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Economics & Development Studies

Ideals and Realities of Regional Integration in the Muslim World: The Case of the Economic Cooperation Organization / Ejaz Akram
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xix. 266p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195476354
\$ 35.00

This is a case study of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO). It argues that the ECO region has all the necessary elements for regional integration, but that it has not yet reached its goals due to the postponement of its strategic, political and security decisions and the lack of a common denominator of identity and interests. The argument reinforces the notion that regionalism is not only an economic decision but also a political one which may yield economic dividends to the member states.

Human Development in South Asia 2007: A Ten-year Review
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xvii. 330p,; 28cm
ISBN-13: 9780195476835
\$ 39.75

The Report presents an in-depth and a comprehensive analysis of the achievements and challenges in human development of the region. In particular, the Report evaluates critically the performance in terms of economy and education for three major South Asian countries: India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

General

Proceedings of the Third International Hindu Kush Cultural Conference / Israr-ud-Din (Ed)
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xviii. 540p,; 25cm
ISBN-13: 9780195798890
\$ 55.00

This volume is a compilation of selected papers presented at the Third International Hindu Kush Cultural Conference held in Chitral town from 26-30 August 1995. The conference was multi-disciplinary, aiming at increasing communication not only among local and international scholars, but also among academic disciplines. The

book emphasizes the geo-political as well as socio-cultural importance of the region and contains valuable recommendations for the future development of the region.

History

Partition and the Making of the Mohajir Mindset: A Narrative / Brigadier A. R. Siddiqi
Pakistan: Oxford University Press, 2008
xxix. 172p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195474794
\$ 26.50

With the partition of India at Independence, a multitude of problems concerning resettlement and assimilation arose as a large section of the Muslim population migrated to newly-created Pakistan. Among those who moved were the 'mohajirs', an Urdu-speaking community from northern India, principally from Delhi and the surrounding areas. Although they had been at the forefront of the Pakistan Movement, they had no ethnic or geographical base in Pakistan. They believed that the Urdu language, manifest in its poetry, literature and song, would bind together all Muslims on the subcontinent.

However, this was not the case. Most chose to settle in Sindh where they found themselves confronted by issues of ethnicity and identity which prevented their successful integration with the indigenous population of their new homeland. Unable either to assimilate or become 'invisible', they came into conflict with all the other communities and in doing so lost their competitive edge in providing high quality human resources for business management and governance. As they became prey to power politics, any efficacy they possessed in determining the course of events in their adopted country was lost.

This book of memoirs and comment provides an insightful social analysis of a community who, even today, sixty years after Partition, still identify themselves as 'mohajirs' (migrants).

Observing Sindh: Selected Reports / Edward Paterson Del Hoste; Edited and Introduced by Matthew A Cook
Pakistan: Oxford University Press, 2008
xiv. 138p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9780195472875
Oxford in Asia : Historical Reprints
\$ 20.00

Stop Press: A Life in Journalism / Inam Aziz ; Translated from Urdu by Khalid Hasan
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xviii. 170p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195475760
\$ 29.95

Peshawar: City on the Frontier / Ahmad Salim (Compiled & Edited)
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xvi. 192p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9780195475043
Book One : Peshawar: Past and Present / S. M. Jaffar

Book Two :Miscellaneous Articles / S. M. Jaffar
\$ 33.00

Book 1 of this volume is an account of the archaeological and historical sites with which Peshawar is studded, including those of the Gandhara (Buddhist) period, and in particular, monuments of the Muslim, Sikh and British times. First published in 1945, the book was originally compiled by its author, S. M. Jaffar, to provide a connected and continuous historical and archaeological account of these sites, many of which were not mentioned, or elaborated upon in publications of the time, such as the Gazetteer of the Peshawar District, the voluminous Tarikh-i-Peshawar and the Annual Reports of the Archaeological Survey of India.

Book 2 is a collection of six different articles, also by S. M. Jaffar, on subjects of historical and archaeological interest. They describe important royal documents of the Mughal period, and give a brief history of Peshawar.

The Charismatic Leader: Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and the Creation of Pakistan / Sikandar Hayat
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xxi. 386p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9780195474756
\$ 39.95

This book provides a detailed and systematic analysis of the charismatic leadership of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the leader of Indian Muslims during the crisis-ridden decade of 1937-47.

Based on the concept of charisma formulated by Max Weber and developed by recent writers, the study concentrates on the 'personality-related' and 'situational' factors that led to the emergence of Jinnah as the charismatic leader of the Muslims and sustained him in that role until the creation of Pakistan.

