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Anthropology

Rangda, Bali's Queen of the Witches / Claire Fossey
Bangkok: White Lotus Press, 2008
xv. 90p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789744801395
\$ 22.00

Rangda, Bali's Queen of the Witches, presents a distinctive and revealing new approach to this Bali Hindu figure. For decades, Rangda has been presented to the world as a terrifying and monstrous old woman who rules the dark forces and is the enemy of all things good. Relying on a series of interviews with men and women living in Bali as its core, this fascinating study moves the exotic villainess identity to the side and illuminates some of the other faces of the Queen of the Witches, both as they appear in art and in the minds and hearts of people native to her island home.

Art

Views of Indonesia (1848 – 1857) / Willem Von Geusau
Singapore: Gallery Editions Pte Ltd, 2007
81p,; 33 by 36cm
ISBN-10: 9810061927
\$ 90.00

With this book, Willem von Geusau (1848 – 1857) receives a long overdue recognition. An amateur artist who lived in Indonesia from 1849 to 1857, he took advantage of his military travels to produce a work vastly superior to the standard repertoire of sketches which were produced by draughts men of the period.

Von Geusau came from a family closely connected historically with Indonesia, his great grandfather having been Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies in the late 18th century. However, his artistic contribution remained neglected as a result of mis-attributions to other members of his family, until the recent discovery of the exquisite album of watercolours. The twenty seven views reproduced for the first time in this book show his considerable talent as a lively and sympathetic observer of the beauties of Indonesia in the 19th century.

Economics

Indonesian Exports, Peasant Agriculture and the World Economy 1850-2000: Economic Structures in a Southeast Asian State / Hiroyoshi Kano

Singapore: NUS Press, 2008

xix. 421p,; 24cm

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971694326

1. Indonesia – Economic conditions
2. Indonesia – Foreign economic relations

\$ 38.00

An “Indonesian economy” first took shape in the latter part of the nineteenth century, consisting of a dominant export industry supported by a rural agrarian sphere. The agricultural sector provided food and labor to the export sector, which was firmly incorporated into the world economy through international trade. This economic pattern survived several shifts of the leading export industry and persisted even after Indonesia became independent in the mid-twentieth century.

Hiroyoshi Kano uses international trade statistics to analyze three key elements in the Indonesian economy: the balance of international payments and trade, the transformation undergone by leading export industries, and the way in which the agricultural sector supplied land, labor and food. Dividing the 150-year time span covered by the book into four periods based on the prevailing major export industries, he identifies key actors and analyzes long-term changes in agricultural production and rural society, and how they shaped the national economy.

History

Bittersweet: The Memoir of a Chinese Indonesian Family in the Twentieth Century / Stuart Pearson 1952-

Singapore: NUS Press, 2008

xxviii. 287p,; 23cm

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971694258

1. Sudibjo, An, 1912-
2. Sudibjo, An, 1912- -Family
3. Chinese – Indonesia – Biography
4. Chinese – Indonesia – Social life and customs – 20th century
5. Chinese – Indonesia – hIstory – 20th century

\$ 26.50

Behind the statistics of migration are the life stories of millions of migrants and their descendants. The movement of people out of China is one of the largest movements of humanity in modern times and large numbers of Chinese emigrated to the colony of the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia. While many of them prospered in their new home, it was against a background of uncertainty and a feeling that they were not entirely welcome in their adopted homeland. Bittersweet is the poignant story of one Chinese family’s life in Indonesia, and their eventual emigration to Australia.

Being “Dutch” in the Indies: A History of Creolisation and Empire, 1500-1920 / Ulbe Bosma & Remco Raben; translated by Wendie Shaffer

Singapore: NUS Press, 2008

xx. 439p,; 23cm

Includes Bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971693732

1. Dutch –Asia – History
2. Indonesia – History – 1478-1798
3. Indonesia – History – 1798-1942

\$ 29.50

Being "Dutch" in the Indies portrays Dutch colonial territories in Asia not as mere societies under foreign occupation but rather as a "Creole empire". Most of colonial society, up to the highest levels, consisted of people of mixed Dutch and Asian descent who were born in the Indies and considered it their home, but were legally Dutch. They played a major role in the plantation industry, commerce, local government and even early anti-colonial nationalism. This old world came to an end after World War I, when people born in Europe began to dominate government and business, and Indonesian nationalism rejected the Creole notion of imperial belonging.

