

## Recent Books from Malaysia – February 2009

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### Anthropology

Folk-Lore : A Sketch / William Henry Furness  
Kota Kinabalu : Opus Publications, 2009  
Reprint of 1899 ed.  
iv, 29p.  
978-983-3987-18-4  
\$ 3.00

This booklet, first published in 1899, begins with a description of the way of life of the peoples of Sarawak in the 19th century—their houses, social structure and their beliefs in the spirits.

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### Art

Teng: Satu Penghargaan - An Appreciation  
Malaysia: National Art Gallery Malaysia, 2008  
150p,; 29cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833497317(HB)  
\$ 75.00

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Go Block: 5 Contemporary Malaysian Printmakers = Go Block: 5 Pengkarya Seni Cetak Kontemporari Malaysia / Badrolhisham Mohammad Tahir & Matthew Rampley  
Kuala Lumpur: PETRONAS, 2009  
71p,; 30cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738773  
Bilingual English - Malay  
Exhibition Catalogue  
\$ 50.00

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### Economics / Development Studies

Economic Regionalism a la ASEAN, East Asia & APEC / Mohammed Ariff  
Malaysia: Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, 2008  
v. 327p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839716245(PB), 9789839716245(HB)

\$ 18.00 (PB)  
\$ 25.00 (HB)

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Bilateral and Regional Free Trade Agreements: Some Critical Elements and Development Implications / Martin Khor  
Penang: Third World Network, 2008  
119p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789832729594  
\$ 8.00

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The Management of Cross-Border Capital Flows and Macroeconomic Stability in China / Yu Yongding  
Penang: Third World Network, 2009  
46p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789832729693  
\$ 6.00

This paper examines China's management of cross-border capital flows and the role it plays in the stewardship of the Chinese economy. The author also traces the evolution of the country's capital account regime from the 1980s till the present-day policy, which aims at relieving upward pressure on the currency and minimizing volatile speculative capital inflows.

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Financial Liberalization and the New Dynamics of Growth in India / CP Chandrasekhar  
Penang: Third World Network, 2008  
54p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789832729679  
TWN Global Economy Series 13  
\$ 6.00

Financial liberalization and special measures to attract foreign financial capital flows have triggered massive capital inflows in the Indian economy in the last five years, leading to the accumulation of large foreign exchange reserve. These developments contribute to the common perception of India as a success story of globalization. However, the liberalization process and capital surge also contain within them the seeds of economic fragility, this paper cautions.

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### **Environmental Studies**

Critical States: Environmental Challenges to Development in Monsoon Southeast Asia / Louis Lebel, Anond Snidvongs, Chen-Tung Arthur Chen & Rajesh Daniel (Eds.)  
Selangor: Strategic Information and Research Development Centre (SIRD), 2009  
xv. 473p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833782628

1. Global environmental change
2. Climatic changes – Environmental aspects – Southeast Asia
3. Ecology – Southeast Asia

\$ 35.00

Extraordinary rapid economic development has radically transformed urban-industrial, agrarian and marine environments throughout Southeast Asia. Future development is now being constrained, however, by the consequences of decades of largely unregulated exploitation of the region's rich natural resources and biodiversity. It has also increased or

altered the vulnerabilities of Southeast Asian populations to climatic variables, flooding, and global economic shifts.

Critical States provides transboundary "state-of-the-science" reviews, case studies, and assessments of issues in the environmental change-development nexus, including: governance and institutional challenges, urbanization, climate change, poverty, as well as land, energy, and water use.

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### **General Books**

Gifts of Life: Facing Cancer / Foo Hee Boon  
Kuala Lumpur: Foo Siew Chan, 2008  
204p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834413408  
\$ 15.00

This is inimitable Foo Hee Boon as he contemplates the shocking and cruel blow that fate has dealt him at age thirty-eight. He chose to give meaning to his new persona as a cancer patient by writing a blog, "Hee Boon's Amazing New Adventures", now transformed into this book.

In this incredibly private account, Hee Boon shares his thoughts on matters relating to cancer – both material and spiritual – and on living a good life and dying a good death so that readers may learn from his final journey. His character and courage shine in these pages through his language, alive with winks and cheeky grins. One is left in awe of his indomitable spirit in facing a crippling, painful disease. This "ordinary Joe", as he refers to himself, is transformed in sixteen brief months into an extraordinary human being.

