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The Elderly Must Endure: Ageing in the Minangkabau Community in Modern Indonesia / Rebecca Fanany, Ismet Fanany

ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2018

309p.

Includes Index

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416 gm.

- 1.Ageing – Indonesia – Sumatera Barat
- 2.Ageing – Indonesia
- 3.Older people – Indonesia – Sumatera Barat – Social conditions
- 4.Older people – Indonesia – Social conditions
- 5.Minangkabau (Indonesian people) – Social life and customs.

Since its independence in 1945, Indonesia has experienced decades of rapid social change that have affected every area of life and have reached even the most remote parts of the country. The impact on the experience of the population has been equally significant, especially for those individuals who are over the age of 60 today and have lived through much of this period. This book concerns older members of the Minangkabau ethnic group, one of Indonesia's many local cultures. The Minangkabau have an ancient matrilineal social structure that is embodied in their local law and customs (adat) and that, in the view of many Minangkabau, is under increasing pressure in the modern context.

Today's older Minangkabau are deeply affected by these challenges to the traditional way of life which relate to fundamental social patterns, such as the nature of the long-established tradition of leaving their region of origin to work elsewhere (marantau) and the structure of relationships within the extended family, as well as the potential value of traditional practices in modern society. The gap between their expectations that were formed early in their life and the realities of life in modern Indonesia often create serious problems of cultural consonance that represent a personal challenge for which there is no precedent and no established strategy to address.

This book is based on a long-term study of older Minangkabau in modern Indonesia with a focus on cultural consonance. It profiles the members of one family from a village in the highlands of West Sumatra whose members now live in cities across Indonesia as well as in their village of origin. The challenges but also the opportunities experienced by these individuals, and members of the older Minangkabau population in general, are characteristic of similar social change experienced across Indonesia in recent decades and illustrate the nature of culture shift in the rapidly urbanizing and modernizing context of modern Indonesia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=456956>

Theory and Practice of Police Corruption in Pakistan : Case Studies of Three Police Departments / Saif Ullah Khalid

International Institute for Research and Dialogue, International Islamic University, Islamabad 2017

xvi, 576 p.

9789697576104

\$ 40.00 / null

730 gm.

1. Police -- Pakistan.

2. Police corruption -- Pakistan -- Case studies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=463794>

Multiracialism / Norman Vasu, Juhi Ahuja

Straits Time Press, Singapore 2018

88p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

9789814747394

\$ 12.00 / null

150 gm.

1. Multiculturalism – Singapore

2. Singapore – Ethnic relations

3. Singapore – Social policy

This book discusses the significance of multiracialism as one of the central components of nationhood in Singapore. It traces the manner in which race relations have been understood, developed, and managed from the colonial period to the present. Singapore's national security strategy remains primarily driven by the two conventional security concerns of protecting the country's sovereignty as well as maintaining public order. As such, a well-managed policy of multiracialism with its normative goal of maintaining social harmony is held to be key to the preservation of public order. In addition, multiracialism is key to nation-building in Singapore

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=443869>

Selves : An Afro Anthology of Creative Nonfiction / Uzoma Ihejirika & Emmanuel Dairo (Curated) Basit Jamiu (ed)

Afroanthology, Nigeria 2018

213p.

9781717457974

\$ 30.00 / null

350 gm.

SELVES is an Afro anthology of creative nonfiction that contains 24 extremely diverse anecdotes from 24 authors, from different parts of the continent. The anecdotes covered topics such as homosexuality, writing, language, faith, child birth, relationship, love and even Boko Haram.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=462448>

Of Bushmen and Work : Models, Modelling and Illusions / Dafe Otobo

Malthouse Press Limited, Nigeria 2018

168p. ; 229 x 152mm.

