

Recent Books from Indonesia – April 2009

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Anthropology

Prehistory: Artefacts of the Neolithic Period = Benda-benda Peninggalan Jaman Batu Muda (Neolithik) No. 4 / Ekowati Sundari, Ni Luh Putu Chandra Dewi & Retno Moerdianti
Indonesia: Indonesian Heritage Society, 2008
43p,; 22cm
\$ 12.00

Lost in mall : An ethnography of middle-class Jakarta in the 1990s / Lizzy van Leeuwen
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2009
220p.
9789067183116
Series Verhandelingen 255
\$ 50.00

In this study, based on extensive anthropological fieldwork throughout the 1990s, this new middle class is examined as a socio-cultural phenomenon. Despite a global orientation and a taste for democracy, its members seemed to have internalized the New Order along with some lingering late-colonial notions as their guidelines for life. How 'new' was the new middle class anyway? Lifestyle and material culture practices in the suburb of Bintaro Raya – in public space as well as in the intimacy of living rooms – illustrate the everyday ambiguity of people who appear to be trapped in their imagined middleclassness: they were 'lost in mall'.

Restoring the balance : Performing healing in West Papua / Ien Courtens
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2008
xii, 252p.
9789067182782
Series Verhandelingen 241
\$ 66.00

The study offers an ethnographically rich journey through the variety of healing methods in current Ayfat society: indigenous (obtained during female and male initiation rites), biomedical (the missionary hospital), and Christian (created by ritual healers since the coming of the missionaries). Likewise, the causes ascribed to illness range from sorcery, witchcraft, violation of ancestral or biblical rules, to biomedical conditions, a multiplicity of ways of understanding illness and healing that emerged

in the context of religious change. Making choices among the variety of healing performances, and the creation of new performances, are shown to be dynamic processes.

Architecture

Indonesian Houses Vol.2. – Survey of Vernacular Architecture in Western Indonesia / (Eds) Reimar Schefold et al.

Leiden : KITLV Press, 2008

Vi, 716p.

Leiden Series on Indonesian Architecture

978-9067-183055

\$ 68.00

Mansion of the Chinese Major in Jakarta = Rumah Mayor China di Jakarta / Naniek W Priyomarsono

Indonesia: SUBUR Jaringan Cetak Terpadu, 2008

xv. 120p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789799861511

\$ 39.00

Candi Sewu and Buddhist Architecture of Central Java = Candi Sewu dan Arsitektur Bangunan Agama Buddha di Jawa Tengah / Jacques Dumarcaay

Jakarta: KPG (Kepustakaan Populer Gramedia), 2007

254p,; 30cm

ISBN-13: 9789799100887

Bilingual English – Bahasa

\$ 25.00

When was Candi Sewu built? What is the symbolic meaning of its design? Was it originally meant as a Hindu or a Buddhist temple? What was the shape of Java's political map at the time? Through a detailed architectural analysis, Jacques Dumarcaay solves the mystery of one of the most important Javanese temples.

Art

Sawahlunto expression in the Rhythms of Strokes / Asraferi Sabri (Essays) ; Body Dharma (Sketches)

Indonesia: Government of Sawah Lunto West Sumatra, 2008

141p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789791711708

\$ 45.00

The Sound of Silence and Colors of the Wind Between the Tip of a Cigarette and Fire of the Lighter [17 Years of Ugo Untoro's Fine Arts, 1989-2006] / Omi Intan Naomi

Yogyakarta: Museum Dan Tanah Liat, 2008

480p,; 24cm

ISBN-10: 9793239476

\$ 55.00

Redefining Heritage / Poppy Dharsono

Jakarta: Pensil – 324, 2008

386p,; 34cm

ISBN-13: 9789793622538(HB)
\$ 225.00

A legacy of culture, such as fashion, that passed down from one generation to another is heritage. Some clothes and fashion designs may survive as such a heritage, but countless number more had gone, perished from human civilization.

This book is a decade-long record of tireless efforts to render old legacies and redefine fashion heritage. Only through hard work, dedication, determination, ceaseless learning, love and collaboration that the efforts may bore its fruit.