Doctors, nurses, relatives, friends, and caregivers of the terminally ill will find valuable lessons in these pages. Even those fearful of this taboo subject are gently led out of the shadowlands into hope and even anticipation of what lies beyond, " ... but to live is to die, and it should be one of the most exciting, ultimate mile-stones in this present life...."

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### **History**

The Quintessential Man: The Story of Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin / Azam Aris  
Selangor: Crestime Holdings Sdn Bhd., 2008  
viii. 385p,; 24cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834416409(HB)  
1. Azizan Zainul Abidin, Tan Sri, 1935-2004  
2. Civil service – Malaysia – Biography  
3. Executives – Malaysia – Biography  
4. Malaysia – Officials and employees – Biography  
\$ 50.00

This narrative on the life of Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin is one which offers readers a selection of lessons learnt. It convinces us that success and fame are attainable if we remain resolute, diligent and steadfast in our commitment to doing the right things, and not just doing things right.

This biography of a devoted son of the soil provides Malaysians, who particularly take pride in everything Malaysian, reasons to be proud of the civil service and the achievements of Petronas and all the great minds – past and present – behind its string of corporate successes at home and abroad.

Kinabalu Guerrillas : An Account of the Double Tenth Rising against the Japanese Invaders in North Borneo  
Kota Kinabalu : Opus Publications, 2009  
Reprint of 1949 ed.  
vi, 101p.  
978-983-3987-15-3  
\$ 7.00

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Malaysian Chinese and Nation-Building: Before Merdeka and Fifty Years After Volume 2 / Voon Phin Keong (Ed)  
Kuala Lumpur: Centre for Malaysian Chinese Studies, 2008  
vi. 796p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833908066(HB), 9789833908059(PB)  
\$ 50.00(HB)  
\$ 30.00(PB)

Fifty years have elapsed since the Federation of Malaya proclaimed independence in 1957. Six years later, it was joined by Sabah and Sarawak to form Malaysia. It is necessary to place the progress thus far achieved in proper perspective. Half a century is like a flash in the history of humankind yet, in the life of a new nation, it is sufficient to build a solid foundation towards vibrant nationhood. This publication is a special study by the Centre for Malaysian Chinese Studies to commemorate the golden jubilee of Merdeka.

The primary purpose of this book is to examine the contributions of the Malaysian Chinese community to nation-building. Attention is focused principally on the post-independence period but with justified emphasis on the earlier era that constituted the formative stage of the country as a political state. The areas and extent of Chinese contributions are multi-faceted. The present study deals with the more crucial areas that determine the vigour and durability of the Malaysian nation-state. These are identified as those that pertain to the economic, political and cultural aspects of life that combine to make Malaysia what it is today and that have a profound influence on its future prospects.

The present volume is divided into three parts, namely, political perspective, cultural perspective, and conclusion.

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The Memoirs of Abdullah C.D. Part One: The Movement until 1948 / Abdullah C.D.  
Selangor: Strategic Information and Research Development Centre (SIRD), 2009  
xii. 207p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833782642

1. Malayan Communist Party – History
2. Nationalist – Malaysia – Biography
3. Political activists – Malaysia – Biography
4. Communism – Malaya – History
5. Malaysia – Politics and government – History

\$ 19.95

Our nation's Independence on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1957 cannot be alienated from the contributions of various forces and groups who have been involved in the anti-colonial struggle since World War II. But there are historians who have agreed that the spirit of Malay anti-colonialism before World War II was weak, akin to setting fire to damp wood. They maintain that this spirit only came alive after the Japanese Occupation during World War II. By my own observations and involvement, this view needs to be reconsidered. Although the rise of nationalism only became evident after the war, its seeds had been sown long before.

The University at Pantai Valley Glimpses of the past / Abu Bakar A Hamid & K T Joseph (Eds.)

Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya Press, 2009

xx. 176p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789831004746

1. Universiti Malaya – History
2. Universities and colleges – Malaysia
2. Education, Higher – Malaysia

\$ 15.00 (PB)

\$ 30.00 (HB)

The decade of the sixties, referred to by many, as that glorious decade when Pantai Valley became renowned throughout the academic world was because we brought together some of the best scholars from many parts of the globe to this University.

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## Law

Profile of the Straits of Malacca: Malaysia's Perspective / H M Ibrahim & Hairil Anuar Husin (Eds.)

Kuala Lumpur: Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA), 2008

xxiv. 215p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789839275452 (HB)

\$ 50.00

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Efficiency Measurement of Malaysia's Maritime Enforcement Agencies / Sutarji Kasmin

Selangor: Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 2009

258p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789679428582

1. Coastal surveillance – Malaysia
2. Border patrols – Malaysia

\$ 18.00

Efficiency Measurement of Malaysia's Maritime Enforcement Agencies is a concise, user-friendly approach on the use of Data Envelopment Analysis to measure the relative efficiency of non-profit organizations that students and researchers need to know. Written in an accessible style, this book provides step-by-step approach to measure the relative efficiency of any non-profit organization using the best technique known as the Data Envelopment Analysis. It can be used as an important tool to determine ranking of the units by their efficiency outcomes, identify sources and amount of inefficiency in each of the measured units, evaluation of management heading the compared units and creating a quantitative basis for relocating among the units under evaluation. Following the example given, students and researchers can measure the relative efficiency of any non-profit organization, be it governmental or non-governmental departments.

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Intellectual Property in Free Trade Agreements / Sanya Reid Smith

Penang: Third World Network, 2008

103p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789832729570

\$ 8.00

Developing countries are signing free trade agreements (FTAs) with developed countries. These FTAs often include intellectual property protection that is stronger than the World Trade Organisation requires (known as 'TRIPS-plus' protection). This book highlights the likely effects particularly those in US FTAs.

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Principles of Public International Law: A Modern Approach / Mohd Naqib Ishan Jan  
Kuala Lumpur: International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM Press), 2008  
xxviii. 499p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833855551  
\$ 30.00

Principles of Public International Law: A Modern Approach addresses a spectrum of legal issues that affect the day to day affairs of the international community. Based on original sources, it analyzes and applies, with accuracy and elasticity, potentially basic principles of public international law to the issues so as to provide a better and easier understanding of the law. It provides a framework that helps both students and practitioners of the law in their careers.

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Motivations for Language Choice in Malaysian Courtrooms: Implications for Language Planning / Richard Powell  
Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya Press, 2008  
xi. 98p,; 22cm  
Includes index and Bibliography  
ISBN-13: 9789831004586  
1. Language planning – Malaysia  
2. Language policy – Malaysia  
\$ 19.00

Malaysian courtrooms are bilingual in a fairly unusual sense; both Malay and English have de jure standing. This situation reflects to some extent multilingualism of the surrounding society that has evolved under the influence of the official policy over the last two decades of shifting the language of the legal system from English to Malay.

This book explores whether language shift in Malaysia's legal system should, go much further in the interests of justice. In most postcolonial world, legal administration through the medium of the former colonial language is the rule, even in polities where a local language is more widely understood and has official status.

This book also discusses the issue of how lawyers orientate themselves to the constraint of language policy while carrying out the complex linguistic tasks within a bilingual professional environment. Their preference for Malay or English is likely to reflect dynamically-related factors ranging from individual linguistic and educational experience, through the constraints of official language policy and its implementation by specific judges, to the nature of the professional task at hand.

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## Literature

An Anthology of Contemporary Malaysian Literature / Muhd Haji Salleh  
Reprint of 1988 Ed.  
Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 2008  
xlvii. 412p,; 2cm  
ISBN-13: 9789836200433  
1. Malay literature – Translations into English  
2. Short stories, Malay – Translations into English  
3. Malay poetry – Translations into English  
4. Malay drama – Translations into English  
5. Malay literature – History and criticism  
\$ 25.00

This anthology offers a selection of outstanding representative work of post-war writers from 1945-1983. It extracts the best from the short story, poetry, drama and criticism.

The writer selected for this anthology are among the most notable, who have made significant contribution to the development of contemporary Malaysian literature. Most are now well-known novelists, poets, dramatics or critics who have described the dominant ideas, moods and events of the past four decades.

