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### *Art*

Watch With Wonder / Palani Mohan  
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2023  
140p.  
97898888842827  
\$ 60.00 / HB  
825gm.

The distant rustle of a tusker emerging one morning from the forests of Nepal. The crack of the shifting expanses of ice in northern Mongolia. The swirl of mist around a lantern atop Hong Kong Island. The squeaky whistle of diving kites over the holy waters of Varanasi. Black clouds carrying sleet over the rock country of Australia. Men with their eagles on horseback singing love songs as they ride through tall grasslands. Watch with Wonder collects these and many other images in this thought-provoking book that studies stillness and reflection. From the bushlands of Australia to the frozen lakes of Mongolia to the deserts of the Middle East, Palani Mohan offers a personal look at places of silence and space, where the viewer is invited to pause, slow down, and look.

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### *Biography/Memoirs*

The World Administered By Irishmen: The Life and Times of Robert Hart and Contemporary Irish in East Asia / Robin Masefield  
Belfast, Ireland: Special Collections & Archives, Queen's University Belfast, 2023  
xii, 268p.  
Include Bibliography & Index  
9780995588622  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
975gm.

This richly-illustrated book is the product of extensive research that initially focuses on the Chinese Maritime Customs Service, and the Ulsterman Sir Robert Hart who led it for 45 years, until 1908. But it also brings together a treasure trove of other, largely untold, lives of Irish men and women in East Asia - men from around Lisburn working with Hart in the Customs Service; a nurse from Roscommon; a doctor from Cork; a diplomat from Meath; Hong Kong governors from Dublin; a railway engineer from Westmeath, and many more. Some served the British Government overseas, while others were journalists, academics, doctors and engineers who did not all see themselves as part of the Imperial machinery. In using first-hand accounts where possible, the book vividly brings to life their many

fascinating stories and the special contribution that Irish people made to developing relations with China, Japan and Korea in the nineteenth century. It is published by Special Collections & Archives, Queen's University Belfast which includes a unique source of papers and artefacts relating to Robert Hart in their holdings. The book could not have been completed without the guidance of the Head of Special Collections & Archives, Deirdre Wildy, and expert historical research from Karolyn Cooper. The author lived for three years in Hong Kong and has previously written about Hong Kong and Macau. He is an enthusiastic local historian living in Northern Ireland who has also published a number of historical books about County Down. Profits from the sale of the book will go to charity.

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### *Cinema Studies*

The Last Emperor Revisited / Basil Pao  
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2023  
288p. ; 27cm  
9789888805761  
\$ 90.00 / HB  
1850gm.

The Last Emperor Revisited is a true behind-the-scenes look at the making of Bernardo Bertolucci's legendary film through the exquisite eye of a photographer who had unlimited access to everyone and everything, everywhere. The photographs feature an international cast of characters who contributed to the creation of the masterpiece, from the director, filmmakers, and actors, to the farmers, workers, and students in and around Beijing who were recruited as extras. In July 1986, Basil Pao joined the cast and crew for the filming of The Last Emperor. His principal role was to play the young emperor Pu Yi's father Prince Chun, but he also served as a third assistant director and special stills photographer. The book contains over 250 photographs, including some of Pao's most iconic images of the film, along with a treasure trove of "never-been-seen" pictures captured during filming in Beijing and Italy. In Pao's own words: "It is the chronicle of a truly extraordinary experience that completely changed my life."

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The Cinema of Wang Bing: Chinese Documentary between History and Labor / Bruno Lessard  
Hong Kong; Hong Kong Universities Press, 2023  
188p.  
9789888805778  
\$ 60.00 / HB