Art of the Ancestors Nias Batak Dayak
Singapore: The Alliance Francaise de Singapour, 2007
86p,; 39cm
ISBN-13: 9789810814717(HB)
\$ 75.00

Indonesia tribal art is among the most intriguing and varied in the world. There are as many styles and expressions as there are ethnic and cultural groups. Each of these groups produces unique objects of great interest and beauty that are used in rituals and ceremonies that have been performed for millennia.

This book presents two collections of sculptures from three of the most vibrant art traditions of the Indonesian archipelago. The people of Nias, the Batak of Sumatra and the Dayak of Borneo have been thoroughly studied for more than a century by explorers and anthropologists who have all commented on the aesthetically distinctive ancestor figures that play an integral part in tribal life. Here, some of the finest surviving examples have been brought together to showcase the artistic virtues of these peoples. Four essays provide a brief introduction to the cultures whose art is represented and discuss their use and meaning in ritual and everyday life.

Visible Soul / Amir Sidharta
Jakarta: Museum S Sudjojono, 2006
424p,; 30cm
ISBN-13: 9789792563702
\$ 150.00

Indonesian Arts and Crafts / Joop Ave (Ed)
Jakarta: Bab Publishing Indonesia, 2008
228p,; 29cm
ISBN-13: 9789798926273(HB)
\$ 75.00

This book will highlight and promote Indonesian crafts, both traditional and modern. It is designed so that industry, tourism and the craftspeople will benefit from a wider awareness, knowledge and understanding of Indonesian crafts.

Indonesia produces one of the widest ranges of craft products that are continually developing to expand the range of craft goods for the market. Craftspeople are responding to a growing appreciation and awareness of products that are expertly hand-crafted rather than machine-made. There is a growing recognition that it is the poorest people who are capable of using their skills to create objects of great beauty and desirability. It is craftsmanship at this level that the book seeks to encompass.

Another dimension is the analysis of Indonesian craftsmanship in relationship to the creative industry and the role that design plays. Craft has become an integral part of design thinking, and this aspect of craftsmanship in the Indonesian context has not been explored before in any systematic way.

Having explored the background to craft making in the context of history and culture, and examining the materials used by the craftspeople, the second part of the book provides an overview of the many ways that Indonesian craftspeople and designers are working together to create, through design, crafts of the highest international standards.

Economics

Indonesia Economic Almanac 2009
5th Ed.
Jakarta: Pustaka Bisnis Indonesia, 2009
vi. 266p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789796190362(HB)
\$ 90.00

Rural Livelihoods, Resources and Coping with Crisis in Indonesia: A Comparative Study / Milan J Titus & Paul P M Burgers
Amsterdam : Amsterdam University Press, 2008
307p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9789812309013
\$ 59.90

Most literature on the economic crisis in Indonesia has focused on the negative macro-economic impacts during the "crisis-years" (1997-1999). With a longitudinal research perspective, this comparative study analyses a wide variety of responses to the crisis among communities and households. They often contradict the pessimistic assumptions of communities'/households capacities to cope with crisis conditions. Covering different areas of Indonesia, variations in resource use practices and resource use regulations define the way rural households can cope with crisis conditions and adapt to new circumstances. The studies show that coping and adaptive behaviour increasingly depends on the ways people are able to tap into supra local networks, even beyond national boundaries. However, without sound interventions, the long term perspective is one where sustainable resource use systems slowly deteriorate as local resource use regulations are overruled by processes of internationalization. The book thus may contribute to the development of more effective policies for increasing resilience among rural communities to withstand crisis conditions.

Gadjah Mada International Journal of Business
Yogyakarta: Universitas Gadjah Mada, 1991-
24cm.
ISSN: 1411-1128
3 Issues a year
Latest Issue : Vol.10 No.1 – Jan-April 2008
\$ 110.00 Per Annum

Contents of Vol.10 No.1.

