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Anthropology/Archaeology

Ranikot: The Wall of Sindh / Badar Abro
Karachi: Endowment Fund Trust, 2019
xiv, 322p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9789699860164
\$ 130.00 / HB
2320gm.

The thick coffee-table volume, with many pictures, sketches and maps along with the measurements of the wall, gates and towers included in the Ranikot structure, contains all the historical documents that could be unearthed during the author`s 100 visits there starting from the very first time he went there as a journalist with the Sindh Exploration Adventure Society team back in January, 1990. An Urdu book about Ranikot has already come out in 1996, but the new book includes updated information which also carries details about the restoration work being carried out there by EFT.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666958>

Ancient Balochistan: The Glimpses of the Glorious Cultural Heritage,
Pakistan / Dr. Makin Khan
Karachi: Dr. Makin Khan, 2019
202p.
\$ 25.00 / PB
340gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666960>

A Study of Stone Carved Graves / Kaleemullah Lashari
Second Edition
Karachi: Sindh Archives, 2012
266p.
Includes Bibliography
9789699310065
\$ 35.00 / HB
830gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666962>

Architecture

National Register: Historic Places of Pakistan: Document Two – Karachi’s Serai Quarter
Karachi: Lari Research Centre, 1994
iv, 32p.
\$ 25.00 / PB
156gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666964>

National Register: Historic Places of Pakistan: Karachi Document Three – Saddar Bazaar Quarter
Karachi: Lari Research Centre, 1994
iv, 32p.
\$ 25.00 / PB
158gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666965>

National Register: Historic Places of Pakistan: Karachi Document Four – Artillery Maidan and Rambagh Quarters
Karachi: Lari Research Centre, 1996
40p.
\$ 25.00 / PB
140gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666966>

National Register: Historic Places of Pakistan: Karachi Document Five – Market and Jail Quarters
Karachi: Lari Research Centre, 1996
iv, 36p.
\$ 25.00 / PB
172gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666967>

National Register: Historic Places of Pakistan: Karachi Document Six –
Karachi Cantonment and Manora Island

Karachi: Lari Research Centre, 1996

24p.

\$ 25.00 / PB

96gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666968>

National Register: Historic Places of Pakistan: Karachi Document Seven –
Old Town, Bunder, Macchi Miani and Railway Quarters

Karachi: Lari Research Centre, 1996

40p.

\$ 25.00 / PB

132pgm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666969>

National Register: Historic Places of Pakistan: Karachi Document Eight –
Ranchore Lines, Preedy and Napier Quarters

Karachi: Lari Research Centre, 1996

32p.

\$ 25.00 / PB

116gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666970>

Kalhora Period Architecture (A Descriptive History) / S. Hakim Ali Shah
Bokhari (Ed) Dr. Kaleemullah Lashari

Karachi: Sindh Archives, 2006

128p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

\$ 45.00 / HB

446gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666971>

Biography/Memoirs

My Pakistan: The Story of a Bishop / Dr. Alexander John Malik
(Foreword) Senator Dr. S.M. Zafar

Lahore: ILQA Publications, 2018

xiv, 246p.

Includes Index

9789696401308

\$ 50.00 / HB

560gm.

“My Pakistan is the nostalgic journey of a true Pakistani who fought all odds to serve with humility the great cause for which Pakistan came into existence: Freedom to live, breathe, prosper, practice, laugh, and most of all keep the faith alive to learn from our past to make our present better and our future brighter. Bishop Malik has spread this faith through his book, from the majestic Himalayan Mountains to the serene Arabian sea with patriotism, conviction, loyalty and an unmatched love of a Pakistani to Pakistan!” At the time of Partition, the Christian community reposed its trust in Mr. Jinnah’s perception of Pakistan and put its full weight behind the All-India Muslim League in their struggle for independence. Bishop Malik’s story is a kaleidoscopic account of the expectations of minorities connected with the creation of Pakistan, their experience in the new homeland, their concerns as a community, and above all their aspirations as patriotic Pakistanis. All this can help set our course for the future, as envisioned by the Father of the Nation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666972>

Shadows of the Rainbow: A Memoir / Sayed M. Irfan; (Foreword) Javed Jabbar

Karachi: Royal Book Company, 2019

xviii, 268p.