In telling the story of the Creole empire, the authors draw on government archives, newspapers and literary works as well as genealogical studies that follow the fortunes of individual families over several generations. They also critically analyze theories relating to culturally racially mixed communities. The picture of the Indies they develop shatters conventional understandings of colonial rule in Asia.

Unfinished Nation: Indonesia Before and After Suharto / Max Lane

Singapore : Talisman Publishing Pte Ltd, 2008

vii. 312p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789810803629

\$ 29.00

Unfinished Nation traces the evolution of Indonesian political struggle from its anti-colonial stirrings in the early twentieth century to the lengthy, and eventually victorious, struggle against the dictatorship of President Suharto. In clarifying the often-misunderstood political changes that took place in Indonesia at the end of the twentieth century. Max Lane traces how small resistance groups inside Indonesia directed massive political transformation. He shows how the real heroes were the Indonesian workers and peasants, whose sustained mass direct action was the determining force in toppling one of the most enduring dictatorships of modern times. Taking in the role of political Islam, and with considerations on the future of this fragmented country, Unfinished Nation is an illuminating account of modern Indonesian history.

For Profit and Prosperity: The Contribution made by Dutch Engineers to Public Works in Indonesia 1800 – 2000 / Wim Ravesteijn & Jan Kop (Eds.)

Netherlands: KITLV Press, 2008

563p,; 25cm

ISBN-13: 9789059942219

\$ 73.50

Road, railway lines and bridges, harbours and cities, irrigation and drinking water supplies: evidence of the presence of Dutch engineers in the former Dutch East Indies may be found everywhere in Indonesia. For Profit and Prosperity places this legacy from the colonial past in its true perspective. This publication provides a detailed description of some of the most important civil public works projects of the

Dutch East Indian era while simultaneously outlining the contribution made by the Netherlands to the restoration, modernization and development of such works in the Republic of Indonesia.

The public works once constructed by Dutch engineers have greatly influenced the way in which Indonesia has become what it is today. *For Profit and Prosperity* reveals just how all of that happened and it does not merely confine itself to the technological aspect. The relevant social, economic and cultural developments are also subjected to careful scrutiny. This book therefore describes in a unique way just how technology and society can influence each other.

For Profit and Prosperity does not much set out to provide a complete catalogue-style overview of all the public works structures created in the archipelago as rather to provide an insight into the way in which civil engineering evolved in the former colony. At the same time an impression is inevitably given of the effect which all of that had upon Dutch civil engineering in general.

Politics

Expressing Islam: Religious Life and Politics in Indonesia / Greg Fealy & Sally White (Eds)

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2008

xiii. 295p, 23cm

Based on the annual Indonesia Update Conference held at the Australian National University in 2007

1. Islam—Indonesia—Congresses
2. Islam and politics—Indonesia—Congresses
3. Islam—Economic aspects—Indonesia—Congresses

ISBN: 9789812308504

\$ 20.00

As the forces of globalization and modernization buffet Islam and other world religions, Indonesia's 200 million Muslims are expressing their faith in ever more complex ways. Celebrity television preachers, internet fatwa services, mass religious rallies in soccer stadiums, glossy jihadist magazines, Islamic medical treatments, alms giving via mobile phone and electronic sharia banking services are just some of the manifestations of a more consumer-oriented approach to Islam which interact with and sometimes replace other, more traditional expressions of the faith.

This book examines some of the myriad ways in which Islam is being expressed in contemporary Indonesian life and politics. Authored by leading authorities on Indonesian Islam, it gives fascinating insights into such topics as the marketisation of Islam, contemporary pilgrimage, the rise of mass preachers, gender and Islamic politics, online fatwa, current trends among Islamist vigilante and criminal groups, and recent developments in Islamic banking and microfinance.

Supporting Peace in Aceh: Development Agencies and International Involvement / Patrick Barron & Adam Burke

Washington: East-West Center, 2008

1. Gerakan Aceh Merdeka
2. Peace-building—Indonesia—Aceh
3. Conflict management—Indonesia—Aceh
4. Aceh (Indonesia)—History—Autonomy and independence movements

Series: Policy Studies (East-West Center Washington): 47

ISBN: 9789812308634

\$ 15.00

Religion – Islam

The Shift in Zakat Practice in Indonesia: From Piety to an Islamic Socio-Political-Economic System / Arskal Salim

Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2008

104p. ; 22cm.

978 974 9511 08 4

\$ 10.00