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Ripples and Other Stories / Shih-Li Kow  
Kuala Lumpur: Silverfish Books Sdn Bhd., 2008  
186p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833221233  
Malaysian literature in English Series  
\$ 15.00

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Urban Odysseys: KL Stories / Janet Tay & Eric Forbes (Eds.)  
Selangor: MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd., 2009  
xiii. 339p,; 20cm  
ISBN-13: 9789675222061  
1. Short stories, English  
\$ 15.95

In this rich embroidery of stories set against the landscape of the Malaysian capital, the city of Kuala Lumpur is as much a character as any of the denizens, drifters and dreamers portrayed in the stories. These are portraits of the capital seen through the prism of stories written by an array of new literary voices.

Each writer's experience of or passage through the city is variegated; at some point in their lives, they have grown up in, stopped over in, moved into, or, lost and found themselves in the labyrinthine chaos of the city.

Here eighteen writers present a sweeping literary portrait of the city as seen through their eyes, and in ways unexpected and mesmerizing take on the challenge of capturing the exuberant madness and cultural diversity of the city and its enduring spirit.

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### **Official Publications**

Buku Tahunan Perangkaan Sarawak 2008 = Sarawak Yearbook of Statistics 2008  
Malaysia: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2008  
xxxvii. 385p,; 30cm  
ISSN: 01287613  
\$ 30.00  
**ID: 105434**

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2008 Buletin Perangkaan Sosial Malaysia = 2008 Social Statistics Bulletin Malaysia  
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2008  
xxix. 278p,; 25cm  
ISSN: 0127-4686  
\$ 35.00  
**ID: 105431**

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### **Politics**

New Politics: Towards A Mature Malaysian Democracy = Politik Baru: Mematangkan Demokrasi Malaysia / Saifuddin Abdullah

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Kuala Lumpur: Institut Terjemahan Negara Malaysia, 2008

xxx. 88p,; 19cm

ISBN-13: 9789830683287

1. Malaysian – Politics and government

Bilingual English - Malay

\$ 15.00

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Even Madder About Malaysia / Dean Johns

Selangor: Strategic Information and Research Development Centre (SIRD), 2007

xii. 152p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789833782659

1. Malaysia – Politics and Government - Miscellanea
2. Malaysia – Social Conditions

\$ 10.00

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Walking on Water / Jo Hann Tan

Malaysia: Southeast Asia Popular Communications Programme (SEAPCP), 2008

iv. 96p,; 25cm

ISBN-13: 9789674275617

A Book about Community Organising

\$ 15.00

This insightful book about the “tricky business” of community organizing is very useful for organizers who sometimes feel at a lost about what to do in different organizing situations. Jo Hann Tan reflects about his 25 years of organizing and training communities how to handle different key elements in the organizing process. Read about the “tricks of the trade” in dealing with the government, mass media, funding agencies, women, spirituality, sustainability, analysis of issues, and people’s organizations.

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Malaysian Politicians Say the Darndest Things Vol. 2 / Amir Muhammad

Petaling Jaya: Matahari Books, 2008

120p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789834359669

1. Politician – Malaysia – Quotations, maxims, etc

\$ 12.00

The Malaysian politician continues to be a gift that keeps on giving. Hot on the heels of the best-selling Vol. 1 of Malaysian Politicians Say the Darndest Things, this compilation is further proof that we don’t need to travel far to experience shock and awe. Join us for another dance through some of the toe-tapping delights of the past two decades. Some of the quotes are witty and pithy, others are weird and prickly, and still others are just out-of-tune. If all History lessons were this painless, none of us would have ever skipped classes.

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Malaysian Foreign Policy in the Mahathir Era 1981-2003 : Dilemmas of Development / Karminder Singh Dhillon

Singapore : NUS Press, 2009

299p. ; 23cm.

Includes Bibliographical References and Index

ISBN – 13 : 978-9971-69-399-2 (pbk.)