9789694074863

\$ 40.00 / HB

570gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666973>

Mrs. Pakistan World: An Epic Saga of an International Beauty Queen with Brains / Saman Shah

Lahore: Jumhoori Publications, 2019

264p.

9789696521556

\$ 40.00 / HB

468gm.

"Mrs. Pakistan World" is based on memoirs of American Pakistani beauty queen. Saman Hasnain Shah is a beauty queen to lead Pakistan to various international titles bringing Pakistan on the map as a married woman winning international pageants. She was crowned Mrs. Pakistan World in 2008 in Toronto, Canada and she proved that even though she was a wife, a mother, an author and a working woman, Shah gave her best to the pageant world. The book is about a married woman's journey as Mrs. Pakistan World into the world of beauty pageants and how she achieved bringing Pakistan on the map of international pageants. Shah stated, "My book is a true story that will change the world's perspective on Pakistani women, relationships, struggles and successes." Saman Hasnain Shah, launched her career in the pageant field with the Mrs. Pakistan World pageant, now known as Mrs. Pakistan. She was crowned in 2008 and from there was sent to two international pageants: Mrs. World and Mrs. Globe. She won a total of 6 international titles and became the first beauty queen for Pakistan to win so many titles. After spending 10 years in the USA, she came back to Pakistan to handle her family's business. Shah stated that her book is for readers of all ages and genders and will positively impact the life of anyone who reads it.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666974>

The Begum: A Portrait of Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan: Pakistan's Pioneering First Lady / Deepa Agarwal & Tahmina Aziz Ayub (Intro) Namita Gokhale
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019

xx, 216p.

Includes Bibliography

9780199407583

\$ 25.00 / PB

230gm.

Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan was the wife of Pakistan's first prime minister. She was born Irene Margaret Pant in Kumaon in the early twentieth century. Always intelligent, outgoing and independent, she was teaching economics in a Delhi college when she met Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, a rising politician in the Muslim League who championed the cause for Pakistan. They married in 1933 and Irene Pant became Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan. In August 1947, they left for Pakistan where Ra'ana set about working for nation building. After Liaquat Ali Khan's assassination in 1951, she continued to be active in public life and her contribution to All Pakistan Women's Association (APWA) and women's empowerment in Pakistan is felt to this day. Her story embodies all the major tropes of the Indian subcontinent's recent history. She participated actively in all the major movements of her time—the freedom struggle, the Pakistan Movement and the fight for women's empowerment. It is this spirit that this book captures.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666975>

Cinema Studies

Pakistan Cinema 1947-1997, Second Edition / Mushtaq Gazdar (Intro) I.

A. Gazdar

Second Edition

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019

xxxvi, 398p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9780199408528

\$ 65.00 / HB

1030gm.

First published in 1997 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of Pakistan, the book features a review of films before Partition, plots of great cinema classics, trivia, and cinema lore. It contains anecdotes and reminiscences about the people who shaped the entertainment industry, as well as interviews with directors and producers. But alongside the trivia is a clever synthesis juxtaposing the artistic development of the cinematic world with the overall social development in the country. It shows how the narrow self-interest of the ruling clique clashed with the creative potential of the artistic world, stifling originality and all but destroying the film industry. The narrative is punctuated with over a hundred photographs and contains an index of all the films made to date. In this second edition of Mushtaq Gazdar's seminal work, I. A. Rehman, Haris Gazdar, and Aisha Gazdar provide an overview of the two decades since, marking seventy years of the country's film industry. The filmography has also been updated to include the last two decades.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666976>

Economics

The Economy of Modern Sindh: Opportunities Lost and Lessons for the Future / Ishrat Hussain, Aijaz A. Qureshi & Nadee Hussain

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019

xxxviii, 462p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9780190700478

\$ 35.00 / PB

620gm.