Having made documentary films screened at the most prestigious film festivals in the West, Chinese documentary filmmaker Wang Bing presents a unique case of independent filmmaking. In The Cinema of Wang Bing, Bruno Lessard examines the documentarian's most important films, focusing on the two obsessions at the heart of his oeuvre—the legacy of Maoist China in the present and the transformation of labor since China's entry into the market economy—and how the crucial figures of survivor and worker are represented on screen. Bruno Lessard argues that Wang Bing is a minjian (grassroots) intellectual whose films document the impact of Mao's Great Leap Forward on Chinese collective memory and register the repercussions of China's turn to neoliberalism on workers in the post-Reform

era. Bringing together Chinese documentary studies and China studies, the author shows how Wang Bing's practice reflects the minjian ethos when documenting the survivors of the Great Famine and those who have not benefitted from China's neoliberal policies—from laid-off workers to migrant workers. The films discussed include some of Wang Bing's most celebrated works such as *West of the Tracks* and *Dead Souls*, as well as neglected documentaries such as *Coal Money* and *Bitter Money*.

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### *Economics*

*The Wolf Economy Awakens: Mongolia's Fight For Democracy, And A Green And Digital Future* / Johan Nylander

Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2024

viii, 202p. ; 23cm

9789888842841

\$ 32.00 / PB

305gm.

Mongolia, a vibrant democracy landlocked between Russia and China, stands on the edge of becoming Asia's next boom nation—one of the richest countries per capita in the region. Referred to as the "wolf economy" for its vast natural resources (copper, gold, and rare earth metals), it is also home to a growing number of cutting-edge tech startups and international lifestyle brands. Its vast steppe landscape lends itself not only to herding and tourism but also to renewable energy production and filmmaking.

*The Wolf Economy Awakens* is about the individuals who are fighting to strengthen the country's democracy and diversify its economy. It is about innovators aiming to realize Mongolia's promise as a hub for green energy, tech and lifestyle entrepreneurs who are shaking up traditional industries, and go-getters who have left jobs on Wall Street to return to the country they love and help move it forward. Asia correspondent and award-winning author Johan Nylander travels across Mongolia to speak to the country's leaders and innovators—not to mention a cast of digital nomads, jazz musicians, and ordinary families—and finds a nation ready to grasp a better future. Unlocking a country's potential is never easy, but Mongolia stands every chance of becoming Asia's next success story.

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### *Law*

*Law of Companies in Hong Kong, 4th Edition* / Dr. Stefan Lo; Dr. Charles Qu

Hong Kong: Sweet & Maxwell, 2024

1000p.

9789888591329

\$ 450.00 / HB

This new edition covers legislative developments since the previous edition, including:

miscellaneous amendments made to the Companies Ordinance (Cap.622) by the Companies (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance 2018 (35 of 2018), including expansion of simplified reporting for corporate groups and alignment of certain concepts with the latest accounting standards;

reforms in the regulation of auditors, including the expanded regulatory role of the renamed Accounting and Financial Reporting Council, as introduced by the Financial Reporting Council

(Amendment) Ordinance 2019 (3 of 2019) and Financial Reporting Council (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 (41 of 2021);

the phased commencement of the new regime under Part 2 and Part 12 of the Companies Ordinance, together with new subsidiary legislation, for protecting the privacy of directors' residential addresses and identification numbers of directors and others in the Companies Register and in companies' own registers of directors.

This text also includes new cases decided since the last edition, including discussion and analysis of major case law developments both in Hong Kong and overseas common law jurisdictions. Highlights include:

UK developments in the law on piercing of the corporate veil, including the UK Supreme Court decision of *Hurstwood Properties (A) Ltd v Rossendale Borough Council* [2021] 2 WLR 1125;

developments in case law on directors' duties, including the duty to take into account creditors' interests when a company is insolvent (*BTI 2014 LLC v Sequana SA* [2022] UKSC 25), directors' duties imposed on parent companies as shadow directors (*Cyberworks Audio Video Technology Ltd v Mei Ah (HK) Co Ltd* [2020] HKCFI 398) and duty of care of non-executive directors (*Moulin Global Eyecare Holdings Ltd v Lee Sin Mei Olivia* [2019] 3 HKLRD 833);