A History of Pashtun Migration, 1775 – 2006 / Robert Nichols
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xv. 266p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195476002
\$ 33.00

This work illuminates the history of Pashtuns and Pakistan and offers insight into how Asian regional populations have been integrated into, and often subordinated by, the dynamics of contemporary globalization.

Life after Partition: Migration, Community and Strife in Sindh 1947-1962 / Sarah Ansari
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2005
xv. 240p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195978346
\$ 26.50

Life after Partition examines the sensitive issues of community and identity in the context of post-1947 Sindh and the demographic upheavals that Partition triggered off in the region.

The book pursues questions of integration and accommodation and traces the ways in which local Sindhis and migrants from India interacted in the years after 1947. The author concentrates particularly on developments taking place in Karachi by the early 1950s.

1857 War of Independence or Clash of Civilizations?: British Public Reactions / Salahuddin Malik

Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008

xxvii. 288p,; 25cm

ISBN-13: 9780195474220

\$ 39.95

This study has significant historical value. It offers an in-depth perspective into the British psyche at the height of Victorian England by delving into the serious debates which ensued in the wake of the revolt in India. The result is analytical reflections on British imperial, evangelical, economic, political, military, and moral thinking. The book destroys a number of myths which had been carefully nurtured in Britain about the popular acceptance of British rule in India. Furthermore, it opens a new vista in the study of the Indian 'mutiny'. To date it has been viewed as everything except a Muslim rebellion, while the reports from the field indicated that this was its true nature, first and last. The book also opens a new chapter on the degree to which Christian evangelism had taken hold of the British imperial effort in India, and how it used the government machinery to expand and advance missionary work in the South Asian colony. It reveals the degree to which Christians had become intolerant of other faiths.

Swat State (1915-1969) From Genesis to Merger: An Analysis of Political, Administrative, Socio-Political and Economic Developments / Sultan-I-Rome

Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008

xv. 363p,; 25cm

ISBN-13: 9780195471137

\$ 49.50

There is very little about the state of Swat that cannot be learned from reading this book. Beginning with details of its nomenclature, geography, climate, natural vegetation, regional ethnicity and lineages, it continues with an account of the genesis of the state of Swat in an historical, geo-political and strategic context and analyses its consolidation and expansion.

The State's relations with the neighbouring states of Dir and Amb, the British government and later with Pakistan are analyzed and evaluated. In addition, Swat State's constitutional status, the reasons for its merger with Pakistan, the Wali's role in the merger, are both the positive and negative consequences of the merger are examined and discussed.

For the social historian, the development of the State's civil military, financial and judicial administration systems is critically examined, as are the changes brought about in education, language, religion, health, communication, trade and industry,

horticulture and agriculture, tourism, leadership and women's rights, as well as the impact of the permanent settlement on the land and the people.

Karachi During the British Era: Two Histories of a Modern City / Roland DeSouza

Pakistan: Oxford University Press, 2007

viii. 157p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9780195474503

Book 1: Karachi 1839 -1947 : A Short History of the Foundation and Growth of Karachi / Behram Sohrab H.J. Rustomji

Book 2: Karachi : That was the Capital of Sindh / Sohrab K.H. Katrak

\$ 29.50

Karachi, the largest city in Pakistan, was once a sleepy little coastal village. With the advent of the British to this area, however, it was quickly transformed into a major seaport and access route to the subcontinent.

This volume combines two books that provide an interesting and informative picture of Karachi as it once was.

Behram Sohrab H.J. Rustomji and Sohrab K.H. Katrak, eminent citizens of Karachi, wrote their respective histories of the city in the early years of Independence. Both authors trace the story of this fishing village-cum-trading post from the time of its occupation by the British, with a population of a few tens of thousands, up to the year of the emergence of Pakistan, with the city of 400,000 as its capital.

An Indian Passage to Europe: The Travels of Fath Nawaz Jang / Omar Khalidi (Ed)

Pakistan: Oxford University Press, 2006

xxxii. 188p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9780195979244

Oxford in Asia : Historical Reprints

\$ 30.00

Between 1600 -1900, several thousand Indians of many different social classes traveled to Britain. Yet compared with the large number of travelogues and memoirs written by Europeans who visited India during this period only a handful of Indian accounts of Britain and Europe have come to light.