The Economy of Modern Sindh delves into the different aspects of Sindh's economy—from geography, topography, climate, administrative history, and demographics, to the political landscape, education, health, labour force and employment, poverty and inequality, agriculture and water issues, infrastructure, industries, energy resources, and public finances – each is covered in a separate chapter. The book highlights the socioeconomic problems that have beset Sindh, arresting the province's economic potential, and proposes a multi-pronged strategy to address these challenges. It offers an incisive and objective assessment of the various policies enacted and pursued by the Sindh government over the years. It also attempts to identify the particular issues that require reforms at the sectoral and micro level. The analysis on each aspect of Sindh's economy is juxtaposed with the performance analysis at the national level as well as a comparison with Punjab that allows for a relative appraisal of Sindh's socioeconomic standing.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666978>

Pakistan: The Economy of an Elitist State / Ishrat Husain
Second Edition
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019
xvi, 538p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9780199406616
\$ 25.00 / PB
490gm.

This insightful analysis into the prevailing economic situation in Pakistan has three distinguishing features. It is an exhaustive, analytical history of economic development in Pakistan during the last seventy years; it provides an explanation of Pakistan's economic performance in the political context, and compares it with other South Asian countries and with East Asia; it outlines for Pakistan an agenda of economic and social reforms based on a model of shared growth to see the country into the twenty-first century.

The main thrust of the book is that the respective roles of the state and the market have been reversed in the case of Pakistan, with the result that the benefits are reaped by the elite class only. This small minority continues to enjoy the unjust accumulation of wealth in the midst of widespread poverty and squalor. The author establishes that such a situation is socially and economically not sustainable.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666980>

History

Press Coverage of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah as the First
Governor-General of Pakistan (April 1 to November 14, 1948) /
(Compiled & Ed) Dr. Nadeem Shafiq Malik

Lahore: Qalam Foundation International, 2017

262p.

9786969007013

\$ 75.00 / HB

932gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666981>

The Ranas of Haryana: A Story of Three Generations 1859-1998 / Talat Rana & Major General (R) Ghaziuddin Rana
Lahore: Newline, 2019
x, 142p.
Includes Index
9789698899240
\$ 75.00 / HB
844gm.

New book details achievements of Talat Rana's family LAHORE: A book detailing the story of three generations of the Ranas of Haryana.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666983>

Constitutional and Political History of Pakistan / Hamid Khan
Third Edition
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019
xxx, 871p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9780199407828
\$ 80.00 / HB
1460gm.

It has been seven decades since the independent state of Pakistan was carved out of British India, yet the country is still in pursuit of a suitable constitutional framework. Over this period of time, no other country has experimented with so many different constitutional forms, from parliamentary democracy to presidential form of government, to outright military regimes.

This book analyses constitutional development in Pakistan from its inception to present times. It provides a case-by-case account of constitution-making in Pakistan, with the inclusion of all pertinent documentation. Constitutional developments have been explained in the context of social and political events that shaped them. The book focuses on constitutional and political history, and constitutional development concurrently. It includes a liberal humanitarian reading of the travails of lawmakers and the role of generals, judges, politicians, and bureaucrats in the implementation of law.