1. Drivers of Merger Waves : A Revisit

2. A Study of Customer Satisfaction across information Search Behavior Topology
3. Shift in pattern of Specialization Case Studies of India and China
4. Investment Horizon to Investment Decision and Mean Reversion : Indonesian Perspective
5. The 'Knowledge Gap' and 'Deficient Performance Gap' between Auditors and Corporate Managers : An Empirical Study of Malaysia

 Credit and Debt in Indonesia, 860-1930: From Peonage to Pawnshop, from Kongsu to Cooperative / David Henley & Peter Boomgaard (Eds.)

Singapore: ISEAS, 2009

208p

ISBN-13: 9789812308467 (HB)

\$ 54.90

The topics range from the inscriptions of ninth-century Java to the first global financial crisis in 1930, and from Islamic laws against the charging of interest to the role of Chinese temples and Dutch church charities as credit providers. Attention is paid to parallels and contrasts more than recent developments, including the Asian financial crisis of 1997 and Indonesia's rise to fame as a pioneer of the current global microfinance revolution.

Rural Investment Climate in Indonesia / Neil McCulloch (Ed)

Singapore: ISEAS, 2009

364p

ISBN-13: 9789832308535 (PB)

\$ 49.90

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the constraints facing the development of rural non-farm enterprises in Indonesia. Recent years have seen a substantial effort by the Indonesian government to improve the investment climate. To date, much of this effort has focused on the constraints faced by businesses at the national level. However, if Indonesia is to be successful in creating jobs and reducing poverty across the archipelago, this will require improving the investment climate for the 15.7 million micro and small enterprises that employ more than half of all the non-farm workers in the country.

General Books

The Best of Stranger in Paradise: Bali -Diaries of an Expatriate 1996-2008 / Made Wijaya

Bali: Wijaya Words, 2008

373p,; 30cm

ISBN-13: 9789799500311

\$ 80.00

This second volume brings us up to date. The Bali brought so vividly to life in this book is a less mysterious island culture but still magical, despites inroads of tourism and wrong-headed development. These issues and others are addressed with a conservationist's passion and with the same wit that peppered the earlier volume: it's Evelyn Waugh in the Tropics, with a sprinkling of Dame Edna Everage.

Wijaya's unique, insider's view of the island, takes the reader backstage to religious ceremonies, festivals and cremations, as well as palace functions (Wijaya is on equally intimate terms with Balinese and Javanese royalty as he is with the priests we glimpse officiating at cremations). As a social anthropologist he is on a par with Margaret Mead, with the advantage of sharing the language (and the jokes).

Ubud & Beyond / Richard Mann
Indonesia: Gateway Books International, 2008
207p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789799985392
\$ 29.95

Jogja – On My Mind
Bali: The Bali Purnati Center for the Arts, 2006
248p,; 26cm
A Special 250th Anniversary Edition
\$ 49.50

Jogja is indeed a very special place. Besides being the major center of learning in the vast Indonesian archipelago, it is also the home of the most powerful royal court of Indonesia and has for long been renowned as the cultural, historical and revolutionary center of the extraordinary island of Java

History

Yogyakarta: The Capital of the Republic of Indonesia January 4, 1946 – December 27, 1949 = Yogyakarta: Ibukota Republik Indonesia 4 Januari 1946 – 27 Desember 1949 / Suhartono WP, PJ Suwarno et al
Indonesia: Tim Penulis & Yayasan Soedjatmoko, 2002
xx. 179p,; 29cm
ISBN-10: 9799700906(HB)
\$ 45.00

The Great Mosque of Banda Aceh : Its History, Architecture and Relationship to the Development of Islam in Sumatra / Wilhelmina Bouwsema-Raap
Thailand : White Lotus Press, 2009
Xxiii, 105p.
978-974-480-143-2
\$ 25.00

The Javanese Kris / Isaac Groneman, David Van Duuren
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2009
288p.
300 ill. Mostly in Colour
9789067183291
\$ 115.00

Groneman describes in minute detail the forging of a number of blades and the manufacture of the other parts of the kris, and then places it all in a broader historical and cultural framework. His articles were inspired by a strong interest in how Javanese krisses were forged, but also by his great concern that this craft that he admired so much, was at risk of bleeding to death and disappearing from the face of the earth.

