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Buddhism, Culture and Society in Bhutan / Seriji Kumagai (Foreword) Her Majesty the Royal Queen Grand Mother of the Kingdom of Bhutan

Vajra Books, Kathmandu 2018

vii, 244p. ; 175 x 250 mm.

Includes Bibliography

9789937623940

\$ 35.00 / HB

650 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=349061>

Chinese Ways of Being Muslim; Negotiating Ethnicity and Religiosity in Indonesia / Hew Wai Weng

NIAS Press, Copenhagen, Denmark 2018

xxvi, 306p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9788776942113

\$ 28.00 / null

530 gm.

Many recent works on Muslim societies have pointed to the development of 'de-culturalization' and 'purification' of Islamic practices. Instead, by exploring architectural designs, preaching activities, cultural celebrations, social participations and everyday practices, this book describes and analyses the formation and contestation of Chinese Muslim cultural identities in today's Indonesia. Chinese Muslim leaders strategically promote their unique identities by rearticulating their histories and cultivating ties with Muslims in China. Yet, their intentional mixing of Chineseness and Islam does not reflect all aspects of the multilayered and multifaceted identities of ordinary Chinese Muslims – there is not a single 'Chinese way of being Muslim' in Indonesia. Moreover, the assertion of Chinese identity and Islamic religiosity does not necessarily imply racial segregation and religious exclusion, but can act against them.

The study thus helps us to understand better the cultural politics of Muslim and Chinese identities in Indonesia, and gives insights into the possibilities and limitations of ethnic and religious cosmopolitanism in contemporary societies.

1 map, 10 b&w illustrations

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=330421>

The changing face of museums? History, memory and representation in Vietnam / Pham Quang Minh, Nguyen Van Suu, Ien Ang, Gay Hawkins

Knowledge Publishing House, Vietnam 2016

270p. ; 16x24cm.

9786049433924

\$ 37.50 / null

400 gm.

The book gathered a total of 19 papers of both Vietnam domestic & foreign scholars & researchers covering the topic of Globalization, Modernity and Urban Change in Asian Cities. Here are some the most prominent ones from the book: 1 - Globalization, modernity and urban change in Asian Cities. By Nguyen Van Khanh. 2 - Engaged research for the 21st century: Navigating complexity. By Ien Ang. 3 - Urban change in global perspective: Principles for re-making our cities. By Paul James. 3 - Industrial development policy in rural Red River Delta: Growing land & employment inequalities. By Sylvie Fanchette. 4 - Low-income Malay women surviving urban change via social safety nets. By Suriati Ghazali. 5 - Religious places as places of modernity in the urban spaces of the ancient quarter of Hanoi. By Michael Dickhardt.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253756>

Creative Meditation : Journey in Finding the Roots / Eri Maryana (Translator)
ARMA's Team & Joerg Brandt (Foreword) Jean Couteau

Yayasan Pustaka Obor Indonesia, Indonesia 2017

Vii, 168p. ; 13,5x19,5cm.

9786024335403

\$ 25.00 / null

200 gm.

From the beginning Agung Rai was aware that reality is not slogan, and that slogan is not reality. Here is the place of in Bali with its highest awareness of uniqueness and the needs to preserve it. Also seeing Tri Hita Karana on trap of asphalt, concrete and kind of chemical poisons, but from twenty years ago, he made a tangible garden to meet Tri Hita Karana and it works: Nature, Sang Hyang Widhi and human made. Place where paintings made by maestro are shown, also gamelan (local instrument) is always heard while young dancers perform. It is the place where Bali is still Bali. Place where Agung Rai can also be gardener, painter and art collector also gate keeper to open the door to authentic Bali. (Jean Couteau)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334081>

Mining Ills : Poor Health and Inequities in the Philippines /

IBON Foundation, Inc., Philippines 2017

xiv, 130p. ; color illustrations ; 28 cm.

9789719941750

\$ 20.00 / null

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- Miners -- Health and hygiene -- Philippines.
- Mineral industries -- Health aspects -- Philippines.
- Equality -- Health aspects -- Philippines.
- Philippines -- Social policy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=336129>

Extractive Industry, Policy Innovations and Civil Society Movement in Southeast Asia : An Introduction / Amalinda Savirani, Hasrul Hanif & Poppy s. Winanti (Eds)

Polgov Publishing, Yogyakarta, Indonesia 2017

Xx, 208p. ; 14m,5x21cm.

9786026093332

\$ 22.00 / null

250 gm.