Students of law, political science, and history, as well as lawyers, judges, and professors will find this book of particular value. Being grounded in a socio-political context, this book is also of interest to the general reader.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666985>

Asian History, Culture and Environment: Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms (Paper presented at International Conference of Historians of Asia, 5-9 December 2016) Vol: 1 / (Eds) Sajid Mahmood Awan & Dr. Rahat Zubair Malik (Patron) Syed Umar Hayat
Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University (New Campus), 2016
xxiv, 490p.
9789694051055
\$ 50.00 / PB
752gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666987>

Asian History, Culture and Environment: Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms (Paper presented at International Conference of Historians of Asia, 5-9 December 2016) Vol: II / (Eds) Sajid Mahmood Awan & Dr. Rahat Zubair Malik (Patron) Syed Umar Hayat
Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University (New Campus), 2016
xxiv, 491p.-1174p.
9789694051062
\$ 50.00 / PB
990gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666988>

Asian History, Culture and Environment: Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms (Paper presented at International Conference of Historians of Asia, 5-9 December 2016) Vol: III / (Eds) Sajid Mahmood Awan & Dr. Rahat Zubair Malik (Patron) Syed Umar Hayat
Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University (New Campus), 2016
xxiv, 1175p.-1502p.
9789694051079
\$ 50.00 / PB
522gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666989>

Asian History, Culture and Environment: Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms (Paper presented at International Conference of Historians of Asia, 5-9 December 2016) Vol: IV / (Eds) Sajid Mahmood Awan & Dr. Rahat Zubair Malik (Patron) Syed Umar Hayat
Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University (New Campus), 2016
xxvi, 1503p.-1854p.
9789694151298
\$ 50.00 / PB
544gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666990>

The State During the British Raj: Imperial Governance in South Asia, 1700-1947 / Ilhan Niaz
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019
xiv, 314p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9780199408535
\$ 35.00 / HB
670gm.

This book explores institutional development in British India which encompassed both the modernization of existing practices and arrangements (such as the bureaucracy and the military) and the importation of alien practices (such as the rule of law, representation, and mass politics). During the nearly two centuries of British political and military domination of South Asia, the institutional basis for India's and Pakistan's colonial democracies was laid. For varied reasons, South Asian elites have been reluctant to engage with the history of British India as a state that was very much the successor of the Timurid (Mughal) Empire and the precursor to the republics of contemporary South Asia. This study argues in favour of re-engagement with the processes of institutional development in South Asia and the manner in which the arbitrarily run estates of the pre-British Indian periods were gradually converted into the form, and to a limited extent, imbued with the substance, of a modern constitutional state as a direct result of British rule. Given that the crisis of governance in South Asia arises in part from the inability of Indian and Pakistani elites to operate the institutional frameworks bequeathed to them and reform them further, it is hoped that this study will provide historical context to discussions about crises of governance in South Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666991>

Dacca Diary: Sweat, blood and tears..... / Lt. Col. Haroon Rasheed
(Retd.)

Lahore: Adabistan Publishers, 2019

336p.

9789699348211

\$ 30.00 / PB

414gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666992>

British Policy Towards Sindh: Upto The Annexation, 1843 / P. N. Khera
(Foreword) Dr. Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan

Second Edition

Karachi: Sindh Archives, 2009

xii, 116p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

\$ 20.00 / PB

152gm.

This book traces the relations of the British Government with Sindh from the middle of 11th century to the annexation in 18113. The treatment of a highly controversial subject is essentially judicious and the analysis of the treaties contracted by the British Government with the Amirs of Sindh is characterised by a spirit of powerful moderation and sane criticism. The author, as a University Research Scholar, had an access to original documents and manuscript records of the Punjab Government and he has based his opinions on these documents. As these records have never been used before the author has been able to make a valuable contribution to the existing knowledge on this important subject of history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666993>

Prison Interlude: The Last Eyewitness Account of the Rawalpindi
Conspiracy Case / Zafar Ullah Poshni

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019

xxii, 232p. ; illustrations ; 21cm.

9780199408702

\$ 25.00 / PB

236gm.