Includes Selected Bibliography

9789785579871

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

This book contains the 9th Inaugural Lecture Series 2018 of the University of Lagos, Nigeria, delivered by Dafe Otobo on 4 July 2018. According to Professor Otobo, "this is a small part in the on-going attempt at placing state policies, organisational, managerial and workers practices in Nigeria, if not Africa and elsewhere, into truer perspective." Aside from updating trade unionism and related developments in Nigeria, it is easily a thought-provoking and thorough-going critique of dominant received theories on labour and employment relations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=462449>

From Frying Pan to Fire : How African Migrants Risk Everything in their Futile Search for a Better Life in Europe / Olusegun Adeniyi

Bookcraft, Nigeria 2019

xxviii, 184p.

Includes Index

9789785602272

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350 gm.

With an ever increasing number of young Africans diving into the unknown each year, in search of a better life abroad, Segun Adeniyi's *From Frying Pan to Fire* could not have come at a better time.

Through their often heart-rending tales of woe, Adeniyi weaves a powerful and compelling narrative, made all the more intense by the poignant, personal account of one of these dream seekers, the author's own younger brother. *From Frying Pan to Fire*, brings to bear on a subject that has become a scourge of our time, well deserved attention as well as a sense of urgency.

This slim but essential book is emotionally wrenching and powerfully affecting. It beams light on a shameful dimension of Nigeria's – nay Africa's – current reality, exposing the harrowing adventures undertaken by hordes of hapless youth who risk everything, including enslavement, brutal sexual exploitation, and the loss of their lives, in search of an increasingly illusory bliss in Europe or North America. The book should be required reading for those who run or ruin Africa – and for the rest of us, victims, enablers, or abettors of misrule. – Okey Ndibe, author of *Never Look an American in the Eye* (a memoir), *Foreign gods, Inc.* and *Arrows of Rain*.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=462447>

Dani Nabudere's *Afrikology : A Quest for African Holism* / Sanya Osha

CODESRIA, Senegal 2018

xiv, 148p. ; 229 x 152mm.

Includes Index

9782869787537

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300 gm.

Dani Wadada Nabudere, the illustrious Ugandan scholar, produced a diverse body of work on various aspects of African culture, politics, and philosophy. Toward the end of his life, he formulated a theoretical construct that he termed "Afrikology." Unlike most other Afrocentrists, who have stopped with the task of proving the primacy of the Egyptian past and its numerous cultural and scientific achievements, Nabudere strenuously attempts to connect that illustrious heritage with the African present. This, remarkably, is what makes his project worthy of careful attention. His corpus is multidisciplinary, although a major preoccupation with Africa is discernible in virtually all his works. His writings deal with critiques of imperialism, African political systems, processes of globalization and Africa's location within them, and finally the ideological and existential imperatives of Afrocentric discourse.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=462309>

Curing our Ills : The Psychology of chronic disease risk, experience and care in Africa. /

Sub-Saharan Publishers (for The University of Ghana), Ghana 2018

vi, 96p.

Includes Index

9789988550028

\$ 30.00 / null

200 gm.

In this inaugural lecture, Professor Ama de-Graft Aikins discusses the psychology of chronic disease risk, experience and care in Africa. She makes a case for why the problem of NCDs needs to be examined through a psychological lens. She draws on her independent and collaborative work on diabetes representations and experiences among Ghanaians in Ghana and Europe, and the broader African and global health literature, to highlight the complex multi-level context of chronic disease risk, experience and care. She presents a synthesis of the evidence through the concepts of physical ills and ideological ills, arguing that both are interconnected and, as a result, must be addressed through interdisciplinary approaches. She concludes by offering practical solutions for reducing chronic disease risk and improving the quality of long-term experience and care in Ghana, using examples from countries that have implemented successful NCD interventions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=462308>

The Cosmopolitan Dream = Transnational Chinese Masculinities in a Global Age /
Derek Hird and Geng Song

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY PRESS 2018

vi, 254p.

Includes Index

9789888455850

\$ 60.00 / HB

580 gm.