The Origins of Massacre in Modern Indonesia : Legal Orders, States of Mind and Reservoirs of Violence, 1900-1965 / Robert Cribb
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2009
240p.
9789067182928
\$ 42.00

Linking destinies : Trade, towns and kin in Asian history /
Peter Boomgaard, Dick Kooiman, Henk Schulte Nordholt (eds)
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2008
vi,277p.
9789067183208
Series Verhandelingen 256
\$ 45.00

the essays in this collective volume support the idea that trade, towns and kin – although often dealt with quite separately – can be viewed as various aspects of the same networks, connecting people, places and commodities

Law

Indonesian Constitutional Reform 1999-2002: An Evaluation of Constitution-Making in Transition / Denny Indrayana
Jakarta: Kompas Book Publishing, 2008
xxiii. 463p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789797093945
\$ 24.00

In 1999, the MPR enacted the First Amendment to the 1945 Constitution. Over each of the next three years, it passed three further amendments. Despite their important contribution to Indonesia's transition as the impact of the fall of Soeharto's regime, there has been no comprehensive study on these four amendments and the process by which they were produced. This book attempts to fill this gap, by critically evaluating the process and outcomes of these amendments in the context of constitutional theory. The book also describes the experience of other countries, in particular South Africa and Thailand, in amending their constitutions.

From Indonesia's experience, scholars should note how the symbolic value of the 1945 Constitution strongly shaped the way constitutional reform took place in the post-Soeharto era. Despite a process that was different to democratic processes in other countries, Indonesia's slow, patchy and tentative process managed to lead the country to a more democratic Constitution and contribute significantly to Indonesia's transition from overt authoritarianism to a constitutional democracy.

Results of Public Examination: Civil Case of Soeharto Vs Time, Inc = Hasil Eksaminasi Publik: Perkara Perdata Soeharto Vs Time, Inc / Bayu Wicaksono
Jakarta: Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Pers
vii. 179p,; 25cm
ISBN-13: 9789799890528
Bilingual English - Bahasa
Legal Aids for Press
\$ 20.00

Official Publications

Indonesia: Infrastructure in Regency/City and Districts Level Based on Result of Village Potential Census 2008 = Indonesia: Infrastruktur di Tingkat Kabupaten/Kota dan Kecamatan Berdasarkan Hasil Pendataan Podes 2008

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

vi. 61p,; 27cm

ISBN-13: 9789797249755

\$ 16.00

Village Potential Statistics of Indonesia 2008 = Statistik Potensi Desa Indonesia 2008

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xiii. 271p,; 28cm

ISBN-13: 9789797249731

Includes Executive summary Booklet

\$ 35.00

Indonesian Oil Palm Statistics 2007 = Statistik Kelapa Sawit Indonesia 2007

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xxvii. 63p,; 29cm

ISSN: 1978-9947

\$ 12.00

Indonesian Tea Statistics 2007 = Statistik Teh Indonesia 2007

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xxx. 74p,; 29cm

ISSN: 1978-9912

\$ 12.00

Indonesian Rubber Statistics 2007 = Statistik Karet Indonesia 2007

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xxxvi. 103p,; 29cm

ISSN: 1978-9920

\$ 12.00

Statistics of Seasonal Vegetables and Fruits Plants Indonesia 2007 = Statistik Tanaman Sayuran dan Buah-Buahan Semusim Indonesia 2007

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xii. 69p,; 29cm

ISBN-13: 9789797249373

\$ 12.00

Environment Statistics of Indonesia 2008 = Statistik Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia 2008

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xxvii. 278p,; 29cm

ISSN: 0216-6224

\$ 30.00

Indonesia: Statistics of Crumb Rubber Industry 2007 = Indonesia: Statistik Industri Karet Remah 2007

