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Art

Young Love / Sean Lee (Ed) Zhuang Wubin
Singapore: Sean Lee (Self-Published), 2022
1v.
9789811846205
\$ 65.00 / HB
624gm.

Young Love is Sean Lee's second self published title. It contains portraits of young couples taken over a span of 6 years. Mostly taken in black and white film, the work speaks to the fleetingness of youth and the romance of teenage relationships. The work was shortlisted for the Hellerau Portrait Prize in Dresden in 2022. It was also selected by artists Mona Kuhn and Alejandro Cartegena for the LA billboard project.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849185>

Diard & Duvaucel: French Natural History Drawings of Singapore and Southeast Asia (1818-1820)
= Dessins D'Histoire Naturelle Francais de Singapour et D'Asie Du Sud-Est 1818-1820 / (Eds)
Francis Dorai & Martyn E. Y. Low (Translator) Andria Spring
Singapore: Embassy of France in Singapore & National Library Board, Singapore, 2021
188p.
Includes Index; Bibliographical References
English & French Languages
9789814984072
1. Natural history illustration – Singapore.
2. Natural history illustration – Southeast Asia.
\$ 80.00 / HB
1422gm.

In the 1800s, two French naturalists named Pierre-Médard Diard and Alfred Duvaucel travelled to Singapore and other parts of Southeast Asia to collect and study the local flora and fauna. Knowing that it was important to supplement the specimens they sent back to scientists in Europe with sketches, Diard and Duvaucel commissioned artists to create hundreds of drawings of animals and plants at each of the locations they visited. Today, the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris houses 120 of these drawings, and the entire collection has been digitised and transferred to Singapore's National Library for safekeeping. Diard & Duvaucel is an initiative between the Embassy of France in Singapore and the National Library to celebrate the deep ties between France and Singapore, as well as the regional biodiversity. The stunning illustrations are accompanied by essays and captions written by curators and scientists.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849186>

The Modern In Southeast Asian Art, Volume I & II: A Reader / (Eds) T.K. Sabapathy & Patrick Flores

Singapore: National Gallery Singapore & NTU Centre for Contemporary Art Singapore, 2023
2v.

9789811406645(Set); 9789811868115 (I); 9789811868122 (II)

\$ 150.00 (Set) / PB

2782gm.

Who spoke of the modern in Southeast Asia? When and where was the modern written? How was it written? How was it received? This collection brings together nearly 300 texts that were originally published between the late 19th to late 20th centuries, selected by a group of scholars as responses to questions such as these. The texts were produced chiefly in various locations in the region, by artists, critics, historians and curators in 13 languages, many of which had never before been translated into the English language. Years in the making, this publication is the first to present such breadth and depth of art writing in the region of Southeast Asia, and will be a valuable resource to students, teachers and scholars of Southeast Asian studies and art history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849188>

The Mountain Survey / Marvin Tang

Singapore: THEBOOKSHOW, 2022

140P.; 185x246mm.

9789811841088

\$ 75.00 / PB

340gm.

An investigation of mountainous landscapes observed at various nature reserves in Singapore. Once a vital source of granite during the building boom in the 1970s, these mountains have since ceased their function and taken on a new identity.

These "mountains" across Singapore stand as historic testaments and witnesses in the shifts of national agenda. Charting its transformation from material resource to man-made phenomenon; redirecting its surveyor's gaze from the urban reality to a temporary dream.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849191>

Science of the Secondary – An Atlas of the Everyday, No. 12: Bin

Singapore: Atelier HOKO, 2020

60p. ; 175x250mm. ; Saddle Stitched ; Photography & Illustrations in Full Colour

9789811821264

Science of the Secondary Series

\$ 25.00 / PB

112gm.

"To remove their rubbish, human beings have long since relied on the bin: they fill it up with all sorts of garbage and when it is more or less full and the stench becomes unbearable, one unfortunate individual will have the dreaded task of emptying it. It is curious, however, that in parts of the world untouched by man, bins are neither seen nor heard of and before our minds start conjuring scenes of animals burning their own garbage every night, a better explanation would be that the concept of rubbish simply does not exist in nature and therefore...no bin!"

Science of the Secondary: Bin is the twelfth edition in the series of ongoing research conceived and developed by Atelier HOKO.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849193>

Science of the Secondary – An Atlas of the Everyday, No. 13 : Rubbish
Science of the Secondary Series
Singapore: Atelier HOKO, 2022
48p. ; 175x250mm. ; Saddle Stitched ; Photography & Illustrations in Full Colour
9789811821271
\$ 25.00 / PB
90gm.

“It is true that the pleasures of consumption have always been accompanied by the burdens of rubbish. This can be considered a modern problem facing human beings today. Rubbish is integral and almost inseparable from the basic functions of our everyday. From the moment we reach out for a piece of tissue to the yearly ritual of unwrapping gifts, we produce rubbish so effortlessly (and sometimes unknowingly) Yet, neither its near-infinite variety of forms nor its ambiguous definition reflect the near-universal approaches we have all adapted towards the handling of rubbish...”
Science of the Secondary: Rubbish is the thirteenth edition in the series of ongoing research conceived and developed by Atelier HOKO

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849205>

Unspoken Words: A Collection of Photographs and Words / Rayman
Singapore: Rayman Productions, 2022
1v.
9789811842542
\$ 50.00 / HB
384gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849207>

Art in Context: Learning From the Field | Conversations with and between Art and Cultural Practitioners / Rika Aki (et al.) (Eds) Herman Bashiron Mendolicchio & Susanne Bosch
Munich, Germany: Goethe-Institut e.V., 2017
240p. ; 22x14cm.
9783945048245
\$ 25.00 / PB
564gm.

This publication introduces 21 passionate statements from practitioners in the field of participatory art from Myanmar, Japan, Germany, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Hong Kong and China. Their contributions help to define a complex practice, that takes many forms and is called by many names, but is united by a spirit of giving, receiving and reciprocating in art-making.

Mirroring the essence of the exchange within this practice, the structure of this publication is based on dialogue. The idea of peer-to-peer conversations was kindled during our initial encounters in the field, the understanding we gained about each other’s practices and the desire to eventually learn more from each other.