1. Malaysia – Foreign Relations
2. Malaysia – Politics and Government

\$ 28.00

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## Religion – Islam

Nostra Aetate and the Islamic Perspective of Inter-Religious Dialogue / Fatmir Mehdi Shehu  
Kuala Lumpur: International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM Press), 2009

xix. 277p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789833855506

1. Religious pluralism
2. Islam – Relations
3. Christianity and other religions

\$ 30.00

This book addresses the concept of inter-religious dialogue promoted by Nostra Aetate (The Declaration on the Relation of the Church to non-Christian Religions, promulgated on October 28, 1965), and the Holy Qur'an as the only means to change the attitude of Muslims and Christians from that of hostility to mutual respect and better, objective and unbiased understanding of one another's way of belief. Amicable Islamic-Christian inter-religious dialogue is thus seen as the only hope against obstacles that make religious co-existence difficult, and for bringing peace and harmony to the Muslim and Christian communities in particular and humanity in general.

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ALLAH: A Psychospiritual Contemplation on His Name / Mohd Hatta Shaharom

Kuala Lumpur: CERT Publications Sdn. Bhd, 2009

xii. 198p,; 25cm

ISBN-13: 9789834371029

1. God (Islam)
2. God (Islam) – Attributes
3. Faith (Islam)

\$ 35.00

Perhaps the most popular word which means God that is most repeated at any moment in time is the word Allah. Daily this Arabic Name of God is being mentioned countless of times by more than a billion people coming from various ethnic groups and religions.

Allah is the Arabic word for "the God" and is derived from an old Semitic word. Among the Canaanites, God was known as EL. This name is preserved in Hebrew names as Isra-EL, Beth-EL and Ishma-EL. Most Arabic-speaking Eastern Christian and Jewish communities living in Muslim countries use the name Allah for God. The word Allah has entered numerous other languages of the world, regardless of whether the majority of the speakers are Muslims (like the Spanish and Portuguese languages).

To the ears of the Believer, the Names of the Attributes of Allah are beautiful when recited aloud or otherwise. Even when they are being mentioned in a silent manner, they have a soothing sound to the reciter. When written in calligraphic form, these Names become among the most beautiful of Islamic art forms.

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Essential Guide to Takaful (Islamic Insurance) / Engku Rabiah Adawiah Engku Ali & Hassan Scott P Odierno

Kuala Lumpur: CERT Publications Sdn Bhd., 2008

xiv. 251p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789834371012 (HB)

\$ 90.00

The takaful industry has emerged as an important component of the financial system. The takaful business has been successfully integrated with the other components of the Islamic financial system and is seen as a new emerging sector with products as competitive as the

ones offered by conventional insurance. The conducive environment through the provision of a sound legal, regulatory and Shari'ah framework will continue to facilitate further the development and growth of the takaful industry towards greater heights.

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An Introduction to Islamic Economics & Finance / Sheikh Ghazali Sheikh Abod, Syed Omar Syed Agil & Aidit Hj Ghazali (Eds.)  
Kuala Lumpur: CERT Publications Sdn Bhd., 2008  
xix. 513p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834278502  
\$ 40.00 (PB)  
\$ 75.00 (HB)

An introduction to Islamic Economics & Finance is a collection of essays on Finance and its related disciplines from an Islamic perspective. This book is the first of its kind, in the sense that it provides the reader with a comprehensive exposition and critical evaluation of issues surrounding the western mode of financing and its Islamic alternative. It also elaborates on the various approaches towards the Islamization of the financial system, which currently occupies the mind of the policy-makers and the masses in Malaysia. Concomitantly, steps have been taken in this direction. Thus, this collection of essays will no doubt play the role of a handbook for easy reference to laymen and those who are interested in the subject.

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Diplomacy: Theory & Practice in Islam / Wang Yong Bao (Ahmed Musa)  
Kuala Lumpur: International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM Press), 2009  
Xxiv, 243p.  
Includes Index  
ISBN-13: 9789833855971  
\$ 25.00

This book tries to elaborate on Islamic theories of diplomacy according to the practices and patterns set by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his Companions. The theories include: the universal characteristics of Islam and the meaning and principles of diplomacy in Islam. A special attention is given to jihad and the peaceful relations towards others. It is affirmed that the central theme in the Islamic external relations is PEACE. The book discusses some important issues, such as the necessary characteristics of diplomats and their functions during times of war and peace. Moreover, it elaborates applying diplomatic ways and means, providing privileges and immunities, conducting negotiations and concluding treaties in the field of international relations. The book also deals with some important traditional concepts, like dhimmah, aman etc.

