Chinese ethics in particular.

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### **Travel Guide**

The Heritage Hiker's Guide to Hong Kong / Pete Spurrier

Hong Kong: FormAsia Books Ltd., 2011

383p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789889827083

\$ 39.50 (PB)

638 gm.

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Hong Kong Nature Walks: The New Territories – 21 Nature Walks in the New Territories, HKSAR / David Diskin

Hong Kong: Accipiter Press, 2011

268p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789881509116

\$ 48.00 / PB

552 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=133812>

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