The diversity and messiness of the fieldwork is part of the field, and here, that experience is expressed in the original voices of the practitioners.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849209>

Through their Eyes [Peace Centre] / Lim Zeharn and Lim Zeherng
Singapore: Zeharn&Zeherng, 2023
Edition of 60
218p. ; 14.8x21cm. ; Comb bound
9789811862144
\$ 75.00 / PB

356gm.

Through their Eyes [Peace Centre] is an archival of various promotional faces found in the soon-to-be-demolished Peace Centre and their corresponding points of view. Presented as diptychs, the two-part photographic series engages viewers in a perspective-taking exercise, oscillating between first- and third-person to uncover a curious contradiction.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849211>

Street Report No. 1 – Public Bins: Singapore / Atelier HOKO

Street Report Publications Series

Singapore: Temporary Press, 2022

144p. ; 12.6×17.6cm. ; ill. colour.

9789811841361

\$ 35.00 / PB

138gm.

Atelier HOKO's encounters with public bins reveal how unexpected or "improper" use or interactions, no matter how minor, are rich areas for study and observation, sometimes humorously so. This well describes the role of a street reporter, to make sense of phenomena on the streets and find delight and meaning in doing so. We hope readers will go on their own note-taking discoveries whenever they are on the way to dispose rubbish.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849214>

Street Report No. 2 – Hooks and Holes: Sungei Road Thieves Market, Singapore / Atelier HOKO

(Reported) Faiz Bin Zohri

Singapore: Temporary Press, 2022

Edition of 1000

80p. ; 12.6×17.6cm. ; ill. colour.

9789811841378

\$ 35.00 / PB

76gm.

This investigation by Faiz Bin Zohri in the Street Report publication series looks at the Sungei Road Thieves Market in Singapore, a place where an informal and fluid network of market vendors come together to sell an array of second-hand items. This work attempts to capture the vibrant spirit of the market by focusing on a very specific area of interest—the "system" of hooks and holes found on the road surfaces where the market sits, one that both enables and governs the setup, organisation, and functioning of market stalls, which in turn affects the behaviours and interactions between vendors and customers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849215>

Aesthetics Aside? : Observations on Design in the Everyday / Justin Zhuang

Singapore: In Plain Words, 2022

236p. ; 18cm×11cm.

9789811842849

\$ 35.00 / PB

184gm.

From riding escalators in a city to chart its ascent to visiting a factory that manufactures plastic chairs used everywhere, this collection of 30 essays chronicle Justin Zhuang's decade-long search for design in the everyday. Each offers a journey beyond the stylish "designer" world, on to the designed graphics, environments and objects that we encounter daily.

The essays cover four themes, including the nature of design, the histories of anonymous objects, as well as design and urban development in Singapore.

Design never looked so ordinary, and extraordinary.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849217>

Deep Field Cinema (By Inter-Mission for Hothouse) / Cécile Chagnaud (et al.)

Singapore: Hothouse, 2021

1v. ; 105x148x30mm.

9789811818974

\$ 55.00 / PB

262gm.

Deep Field Cinema (2021) is a three-day online screening and collaboration by Hothouse with Interdisciplinary Art Festival Tokyo (IAFT) that looks into the present and future conditions of image-making and image-discovering. It investigates where media and technology can take us, particularly in the current global situation of remote working, living and surviving, as well as digitally connecting with each other across geo-political and socio-political spectrums. The publication further serves as an omnibus of the conversations and works generated by past collaborators with Hothouse.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849219>

In Suspension / Alexander Koch (et al.)

Singapore: Hothouse, 2022

494p. ; 105x148x35mm.

9789811843457

\$ 65.00 / PB

302gm.

In Suspension is a three-day virtual symposium broadcast organised by Hothouse and streamed live on its website, from 21–23 January 2022. IN SUSPENSION switches between keynote lectures, panel discussions, performances, and screenings, documented within this post-event publication. The symposium dwells on suspended spaces of delay, viewing them as potentially transformative, seeking to uncover signs of vitality, persistence, and adaptable living conditions within the arts. Interested in notions of the 'arts ecology', each day focuses on conditions that affect artistic practice on multiple levels—as part of a family, as an individual, and living within a community.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849221>

Striking! Advertising Matches from Singapore / Justin Zhuang & Gideon Kong

Singapore: In Plain Words & Temporary Press (for the Singapore Graphic Archives), 2020

400p. ; 11x7.5cm.

9789811843983

\$ 50.00 / PB

168gm.

Stylish buildings, trendy logos, sexy figures, exotic cultures, modern forms, flamboyant fonts and more — explore Yeo Hong Eng's "lit" collection of vintage advertising that fits on a palm!

With its rectangular and pocket-friendly form, matchboxes plastered with advertisements once offered an affordable and portable means of marketing. This collection of over 350 covers from Singapore—each reproduced true to size—captures the city-state's colourful modernisation during the 1970s to 1990s. An accompanying essay on the history of matchbox production in Singapore along with seven curated themes reveals the many meanings and cultures emblazoned on each design.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849222>

Biography / Memoirs

Can I Love? / Oh BoonKeng
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2022
184p.
9789811824883
\$ 20.00 / PB
230gm.

Oh Boon Keng was born with muscular dystrophy – a genetic disease that causes his muscles to weaken over time. Despite his disability, he wants to lead as ‘normal’ a life as he can. He did not want to be seen as ‘special’ just because of his disability. He only wanted to get good grades, get a good job, make many friends, fall in love, get married... simply be ordinary.

While he is perfectly able to love someone emotionally, several questions bug him: “What physical intimacy and long-term commitment can I offer? Is it just enough to love someone with all my heart, and only my heart, without the physical and practical aspects of a relationship? Will I become a burden to my partner instead?”

In penning *Can I Love?* Boon Keng shares his journey to find love. And he hopes that it will open the reader’s heart and mind to the matter of love for persons with disabilities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849224>

Doyenne: Voice, Not an Echo, Volume 2 / (Ed) Sandra Kingsly (et al.)
Singapore: LISHA Women’s Wing, 2022
206p.
9789811860201
\$ 90.00 / HB
1148gm.