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**Sociology**

The Malays in Australia: Language, Culture, Religion / Asmah Haji Omar  
Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 2008  
xii. 139p,; 25cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834600808 (HB)  
1. Malays (Asian people) – Australia  
2. Malays (Asian people) – Australia – Social life and customs  
3. Minorities - Australia  
\$ 20.00

The Malays in Australia are those whose home countries are Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. They came to their adopted country with different purposes, and from different social backgrounds. The different social groups live in different communities, and members

of each group tend to be drawn to those with the same social background as themselves. From this aspect, national differences in terms of their countries of origin are not important.

Migrant Malays in other parts of the world may have the same aspirations as those in Australia in being loyal to their adopted country, not forgetting their heritage which is rooted in their homeland. But what makes this study of Malay migration to Australia interesting is the picture of different patterns of migration from the Malay world to mainland Australia and the Indian Ocean Territories. Such patterns are not found in Malay migration to other parts of the world.

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Occidentalism and Orientalism: Reflections of the East and the Perceptions of the West / Azizan Baharuddin & Faridah Noor Mohd Noor (Eds.)

Kuala Lumpur: Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, 2008

iii. 172p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789833070251

1. Orientalism – Southeast Asia
2. East and West
3. Southeast Asia – Civilization

\$ 15.00

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Muslims as Minorities: History and Social Realities of Muslims in Singapore / Kamaludeen Mohd Nasir & Syed Khairudin Aljunied

Selangor: Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 2009

129p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789679428599

1. Muslims – Singapore – History
2. Minorities – Singapore

\$ 12.00

**ID: 105437**

Muslim As Minorities develops three 'themes' in the study of Muslims in Singapore: the rise in the importance of the place of Islam and an increasingly uneasy relationship between Muslims and the secular state; an ambiguity whereby the secular state is itself not quite what it seems, assuming a religious character while Muslim elites also draw on the secular state of authority; and a mutually reinforcing set of institutionalized disciplines operating to suppress challenges to the ascendant official views on Islam in Singapore. Valuable new material on the relationship between Islamic religious elites and the state is provided in this book, complemented by a fairly original conceptualization of the elite power structure and composition in Singapore. The incorporation of popular films into the historical account of Muslim societies injects a greater sense of dynamism into the analysis of the 1950s and 1960s. The authors provide an incisive analysis of the controversy over the tudung in Singapore, especially in the post-September 11 period, and highlight the different political and ideological techniques by which the Muslim identity and the madrasah in Singapore have been institutionalized and/or suppressed.

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Music of the Chinese in Sabah : The Keyboard Culture / David Wong

Kota Kinabalu : Opus Publications, 2009

vii, 181p.

978-983-3987-07-8

\$ 29.00

This book makes an important contribution to studies on Chinese culture and inter-ethnic relations, education in general and musical training in particular, Christian missions, and modernisation.

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## **Women Studies**

Wanted: Equality and Justice in the Muslim Family / Zainah Anwar  
Selangor: Musawah an initiative of Sisters in Islam (SIS Forum Malaysia), 2009  
vi. 261p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789832622260

1. Muslim families – Legal status, laws, etc.
2. Women’s rights – Religious aspects – Islam
3. Domestic relations (Islamic law)
4. Marriage (Islamic law)

\$ 15.00

This unique collection of analytical papers contains the arguments supporting Musawah, the Global Movement for Equality and Justice in the Muslim Family. These resource materials look at why equality and justice are possible within an Islamic framework, and why they are necessary given the socio-economic realities of today’s Muslim societies.

The collection’s strength is that it brings together analysis from a remarkably broad range of disciplines to support rights-based reform of Muslim family laws and the protection of existing rights. These disciplines include: Qur’anic exegesis, fiqh or jurisprudence, socio-legal history and analysis, international human rights law, gender studies, political science, sociology and economics.

Although the contributions are from leading scholars and analysts in the field, the style is designed to be accessible to all who are concerned about the need for equality and justice in the Muslim family.

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