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Sub-Regional Cooperation between India, Myanmar and Bangladesh: Trade, Investment and Connectivity / Nisha Taneja (ed)

Academic Foundation, New Delhi 2018

397p.; 23 cm. 9789332704640 \$ 37.75 / HB 730 gm.

The economic and political changes in Myanmar over the last two years along with the Modi government's 'Look East' economic policy recognise the tremendous need for integrating one of the least developed region of South Asia namely —India's north eastern states, Bangladesh, and Myanmar who share borders with each other. The book explores how greater trade in the sub-region can be a vehicle for economic integration and raise living standards for its people.

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Contemporary Reforms of Labour Market and Industrial Relations System in India: Ease of Doing Business Versus Labour Rights in Honour of Prof Lalit Deshpande / K.R. Shyan Sundar (ed)

Academic Foundation, New Delhi 2018

379p.; 22 cm. 9789332704527 \$ 37.75 / HB 700 gm.

Post economic reform period, in response to the strident demands of employers, the central and the state governments have undertaken several labour law and governance reforms in trickles. Predictably, trade unions have been opposing them. The reform of labour laws has gained momentum since the assumption of power by BJP-led NDA government at the Centre in May 2014. Recently some state governments like Rajasthan have carried out significant reforms of the labour laws. The NDA government has taken a big stride in the reform initiative by rationalising numerous labour laws into four codes on wages, industrial relations, social security and safety and working conditions.

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Child Development and Nutrition: The Indian Experience / Shreeranjan

Academic Foundation, New Delhi 2018

426p.; 23 cm. 9789332704428 \$ 37.75 / HB 760 gm. The book encapsulates policy and programme reforms and concurrent initiatives recognising early childhood development as the cornerstone of the nation's overall well-being for holistic human development. It reflects upon the arduous processes undertaken to make such humongous and path-breaking efforts a reality. This treatise gives a rare peep in process driven approach by laying-out and reiterating the areas that need improvement and greater attention in respect of India's problem of childhood under-development and under-nutrition which has remained one of the most discussed issues in recent times.

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China's Transformation: The Success Story and the Success Trap / Manoranjan Mohanty

Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi 2018

xx, 376p.; 22 cm. Includes Index. 9789386602848 \$ 28.75 / HB 620 gm.

The book provides insights into the economic and social transformation that China has undergone from 1979 to the present.

Based on the author's research in China for over three decades, China's Transformation: The Success Story and the Success Trap shows how its 'reform and open door' policy evolved and helped achieve tremendous economic success. However, it also generated serious social and environmental problems. The book presents that the consequences of this success story of growth are so strong that it has been difficult for China to change its main development path to achieve a desirable level of equity and sustainability. The author describes this as the desirable level of equity and sustainability. The author describes this as the 'success trap' that China is currently grappling with.

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GST and its Aftermath: Is Consumer Really the King?. / Govind Bhattacharjee Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi 2018

xx, 219p.; 22 cm. 9789352806478. \$ 11.25 / null

GST and Its Aftermath: Is Consumer Really the King? takes a close look at the ongoing debate on the indirect tax reform initiative in India. It explains in simple, layperson parlance the complex structure of indirect taxation in India—both in the past and in the present—and sheds light on the various dimensions of the tax system and how it affects all our lives. This thought-provoking assessment of GST presents the ideas and concepts that gave birth to this new system of taxation and discusses its immediate implications on the Indian economy.

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Publishers Publishing: Inside India's Book Business / Nitasha Devasar

All About book Publishing, New Delhi 2018

xxi, 304p.; 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788193659403

\$ 11.25 / null

390 gm.

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Ground Down by Growth: Tribe, Caste, Class, and Inequality in Twenty-First Century India / Alpa Shah, Jens Lerche

Oxford University Press, New Delhi. 2018

xviii, 281p. ; 22 cm. Bibliography Includes Index.

9780199485062

\$ 21.25 / HB

500 gm.

Why has India's astonishing economic growth not reached the people at the bottom of its social and economic hierarchy? Travelling the length and breadth of the subcontinent, this book shows how India's 'untouchables and tribals fit into the global economy. Ground Down by Growth reveals the impact of global capitalism on their lives. It shows how capitalism entrenches, rather than erases, social difference and has transformed traditional forms of identity-based discrimination into new mechanisms of exploitation and oppression.

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The Grammar of Caste: Economic Discrimination in Contemporary India. / Ashwini Deshpande

Oxford University Press, New Delhi. 2017

xlix, 297p. ; 22 cm. Bibliography Includes Index.

9780199471980.

\$ 12.75 / null

360 gm.

"Linking the economics of caste with its politics, sociology, and history, this innovative book provides a stimulating assessment of the continuities and changes in caste disparities in India over the last two decades. Deshpande uses rich empirical data to uncover how contemporary, formal, urban-sector labour markets reflect a deep awareness of caste, religious, gender, and class cleavages. She convincingly argues that discrimination is neither a relic of the past nor is it confined to rural areas, but is very much a modern, formal-sector phenomenon. This insightful book, with a new introduction to the paperback edition, is an important step towards a multidisciplinary dialogue for understanding (and mitigating) inequalities based on birth and descent.

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India's Software Industry: Politics, Institutions and Policy Shifts / Siddhartha Mukerji

Atlantic Publishers and Distributors (P) LTD, New Delhi 2018

xxvi, 246p.; 22 cm. Includes Index. 9788126928002

\$ 22.75 / HB

530 gm.

The book looks into the political economy dynamics of policy shifts in India's computer software industry. To explain the growth trajectory, the critical role of state and corporate players and the alliance between the two has been taken into account. The explanations are in conjunction with the frameworks provided by theories of comparative political economy that seek to situate policy and institutional change within the broader context of state-society networking. The central argument that emerge from the discussions is that the software and IT policies are an outcome of a close-knit, corporatist interaction between state and private sector but one in which the state plays the lead role.

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Making Cars in the New India: Industry, Precarity and Informality. / Tom Barnes Cambridge University Press India Private Limited, New Delhi 2018

xvi, 261p. ; 22 cm. Bibliography Includes Index.

9781108422130.

\$ 12.75 / null

410 gm.

Auto manufacturing holds the promise of employing many young Indians in relatively well-paid, high-skill employment, but this promise is threatened by the industry's role as a site of immense conflict in recent years. This book asks: how do we explain this conflict? What are the implications of conflict for the ambitious economic development agendas of Indian governments? Based upon extensive field research in India's National Capital Region, this book is the first to focus on labour relations in the Indian auto industry. It proposes the theory that conflict in the auto industry has been driven by twin forces: first, the intersection of global networks of auto manufacturing with regional social structures which have always relied on informal and precariously-employed workers; and, second, the systematic displacement of securely-employed 'regular workers' by waves of precariously-employed 'de facto informal workers'.

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Sustaining High Growth in India / Pradeep Agrawal (ed)
Cambridge University Press India Private Limited, New Delhi 2018
xxi, 535p.; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
9781107181953
\$ 22.75 / HB
910 gm.

The growth rate of the Indian economy has plummeted sharply from 9 per cent in 2010 to below 5 per cent over 2012–14. It is essential to sustain a growth rate of 8 per cent or more over the next 20 years to eliminate poverty and reach a decent standard of living. There is an urgent need for research on the challenges facing India in reviving and sustaining high rates of economic growth, some of which are related to industrial policy, trade policy, infrastructure bottlenecks, inflation and macroeconomic issues, governance issues, demography and human capital. There is also a need for better industrial and human resource policies, higher investment and savings rates, higher exports and foreign investment inflows.

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