Volume 2 is an interesting compilation of the stories of 45 women across diverse industries and backgrounds, who have managed to make their mark. Women who have graciously accepting life for what it offers, of finding new meaning and re-scripting their destinies, the spirited battles they fought with themselves and the world outside for a cause or a dream they believed in, and such others – the indomitable spirit of these feisty women shines brightly.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=840743>

Children Books

Exploring Southeast Asia with Anita Magsaysay-Ho: One of Them / Eva Wong Nava & Jeffrey Say (Illustrator) Quek Hong Shin
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022
30p.
9789814954358
Exploring Southeast Asia with... Series
\$ 19.99/ PB
54gm.

Discover the wonders of Southeast Asia through Art.

Exploring Southeast Asia with Anita Magsaysay-Ho focuses on the Filipina artist who was part of a group of artists known as the Thirteen Moderns in the Philippines. She was the only woman in the

group. Magsaysay-Ho is a Social Realist painter who documented the life and culture of the Philippines in the early 20th century. Through her art, the story will take readers through the history of the Philippines and how women formed a large part of the labour force. The story invites young readers to examine the life of a female artist, the constraints as well as the liberty of being the only woman in a group of renowned male artists.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849225>

Exploring Southeast Asia with Affandi: The Humanist Artist / Eva Wong Nava & Jeffrey Say
(Illustrator) Quek Hong Shin

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022

36p.

9789814954389

Exploring Southeast Asia with... Series

\$ 19.99/ PB

60gm.

Discover the wonders of Southeast Asia through Art.

Exploring Southeast Asia with Affandi focuses on the artist who transformed art in Indonesia. Affandi is one of Indonesia's most famous painters. He was born in- Indonesia during a time when people thought that art had to be beautiful and traditional. Through the study of Affandi's work, readers will come to realise that Affandi is a painter with a unique method—he painted with his fingers instead of a brush. This method of painting created a new art style that is unique only to Affandi. In his strokes consisting of swirls and whirls, readers will be able to see why he is an artist with a human touch and the father of modern Indonesian art. Readers will also see how a trip to India inspired Affandi to paint from his heart. They will understand that an artist's journey often takes him away from their home where they observe life and nature that eventually become part of their body of work.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849226>

Exploring Southeast Asia with Chuah Thean Teng: Father of Batik Painting / Eva Wong Nava & Jeffrey Say (Illustrator) Quek Hong Shin

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022

32p.

9789814954372

Exploring Southeast Asia with... Series

\$ 19.99/ PB

54gm.

Discover the wonders of Southeast Asia through Art.

Exploring Southeast Asia with Chuah Thean Teng takes the reader through the Malaysian batik painter's life in Penang, Malaysia, where Chuah opened a batik factory following WWII. Focusing on his life after the closure of his batik factory, we see how Chuah persevered to make art with batik, becoming the father of batik painting. Through Chuah's paintings, readers will learn about the importance of batik in Malaysia's art world as well as the techniques of batik and batik painting. Chuah's artworks were featured in UNESCO's greeting cards in 1989. Readers will also get a glimpse of a Malaysian kampung and a Malaysian way of life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849227>

Exploring Southeast Asia with Liu Kang: Master of Colour / Eva Wong Nava & Jeffrey Say
(Illustrator) Quek Hong Shin

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022

32p.

9789814954365

Exploring Southeast Asia with... Series
\$ 19.99/ PB
52gm.

Discover the wonders of Southeast Asia through Art. Exploring Southeast Asia with Liu Kang is an exploration of a segment of Singapore's history through Liu Kang's seminal work, *Life By The River*. The story takes readers through a slice of Liu Kang's life in Singapore before the founding of the Nanyang style, an art movement that has become embedded in the art history of Singapore. Readers will see how Liu Kang struggled to find artistic inspiration in Malaya and how a trip to Bali changed his mind and perception of home. Weaved into the story is that of Singapore seen through the lens of the artist. Children will learn about life in pre-independence Singapore, its landscape, and people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849228>

Comics/Graphic Novel

Mao: The Red Dragon Rises: A Graphic Novel / Joe Yeoh
Singapore: Joe Yeoh (Self-Published), 2023
204p.
9789811862953
\$ 60.00 / PB
774gm.

The Captivating story of Mao Zedong and his peasant army, and their epic struggle to unite China under the Communist Flag. They embarked on the perilous 9500km "long March", To escape total annihilation by the Kuomintang. They survived against all odds, and finally defeated the Kuomintang and restored sovereignty, dignity and pride to a beleaguered Chinese nation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842147>

Ecology/Environmental Science

Cities and Climate Challenges in Southeast Asia, Volume 1 / (Eds) Melinda Martinus, Qiu Jiahui & Sharon Seah
Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023
xii, 204p.
Includes Index
9789815011715

1. Climate change mitigation – Southeast Asia.
2. Cities and towns – Southeast Asia.
3. Urban ecology (Sociology) – Southeast Asia.

\$ 29.90 / PB
278gm.

The Climate Change in Southeast Asia Workshop and Compendium Series is a platform to facilitate and promote research on climate-related issues in the Southeast Asian region. Organized by the Climate Change in Southeast Asia Programme at the ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, the objective of this platform is to facilitate knowledge exchange and share best practices to deepen understanding of the complex and multidimensional nature of climate change. This inaugural publication sheds

light on varied and contextual experiences of Southeast Asian urban communities in addressing climate challenges and scenarios for future policy making.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849229>

Economics/Development Studies

Infrastructure and the Remaking of Asia / (Eds) Max Hirsh & Till Mostowlansky
Honolulu, Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press, 2023
x, 254p. ; 32 b&w illustrations
9780824892920

1. Infrastructure (Economics) – Technological innovations – Asia.
2. Infrastructure (Economics) – Social aspects – Asia.
3. Infrastructure (Economics) – Political aspects – Asia.

\$ 28.00 / PB
416gm.

In the twenty-first century, infrastructure has undergone a seismic shift from West to East. Once concentrated in Europe and North America, global infrastructure production today is focused squarely on Asia. Infrastructure and the Remaking of Asia investigates the deeper implications of that pivot to the East. Written by leading international infrastructure experts, it demonstrates how new roads, airports, pipelines, and cables are changing Asian economies, societies, and geopolitics—from the Bosphorus to Beijing, and from Indonesia to the Arctic. Ten tightly interwoven case studies powerfully illustrate infrastructure's leading role in three global paradigm shifts: climate change, digitalization, and China's emergence as a superpower.

