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Nagorik Uddyog, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2016

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Jatiya Sahitya Prakash, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2016

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Articles, chiefly on political issues of Bangladesh.

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Eti Prokashon, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2017

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Environmental Defence Society Incorporated 2018

304p

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The post-1945 migration to the cities by Maori transformed Aotearoa New Zealand forever. Exploring whatbeing Maori means today, bestselling author Bradford Haami looks back to the experience of the first migrants, and traces the development of an urban Maori identity overthe interceding years. Numerous photos and personal korero intersperse a very readable text.

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Back from the Brink:

PTSD :The Human Cost of Military Service / Bill Blaikie (Lieutenant Colonel William Blaikie, MNZM)

Environmental Defence Society Incorporated 2017

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250 gm.

"Shall I shoot?"... "No don't shoot"... I'm going to shoot"... "Don't shoot!" Rapid fire yelling within the confines of a vehicle stuck in the middle of stalled traffic, facing an unknown person wearing a full burqa peering into the car. Inches away from the driver's face, a large hand pressed against the window. "We didn't know if they were male or female or what was about to happen, but we were absolutely sure that if we shot this person, the crowd, including the armed policemen nearby, would turn on us and there'd be no escape." In 2004, Lieutenant Colonel William Blaikie shipped out to Afghanistan, to head up a form dedicated to William Blaikie shipped out to Afghanistan, to head up a team dedicated to rebuilding the country after the war. As part of the New Zealand Defence Force, his skills lay in intelligence and communications - his mission was to form a team, develop and implement plans to work with USA and Coalition partners to help get Afghanistan back on its feet. Bill experienced situations that were beyond tense, often facing life and death situations and decision making that required deep and quick thinking, based on not always having enough information at hand. On his return home to New Zealand, his journey through coping with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder began, and the nightmares were not limited to sleep time. Everything has remained at life and death levels for Bill, and this book details how he and his wife Nancy have worked through suicide attempts, getting help, and finding answers to what is an epidemic level challenge for military personnel everywhere. "No amount of training can prepare you for what happens in your head after the uniforms are off and the guns are packed away."

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Vietnam National Sovereignty over HOANG SA and TRUONG SA Archipelagoes in Vietnam's and Overseas Documents / Assoc. Prof. Dr. Truong Minh Duc

Information and Communications Publishing House, Hanoi, Vietnam 2017

320p.; photo.; 24cm.

9786048023928

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600 gm.

1.National sovereignty

2.Truong Sa archipelago 3.Hoang Sa archipelago

4.Viet Nam

Viet Nam has more than 3,000 coastal islands and two offshore archipelagoes, namely Hoang Sa archipelago and Truong Sa archipelago. The closest point of

namely Hoang Sa archipelago and Truong Sa archipelago. The closest point of Hoang Sa archipelago is 120 nautical miles from the east of Quang Ngai. Meanwhile, the closest point of Truong Sa archipelago is about 250 nautical miles to the east of Cam Ranh Bay, Nha Trang city, Khanh Hoa province. These two archipelagoes are the inseparable part of Viet Nam's territory. The State of Viet Nam has already exercised the sovereignty over the two archipelagoes for hundred of years. The sovereignty of Viet Nam over Hoang Sa and Truong Sa archipelagoes is in full accordance with international law and supported by numerous legal and historical evidences.

With a view to helping the readers have a better understanding of the process of establishing and exercising Viet Nam's sovereignty over these two archipelagoes, the National Political Publishing House publishes "Viet Nam's Sovereignty over Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagoes.

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Social Investment: A New Zealand Policy Experiment / (Eds) Jonathan Boston &

Environmental Defence Society Incorporated 2017

448p. 9781988533582 \$ 75.00 / HB

The idea of social investment has obvious intuitive appeal. But is it robust? Is it built on sound philosophical principles and secure analytical foundations? Will it deliver better outcomes?

For almost a decade, the idea of social investment has been a major focus of New Zealand policy-making and policy debate. The broad aim has been to address serious social problems and improve long-term fiscal outcomes by drawing on big data and deploying various analytical techniques to enable more evidence-informed policy interventions.

But recent approaches to social investment have been controversial. In late 2017, the new Labour-New Zealand First government announced a review of the previous government's policies. As ideas about social investment evolve, this book brings together leading academics, commentators and policy analysts from the public and private sectors to answer three big questions:

How should social investment be defined and conceptualized?

How should it be put into practice?

In what policy domains can it be most productively applied?