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xxxv. 115p,; 29cm

ISSN: 1978-9955

\$ 12.00

Expenditure for Consumption of Indonesia 2008 Book 1: Based on Panel Susenas March 2008 = Pengeluaran untuk Konsumsi Penduduk Indonesia 2008 Buku 1: Berdasarkan Hasil Susenas Panel Maret 2008

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xi. 140p,; 29cm

ISSN: 1979-6242

\$ 30.00

Consumption of Calorie and Protein of Indonesia and Province 2008 Book 2 = Konsumsi Kalori dan Protein Penduduk Indonesia dan Provinsi 2008 Buku 2

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xi. 214p,; 29cm

ISSN: 1979-6250

\$ 30.00

Expenditure for Consumption of Indonesia by Province 2008 Book 3 = Pengeluaran untuk Konsumsi Penduduk Indonesia per Provinsi 2008 Buku 3

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

x. 324p,; 29cm

ISSN: 1979-9942

\$ 30.00

Indonesia: Medium and Large Scale Establishment on Manufacturing - The 2006 Economic Census Results = Indonesia: Perusahaan Menengah dan Besar Industri Pengolahan - Hasil Sensus Ekonomi 2006

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

vi. 573p,; 21 by 29cm

ISBN-13: 9789797249427

\$ 60.00

Indonesia: Financial Statistics of Regency/Municipality Government 2006-2007 = Statistik Keuangan Pemerintah Daerah Kabupaten/Kota 2006-2007

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xxviii. 1002p,; 29cm

ISSN: 0126-4133

\$ 40.00

Statistics of Annual Fruit and Vegetable Plants Indonesia 2007 = Statistik Tanaman Buah-Buahan dan Sayuran Tahunan Indonesia 2007

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

viii. 37p,; 21 by 30cm

\$ 12.00

Agricultural Survey Land Area by Utilization in Indonesia 2007 = Survei Pertanian Luas Lahan Menurut Penggunaannya di Indonesia 2007 / Eko haryono Subagya, Timo Juniati et al

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xvii. 99p,; 28cm

ISSN: 1907-0454

\$ 18.00

Laborer Situation in Indonesia August 2008 = Keadaan Pekerja di Indonesia Agustus 2008

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2009

xxii. 179p,; 21 by 30cm

ISBN: 19797702

\$ 18.00

Manufacturing Industry Directory Indonesia 2008: Large and Medium Manufacturing
= Direktori Industri Pengolahan Indonesia 2008: Industri Besar dan Sedang

Jakarta: BPS Statistics Indonesia, 2008

xxv. 1299p,; 29cm

ISSN: 0216-0099

\$ 60.00

Performing Arts

Jaranan :The horse dance and trance in East Java /Clara van Groenendael, Victoria M. & Maria J.L. van Yperen, trans

Leiden : KITLV Press, 2008

xiv, 293p.

Ill with Audio Cd with recordings of Jaranan Performance

9789067183062

Series Verhandelingen 252

\$ 75.00

The dramatic genre of the horse dance (jaranan) is part of an age-old Javanese tradition displaying wide local and regional variations. A striking feature of the performances of the majority of horse dance groups is the appearance of trance dancers. These are used as a means of establishing contact with the spirits of the ancestors, who continue to play an important part in the lives of their descendants as moral beacons in the solution of problems and the fulfillment of wishes.

Politics

Defending Indonesia / Connie Rahakundini Bakrie

Jakarta: PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama, 2009

xxiv. 274p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789792244342

\$ 22.00

Indonesia is a very significant country of Southeast Asia. Even though it possesses characteristics that can make it the third "rising power" of Asia – its size, population, and its location in the Strait of Malacca, etc – it has not yet shown a resolve to exploit those characteristics to become one. When it decides to become the next rising power, it has to develop systematic plans of economic development and use economic wealth stemming from such development for building its military (Tentara Nasional Indonesia or TN), formerly known as Angkatan Bersenjata Republik Indonesia or ABR). Connie Rahakundini Bakrie's book, *Defending Indonesia*, is an important plea for the modernization of Indonesia's military.