Combining social science methods with mapping techniques from the design professions, Infrastructure and the Remaking of Asia establishes a dialogue between academic research on infrastructure and the professional insights of those responsible for infrastructure's planning, production, and operation. By applying that mixed method to transport, energy, telecommunication, and resource extraction projects across Asia, the book synthesizes research on infrastructure from six academic fields, while making those insights accessible to a wider audience of students, professionals, and the general public.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=843674>

Jakarta: The City of a Thousand Dimensions / Abidin Kusno
Singapore: NUS Press, 2023
xvi, 264p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789813252264

1. Urbanization – Indonesia – Jakarta.
2. Construction industry – Indonesia – Jakarta.
3. City planning – Indonesia – Jakarta.

\$ 26.00 / PB
404gm.

A study of the forces that shaped Jakarta into the city it is today. Indonesian writer Seno Gumira Ajidarma has called Jakarta a city of a thousand dimensions. A megacity of 30 million under threat from rising sea levels and temperatures, Jakarta and its resilient residents improvise and thrive. This book teases out some of the dimensions that have given shape to contemporary Jakarta, including the city's expanded flexibility in accommodating capital and labor, and the consistent lack of planning that can be understood as a result of both politics and the poetics of governing in the region. Jakarta is essential reading for those seeking to understand one of Asia's most dynamic cities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849230>

Transforming Borneo: From Land Exploitation to Sustainable Development / Goh Chun Sheng & Lesley Potter

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

xx, 360p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789815011647

\$ 42.00 / PB

480gm.

“There is an energizing boldness in this synthesis: the right big-picture questions aligning all the way down to the right complexities on the ground, and across the diverse territories that comprise contemporary Borneo. A manifesto for the kinds of cross-sectoral and applied research that can make the difference to the future of Borneo.” - Cynthia Ong, Chief Executive Facilitator, Forever Sabah

“A surgical and timely compendium on the transformation of Borneo’s forests and land use with clear regional implications. If you care about the future of conservation in this part of the world, you will find all the key ingredients here for its salvation.” - Gopalasamy Reuben Clements, Professor at Sunway University, Co-founder of Nature-Based Solutions

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849231>

Stability, Growth and Sustainability: Catalysts for Socio-economic Development in Brunei

Darussalam / (Eds) Aris Ananta. Chang-Yau Hoon & Mahani Hamdan

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

xviii, 350p.

9789815011685

1. Brunei – Economic conditions.

2. Brunei – Social conditions.

\$ 38.00 / PB

460gm.

As in many other oil and gas dependent countries, Brunei Darussalam—a country with a small population but the second highest income per capita in Southeast Asia—has been diversifying its economy in three sectors: from oil and gas to other sectors of export/economic growth; from the dominance of public sector employment to a more balanced public and private sectors employment; and from heavy dependence on foreign labours to development of local talents. This book examines the current socio-economic development in the journey toward a diversified social economy, as targeted in Brunei Vision 2035. By examining the unique context of Brunei, this book fills in the gap on studies focusing on socio-economic diversification. It highlights the importance of the environment, digital technology and human capital in the diversification process. The book culminates with analyses on business, economy, employment and welfare in Brunei toward 2035, with new a face: a digitalized, sustainable and self-reliant society with a highly developed human capital and a flourishing private sector.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849232>

The EU’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): Implications for ASEAN-EU Relations / Melinda Martinus & Kanin Laopirun

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

40p.

Includes Bibliographical References

ISSN: 0219-3212 ; 9789815104011

Trends in Southeast Asia, Issue No. 1, 2023

1. Carbon taxes – European Union countries.
2. European Union countries – Commerce – Southeast Asia.
3. Southeast Asia – Commerce – European Union countries.
4. Climatic changes – Government policy.

\$ 12.00 / PB

78gm.

There is a growing policy trend that in addressing climate change, various trade measures must be implemented to enhance the sustainable practices of global stakeholders.

As a response to level up the playing field of global trade partners in enhancing sustainability, the EU recently introduced the European Union (EU) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which will impose a carbon price on certain imports, namely, electricity, aluminium, cement, iron and steel, and fertilizer, to the EU.

The EU CBAM may, however, cause trade disputes among World Trade Organization (WTO) members.

EU and ASEAN trade relations are currently on an upswing trajectory, and there are therefore some risks involved in implementing the EU CBAM in the ASEAN region.

At the same time, despite the perceived adverse effects, there is room for improvement in communicating EU CBAM implementation in ASEAN.

The EU should introduce more calibrated approaches to implementing the EU CBAM in ASEAN, particularly considering the political and strategic risks, economic development and capacity, and climate ambitions of individual ASEAN countries.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849233>

Can Malaysia Eliminate Forced Labour by 2030? / Lee Hwok-Aun & Adrian Pereira

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

56p.

Includes Bibliographical References

ISSN: 0219-3212 ; 9789815104059

Trends in Southeast Asia, Issue No. 2, 2023

1. Foreign workers - Malaysia.
2. Forced labor – Government policy – Malaysia.

\$ 12.00 / PB

102gm.

Forced labour, encompassing various types of coercive practices and rights violations, is an entrenched problem in Malaysia. Recent years have seen more decisive and concerted efforts to resolve the problem and repair Malaysia's damaged reputation, but the country's forced labour woes escalated amid COVID-19, with exposés and trade embargoes in 2020–21.

Most consequentially, the US has imposed withhold release orders (WROs) on major rubber glove manufacturers and palm oil producers. For two consecutive years, 2021–22, Malaysia has occupied the lowest Tier 3 in the US Trafficking in Persons report. In November 2021, the country's National Action Plan on Forced Labour (NAPFL), formulated through tripartite engagements with the participation of the International Labour Organization, was launched, with the third National Action Plan on Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP 3.0) operating in tandem.

The NAPFL outlines strategies and integrated measures for eventually eliminating forced labour by 2030, which requires systemic solutions commensurate with the magnitude of underlying problems. Forced labour has persisted despite the official termination of labour outsourcing and increased intergovernmental bilateral initiatives to better manage foreign worker flows.

Continual challenges in the labour supply industry and the administrative system, including the problematic overlapping powers of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Human Resources,

complicate the creation and implementation of a more just, effective and accountable migrant worker system.