Zafar Ullah Poshni was a young Pakistan Army captain when he was arrested for taking part in the famous 'Rawalpindi Conspiracy' of 1951, in which army officers of different ranks and top members of the Communist Party of Pakistan were arrested for allegedly conspiring to stage a coup against the government of Liaquat Ali Khan. They were sentenced to varying terms but were eventually released during the general amnesty of 1956. In the book, Zafar Ullah Poshni discusses the details of the Conspiracy and his experiences while he was incarcerated after being convicted. This is the eyewitness account of the last surviving accused of the Case.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666994>

North-West Frontier Province: History and Politics / Sayed Wiqar Ali
Shah

Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research Center
of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, 2017

Xii, 190p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789694150840

\$ 30.00 / PB

308gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666996>

Shrines of the Maheshvari Meghwar Saints in Sindh / Dr. Mohan DevRaj

Thontya (Ed) Dr. Kaleemullah Lashari

Karachi: Sindh Archives, 2012

140p.

9789699543067

\$ 30.00/ HB

350gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666998>

The British in India: A Study in Imperialism / K. K. Aziz
Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research Center
of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, 2017

xii, 528p.

Includes Index

9789694151267

\$ 40.00 / PB

566gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=666999>

An American Player of the Great Game: Some Lessons Learned / Khan

Idris

Lahore: Jumhoori Publications, 2019

360p.

Includes Bibliography

9789696521532

\$ 30.00 / HB

470gm.

Book Details:

The main purpose of this study is to review what Harlan did to achieve success in Afghanistan. What are some of the lessons the US and the NATO forces learned from Harlan's experience? The goal of this study is to highlight some of the issues Harlan noted for the British, who experienced mutiny in India in 1857, and an Afghan violent rebellion, and then an attack against the retreating soldiers from Kabul to Jalalabad in 1842. The British could have avoided both incidents, which killed thousands of British soldiers, if they had adhered to the counsel of Harlan. My research on the region draws the following conclusions concerning Harlan and the region: First, an American Josiah Harlan in 19th century played a critical role in the Great Game. Harlan traveled to the region in early 19th century and worked as a governor for Punjab's King Ranjit Sigh and a commander-in-chief of the Afghan arms forces for King Dost Muhammad Khan. Harlan learned early in his life "the arts of treachery, cruelty, murder and falsehood" and was "schooled almost from birth in the arts of intrigue and treachery." 9 Harlan used those skills to his advantage and played a key role as a British covert operative and adventurer in the Great Game. His role reached its climax when he was declared a King by the tribes in Kanduz area of Afghanistan.10 Harlan's role may have involved activities as a British Covert operative. Intelligence operative, a role that changed the geopolitics, geography, and regional political dynamics. A case could be made that most of the current geopolitical configurations and regional geographical conflicts-- Kashmir, Baluchistan, Pashtunistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan--appear to be related to the activities of Harlan as a covert operative

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667113>

Literature

A History of Pakistani Novels in English from 1947 till 2008 / Professor Zafar Iqbal Rao

Lahore: Book Links, 2018?

xvi, 400p.

\$ 30.00 / PB

346gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667117>

Pakhtun Culture in Pashto Tappa / Hanif Khalil

Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research Center of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, 2017

xx, 116p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789694151250

\$ 25.00 / PB

200gm.

Pashto Folk Poetry

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667118>

The Epic of Puran Bhagat By Qadir Yar / Taufiq Rafat (Intro) Athar Tahir
Bilingual Edition

Lahore: Vanguard Books Ltd., 1983

xvi, 224p.

English & Arabic Text

\$ 35.00 / HB

402gm

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667119>

Thinner Than Skin / Uzma Aslam Khan

Lahore: ILQA Publication, 2019

360p.

9789696401377

\$ 25.00 / PB

278gm.