As governments in New Zealand and abroad continue to explore how best to tackle major social problems, this book is essential for people seeking to understand social policy in the twenty-first century.

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The Moro Armed Struggle in the Philippines : The Nonviolent Autonomy Alternative / Macapado Abaton Muslim

The Office of the President and College of Public Affairs, Mindanao State University, Philippines 2017

xx, 194p.

Includes Index; Selected Bibliography

9789715480345

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1.Muslims - Philippines

2.Muslims – Philippines – Politics and government

3.Philippines – History – Autonomy and independency movements

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Nursing Indonesia's Sovereignty in Papua: Revitalization of Sovereignty and Non-Intervention Principles in the UN Charter / Nico Gere (Ed) Akhmad Kusaeni (Prologue) Prof. Hikmahanto Juwana

Antara Publishing (Perum LKBN Antara), Indonesia 2016

xxxiv, 316p.

Includes Index; Bibliographical refs.

9789798387357

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400 gm.

- •Local government -- Indonesia -- Papua.
- •Central-local government relations -- Indonesia -- Papua.
- •Papua (Indonesia) -- Politics and government.
- •Papua (Indonesia) -- History.

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A Celebration of Democracy : A Journalistic Portrayal of Indonesia's 2004 Direct Elections Amongst Moderate and Hardline Muslims / Asrori S. Karni (Foreword) Abdurrahman Wahid (et al.)

Era Media Informasi, Jakarta 2006

xxxiv, 327p.; 14.5 x 20.5cm.

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Indonesia has become an international example of the compatibility of Islam and democracy. The country's majority Muslims enthusiastically participated in the process in their pesantren, or Islamic boarding shools, tarekat and other religious organizations, as if they were celebrating an Islamic festival. This book captures Indonesia's democratic, stories and portraits from the field to reveal the complex interactions between the spirit of Islam, political participations and notions of religious tolerance.

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Insight : Essays on Islam and Public Affairs / Bahtiar Effendy (Introduced) R. William Liddle

PT Penjuru Ilmu Sejati, Indonesia 2017

xx, 238p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

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- •Islam -- Social aspects -- Indonesia.
- •Islam and politics -- Indonesia.
- •Islam and state -- Indonesia.

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The Quest for Federal Republic : The PDP Laban Model of Philippine Federalism 1.0 / Jonathan E. Malaya (Ed)

PDP Laban Federalism Institute, Manila, Philippines 2017 326p.

\$ 30.00 / null

650 gm.

The book entitled "The Quest for a Federal Republic: The PDP-Laban Model of Philippine Federalism 1.0" contains articles, which discuss the shift to a federal system of government, a semi-presidential system of governance, the antipolitical dynasty provisions, and the reforms in the political party system. It also contains the proposed constitution of the ruling party, PDP-Laban.

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The ASEAN Drama: Half a Century and Still Unfolding / Sayeeda Bano (et al.) (Ed) Edna E.A. Co & Carlos C. Tabunda, Jr.

University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies & Development Academy of the Philippines, Philippines 2017

xi, 208p.

9789717421148

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The ASEAN Drama: Half a Century and Still Unfolding reflects a diversity in thinking about ASEAN, its character, the issues the regional association faces, as well as the many dilemmas it encounters. The book is a forthright scrutiny of ASEAN by academics and diplomatic practitioners. The chapters examine various dimensions of ASEAN, namely: economic performance using a particular methodology to gauge such performance of the member-countries; civil society engagement with ASEAN; the political power relations and dynamics with ASEAN; the so-called regional identity as a "caring and sharing community;" the ASEAN bureaucracy and secretariat; and the characterization and dilemmas of ASEAN as a regional association.

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Negritude As The Recovery of Indigenous African Political Leadership : Beyond Ethiopian-Nationalism and Ethinicity : The Case of Gadaa Oromo Political Philosophy / Yoseph Mulugeta Baba

Yoseph Mulugeta Baba, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2017 88p.

\$ 15.00 / null 150 gm.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334167

The Roles of Civil Society in Conflict Management and Peace Building in Eastern and Southern Africa / Kassahun Berhanu & Donald P. Chimanikire (Eds)
Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Ethiopia 2017

xiv, 326p. 9789994455997 \$ 45.00 / null 750 gm.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334168

Cultures of Democracy in Ethiopia: From theory to Lived Experiences / Sonja John, Dagnachew Assefa, Busha Taa (Ed)

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Ethiopia, Addis Ababa , Ethiopia 2017 168p.

\$ 32.00 / null 400 gm.