Government-to-government (G2) agreements, through Memorandum of Understanding, have become the established platform, but are marred by inconsistency and lack of transparency. The new government of Malaysia will need to address deep-seated issues and confront vested interests, domestically and in the labour source countries, to realize the aspiration of eliminating forced labour by 2030.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849234>

The Indonesia National Survey Project 2022: Engaging with Developments in the Political, Economic and Social Spheres / Burhanuddin Muhtadi, Hui Yew-Foong & Siwage Dharma Negara
Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

72p.

Includes Bibliographical References

ISSN: 0219-3212 ; 9789815104097

Trends in Southeast Asia, Issue No. 3, 2023

1. Indonesia – Politics and government – Public opinion.
2. Indonesia – Economics conditions – Public opinion.
3. Indonesia – Social conditions – Public opinion.

\$ 12.00 / PB

130gm.

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute has commissioned a second nationwide survey in Indonesia as a follow-up to the first similar project in 2017 called the Indonesia National Survey Project (INSP). Its broad aim is to enhance understanding of political, economic, and social developments in Indonesia. Its key findings are as follows:

- The approval rating of President Joko Widodo hovers around 71.8 per cent, at least before the September 2022 announcement on the fuel subsidy cut. His major infrastructure push as his flagship development programme still garners the most positive assessment. However, poverty, unemployment and cost of living remain key flashpoints that the government should be concerned with.
- While respondents are generally aware of the plan to relocate the national capital and are more likely to agree rather than disagree with it, most have reservations about its urgency and the financial burden that such an undertaking implies... etc.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849235>

GVC Reconfiguration : Risks and Opportunities for ASEAN Members / Sithanoxay Suvannaphakdy & Pham Thi Phuong Thao

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

84p.

Includes Bibliographical References

ISSN: 0219-3212 ; 9789815104110

Trends in Southeast Asia, Issue No. 4, 2023

1. Business logistics – Southeast Asia.
2. Southeast Asia - Commerce.

\$ 12.00 / PB

148gm.

The COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical tensions and US-China trade disputes, and the Russia-Ukraine war have increased the risk of global value chain (GVC) disruptions and forced firms to strengthen resilience in their supply chains and operations.

MNCs have diversified suppliers, established new production sites, and shifted production closer to consumers. ASEAN countries are becoming increasingly attractive destinations for foreign investors.

This paper gauges the position of ASEAN in GVCs and assesses the risks and opportunities of GVC reconfiguration for ASEAN countries. ASEAN countries are increasing their participation in GVCs and raising domestic value-added. The relocation of production sites from China to ASEAN countries could enhance their participation in GVCs. Should MNCs increase the concentration of supplier and buyer markets, ASEAN countries could become more vulnerable to external shocks.

In addition, this paper assesses the risk of thirty-five sectors of GVCs in ASEAN countries using value-added trade data from ADB's multi-region input-output tables (MRIO).

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines and Thailand face significant risks of both supplier and buyer market concentrations. The remaining ASEAN countries face the risk of either supplier market concentration or buyer market concentration.

Any restrictions on the use of intermediate inputs from the US or China to manufacture goods in ASEAN can cause substantial disruption to ASEAN GVCs. The upstream and downstream GVCs in ASEAN countries are dominated by the US, China and Japan.

Extraregional trade integration could be enhanced by linking key suppliers and buyers in China, the US, and Japan to producers in ASEAN countries.

Trade policy measures to strengthen ASEAN GVCs should focus on a faster release of perishable goods and intermediate inputs at border checkpoints, accelerating the cross-border paperless trade reforms, promoting the utilization of rules of origins under RCEP, streamlining non-tariff measures, and digitalizing ASEAN GVCs.

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History

Hinghwa: The History and Stories of the Hinghwa People / Jason Ong

Singapore: Singapore Puxian (Hinghwa) Network, 2022

168p.

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\$ 85.00 / PB

846gm.

The Hinghwa clan in Singapore used to have their vibrant activities centred around their enclave in and around the Sungei Road and Weld Road area. However, since the resettlement of the enclave, the once-vibrant people and their exciting cultural festivals seem to have vanished. The aim of this book is to address the issue before an interesting culture and a dynamic people disappear completely.

The book is divided into five parts. Part One discusses the origin of the Chinese, taking us through Chinese civilisation and the relevant dynasties. Part Two discusses the origin of the Hinghwa people, taking us through the highs and lows of the Hinghwa in ancient China. Part Three discusses the diaspora and renaissance of the Hinghwa people in the Nanyang and how they triumphed over many adversities. Part Four tells the stories of the pioneers and entrepreneurs. Finally, Part Five covers the culture, cuisine, and attractions of Puxian.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=841851>

The Straits Philosophical Society and Colonial Elites in Malaya: Selected Papers on Race, Identity and Social Order 1893-1915 / (Eds) Lim Teck Ghee & Charles Brophy
Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

xii, 464p.
Includes Index
9789815011333

1. Great Britain – Colonies.
2. Malaya – Social conditions – 20th century.
3. Malaya – History – British rule, 1867-1942.

\$ 55.00 / PB
580gm.

Founded in Singapore in 1893, the Straits Philosophical Society was a society for the “critical discussion of questions in Philosophy, History, Theology, Literature, Science and Art”. Its membership was restricted to graduates of British and European universities, fellows of British or European learned societies and those with “distinguished merit in the opinion of the Society in any branch of knowledge”. Its closed-door meetings were an important gathering place for the educated elite of the colony, comprising colonial civil servants, soldiers, missionaries, businessmen, as well as prominent Straits Chinese members. Notable members included the botanist Henry Ridley, the missionary W.G. Shellabear and Straits Chinese reformers like Lim Boon Keng and Tan Teck Soon.

Throughout its years of operation, the Society left behind a collection of papers presented by its members, the vast majority of which conformed to the Society’s founding rule that its geographical position should influence its work. This produced a large corpus of literature on colonial Malaya which provides important insights into the logic and dynamics of colonial thought in the period before the First World War. In reproducing a collection of these papers this volume highlights the role of the Society in the development of ideas of race, Malayness, colonial modernization, urban government and debates over the political and socio-economic future of the colony.

By republishing these papers, The Straits Philosophical Society & Colonial Elites in Malaya seeks to contribute to the intellectual history of colonial and post-colonial Malaysia and Singapore, and to expand our understanding of the ways in which colonial thought has shaped governing systems of the past and present.