major developments in members' remedies, including restatement of the no reflective loss principle by the UK Supreme Court in *Marex Financial Ltd v Sevilleja* [2021] AC 39, and Hong Kong Court of Appeal decisions on the common law derivative action (*Wang Pengying v Ng Wing Fai* [2021] 1 HKLRD 997) and the power to order damages under the statutory injunction remedy (*Re L&A International Holdings Ltd* [2020] 4 HKLRD 544);

further clarification on the principles of corporate attribution in the UK — *Singularis Holdings Ltd v Daiwa Capital Markets Ltd* [2020] AC 1189;

decisions of the Court of Final Appeal in *Re Hsin Chong Construction Co Ltd* (2021) 24 HKCFAR 98 on void dispositions of company property and *Shandong Chenming Paper Holdings Ltd v Arjowiggins HKK 2 Ltd* [2022] HKCFA 11 on winding up of foreign companies, as well as further Court of First Instance decisions developing the common law principles on the granting of assistance to foreign insolvency office-holders, including for corporate rescue purposes.

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*Bribery and Corruption Law in Hong Kong*, 5th Edition / Andrew Bruce SC  
Hong Kong: Lexis Nexis  
800p.  
9789888815746  
\$ 350.00

The fifth edition of the detailed and expansive guide, *Bribery and Corruption*, provides a continuing update on the latest developments of bribery and corruption law in Hong Kong. Although Hong Kong consistently ranks as one of the least corrupt cities in the world, the jurisprudence relating to the common law offence of misconduct in public office continues to grow as the offence is more frequently employed by prosecutors against abuses of their office by public servants not involving bribery. Recent legislative developments and case law that further define the parameters of the offence are discussed. Furthermore, as a practical tool for legal professionals, the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap 201) and the Independent Commission Against Corruption Ordinance (Cap 204) are included.

What's New in this Edition:

The key highlights of this Fifth Edition concern developments in the law relating to the common law crime of misconduct in public office. In particular, the recent advent of the

National Security Law has yet to make any direct impact on the administration of the law relating to the prevention of bribery and corruption. However, it is far from inconceivable that this will remain. Given we have already seen officials at the highest level of the administration of our Special Administrative Region being prosecuted for corruption-related charges, what is contemplated is that it might be in the future that corruption of such officials might involve an impact to the endangerment of the national security of the People's Republic of China.

There is also commentary from the New South Wales Court of Criminal Appeal, which further defines the parameters and elaborates the significance of proving the purpose of corruption when establishing the offence. Further commentary on the developments of justices of the Court of First Instance and District Court are also discussed in this edition.

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The Art of Resolving Global Disputes: Navigating International Commercial Arbitration / Des Voeux Chambers

Hong Kong: Wolters Kluwer (HK), 2023

9789887617211

\$ 225.00 / PB

Authored by leading experienced practitioners in the field from Des Voeux Chambers, this "The Art of Resolving Global Disputes: Navigating International Commercial Arbitration 1st Edition" is an ultimate guide to navigating the complex world of international commercial arbitration.

This comprehensive resource provides a deep dive into the intricacies of arbitration, including the formalities and validity requirements for arbitration agreements, the jurisdiction of an arbitral tribunal, procedural and substantive law in arbitration, selection of arbitrators, the commencement of arbitration and pleadings, interim measures of protection, emergency arbitrator provisions, shareholder and private equity disputes, intellectual property issues, and more.

Whether you are an experienced legal practitioner, arbitrator, or business professional, this "The Art of Resolving Global Disputes: Navigating International Commercial Arbitration 1st Edition" book will be your go-to reference for mastering the intricacies of international commercial resolutions.

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Butterworths Hong Kong Competition Law Handbook, 3rd Edition / Carter Chim

Hong Kong: LexisNexis Hong Kong, 2023

750p.

9789888815531

\$ 350.00 / PB

The Butterworths Hong Kong Competition Law Handbook (Third Edition) is a detailed work of reference concerning the Competition Ordinance (Cap 619). This title reproduces the text of the Ordinance along with section-by-section annotations, which include key definitions of words and phrases, discussion on practical aspects and contentious issues, cross-jurisdictional comparisons with similar territories, and other authoritative material.

