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Teaching for Tolerance in Muslim Majority Societies / Recep Kaymakcan  
& Oddbjorn Leirvik (Editors)  
Suleymaniye, Istanbul: Centre for Values Education (DEM) Press, 2007  
284p. ; 21cm.  
ISBN-13: 9759786324981  
\$ 30.00

The present book is based on a workshop held in Istanbul in November 2005 under the title <sup>3</sup>Learning about the other and teaching for tolerance In Muslim majority societies<sup>2</sup>. It conveys critical analyses and Innovative visions for tolerance education in school, focusing particularly on the role that religious and ethical education, social studies and history teaching can play in fostering tolerance and promoting inclusive notions of citizenship.

In the book, one will find examples of how scholars and educators From Muslim majority countries (joined by two Western European scholars) see the special challenges that these societies face when trying to rethink the way in which religion, history and civics are taught in school. The chapters focus particularly on challenges and recent developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Lebanon, Nigeria, Palestine and Turkey.

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- Diary of a Taxi Driver: True Stories from Singapore's Most Educated Cabdriver / Cai Mingjie, PhD  
Singapore: Aktive Learning, 2010  
viii. 184p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789810850203  
1. Cai, Mingjie, 1953- - Blogs  
2. Taxicab drivers - Singapore - Blogs  
3. Taxicab drivers - Singapore - Diaries  
\$ 15.00

When Dr. Cai Mingjie, a lifelong scientist and university professor, Lost his job at a leading research institute in Singapore, his world Collapsed around him. Despite having published numerous papers and a Stanford PhD, he could not find a suitable job. Disheartened by the global financial crisis, he became a taxi driver, the Singaporean job of last resort.

While driving a cab he jotted downnotes about his experiences and Posted them on his blog, quickly becoming an internet celebrity with close to one million pageviews so far.

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Singapore's Borderlands: Tourism, Migration and Anxieties of Mobility

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Johan A. Lindquist

Singapore: NUS Press, 2010

viii. 193p. ; 23cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971694760

1. Migrant labor - Indonesia - Batam Island
2. Woman migrant labor - Indonesia - Batam Island
3. Marginality, Social - Indonesia - Batam Island
4. Globalization - Economic aspects - Indonesia - Batam Island
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\$ 28.00

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The Binding Tie: Chinese Intergenerational Relations in Modern

Singapore /

Kristina Goransson

Singapore: NUS Press, 2010

x. 191p. ; 23cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971694814

1. Intergenerational relations - Singapore
2. Chinese - Singapore - Social conditions

\$ 28.00

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Embracing Hope: Chronicles of Blood Stem Cell Transplants

Singapore: Grey Cells Series, 2010

An imprint under SingHealth Academy, Singapore Health Services Pte Ltd &

Singapore General Hospital Pte Ltd

224p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810851064

1. Hematopoietic stem cells - Transplantation - Patients - Singapore
2. Hematopoietic stem cells - Transplantation - Patients - Care - Singapore
3. Hematopoietic stem cells - Transplantation - Patients - Family relationships - Singapore

\$ 16.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=117904>

Determinants of Anomie - A Cross-National Study / Ruohui Zhao  
Beijing: People's Publishing House, 2009  
207p. ; 21cm.  
ISBN-13: 9787010082400  
\$ 5.00  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119827>

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iChina: The Rise of the Individual in Modern Chinese Society / Mette  
Halskov  
Hansen & Rune Svarverud (Edited)  
Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2010  
xx. 275p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9788776940539  
1. Social change - China  
2. Individualism - China  
3. China - Social conditions - 2000  
NIAS - Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Studies in Asian Topics,  
no. 45  
\$ 28.50  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=118659>

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Celebrity in China / Louise Edwards & Elaine Jeffreys (Edited)  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2010  
xi. 286p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789622090880  
\$ 25.00

Celebrity is a pervasive aspect of everyday life and a growing field  
Of academic inquiry. While there is now a substantial body of literature  
On celebrity culture in Australia, Europe and the Americas, this is the  
First book-length exploration of celebrity in China. It examines how  
International norms of celebrity production interact with those operating in China.  
The book comprises case studies from popular culture (film, music, dance,  
literature, internet), official culture (military, political, and  
moral exemplars) and business celebrities. This breadth provides readers  
with insights into the ways capitalism and communism converge in the  
elevation of particular individuals to fame in contemporary China. The book also  
points to areas where Chinese conceptions of fame and celebrity are unique.