One of them is by Mahdi Hasan Khan Fath Nawaz Jang, (1852-1904), a Hyderabad civil servant of Lucknow origin. Travel literature is a large field in Western literary history, particularly in the study of cultural contacts and the making of images and stereotypes. But such is not the case in Indian literature. Because of the sheer quantity and availability of materials, however, most travel accounts focus on the Western perspective of the 'other.' Mahdi Hasan Khan Fath Nawaz Jang's fascinating observations of the British and European society, with Omar Khalidi's introduction and notes, are among the handful of Indian representations of Europeans in the nineteenth century. This is a much-needed counterpoint to the European representations of the 'other.'

Sindh through History and Representations: French Contributions to Sindhi Studies / Michel Boivin (Ed)

Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008

xii.146p,; 25cm

ISBN-13: 9780195475036

\$ 39.50

The book aims to make available to English readers internationally research studies carried out by French scholars and advanced students. The topics cover the main periods of Sindh's history, literature, architecture and anthropology and the authors seek to provide a wide-ranging and comprehensive survey of Sindh's legacy. The work provides a fresh perspective on Sindhi culture, and its interaction with the legacies of other provinces of South Asia.

Literature

A History of Urdu Literature / T. Grahame Bailey
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xix. 115p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195475180
Oxford in Asia : Historical Reprints
\$ 16.75

This book first published in 1932, successfully managed to order a vast and amorphous body of literary activity into one volume. Even more deeply than preceding works by Abdul Latif and Ram Babu Saxena, it marked a stage in the development of literary consciousness.

Popular Folk Tales of the Punjab / Shafi Aqeel ; Translated by Ahmad Bashir;
Introduction by Navid Shahzad
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xix. 97p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195475791
\$ 19.75

This collection of Punjabi folk tales was compiled from the narratives of people from various parts of the province of Punjab, Pakistan.

Selected Plays / Shahid Nadeem; Introduction by Shiasta Sonnu Sirajuddin
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xxxii. 329p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195474770
\$ 33.00

This selection of seven of Shahid Nadeem's plays, published here for the first time in English translations, fully displays the author's dazzling range and ability. Each play is memorably distinct in both subject and treatment, but underlying the variety is a passionate concern with major social issues, especially oppression of women and the poor, and the distorting restrictions of corruption and hypocrisy.

Godavari: A Novel / Fahmida Riaz; Translated by Aquila Ismail; Introduction by Asif Farrukhi
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
xxiv. 110p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9780195796391
\$ 13.00

The Young Wife and Other Stories / Zaib-Un -Nissa Hamidullah; Introduction by Aamer Hussein
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2008
xxiii. 129p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9780195475128
\$ 15.00

Politics & International Relations

US Relations with Afghanistan and Pakistan: The Imperial Dimension / Hafeez Malik
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2008
xvi. 308p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195475234
\$ 33.00

This is an analytical study of US power, described as an imperial system as against a policy of imperial conquest. An imperial system regulates the affairs of the world politically, economically and in international trade.

My Political Struggle / M Asghar Khan
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
ix. 595p,; 25cm
ISBN-13: 9780195476200
\$ 49.50

This volume is based on extracts from the diaries of Air Marshal (Retired) M. Asghar Khan and from Tehrik-i-Istiqlal's record of events from 19 December 1971 to 12 January 1975. The events, experiences and reflections of the author provide a full picture of his political journey and his perception of the events that have contributed to the crises being faced by Pakistan today.

M. Asghar Khan has been one of Pakistan's leading political figures over the last forty years and has made his mark as a man of integrity and standing in political circles. He formed his own political party, the Tehrik-i-Istiqlal, in 1972 and continued to oppose dictatorial and autocratic rule through the difficult years of Ayub Khan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and Ziaul Haq.

This book served to outline his efforts to propel Pakistan towards democracy, and completes the picture of his life in politics presented in his earlier work We've Learnt Nothing from History, published in 2005. He ends on a note of hope that Pakistan has a bright future and a warning that It is incumbent on all citizens to continue to work for peace and harmony, root out corruption, and differentiate between right and wrong.

Religion – Islam

Journey to God : Sufis and Dervishes in Islam / Jurgen Wasim Frembgen; Translated from German by Jane Ripken
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008
viii. 214p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9780195476422

\$ 33.00

This book, which understands Sufi Islam as being embedded in wider social and cultural contexts, surveys the whole of the Muslim world from Sub-Saharan Africa across the Middle East to Eastern Turkestan and South Asia, with particular emphasis on Pakistan and India as its demographic centre.

This book is a revised translation of the original German edition.

Sociology

Honour Killing : Dilemma, Ritual, Understanding / Amir H. Jafri

Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2008

xii.160p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9780195476316

\$ 25.00

This book explores the various contexts in which men commit honour killing in Pakistan, and analyses the discourses that deal with it.