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From Insurgent to Citizen: World War, Insurgency, and Confrontation in Malaya and Singapore /
Thomas Chow Swee Leong (Hor Leong)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2023
xxii, 170p.

Includes Index
9789811272943

1. Malaya – History – Japanese occupation, 1942-1945.
2. Malaya – History – Malayan Emergency, 1948-1960.

\$ 26.00 / PB
288gm.

This is a first-person account of an overseas Chinese who was involved in the armed struggle for the independence of Malaya and Singapore and who evolved through several roles during those tumultuous times — from an anti-Japanese agent in World War II, to a communist guerrilla leader during the Emergency and subsequently to a citizen who worked for the Special Branch to defend the nation during Confrontation.

The book also offers an in-depth first-person account of the history, operational methodology, struggles and ultimate failure of the Malayan Communist Party in the armed struggle and provides an in-depth analysis from a direct participant of those events. It describes the zeitgeist of the time amongst overseas Chinese in Malaya and Singapore — in the prelude to and the aftermath of World War II and the subsequent struggle of independence in a world where they had hitherto been second-class residents. Due to the inherent secrecy of the clandestine Malayan Communist Party,

many of the events described in the book were not previously known; events that the protagonist in his old age now wishes to record for posterity.

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Law

COVID-19 and International Business and Economic Law : China and a Changing World / (Eds) Kun Fan & Charlie Xiao-Chuan Weng

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2023

xvi, 274p.

Includes Index

Commercial Law in Asia Series

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498gm.

In addition to severe implications for people's health and public healthcare services, the COVID-19 pandemic brought enormous challenges and uncertainties to global economies and the administration of justice. In response, the Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre hosted the CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop in the form of a series of virtual panel sessions in June 2020. The conference was dedicated to researching urgent issues in the realm of international business and economic law field with the theme "COVID-19 and International Economic Law: China and a Changing World". This volume comprises a selection of papers presented at this conference.

Corporate law is critical in allowing businesses to respond quickly to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Competition law and policy are also critical in ensuring that, moving forward, markets remain vibrant globally and in individual jurisdictions. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have a lasting effect on investment law and policy-making. It may also lead to an increased demand for mediation and the greater use of technology in international arbitration.

The book informs readers about the impact of COVID-19 on international business and economic law in China and in a changing world, with a particular focus on its impact on competition law and corporate law, foreign investment and dispute resolution.

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Beyond Prison: Alternative Sentencing in Singapore / Senthilkumaran Sabapathy

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2021

xxx, 266p.

Includes Index

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462gm.

Beyond Prison Alternative Sentencing in Singapore The increasing importance of alternative sentences – referring to criminal punishments other than imprisonment and fines – has been one of the key themes of Singapore's criminal justice system over the last decade. The alternative sentencing options in Singapore include: (a) community-based sanctions (such as probation and community sentences) which serve to punish and rehabilitate the offender in the community; and (b) reformatory training, which is a custodial sentence focused on the structured rehabilitation of young offenders. This book analyses why and when alternative sentences should be utilised, drawing from fundamental sentencing theory and the legal principles developed by the Singapore courts. It also explores recent legislative developments and the latest case law on Singapore's alternative sentencing options – including their specific application to young offenders and

offenders with mental disorders. The book concludes by looking ahead to possible future developments in this significant, but often overlooked, area of criminal practice.

As the first book dedicated to alternative sentences in Singapore, this publication will be of value to any individual with an interest in criminal justice and sentencing, including students, legal practitioners, sentencing judges and anyone looking to enhance their understanding of Singapore's criminal justice system.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849242>

Pursuing Justice and Justice Alone: The Heart and Humanity of Andrew Phang's Jurisprudence / (Ed) Goh Yihan

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2022

xii, 484p.

Includes Index

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Pursuing Justice and Justice Alone was commissioned by The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, and the book was edited by Judicial Commissioner Goh Yihan. The authors were specially commissioned to contribute essays honouring Justice Andrew Phang's contributions to the Singapore legal system in general and, of particular note, his contributions to local jurisprudence over the course of 18 years on the Bench. Each of the individual contributors are themselves experts in their field of law.

This book is a tribute to the exceptional legacy Justice Andrew Phang leaves behind. It is a book that will inspire all aspiring jurists, while it is a record of memories of the phenomenal work done by Justice Andrew Phang. It is an excellent and engaging read for those who want a glimpse into the heart and humanity of Justice Phang's jurisprudence.

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Meantime Issue No. 2: Ghost Stories / Pang Xue Qiang (et al.)

Singapore: Meantime Magazine, 2020

160p. ; 24cm x 17cm

\$ 50.00 / PB

380gm.

There is something to learn from our darkness. Confronting our ghosts need not always be a scary thing. Explore Singapore history through the lens of ghost stories: on the tragedies, mysteries, and secrets we carry.

In this issue:

- A theme park brims with strange statues.
- A radio DJ turns listeners' horror stories into self-made podcasts.
- A ghost hunter pursues the truth about supernatural existence.
- A popular island paradise belies its lesser-known history... etc.

The magazine's cover changes hue due to heat – from your hands, the room, and climate – revealing photographs underneath the layer. Pages are hand-torn, and no two copies are truly identical.

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Literature

The Snow in Kuala Lumpur / Daryl Lim

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2023
x, 258p.
9789815058840
\$ 26.90 / PB
356gm.

Malaysia in the 1960s. A newly independent nation, full of early promise. On the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, young Ah Tat dreams of a life beyond the kampong. Earnest, bookish and a little naïve, he sees his path clearly: he will study hard at the Methodist school, enter university and one day become a man of consequence. It is his duty to guide his wayward cousin, the darkly charismatic KC, on a similar path to success. But when KC's fascination with the local triads results in his sudden disappearance, Ah Tat is left with nothing but questions and regrets. Years later, the estranged cousins are reunited in a much-changed country. Ah Tat, now a successful engineer and future captain of industry, discovers KC has become a powerful underworld figure. Vowing to haul his cousin back from the moral abyss, he is instead drawn into an escalating rivalry with KC as the two men vie for wealth, status, influence and the love of the enigmatic June Teh. But could a bizarre weather event stay the inevitable reckoning? *The Snow in Kuala Lumpur* is a tale of two men-fierce adversaries who ought to have been brothers-and two peoples, the Malays and Chinese, who forged a new nation while walking the thin line between kinship and a destructive rivalry.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849245>

The Last Great Love Song / Paul Callan
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2023
viii, 272p.
9789815058871
\$ 25.90 / PB
366gm.