Indonesian Chinese Descent in Indonesia's Economy and Political Stability / Justian Suhandinata

Jakarta: PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama Publisher, 2009

xxii. 416p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789792237627

\$ 29.95

For decades, Chinese Indonesians have been in numerous harsh spotlights in their own country. Starting from supposedly simple things like obtaining official documents to be legal citizens of Indonesia, their only homeland now, where they can be harassed and cornered, which not seldom can extend to the extremes where they are made as victims and scapegoat particularly when issues related to racism arise.

This book tries to present an objective portrait of Chinese Indonesians and their roles within their own beloved country and state.

Too Much Too Soon: Local State Elite's Perspective on and the Puzzle of Contemporary Indonesian Regional Autonomy Policy / Syarif Hidayat

Jakarta: PT Raja Grafindo Persada, 2007

xii. 462p,; 20cm

ISBN-10: 9797690997

Bilingual English - Bahasa

\$ 19.50

Military Politics, Islam, and the State in Indonesia: From Turbulent Transition to Democratic Consolidation / Marcus Mietzner

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009

xvi. 426p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789812307873

1. Indonesia – Politics and government – 1998-
2. Muslims – Indonesia – Politics and government
3. Indonesia – Armed Forces

\$ 39.90

Based on a decade of research in Indonesia, this book provides an in-depth account of the military's struggle to adapt to the new democratic system after the downfall of Suharto's authoritarian regime in 1998. Unlike other studies of the Indonesian armed forces, which focus exclusively on internal military developments, Mietzner's study emphasizes the importance of conflicts among civilians in determining the extent of military involvement in political affairs. Analysing disputes between Indonesia's main Muslim groups, Mietzner argues that their intense rivalry between 1998 and 2004 allowed the military to extend its engagement in politics and protect its institutional interests. The stabilization of the civilian polity after 2004, in contrast, has led to an increasing marginalization of the armed forces from the power centre. Drawing broader conclusions from these events for Indonesia's ongoing process of democratic consolidation, the book shows that the future role of the armed forces in politics will largely depend on the ability of civilian leaders to maintain functioning democratic institutions and procedures.

Deepening Democracy in Indonesia? Direct Elections for Local Leaders (Pilkada) / Eds Maribeth Erb, Priyambudi Sulistiyanto

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2009

Xxv, 392p.

978-981-230-840-5 (PB)

1. Elections – Indonesia
2. Local Elections - Indonesia
3. Local Government – Indonesia

\$ 34.90

State Terrorism and Political Identity in Indonesia: Fatally Belonging / Ariel Heryanto
United Kingdom; Routledge, 2008

256p,; 234 x 156cm
ISBN-13: 9780415470278 (PB)
9780415371520 (HB)

\$ 30.00

Approximately one million innocent Indonesians were killed by their fellow nationals, neighbours and kin at the height of an anti-communist campaign in the mid-1960s. This book investigates the profound political consequences of these mass killings in Indonesia upon public life, highlighting the historical specificities of the violence and comparable incidents of identity politics in more recent times.

Mixing theory with empirically based analysis, the book examines how the spectre of communism and the trauma experienced in the latter half of the 1960s remain critical in understanding the dynamics of terror, coercion and consent today. Heryanto challenges the general belief that the periodic anti-communist witch-hunts of recent Indonesian history are largely a political tool used by a powerful military elite and authoritarian government.

Despite the profound importance of the 1965-6 events it remains one of the most difficult and sensitive topics for public discussion in Indonesia today.

Nahdlatul Ulama and the Struggle for Power within Islam and Politics in Indonesia / Robin Bash

Singapore: ISEAS, 2009

256p

ISBN-13: 9789812308757 (PB)
9789812308764 (HB)

\$29.90(PB)

\$49.90 (HB)

This book explores the political and ideological motivations behind the formation of the Nahdlatul Ulama-affiliated political party, and Abdurrahman Wahid's rise to the Presidency of Indonesia after having led NU for 15 years away from formal politics. It sheds light on the complex and historical rivalries within Islam in Indonesia, and how those relationships inform and explain political alliance and manoeuvres in contemporary Indonesia.