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Electoral Systems in Turkey / Burak Cop Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayincilik Ticaret A.S., Turkey 2017 270p.; 13.5 x 21 cm. Includes Index; Bibliography 9786052380185 \$ 60.00 / null 300 gm.

Elections constitute the ultimate ground of struggle between competing political actors. The design of electoral systems, forits part, is as important as the elections themselves. In other words the rules of the game are as important as the game itself. This bookondecision-making in post1945 Turkish political history with a particular focus on electoral systems, contributes to the academic debate between RationalChoice Institutionalism and Historical Institutionalism over the determinants of institutional design. The main question of the book is 'what explains the electoral system choices in multi-party Turkey?' Readers are welcome to look inside for the answer.

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Debating Islamism, Modernity and the West in Turkey: The Role of Welfare (Refah) Party / Cengiz Dinc

Savas Kitap Yayinevi ve Dagitim, Ankara, Turkey 2018 xii, 308p. Includes Bibliography 9789754285987? \$ 40.00 / null 500 gm.

This study focuses on the Welfare Party elite's conceptualisation of modernity during the party's last 4-5 years before its closure in 1998. Since the party was the most important Islamist organisation in Turkey, it was at an important point of interaction between Islamism and modernity. The study tries to determine the significance of the WP discourse on key modernisation issues by answering such questions as how the WP elite conceptualised modernity; how this conceptualisation was formulated, constructed and what was modernity's relationship with the West in their view. It argues that, the WP elite had a distinct (Islamist) understanding of modernity which, despite its differences in its approach to some basic issues (e.g. secularism) overall remained within modernity by sharing most of its major characteristics. The WP elite, similar to many other Islamist movements, advocated a more Islamic (less secular and less Westernising) route to modernity; and they could not be considered as antimodernists.

The study contributes towards a better understanding of the critical role that a version of Islamism plays in Turkey's politics and process of modernisation and provides insights about the impact of Western modernity on the sizeable Islamist section. The study employs important concepts such as secularisation, nationalism, the modern state, economic development (science, technology, industrialisation), capitalism and democracy as important components of modernity. An analysis of the views of the WP elite with regard to these concepts and processes serves to better understanding the Islamist stance towards the particular path of modernisation in Turkey, modernity in general, and also the West.

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Erdoganophobia : Manufacturing Hate and Political Fear : A Case Study / Abdulkadir Ozkan

Kopernik Publishing House, Turkey 2018 252p. Includes Bibliography 9789752439368 \$ 42.00 / null

450 gm.

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is also known as Leader, Master, Sir, Conqueror of Davos, and World Leader while the opposition calls him the New Sultan and Dictator. Regardless of the angle, regardless of in which ideological frames it is analyzed, Erdoğan being the greatest success story after Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in the history of Turkish politics is an undebatable fact. Therefore, a history of politics written without taking Erdoğan into consideration from multiple angles would not make it possible to understand Turkey's critical democratization and transformation processes.

Erdoğan is an important politician who has been able to show the courage to challenge the status quo on a global scale. As much as he dared to break the idols of the established order in Turkey, he is a powerful politician who exclaimed to sovereign powers in the name of the oppressed, that "the world is bigger than five", who made the world accept that the New Turkey is now a noteworthy actor against oppression and oppressors. This study, while developing different angles in relation to Erdoğan's political career and characteristics, also tries to take a socio-political picture of Western based fear: Erdoganophobia.

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Politics Sans Policies and Principles & Other Essays : A Collection of Selected Writings (2011-2015) / Charitha Ratwatte (Ed) K.A.N. Perera

Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., Sri Lanka 2017

288p.

9789553109804 \$ 18.00 / null 330 gm. This book is an interesting collection of the writings of Charitha Ratwatte on topics ranging from politics and economics to education and even the nature of happiness. While the essays mostly have a Sri Lankan flavour, the author is well acquainted with many other parts of the world, such as China, Russia and the

Western Europe.

The book starts with a series of essays on politics, in which Ratwatte analyses the concept of democracy in some detail. It is hard to argue with his conclusion, which is repeated in relation to several different contexts, that democracy is only viable subject to a series of checks and balances. He stresses the importance of the rule of law and avoidance of nepotism, again views which are difficult to dispute. The range of examples and evidence from around the world to support his reasonable conclusions in this area is impressive.

The second section of the book is a collection of essays on economics. Once again, Ratwatte takes a moderate view with examples from a wide range of economies around the world, arguing that Sri Lanka has to adapt to globalised

norms to prosper.

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