Northern Malaya, 1825. Princess Toh has been left in charge of the palace while her brother is away fighting, but her violent husband is causing trouble in her court. Meanwhile, Aashif, who was trekking through the jungle, stumbles upon a girl who has been brutally assaulted and left to die. Back at the palace, the traumatised young man decides to escape and seek freedom; together with Princess Toh's maid, he sets out on a perilous journey. Distraught at this news, Toh pledges to do anything she can to bring the runaways home – even if that means resorting to help from the magical spirits that guard the kingdom. And all the while, a murderer is on the loose... The Last Great Love Song is a magical tale of secrets and lies, a bewitching story that will convince the reader of the power of love – and magic.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849246>

The Mandarin Rose / Aishwariyaa Ramakanthan
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2023
x, 226p.
9789815058857
\$ 22.90 / PB
260gm.

Set in Singapore, this is a tale about Rose, her relentless pursuit of success and money and the price that she pays for it. The enormous wealth that she accumulates loses its meaning for her when disillusionment with her failed marriages and guilt about her own perceived failure as a parent torment her. She eventually gains wisdom and peace through two unlikely women, connected to her past.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849247>

Red Earth: Poems / Esther Vincent Xueming
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2021
98p
9781736820902
\$ 20.00 / PB
136gm.

Red Earth is an ecofeminist poetry collection offering meditations on place and the making of home amid the ever-increasing racket of society. It embodies a new planetary politics of making kin with plants, animals, the elements, and landscapes to find hope and healing in a time of state-sanctioned violence against the land and by proxy, its peoples. It is an ecofeminist act of solidarity with marginalized others and an artifact of social and environmental activism.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849248>

Hold the Line: (An Essay on Poetry) between France and Singapore / Pierre Vinclair
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2020

104p.
9789811482830
\$ 25.00/ PB
142gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849249>

Burning Walls for Paper Spirits / Ann Ang (Illustrator) Chelsea Sia
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2021

68p.
9789811823121
\$ 14.00 / PB
104gm.

Book Details:

In an era of Marie Kondo and de-cluttering, the objects that we live with are the precious few that spark joy. Burning Walls for Paper Spirits is a collection about how everyday objects become invested with soul, and how we have in turn become thing-like amidst the mechanics of everyday living. While androids dream about electric sheep, we are electric sheep dreaming life into androids. We are trees who know ourselves only as paper, folded and burned. With whimsical meditations on why walls are like skin and why the rain in Singapore is capitalist, Ann Ang's debut collection refreshes the edges of sentience dulled by an age of hot takes and commodification.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=781329>

Some Dreams From Now: 135 Years of Rafflesian Writing / (Ed) Theophilus Kwek
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd & Raffles Institution (RI), 2023

xxx, 146p.
9789811854330

1. Singapore – Literary collections.
2. Raffles Institution (Singapore) – Literary collections.

\$ 32.00 / PB
208gm.

Lim Boon Keng. David Marshall. Chandran Nair. Ho Poh Fun.

Some Dreams From Now presents 70 defining pieces of writing from the Raffles Institution archives—many brought into the public eye for the first time—that trace the contours of Singapore's history. From youthful dreams of a freer and more peaceful society, to emerging voices

that shaped the aspirations of a new nation, they tell the untold story of a school and its community at the heart of a changing city.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849250>

Music

Traditional Music in Contemporary Singapore / Michelle Loh & Lum Yan Sing
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2020

336p.

9789811437786

1. Chinese – Singapore – Music.
2. Instrumental music – Singapore.
3. Orchestral music – Singapore.

\$ 40.00 / PB

382gm.

Traditional Chinese Music in Contemporary Singapore is a collection of essays written by 12 esteemed contributors who are greatly involved in building up and contributing to traditional Chinese music in Singapore.

Ranging from musicians to lecturers and conductors, these essays present various perspectives and incisive insights into this particular sphere of music, and are both a useful entry point for the curious reader, as well as valuable companions to experienced enthusiasts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849251>

Official Publications

Labour Force in Singapore 2022

Singapore: Manpower Research and Statistics Department, Ministry of Manpower, 2023
2022 Edition

1v.

\$ 80.00 / PB

230gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844699>

APEC Economic Policy Report 2022: Structural Reform and a Green Recovery from Economic Shocks / APEC

Singapore: APEC Economic Committee, 2022

1v.

ISSN: 0218-9763

\$ 120.00 / PB

300gm.

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Performing Arts

Drama Box 30 Keywords / (Ed) Quah Sy Ren

Singapore: Drama Box Ltd & Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2022

320p.

9789811819179

\$ 55.00 / PB
840gm.

Drama Box 30 Keywords illustrates the history of Drama Box through keywords. The intention is to understand Drama Box and Singapore theatre and society in a more focused way based on these themes. In the process, the definition of the keywords in their various social and cultural contexts can be used to discuss Drama Box's performances and activities. Perhaps more meaningful is that, conversely, the creative, groundbreaking theatre and social practice of Drama Box, positioned within the relevant era for a historicised examination, add new meaning to the keywords or expand their established categories.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849253>

Politics/Current Affairs

Timor-Leste: From Conflict to Reconciliation, Democracy, and Regional Integration / Jose Ramos-Horta

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2023
40p.

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3. ASEAN.

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The Singapore Lecture is one of the intellectual highlights of Singapore. It provides an opportunity for distinguished statesmen and leaders to reach a wider audience in Singapore. The presence of such eminent personalities will allow members of the civil service, business community, diplomatic corps, academic community, media, and other interested parties, the opportunity to hear from leading world figures speak on topics of international and regional interest.

The 45th Singapore Lecture was delivered by His Excellency José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, on 8 December 2022, under the distinguished Chairmanship of Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844675>

Tides of Insecurity: Vietnam and the Growing Challenge from Non-traditional Maritime Threats / Phan Xuan Dung & To Minh Son

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023
48p.

Includes Bibliographical References

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Trends in Southeast Asia, Issue No. 5, 2023

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2. Human security - Vietnam.
3. Territorial waters – Vietnam.

