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### **Economics**

China's Integration into the World Economy / John Whalley (Edited)  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2011  
xviii. 391p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789814304788 (HB)  
\$ 120.00

This book discusses China's integration into the world economy, drawing on papers previously written by the editor. It focuses on strong trade growth, FDI inflows, innovation policy (including transfer of technology and intellectual property), the role of saving, and the accumulation of human capital. It also analyzes the quantitative significance of openness in driving China's growth.

While other books on China do not focus much on China's integration into the world economy, this book provides technically strong analyses of key contributing factors to China's growth performance. It also highlights innovation and education policies and their significance for the 11th five-year plan which aims to quadruple real income per capita between 2000 and 2020.

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### **History**

Beijing Record: A Physical and Political History of Planning Modern Beijing / Wang Jun  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2011  
xxii. 512p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789814295727 (HB)  
\$ 58.00

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Early China Coast Meteorology: The Role of Hong Kong / P. Kevin MacKeown  
Aberdeen: Hong Kong University Press, 2010  
xvi. 289p. ; 24cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888028856 (HB)  
Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series  
\$ 40.00

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In this colourful story of the Hong Kong Observatory, P. Kevin MacKeown takes us through the development of the Observatory in the Crown colony in the period 1882–1912, featuring in particular its nettlesome founding director William Doberck. A Danish astronomer with little interest in meteorology, though eminently qualified for the senior scientific position, Doberck proved to be a very difficult employee — constantly clashing with his superiors, his confreres, and with the commercial community. Despite the antagonism between Doberck and the Jesuit observatories, a successful storm warning system was developed over several years.

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Enriching Lives: A History of Insurance in Hong Kong, 1841-2010 / Feng Bangyan & Nyaw Mee Kau

Aberdeen: Hong Kong University Press, 2010

252p.

ISBN-13: 9789888028702

\$ 50.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128109>

Insurance is one of Hong Kong's oldest industries. In the nineteenth century the lucrative trade between China and Europe carried many risks — piracy, warfare, fire, loss of goods, and other mishaps. Dozens of different insurance firms — some home-grown, others imported — established themselves in the colony to protect ships and their cargoes. With the diversification of Hong Kong's economy into manufacturing and services, and the development of life and health insurance policies, Hong Kong became a global centre of insurance. The industry continues to transform itself today through changing practices and new lines of business. This is the first comprehensive history of Hong Kong's insurance industry, and argues its central importance in the economy. Typhoons, shipwrecks, fires, wars, political turbulence and unexpected events of all kinds provide a dramatic background to a fascinating survey. The book is richly illustrated with photographs and documents.

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Macau: History and Society/ Zhidong Hao

Aberdeen: Hong Kong University Press, 2010

328p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888028542

\$ 38.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128089>

*Macau History and Society* illuminates the early Portuguese maritime exploration along China's south coast, political and economic development in Macau, and current social problems. The book makes significant contributions to a political sociology of Macau, emphasizing how different civilizations and cultures interacted with one another, and explores how a new Macau identity can be constructed. Democratization has been a never-ending process in Macau since the 1500s. Macau's experience indicates that sovereignty has been shared rather than exclusive. Although civilizations and cultures do clash, they also cooperate. But the Macau model is deeply flawed — Hao contends that Macau needs to build a new multicultural identity, and a cosmopolitan political and economic identity.

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Stepping Forth into the World: The Chinese Educational Mission to the United States, 1872-81 / Edward J. M. Rhoads

Aberdeen: Hong Kong University Press, 2011

xvi. 313p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888028863 (HB)

\$ 25.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128103>

The Chinese Educational Mission was the earliest effort at educational modernization in China. As part of the Self-Strengthening Movement, the Qing government sent 120 young boys to New England to live and study for a decade, before abruptly summoning them home to China in 1881. The returned students helped staff numerous other modernization projects; some rose to top administrative and political posts in the Qing government. This book, based upon extensive research in US archives and newspapers, sheds new light on the students during their nine-year stay in the United States, and it compares their lives with those of the Japanese students in New England at about the same time.

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The Empress and Mrs. Conger: The Uncommon Friendship of Two Women and Two Worlds / Grant Hayter-Menzies

Aberdeen: Hong Kong University Press, 2011

364p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888083008

\$ 35.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128102>

The story of two women from worlds that could not seem farther apart—imperial China and the American Midwest—who found common ground before and after one of the greatest clashes between East and West, the fifty-five-day siege of the Beijing foreign legations known as the Boxer Uprising. Using diaries, letters and untapped sources, *The Empress and Mrs. Conger* traces the parallel lives of the Empress Dowager Cixi and American diplomat's wife Sarah Pike Conger, which converged to alter their perspectives of each other and each other's worlds.