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Curriculum, Schooling and Society in Hong Kong / Paul Morris and Bob  
Adamson  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2010  
xvi. 212p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888028023  
\$ 20.00  
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Marathon in Hong Kong: Challenges and Health / Ben Fong & Jonathan  
Heung On  
Wai (Edited)  
Shatin, Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2010  
xxi. 321p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789629964306  
\$ 25.00

The essays in this collection cover topics relating to the history of  
marathon running in Hong Kong and Asia, what role gender difference  
plays in marathon sport performance, and the experience of organizing the race  
in Hong Kong. Concluding sections offer useful advice to runners on the  
proper way to prevent and treat injuries and the best ways to prepare for  
long-distance running. Contributors are chosen from a range of universities  
and are leading scholars, practitioners, and experts on sport.  
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Culture and Humanity in the New Millennium: The Future of Human  
Values /  
Kwok Siu Tong & Chan Sin-wai (Edited)  
Shatin, Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2002  
x. 191p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789629960230  
\$ 22.00

The last millennium saw rapid change, spreading globalization and  
Shifting populations. These have posed moral, ethical and social dilemmas that  
Have challenged the very foundations of our beliefs and radically changed  
our way of life.

In this volume, some of the world's greatest thinkers in philosophy,  
music, religion, and the arts, share their insights on the future shape of  
human civilization. How can old cultural legacies fit new contexts? Can  
there be a universal set of values alongside unique local characteristics? Are  
literature and music still relevant in a world where technology is  
dominant? By discussing these important issues in an interdisciplinary  
framework, these scholars have provided a possible blueprint for our new society.

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Frames of Anime: Culture and Image-Building / Tze-Yue G. Hu  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2010  
xiii. 228p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789622090989  
\$ 25.00

Japanese anime has long fascinated the world, and its mythical heroes  
And dazzling colors increasingly influence popular culture genres in the  
West. Tze-yue G. Hu analyzes the <sup>3</sup>language-medium<sup>2</sup> of this remarkable  
Expressive platform and its many socio-cultural dimensions from a distinctly

Asian frame of reference, tracing its layers of concentric radiation from Japan throughout Asia. Her work, rooted in archival investigations, Interviews with animators and producers in Japan as well as other Asian animation studios, and interdisciplinary research in linguistics and performance theory, shows how dialectical aspects of anime are linked to Japan's unique experience of modernity and its cultural associations in Asia, including its reliance on low-wage outsourcing. Her study also provides English readers with insights on numerous Japanese secondary sources, as well as a number of original illustrations offered by animators and producers she interviewed.

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SOCIAL COHESION IN GREATER CHINA: Challenges for Social Policy and Governance / Ka Ho Mok & Yeun-Wen Ku  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2010  
396p.  
ISBN: 9789814291927  
Series on Contemporary China - Vol. 23  
\$ 105.00

This book critically examines the issues and challenges of social development faced by societies in Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, with particular reference to the major strategies these societies adopt to promote social cohesion and civil harmony in the context of globalization. It focuses on people who have been socially marginalized by the Asian financial crisis in 1997, and examines the measures Greater China has adopted to balance economic growth with social development. The book will be of interest to readers who wish to know more about societies in Mainland China, and the effects of globalization.

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Independent Migration of Children in Ghana / John K. Anarfi & Stephen O. Kwankye  
Ghana: Sundel Services, 2009  
vi. 318p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-10: 9964750757  
\$ 35.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119979>

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Religion and Social Change in West Africa: An Introduction to the Sociology of Religion / Max Assimeng  
2nd Edition  
Accra, Ghana: Woeli Publishing Services, 2010  
x. 291p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789988626938

\$ 35.00

This book examines the field and focus of the Sociology of Religion. With West Africa as the empirical base, the book provides examples of Theories and substantive content of religion. It aids academic, specialist and intelligent laypersons to understand and appreciate how religion is intertwined with social, economic and cultural life.

This second edition provides detailed discussion of topics such as secularization in West Africa, political use of Islam, the functions and dysfunctions of religious sects and cults, and the motivations for founding sects and cults.

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Contemporary Social Problems in Ghana / Steve Tonah (Edited)

Ghana: Research and Publication Unit, 2009

x. 256p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789988844479

\$ 25.00

This book is a collection of articles written by scholars and Development practitioners from varied academic backgrounds and professional training. The contributors include sociologists, educationists, anthropologists, gender and social advocates and a lawyer. The introductory chapter provides a sound theoretical background on the analysis of social problems in general as well as an empirical research work that analyzes the major social problems identified by rural and urban residents in Ghana. The rest of the book examines in detail some of the Ghana's major social problems including issues of equity in the provision of education, <sup>3</sup>witches camps<sup>2</sup> and the culture of human rights, ethnic conflicts and attempts at peace making, streetism and the management of urban space, child sexual defilement, elaborate funeral celebrations, widowhood rites, the development of a culture of human rights, the challenge of aging and farmer-herder conflicts.