The Third Edition has been updated with all the decisions that have been made by the Competition Tribunal. The seminal judgments handed down by the Competition Tribunal on the First Conduct Rule of the Competition Ordinance are explained in detail, clarifying a

number of fundamental issues such as the standard of proof in a public enforcement action brought by the Competition Commission, the burden and standard of proof for raising an efficiency defence, the “Kam Kwong” procedure, and the calculation of pecuniary penalties.

This new edition includes, inter alia, the following:

(a) References to all decisions made by the Competition Tribunal since September 2020; and

(b) Updates on the Competition Tribunal’s approach to procedural matters such as adducing expert reports, the setting up of the confidentiality ring, etc.

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Butterworths Hong Kong Conveyancing and Property Law Handbook, 6th Edition / Judith Sihombing; Alwin Chan; Antony Sin; Steven Gallagher  
Hong Kong: LexisNexis Hong Kong, 2023  
1400p.  
9789888814688  
\$ 275.00 / PB

Butterworths Hong Kong Conveyancing and Property Law Handbook - Sixth Edition contains detailed analyses and up-to-date commentary on eight ordinances, including the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (Cap 219), Land Registration Ordinance (Cap 128), Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap 7), Lands Resumption Ordinance (Cap 124), Land Acquisition (Possessory Title) Ordinance (Cap 130), Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap 28), Lands Tribunal Ordinance (Cap 17) and selected sections of the Limitation Ordinance (Cap 347).

It reproduces the ordinances along with section-by-section annotations discussing significant judicial decisions and legislation. The annotations are clearly presented in this practical guide aimed at providing a comprehensive point of reference in the area of conveyancing and property law in Hong Kong. Furthermore, the annotations are fully cross-referenced, and the Handbook comes with tables of cases and legislation referred to.

This series has been cited with authority in over a hundred court cases in the Hong Kong Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal, and Court of Final Appeal. This handbook will be an invaluable source of information for practitioners, property law specialists, students, and anyone interested in the laws governing land and property in Hong Kong.

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A Practical Guide to Resolving Shareholder Disputes, 2nd Edition / Ludwig Ng; Sherman Yan; Pearlie Koh  
Hong Kong: LexisNexis Hong Kong, 2023  
9789888813810  
\$ 275.00 / PB

Shareholder disputes have existed for as long as there have been companies and are becoming an everyday occurrence in the corporate world. “A Practical Guide to Resolving Shareholder Disputes” is intended to serve as a ready reference, a checklist, and a source of practical guidance for business owners, investors, financial advisers, in-house counsel, and legal practitioners who are involved in this area.

Apart from outlining general principles and practice, this is the first book on the subject that provides specific treatments for different kinds of companies, such as private companies, listed companies, family companies, and non-Hong Kong companies. The authors have outlined the procedural and legal considerations for various types of actions, including derivative actions, unfair prejudice petitions, and just and equitable winding up. Interlocutory applications in shareholder disputes and the most recent local decisions are discussed in detail, and extensive references are also made to illustrative cases from other common law jurisdictions, like the UK and Singapore.

This second edition will fill an important gap in the growing range of Hong Kong legal textbooks on shareholder disputes and is essential reading for practitioners, researchers, and students interested or engaged in this area of law. Further, aside from the numerous updates on Hong Kong case law, more references have also been made to Singaporean cases and statutes in this second edition to benefit not only Hong Kong readers but also to make the book more relevant to Singapore and other Commonwealth readers.