The Cosmopolitan Dream presents the broad patterns in the transformations of mainland Chinese masculinity over recent years, covering both representations (in film, fiction, and on television) and the lived experiences of Chinese men on four continents. Exposure to transnational influences has made Chinese notions of masculinity more cosmopolitan than ever before, yet the configurations of these hybrid masculinities retain the imprint of Chinese historical models. With the increasing interconnectivity of markets around the world, the hegemonic mode of manhood is now a highly mobile transnational business form of masculinity. However, the fusion of this kind of cosmopolitanism with Chinese characteristics has not diminished the conventional class and gender privileges for educated men. On the other hand, the traditionally prized intellectual masculinity in Chinese culture, which did not hold commerce in high regard, has reconciled with today's business values. Together these factors shape the outlook of the contemporary generation of Chinese elites. At the same time globalization has increased the cross-country mobility of blue-collar Chinese men, who may possess a masculine ideal that is different from their white-collar counterparts. Therefore it is important to examine various types of masculinity with the recent, reform-era mainland Chinese migration. The migrant man whether he is a worker, student, pop idol, or writer (all cases studied in this volume) - could face challenges to his masculinity based on his race, class, intimate partners, or fatherhood. The strategies adopted by the Chinese men to reinvent their masculine identities in these stories offer much insight into the complex connections between masculinity and the rapid socioeconomic developments of postsocialist China.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=406715>

How South Asians Helped to Make Hong Kong : History, Culture, Profiles, Food
and Shopping / Mark O'Neill and Annemarie Evans

Joint Publishing (H.K.) Co., Ltd., Hong Kong 2018

320p.

9789620443756

\$ 35.00 / null

620 gm.

When a visitor arrives for the first time in Hong Kong, it is clear this is a Chinese city, but with a Western overlay. The faces are mostly Chinese, the conversations are likely in the unfamiliar tones of the Cantonese dialect and Chinese characters abound. But English is also seen and heard. But this is not the whole story. Hong Kong is a city not only of Chinese and British but of many nationalities. South Asians from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka were some 80,000 in Hong Kong. They were soldiers and merchants – soldiers from the regiments of the British Indian Army and merchants who were Parsees from Western India. For the next 100 years, Indians played an essential role in the development and security of the colony. They ran international trading firms that shipped Chinese tea, silk, porcelain and spices to India and the West in exchange for opium, cotton, garments and other goods. They sold diamonds and jewellery. South Asians brought with them their languages, religion, sports, customs, festivals and food. These have been preserved here until today. They built temples, mosques and other places of worship. Their sports and recreation clubs gave them a place to play cricket and hockey and the restaurants they opened offered a dazzling array of culinary styles and dishes – from curries and halal meat to vegan and vegetarian fare. Illustrated with around 200 photographs.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=459487>

Chinese Discourses on Happiness / Gerda Wielander and Derek Hird

Hong Kong University Press, Hongkong 2018

x, 234p.

Includes Index

9789888455720

\$ 60.00 / HB

520 gm.

Happiness is on China's agenda. From Xi Jinping's "Chinese Dream" to online chat forums, the conspicuous references to happiness are hard to miss. This groundbreaking volume analyzes how different social groups make use of the concept and shows how closely official discourses on happiness are intertwined with popular sentiments. The Chinese Communist Party's attempts to define happiness and well-being around family-focused Han Chinese cultural traditions clearly strike a chord with the wider population. The collection highlights the links connecting the ideologies promoted by the government and the way they inform, and are in turn informed by, various deliberations and feelings circulating in the society. Contributors analyze the government's "happiness maximization strategies," including public service advertising campaigns, Confucian and Daoist-inflected discourses adapted for the self-help market, and the promotion of positive psychology as well as "happy housewives." They also discuss forces countering the hegemonic discourse different forms of happiness in the LGBTQ community, teachings of Tibetan Buddhism that subvert the material culture propagated by the government, and the cynical messages in online novels that expose the fictitious nature of propaganda. Collectively, the authors bring out contemporary Chinese voices engaging with different philosophies, practices, and idealistic imaginings on what it means to be happy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=459489>

Ideologies and Power in the Textbooks : Reproduction of Gender and Class Hierarchies /

International Institute for Research and Dialogue, International Islamic University, Islamabad 2018

xvi, 158 p.