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HIV /AIDS Is Real Book 1 / Dr. Johnson Wright (MD)

Ghana: (s.n.)

26p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-10: 998801788X

\$ 5.00

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Environmental Health Watch and Disaster Monitoring in the Greater Accra

Metropolitan Area (GAMA), 2005 / Jacob Songso, J.S. Nabila et al  
Accra, Ghana: Ghana University Press, 2009

xii. 71p. ; 30cm.

ISBN-13: 9789964303686  
\$ 18.00

As the world becomes more urban, disasters, both natural and man-made, are increasing both in their frequency and catastrophic impact on humankind especially in large urban agglomerations in developing countries and especially in their shanty towns located in marginal lands and also near industrial plants. This study builds on the 2005 publication title State of Environmental Health Report of the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area 2001.

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Providing Basic Healthcare for All in Ghana  
Ghana: Institute for Democratic Governance, 2007  
24p. ; 30cm.

A Discussion Guide for Citizens<sup>1</sup> Forum  
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Ghana Police Affairs: Reflections / Sam Jones Afari  
Accra, Ghana : Napasvil Ventures, 2004

98p. ;  
ISBN 9988022700

\$ 8.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119989>

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Fighting armed robbery in Ghana / Ken A. Attafuah  
Accra, Ghana : Justice & Human Rights Institute, 2008

332p. ;  
ISBN 9789988111657

\$ 32.00

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An Introduction to the Study of PROBLEMS IN SOCIETY for Tertiary  
Students in

Nigeria / Issah Hassan Tikumah

Kaduna State, Nigeria: The Ahmadu Bello University Press Limited, 2009

vii. 123p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-10: 9781252154

\$ 15.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119749>

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Elements of Social Studies for Nigerian Colleges and Universities /  
Issah H.  
Tikumah  
Kaduna State, Nigeria: The Ahmadu Bello University Press Limited, 2009  
vii. 56p. ; 21cm.  
ISBN-10: 9781252073  
\$ 12.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119750>

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Africa and African Diaspora Relations: Challenges, Opportunities and  
Prospects / Professor Tunde Babawale  
Ibadan: Malthouse Press Limited, 2008  
54p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789780232524  
CBAAC Occasional Monograph No. 10  
\$ 10.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119752>

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Choose your Mother Right and Live: An Inaugural Lecture delivered at  
The University of Ibadan on Thursday, 11th March, 2010 / Kikelomo O.  
Osinusi Nigeria: Ibadan University Press, 2010  
32p. ; 21cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789788414094  
\$ 7.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119753>

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Continuity and Change in Nigeria's Fertility Regime: An Inaugural  
Lecture delivered at the University of Ibadan on Thursday, 6th May, 2010 /  
Uche Isiugo-Abanihe  
Nigeria: Ibadan University Press, 2010  
43p. ; 21cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789788414148  
\$ 7.00

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Educational Wisdom / Emmanuel Ayotunde Yoloye  
Ibadan, Nigeria: Mosuro Publishers, 2009  
xiii. 241p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789784841245  
1. Yoloye, E A  
2. Education - Nigeria  
\$ 25.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119755>



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African Education in the EFA Decade / Pai Obanya  
Ibadan, Nigeria: Mosuro Publishers, 2007  
x. 369p. ; 21cm.  
ISBN-10: 9780768548  
\$ 30.00

This book, as in the tradition of his recent publication: The Dilemma Of Education in Africa, 1999/2004; Revitalizing Education in Africa 2002 And Educating for the knowledge Economy, 2004 dwell poignantly on the future of education in Africa. It is a compendium of practical tips and ideas highlighting Africa's struggle to join the world's education elite through the pursuit of EFA (Education for All). It is presented and addressed to an African audience by an educational scholar with distinctive personal perspective and in-depth knowledge of education in the continent.

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Sodom and Nigeria: A Correlation between Two Sinful Nations / Dave Wodu  
Lagos: Kinxgrafix, 2009  
vi. 102p. ; 20cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789789042326  
\$ 15.00

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Contemporary Issues in Education and Behavioural Challenges to Educational Development / Obiamaka V. Opara Ph. D  
Enugu, Nigeria: Our Saviour Printing Press Ltd., 2008  
x. 238p. ; 25cm.  
ISBN-10: 9782166804  
\$ 22.00

This is a book that will find a valuable place and compelling use in educational development. It is also one that can be read for profit and pleasure by anyone interested in educational development.

The book traces the history of formal education in Nigeria pointing out the weaknesses of Western education as practiced in Nigeria during the pre-colonial, colonial and post-independence era. Such topical issues as Education for All, The Millennium Development Goals, Education Reforms, Gender Inequality in Education, Behavioural Challenges Facing Education and many other issues on Nigerian and African Education are also covered.

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