Thinner than Skin is a riveting novel about identity and belonging. It's also a love story: between Nadir, a Pakistani man trying to make his way as a photographer in America, and Farhana, a Pakistani American woman who wants to return to a country she's never seen. Together Nadir and Farhana journey to northern Pakistan, accompanied by one of her colleagues — who will join her in studying that country's extraordinary glaciers — and by Nadir's oldest friend. But they are not the only interlopers here: a suspect in a recent bombing has arrived just before them, and the authorities' hunt for him casts a dangerous shadow over their journey. It is here, in this magnificent landscape — where glaciers are born of mating ice — that a chance meeting with a young nomad will change their lives, and the lives of those around them, forever. Thinner than Skin is a haunting tribute to these lands, and to the nomadic life of the indigenous people there, where China encroaches and Pakistanis, Uzbeks, Russians, Chinese, and Afghans all come together to trade. It is a work of piercing beauty and intelligence, and an urgent novel for our times.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667121>

Politics

India's 'Surgical Strike' Stratagem: Brinkmanship and Response / Zafar Nawaz Jaspal

Pakistan: Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, 2019

viii, 236p.

Includes Bibliography

9789692337007

\$ 35.00 / HB

494gm.

The book, 'India's Surgical Strike's Stratagem: Brinkmanship and Response' has been authored by one of Pakistan's ace nuclear South Asia scholars, Zafar Nawaz Jaspal. The book assesses the strategic fallout of Indian military and political leadership's approach of adopting much trumpeted surgical strike or in other words hot pursuit stratagems against Pakistani armed forces or the so called 'Mujahedeen's bases' inside Pakistani territory. Jaspal has carried out an in-depth analysis of India's military doctrine, its surgical strike gambit and its implications on strategic stability in South Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667122>

India's Habituation with the Bomb: Nuclear Learning in South Asia / (Ed)
Naeem Salik
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2019
xiv, 202p.
Includes Index
9780190701390
\$ 25.00 / PB
200gm.

Despite the advantage of hindsight, India and Pakistan have stumbled through one crisis after another and have navigated their way through a process of trial and error. Learning is a cognitive process and thus difficult to quantify; however, its manifestations in the form of establishment of dedicated institutional structures, enactment of related legislations, and administrative measures are clearly discernible. This book, a mirror image of a book about Pakistan entitled Learning to Live with the Bomb by Naeem Salik, has been jointly authored by Pakistani and Indian scholars and provides an objective and insightful analysis of India's experience of managing its nuclear capability including its doctrinal precepts, command and control, safety and security, export control and regulatory regimes, and its development of the ballistic missile defence system.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667123>

National Building: Paradoxes in India and Pakistan: Diplomat's views of systemic and good governance challenges and opportunities / Syed

Hasan Javed

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2018

208p.

9789696374091

\$ 35.00 / HB

420gm.

The governing political elites in South Asia have failed to establish an 'inclusive society', at a time of profound global transformation and power shift. Even more unfortunate, Pakistan and India are bracing for yet another 'lost era' with their third generation gearing up for conflict. The chances of 'sleepwalking' into another conflict will always remain there. May be this time, both countries will walk into it, with their eyes wide open, but helpless. The ordinary people in South Asia have remained condemned to hope by those, who should have instead provided 'solutions' to them. India's protracted struggle for geo-political domination, massive arms imports, resumption of threats and coercive diplomacy are 'bad omen' for South Asia's future.

The continuation of misery, poverty, extremism, intolerance and hate in South Asia is not only baffling, but is a matter of serious concern to all of its inhabitants, and the international community at large. In his book, Ambassador Hasan Javed examines the factors contributing to malaise in South Asia, the enormous systemic/good governance challenges, as well as the opportunities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=463825>

Religion - Islam

The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam / Allama Muhammad Iqbal

Lahore: ILQA Publication, 2019

236p.

Includes Index

9789696401223

\$ 25.00 / HB

188gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667126>

Sociology

Slavery, Suffering, Silence: A Discourse on Gender Inequalities /

Scharmin Osmany

Karachi: Royal Book Company, 2019

xx, 266p.

9789694074856

\$ 35.00 / HB

506gm.

The Book: Seeking to answer the two most essential questions.

How can a balance be restored in the female-male equation – absolutely

Tilted in favour of men – without which the miseries of women cannot
be ended? And

Why are women in Pakistan so brutally exploited (subjugated), and how
can this ride of violence be stemmed?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667127>