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Forgotten Souls: A Social History of the Hong Kong Cemetery / Patricia Lim

Aberdeen: Hong Kong University Press, 2010

624p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789622099906

Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series

\$ 55.00

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This book follows on from the mapping and recording of the about 10,000 graves that make up the Hong Kong Cemetery for a database which will be held in the archives of the Hong Kong Memory Project and the Royal Asiatic Society among other places. The silent tombs and elegantly carved inscriptions dating from 1842 up to the present day aroused curiosity in the author about who these long-buried people were and how they lived their lives. Lim has teased out from many sources the answers to these questions. This small, alien and rather disparate band of adventurers came from a number of far distant countries to live and work in the tiny and insignificant British foothold of Hong Kong on the edge of a huge and little understood empire. The book tries to show their relationships with each other and with their Chinese neighbours on the island. It has attempted to breathe life into the stories behind the gravestones so that the Hong Kong Cemetery can be viewed as a cradle of history as well as a final resting place for the dead.

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Negotiating Religion in Modern China: State and Common People in Guangzhou, 1900 – 1937 / Shuk-Wah Poon

Shatin: The Chinese University Press, 2011

ix. 208p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789629964214 (HB)

\$ 45.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128116>

*Negotiating Religion in Modern China* traces the history of the Chinese state's relationship with religion from 1900 to 1937. The revolutionary regime condemned religious practice in the early twentieth century, suppressing "superstitious" belief in favor of a secular, more enlightened society. Drawing on newspapers and unpublished official documents, this book focuses on the case of Guangzhou, largely because of the city's sustained involvement in the revolutionary quest for a "new" China. The author pays particular attention to the implementation of policy and citizens' attempts at adaptation and resistance.

Foreign Painter in the Forbidden City / Zhu Jing; Translated by Yuan Kang

Beijing : China Intercontinental Press, 2010

135p.

978-7-5085-1717-9

Bilingual – English-Chinese

\$ 18.00

The Italian missionary Giuseppe Castiglione came to China in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and became a famous court painter of Qing Dyansty.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128510>

Emperor of Stone: Qin and the Terra Cotta Armies / Glenn Fieber

Beijing : China Intercontinental Press, 2010

171p.

978-7-5085-1527-4

\$ 24.75

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128511>

### **Official Publications**

Hong Kong Annual Digest of Statistics 2010 Edition

Hong Kong: Census and Statistics Department, 2010

xxxiv. 438p. ; 30cm.

Bilingual English & Chinese language

\$ 30.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128059>

The Health Legacy of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games : Successes and Recommendations / (Ed) Jin Dapeng, Arne Ljungqvist, Hans Troedsson

Manila : Western Health Organization – Regional Office for the Western Pacific, 2010

1. Sports
2. Olympic Games
3. Doping in Sports – Prevention and Control

978-92-9061-459-3

\$ 29.50

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=128512>

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## **Politics**

CHINA AMONG UNEQUALS : Asymmetric Foreign Relationships in Asia /Brantly Womack  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2010

552p.

978-981-4295-27-7

\$ 130.00

China Among Unequals presents asymmetry theory, a new paradigm for the study of international relations, derived from China's relationships with its neighbors and the world. The first collection of its kind, it brings together key writings on the theory and its applications to China's basic foreign policy, particularly towards the United States and the rest of Asia.

Starting with an exploration of the general theory of asymmetry, with particular attention given to such topics as human rights, soft power, regionalism, and asymmetric wars, the book then moves on to the fundamentals of China's external relations, looking at the complexities created by its scale and broad range of neighbors. Traditional imperial relationships are analyzed, as well as China's more recent emphasis on multipolarity. The third section deals with US–China ties –China's most important relationship, and the only one in which it is in the more vulnerable position. The final section treats in detail the relationships between China and its Asian neighbors, including Southeast Asia and the complicated multilateral situations of Korea and Taiwan.

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## **Sociology**

Population and Society in Contemporary Tibet / Rong MA

Aberdeen: Hong Kong University Press, 2010

408p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789622092020

\$ 45.00

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This extensive survey documents Tibetan society over five decades, including population structure in rural and urban areas, marriage and migration patterns, the maintenance of language and traditional culture, economic transitions relating to income and consumption habits, educational development, and the growth of civil society and social organizations. In addition to household surveys completed over twenty years, the book provides a systematic analysis of all available social and census data released by the Chinese government, and a thorough review of Western and Chinese literature on the topic. It is the first book on Tibetan society published in English by a mainland China scholar, and covers several sensitive issues in Tibetan studies, including population changes, Han migration into Tibetan areas, intermarriage patterns, and ethnic relations.

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