Islam and the Secular State in Indonesia / Luthfi Assyaukanie

Singapore: ISEAS, 2009

265p

ISBN-13: 9789812308894 (HB)

\$ 49.90

This is an excellent book which will have a major impact on the current debate about the relationship between Islam and politics in Indonesia. Its greatest strength is its innovative characterization of three Indonesian Muslim models of polity, as opposed to the normal two, Islamic state and secular state. Assyaukanie brilliantly delineates

a third model, which he calls the Religious Democratic State, in the process greatly clarifying our understanding of the previous models, which he now proposes to label Islamic Democratic State and the Liberal Democratic State. Another strength of the book is methodological. Each of its arguments is solidly grounded in the thoughts and actions of particular players, Indonesian Muslim thinkers and activists.

Religion – Islam

Splashed by the saint : Ritual reading and Islamic sanctity in West Java / Julian Millie
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2009

xii, 214p.

9789067183383

\$ 39.50

This first, book-length study of intercession through ritual reading in Indonesia will be of interest to scholars of Indonesian religions, Sufism and the anthropology of Islam. It expands our knowledge of Sufism and sanctity, and seriously considers the liturgical forms of village Islam, paying special attention to the use of Arabic supplications in localized ritual practice.

Sociology

Ethics for a Multicultural Society: Strategic Solution for Interweaving Togetherness the Frame Work of Pluralism / H A Prayitno & Trubus Rahardiansah

Jakarta: Trisakti University Press, 2008

x. 225p,; 22cm

Includes Bibliography

ISBN-13: 9789792689327

\$ 15.00

Under Construction: The Politics of Urban Space and Housing during the Decolonization of Indonesia, 1930-1960 / Freek Colombijn

Leiden : KITLV Press, 2009

250p

ISBN-13: 9789067182911 (PB)

\$ 42.00

This book examines the social changes in Indonesian cities during the process of decolonization. The political upheavals of the Japanese occupation and Indonesian revolution, and the first steps to build a sovereign nation, had major repercussions for urban society. These social changes are studied from the angle of urban space in general, and the provision of housing in particular. This focus on the everyday matter of housing, in combination with a local level of analysis, provides fresh insight into how people experienced decolonization. In the first half of the book, the author challenges the idea that a shift from ethnic to class differences was the overriding social change during decolonization and argues instead that class differences already formed the predominant dividing lines in colonial urban society. The second half of the book focuses on the shifting balance of power between the main agents in the urban arena.

Beyond Empire and Nation: Decolonizing Societies in Africa and Asia, 1930s-1970s /
Els Bogaerts and Remco Raben (Eds.)
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2009
250p
ISBN-13: 9789067182898 (PB)
\$ 42.00

The decolonization of countries in Asia and Africa is one of the momentous events in the twentieth century. But did the shift to independence indeed affect the lives of the people in such a dramatic way as the political events suggest? The authors in this volume look beyond the political interpretations of decolonization and address the issue of social and economic reorientations which were necessitated or caused by the end of colonial rule. The book covers major issues such as public security; the changes in the urban environment, and the reorientation of the economies. Most articles search for comparisons transcending the colonial and national borders and adopt a time frame extending from the late colonial period to the early decades of independence in Asia and Africa (1930s – 1970s.)

Women's Studies

Realizing the dream of R.A. Kartini : Her sister's letters from colonial Java / Joost K. Cote
Leiden : KITLV Press, 2008
xii, 397p.
ill.
9789067183130
\$ 50.00

Realizing the dream of R. A. Kartini; Her sisters' letters from colonial Java presents a unique collection of documents reflecting the lives, attitudes, and politics of four Javanese women in the early twentieth century. Joost J. Coté translates the correspondence between Raden Ajeng Kartini, Indonesia's first feminist, and her sisters, revealing for the first time her sisters' contributions in defining and carrying out her ideals. With this collection, Coté aims to situate Kartini's sisters within the more famous Kartini narrative—and indirectly to situate Kartini herself within a broader narrative.