This book is intended to document various Asia Pacific Publish What You Pay (PWYP) advocacy network efforts towards enhancing transparency and accountability (among others) in Indonesia and neighbouring countries in Southeast Asia. Documenting and publishing these works is important for several reasons. First is the need to broaden alliances and thus increase the leverage of those demanding reform in Southeast Asia. Second is the need to facilitate dialogue among relevant stakeholders and crucial communities. Third is the need for capacity building so that local actors can critically engage and monitor the government and companies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334078>

Caste in Sri Lanka and intervention by the Left : The Story of Kamala Ratnaveli /
Kumari Jayawardena

Sanjiva Books, Sri Lanka 2017

vii, 68p.;

Includes Bibliography

9789553807007

\$ 12.00 / null

120 gm.

The yellow flower of the Suriya tree, depicted on the cover, was adopted by early leftists in Sri Lanka to raise money for pressing local needs, which they felt should have priority over poppy day collections introduced by the colonial power. Opposition to the caste system was spearheaded by the left movement, and the funds were used to educate a girl from the Rodi caste. This group was not merely the lowest in the Sinhala hierarchy, but was also regarded as something totally apart, to be shunned by the society. The leftists' intervention was frontal attack on the mindset that the Rodi were affected by some inborn characteristic that was immutable, making them forever 'outcasts'. The child, Kamala Ratnaveli, who lived in the home of Dr. S. A. and Doreen Wickramasinghe, was sent to English-Medium schools, and later qualified as a nurse and went to Britain. She worked in British hospitals, and stayed on, marrying a West Indian. In later life she revisited Sri Lanka with her daughter Melanie who developed a close attachment to her mother's homeland. This Monograph by Kumari Jayawardena who knew Kamala, places her life in the context of the struggle against caste prejudice.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335788>

Impact of Intimate Relationships on Livelihood Activities of Women Affected by
War in Northern Sri Lanka / Iresha M. Lakshman

The International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo 2017

viii, 50p.

9789555802079.

\$ 10.00 / null

120 gm.

Empowerment of women in areas adversely affected by several decades of internal conflict in Sri Lanka has paid considerable attention to economic and social aspects. Aid programmes continue to focus on providing financial capital to women and promoting gender equality by way of improved access to education and livelihoods. However, women affected by war are not only troubled by the unavailability of livelihood opportunities but also by their broken-down social networks, which form an integral part of their social capital. War has had several forms of negative impacts on marriage, resulting in widowhood, divorce, or abusive relationships. Breaking down of spousal relationships or being married to abusive husbands has played a crucial role in retarding these women's capacity for livelihood activities. Being married to an abusive husband seem to have had a far more debilitating impact on women's livelihood capacities than not having access to financial capital. Empowerment of these widowed and/or abused women demands psychological interventions simultaneously with financial and social intervention.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335787>

Post-War Realities : Barriers to Female Economic Empowerment / Kethaki
Kandanearachchi & Rapti Ratnayake

The International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo 2017

vi, 34p.

9789555802116

\$ 10.00 / null

90 gm.

The increase in female-headed households is one of the most significant post-war realities in Sri Lanka. In Northern Sri Lanka, many women are left in a fragile balance between being primary earners while also being the main caregivers within families. This has had wider implications for Sri Lanka's overall economic development where women remain on the outskirts of the country's development and many struggle to come out of poverty.

This paper aims to examine the main barriers to economic empowerment experienced by female-headed households in Northern Sri Lanka. The paper argues that the failure of women to take part more actively in Sri Lanka's economic growth is a result of various, often deep-rooted, structural constraints, rather than restrictions inherent in the choices of the woman. In turn, this paper argues that for post-conflict initiatives to be relevant to the realities of female-headed households, they must question gender issues and how it intersects with other aspects of marginality such as class, ethnicity, caste, social values, and disability.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335784>

War and Recovery : Psychosocial Challenges in Northern Sri Lanka / Jeevasuthan Subramaniam

The International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo 2017

viii, 52p.

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130 gm.

Women living in the northern and eastern provinces became a driving force of the socio-economic development of the country after the termination of three decades of armed conflict. A huge network of women's groups such as NGOs, associations, and the CBOs at the grassroots level played a crucial role in providing livelihood and empowerment initiatives.

State and non-state actors use socio-economic development as an entry point for empowerment and reconciliation. Since 2009, women have participated in income-generating activities that contributed to building their socio-economic empowerment, which in turn is paving the way for the sustainable development of the country.

The socio-economic empowerment of women in the post-war context has brought tangible changes to the perceptions of women in a traditional community. Specifically, it has redefined roles and responsibilities for women. This working paper is an examination of the current evidence on women's socio-economic empowerment in the Northern Province.

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