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While the South China Sea dispute remains Vietnam's top security concern, the country also confronts a variety of growing non-traditional threats, such as illegal fishing, maritime violence, smuggling, ecological degradation and climate change.

These issues adversely affect Vietnam's external relations, socio-economic development, marine ecosystems and political stability, while engendering and exacerbating regional tensions.

In response, at the national level, Vietnam has focused on building a blue economy and strengthening its law enforcement capacity.

At the international level, Vietnam has participated in a variety of bilateral and multilateral cooperative mechanisms. However, these efforts have been impeded by internal and external factors, such as corruption, inadequate capacity and lack of budget, as well as ASEAN's institutional limitations and sovereignty sensitivities.

To better confront these multifaceted maritime issues, Vietnam will need to (1) formulate a comprehensive national strategy for maritime security; (2) streamline the overlapping responsibilities of maritime security agencies; (3) enhance its maritime domain awareness; (4) ensure proper policy and investment to improve climate resilience and coastal development; and (5) optimize its approach to multilateralism.

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Rhizome vs Regime: Southeast Asia's Digitally Mediated Youth Movements /
Yatun Sastramidjaja

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2023

36p.

Includes Bibliographical References

Trends in Southeast Asia, Issue No. 6, 2023

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1. Youth movements – Southeast Asia.
2. Cyberspace – Southeast Asia.
3. Southeast Asia – Politics and government – 20th century.

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72gm.

In Indonesia, Thailand and Myanmar, democratic regression and the reconsolidation of authoritarian regimes have triggered the rise of social media-driven protest movements. These are pioneered by a new generation of activist youth, distinguishing themselves from previous student and youth movements by the digitally mediated, decentralized and diverse nature of their protest.

While experimenting with digitally mediated repertoires of action adopted and adapted from similar struggles elsewhere, these protesters forge transnational links that give rise to new protest assemblages across and beyond the region. This is exemplified by the social media-based #MilkTeaAlliance, in which the distinct protests in Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and other countries are conjoined through extended solidarity and affinity ties in a common "generational" struggle against entrenched authoritarianism. The youth resistance in Hong Kong was instrumental in driving this trend.

Like a "rhizome" (Deleuze and Guattari 1987), these movements are characterized by connectivity, heterogeneity, multiplicity and "unbreakable" expansion. This allows for a fluid participation of various activist and non-activist groups (such as K-poppers) and the inclusion of various issues and demands in the protest, which merge into the cause of fighting systemic injustice. It also heightens the movements' viability and resilience to repression.

However, besides physical repression, protesters in all three countries face the added challenge of new modes of cyber-repression. The combined effect of repressive cyber laws, intrusive cyber surveillance and aggressive cyber troops took its toll on the protest movements' capacities for online agitation and mobilization, thus contributing to the movements' silencing and suppression.

Yet, the resistance did not die out, as activists dodge cyber-repression and make creative uses of digital media and technologies to cultivate their resistance online, at the grassroots level, or in the cultural sphere.

Meanwhile, as long as authorities remain repressive and tone-deaf to this generation's criticism and concerns, the gulf between them looks set to widen. The longer-term implication is that this generation will remain alienated and continue to express their struggle in novel and unpredictable ways.

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Sociology

Chickpeas to Cook and Other Stories / Nilanjana Sengupta
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022
xvi, 172p.
9789815017038
\$ 21.90 / PB
184gm.

Chickpeas to Cook is the story of the woman of the tribe, women from some of the smallest of communities, often no more than a few hundred families in Singapore. How do these women live, think, breathe? What does the Dawoodi Bohra woman answer, for instance, when she's asked if her daughter will don the *ridah* after marriage? When does the Sikh woman decide it's time to come out of her brother's shadow and live for herself? What does the Eurasian woman do when her DNA report arrives and it doesn't quite tally with what her parents told her? What does the Zoroastrian woman tell the author about bridges and confluences while she helps her navigate a difficult period of introspection?

Yes, it's a world of dwindling walls, a veritable house of mirrors where reflections bounce off each other into infinitude, yet each appears more familiar than the last. It's about ordinary women living ordinary lives, taking ordinary decisions, made extraordinary only by the love, empathy and fortitude they invest in it. But beware! For under the haunting haze lies magic – a woman's communion with herself, with the truths of the universe. And when the individual stories are sown together, it transforms yet again, into a connected journey of intimate understanding.

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Weaving Between Light and Shadows, Said and Unsaid / Hun Ming Kwang
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022
xx, 252p.
Includes Bibliography
9789815058260
Series: Threading Worlds: Conversations on Mental Health
\$ 22.90 / PB
296gm.

Weaving Between Light and Shadows, Said and Unsaid talks about mental health being an invisible force—we cannot see or touch it, but we certainly can feel it within us. It sometimes catches us off-guard, and we wonder why we feel the way we do, or what, where, in our environment, can we encounter these frictions or triggers to our mental health? The author speaks with individuals from different personal and professional backgrounds in Singapore to learn how their environment shapes their mental and emotional well-being. They each bring a unique perspective on how our external circumstances shape our internal experiences, and shed light on the unexpected and less known areas of mental health.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849258>

Not Without Us: Perspectives on Disability and Inclusion in Singapore / (Ed) Kuansong Victor, Zhuang (et al.)

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2023

404p. ; 150x220mm.

9789811830709

1. People with disabilities – Singapore.
2. People with disabilities – Singapore – Social conditions.
3. People with disabilities – Services for – Singapore.
4. People with disabilities and the arts – Singapore.
5. Mass media and people with disabilities – Singapore.

\$ 35.00 / PB

490gm.

Disability is all around us—among people we meet, the media, sports, our own family and friends. Undeniably, all of us have or will one day come to experience or encounter disability. But how can we reckon with the realities of those who live with disability, or its reality in our own lives? In a city-state slowly moving towards inclusion, how do those meant to be 'included' feel about such efforts? *Not Without Us: Perspectives on Disability and Inclusion in Singapore* is a groundbreaking collection of essays that takes a creative and critical disability studies approach to centre disability, and rethink the ways in which we research, analyse, think and know about disability in our lives. Across multiple domains and perspectives, the writings in this volume consider what it means to live with disability in a purportedly inclusive and accessible Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846387>