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Hong Kong Master Tax Guide 2023-2024 (31st Edition) / BDO Tax Limited  
Hong Kong: Wolters Kluwer (HK), 2023  
1300p.  
9789887617198  
\$ 225.00 / PB

The annually updated Hong Kong Master Tax Guide published by Wolters Kluwer has long been regarded as Hong Kong's leading tax handbook, providing up-to-date guidance and in-depth analysis on taxation practice in Hong Kong for three decades. The Hong Kong Master Tax Guide 2023/24 31st Edition provides a clear, concise and current commentary covering the full scope of Hong Kong Taxation Law. New to this Edition:

Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Taxation on Specified Foreign-sourced Income) Ordinance 2022; Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions for Family-owned Investment Holding Vehicles) Ordinance;  
Updates on Stamp Duty Ordinance;  
Updates on Board of Review cases in profits tax, salaries tax and stamp duty, including John Wiley & Sons UK2 LLP and Wiley International LLC v the Collector of Stamp Revenue;  
Updates on the Inland Revenue Department's Departmental Information and Technology Plan and e-Filing Project;  
Updated Transfer Pricing guidance from the Inland Revenue Department, including Transfer Pricing specific Departmental Interpretation and Practice Notes ("DIPNs") and relevant Transfer Pricing content from other DIPNs;  
International tax developments, including updates on the OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS 2.0) Project which will impact Hong Kong;  
Updates on the implementation of Pillar 2 under BEPS 2.0 in Hong Kong;  
Other tax measures announced by the Financial Secretary in the 2023/24 Budget  
Expertly reviewed and updated by BDO Tax Limited, the Hong Kong Master Tax Guide 2023/24 31st Edition is a consolidated and practical reference that provides comprehensive information on taxes in Hong Kong. Recent developments and regulations governing the taxation of companies and individuals in Hong Kong are also covered.

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Hong Kong Personal Insolvency Manual, 3rd Edition / Charles D Booth; ELG Tyler  
Hong Kong: LexisNexis Hong Kong, 2023  
9789888813001  
\$ 295.00 / PB

Since the publication of the Second Edition of The Hong Kong Personal Insolvency Manual in 2010 and the Fourth Edition of its companion volume, The Hong Kong Corporate Insolvency Manual in 2018, there have been significant developments in the personal insolvency law and practice in Hong Kong. This Third Edition of The Hong Kong Personal Insolvency Manual addresses personal insolvency law developments and updates the discussion of case law and legislative enactments. It will be a valuable resource for accounting and legal professionals working in the insolvency field, as well as for bankers, academics and university students.

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Butterworths Hong Kong Stamp Duty Handbook, 3rd Edition / Jonathan Chang; Julian Lam; Bonnie Cheng; Martin Ho; Thomas Wong; Peter Dong  
Hong Kong: LexisNexis Hong Kong, 2023  
500p.  
9789888815739  
\$ 395.00 / PB

The Butterworths Hong Kong Stamp Duty Handbook (Third Edition) is a concise reference work detailing section-by-section annotations to the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap 117). It reproduces the text of the Stamp Ordinance and all subsidiary legislation to the Ordinance which is currently in force, with the inclusion of details of amendments and repeals to the Ordinance.

It also provides definitions of words and phrases used to assist in the discussion of practical aspects and contentious issues relating to particular sections and other authoritative material. Furthermore, the annotations are fully cross-referenced, with comprehensive tables of cases, legislation and other sources referenced.

This series has been cited with authority in over a hundred court cases in the Hong Kong Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal and Court of Final Appeal. This handbook is an invaluable source of information for those in the legal profession, academics, students and those interested in the laws governing stamp duty in Hong Kong.

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Tort Law in Hong Kong, 5th Edition / Rick Glofcheski  
Hong Kong: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023  
850p.  
9789888591138  
\$ 395.00 / PB

Tort Law in Hong Kong aims to not only provide a study text for intending lawyers, but also to be the most up-to-date and comprehensive resource available for practitioners, academics and judges in the tort law topics under consideration.

New developments in the 5th edition include:

Greatly revised Chapter 5 on "Duty of Care" due to recent major UK cases, such as Michael v Chief Constable of South Wales Police (duty for omissions) through to Robinson v Chief



Constable of West Yorkshire Police and Darnley v Croydon Health Services NHS Trust (duty of care in established categories).

Development in vicarious liability law, particularly as a supplementary remedy for plaintiffs injured at work

Enhanced discussion on tort of harassment in Hong Kong

UK Supreme Court in the 2023 decision in Fearn v Board of Trustees of Tate Gallery to protection from persistent overlooking by neighbours, a decision that is bound to have impact in Hong Kong where people live very close to one another

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Butterworths Hong Kong Insurance Law Handbook, 2nd Edition / Sabrina Ho; Arthur Poon  
Hong Kong: LexisNexis Hong Kong, 2023

750p.

9789888815616

\$ 295.00 / PB

Butterworths Hong Kong Insurance Law Handbook - Second Edition is a comprehensive work of reference detailing section by section annotations of the Insurance Ordinance (Cap 41), together with a concise and straightforward introduction to the principles and current developments of insurance law in Hong Kong.

This Handbook reproduces the text of the Insurance Ordinance and all relevant subsidiary legislation as currently in force and includes amendment notes, carefully researched case authorities, expert commentary, key definitions, and other authoritative material presented in a clear and succinct style. In addition, cross-references are made to subsidiary legislation and to tables and forms where necessary. This Handbook will be an essential companion for lawyers, businesspersons, in-house counsel, academics, and all those who are engaged with or interested in insurance law in Hong Kong.

Apart from updates on recent case authorities since June 2020, including updated authorities on the application of section 24 of the Insurance Ordinance, this second edition also provides an important overview of the most recent reform in July 2023 by the Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance 2023, which introduces a new risk-based assessment regime for insurance companies in Hong Kong. The amendments are due to take effect in 2024.

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Hong Kong Taxation and Tax Planning, 21st Edition / Patrick Kin-wai Ho; Kelvin Po-lung Mak  
Hong Kong: Pilot Publishing, 2023

865p.

9789888652792

\$ 80.00 / PB

The objective of Hong Kong Taxation and Tax Planning is to provide readers with taxation knowledge from the basic to the advance level of tax planning. At the same time, this book is a very valuable tool for students learning their materials for the preparation of academic and professional examinations.

The author has been trying his best to accomplish the above objective in the past editions. This is done with the provision of the most updated tax knowledge and concept maps to assist readers in understanding the difficult tax knowledge.

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Croc and Roll Law / Justice Kemal Bokhary GBM  
Hong Kong: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023  
9789888591091  
\$ 80.00 / PB

This is a law book that is not written only for lawyers, but for all members of society. Justice Bokhary covers a full breadth of topics on constitutional law, including its history, evolution, key legal figurers, civil procedure, and legal doctrines like precedents and rule of law. His grandsons Asher and Zane have also provided hand-drawn cartoons, which will hopefully make the book more accessible to those who are unfamiliar with the topic. Each topic is no more than one page long, making this book easy and compelling reading.

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Taxation in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide 2023-2024 (9th Edition) / Percy Wong; Jody Wong  
Hong Kong: Wolters Kluwer (HK), 2023  
1316p.  
9789887617181  
\$ 225.00 / PB

The new edition of this Wolters Kluwer title is now updated to cover the newest developments and trends in Hong Kong taxation for the year 2023/24. The practical aspect of this title has proven to be of great value to candidates preparing for their professional qualification exams as well as to taxation and accounting students who would like to pursue a career in this exciting industry.

The book provides an in-depth analysis of the taxation related issues in Hong Kong, from the implementation of new legislation to the latest departmental notes and current tax cases, as well as international tax issues promulgated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") such as the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Initiative ("BEPS").

New materials covered in the 2023/24 edition include the following:

Changes announced in the 2023/24 budget  
Deduction of domestic rents  
Foreign-sourced income exemption (FSIE) regime  
Exemption of carried interest  
Concession for family office business  
Discussion on China income tax for cross-border business and employment is included and updated in this edition. The book also examines recent tax cases on such areas of practice as source of profits (Newfair Holdings Ltd case), capital expenditure (KWP Quarry Company Limited case and China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited case). Topic-related revision questions at the end of each chapter with suggested solutions are particularly useful for professional taxation examination candidates and undergraduate and postgraduate students.

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### *Sociology / Culture Studies*

Women We Love: Femininities And The Korean Wave / (Eds) SooJin Lee, Kate Korroch, Liew Kai Khiun  
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2023

x, 237p.  
Include Index  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
410gm.

*Women We Love: Femininities and the Korean Wave* is an edited volume exploring femininities in and around the Korean Wave since 2000. While studies on the Korean Wave are abundant, there is a dearth of thought put toward the female-identifying stars, characters, and fans who shape and lead this crucial cultural movement. This collection of essays is one of the first works to focus on gender and the key female actors of this global phenomenon. Using “women” as an inclusive term extending to all those who self-define as women, this volume examines the role of women in K-pop and K-drama industries and fandom spaces, encompassing crucial intersectional topics such as queering of gender, dissemination of media, and fan culture.

In addition to the communities engaged with visual culture of the Korean Wave, the audience for *Women We Love* will reflect the contributors to this text. They are K-pop and K-drama fans, queer, international; they are also academics of Asian histories, sociology, gender and sexuality, art history, and visual culture. The chapters are playful, intersectional, and will be adapted well into syllabi for media studies, gender studies, visual culture studies, sociology, and contemporary global history.

“*Women We Love* goes far beyond the dyad of the flower boy Hallyu star and his female fan to offer readers an illuminating discussion of plural femininities in the Korean Wave since the turn of the millennium. The essays will answer many burning yet heretofore unanswered questions about the affective resonances and political significance of Korean popular culture’s gender dynamics, which have fascinated, puzzled, and at times frustrated many fans and observers. Rigorously interdisciplinary, yet grounded in textual detail, historical context, and material reception practices, this is a timely and valuable contribution to the study of gender, fandom, and global media.”

—Michelle Cho, University of Toronto

“This is a provoking and fascinating book—one of the most awaited books in Hallyu studies. Drawing from a multitude of feminist theories and case studies, this edited volume not only provides captivating and much-needed discussions but also critically expands the current debates in gender studies, feminism studies, and fan studies. This book is vital literature for researchers, students, and practitioners who are willing to advance their understanding of the Korean Wave from a new scope and angle.”

—Dal Yong Jin, Simon Fraser University

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*Sinoglossia* / (Ed) Andrea Bachner, Howard Chiang, Yu-Lin Lee  
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2023  
xii, 266p. ; 23cm  
Include Index  
9789888805716  
\$ 100.00 / HB  
565gm.

*Sinoglossia* places embodiment, mediality, and translation at the center of this analytical inquiry into Chinese and Sinophone cultures. This book introduces a theory defined by cultural formations not overdetermined by Sinitic linguistic ties. The concept of *sinoglossia* combines a heteroglossic and heterotopian approach to the critical study of mediated discourses of China and “Chineseness.” From the history of physical examinations and queer subalternity to the cinematic inscription of “Chineseness-as-landscape,” and from Sinopop to the translational writings of Eileen Chang and Syaman Rapongan, this book argues for a

flexible conceptualization of cultural objects, conditions, and contexts that draws attention to an array of polyphonic, multi-discursive, and multilingual articulations. In this new horizon of understanding, place or theme create a source of friction and innovation.

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Making National Heroes: The Exemplarist Production of Masculinities in Contemporary China  
/ Jacqueline Zhenru Lin

Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2023

192p.

97898888842759

\$ 69.95 / HB

Making National Heroes is an ethnography of the making of national heroes in the commemoration of the Second World War in contemporary China. Foregrounding the lived experience of men and women who participate in commemorative activities, it theorises how masculinity and nationalism entangle in recollecting war memories. Taking the feminist line of inquiry, this anthropological study develops an approach to capture the centrality of making exemplars in the realisation of hegemonic masculinities. It adds a gender perspective to studies on exemplarist moral theory and theorises exemplary men's cross-cultural significance in defining masculinities. Researchers in the fields of critical masculinity studies, anthropology, feminist methodology, China studies, and memory studies will be interested in this book.

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