Includes Index

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\$ 20.00 / null

260 gm.

Critical research tradition: theories and methods; gender representation in school textbooks; class hierarchies through school textbooks; conclusion.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=463805>

The Gate Keepers : Engaging Pashtun Men for Gender Justice and Girls' Education / Amir Jamal

International Institute for Research and Dialogue, International Islamic University, Islamabad 2018

xxvi, 212 p.

Includes Index

9789697576258

\$ 30.00 / null

260 gm.

PESHAWAR: Men are "the gatekeepers of current gender orders and are potential resistors of change."

This is the main finding of the book "The Gatekeepers: Engaging Pashtun Men for Gender Justice and Girls' Education," which hit the stalls recently.

The book is a valuable contribution for promotion of girls' education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the recently merged tribal districts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=463804>

Gramsci, Hegemony and Civil Society in Pakistan / Khalid Saifullah

International Institute for Research and Dialogue, International Islamic University, Islamabad 2018

xiv, 136 p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789697576364

\$ 30.00 / null

210 gm.

History of the concept of civil society; NGOs and civil society; civil society in Pakistan; civil society and the state in Pakistan; hegemony and civil society in Pakistan.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=463800>

Juge au coeur de 10 000 familles : Des unions et des unions, de l'amour, des enfants, d'autres choses aussi que vit un juge aux affaires familiales en Polynésie française... et en France métropolitaine / Godefroy du Mesnil du Buisson

Editions Haere Po, Tahiti 2018

196p. ; 21x30cm.

9791090158252

\$ 65.00 / null

700 gm.

Il est exceptionnel qu'un juge écrive.

Nous dévoilant le monde méconnu de la justice familiale, Godefroy du Mesnil, nourri de code civil mais aussi de milliers de paroles et de blessures, communique une expérience et des recommandations riches de diplomatie et d'humanisme, à l'intention de ceux qui sont concernés par la séparation, de ceux qui veulent les aider ou, à l'inverse, pour ceux qui, évitant les écueils, désirent réussir leur vie de couple.

Le cœur du livre, ce sont les "instantanés" de tant d'histoires et de confidences personnelles, riches d'enseignement. Ce sont également des documents pratiques : convention d'exercice de l'autorité parentale pour parents séparés, requête en délégation d'autorité parentale, les dix trucs du juge aux affaires familiales pour réussir sa séparation, mais aussi : comment mieux vivre ensemble, développer et enrichir sa vie de couple et, ainsi, ne pas "perdre la vie à deux"...

Et si l'action se déroule en Polynésie française puis en France métropolitaine, ce livre est, dans les relations entre hommes et femmes, entre parents et enfants, à portée universelle.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=457137>

Mulheres em Macau : Donas Honradas, Mulheres Livres e Escravas, Seculos XVI e XVII / Elsa Penalva

Centro de Historia de Alem-Mar, Macau 2011

240p.

9789898492012

\$ 40.00 / null

500 gm.

- Women -- China -- Macau (Special Administrative Region) -- History.
- Women -- China -- Macau (Special Administrative Region) -- Social conditions.
- Women.
- Women -- Social conditions.
- China -- Macau (Special Administrative Region)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=457322>

Ori-Oke Spirituality and Social Change in Africa : Contemporary Perspectives /
Soede Nathanael (et al.)

Langaa RPCIG, Cameroon 2018

xvi, 572p. ; 229 x 152mm.

9956550035 ; 9789956550036

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900 gm.

Book Details:

The dynamic nature of Christianity has necessitated its movement from the cathedral to the mountain top. This has occasioned a proliferation of Prayer Mountains throughout Africa. In Yorubaland of southwestern Nigeria, Prayer Mountain is known as Ori-Oke. Like many communities in Africa, the Yoruba are confronted with fundamental challenges in life for which people do not rest until they find solutions. Within the praxis of Nigerian Christian lexicon Ori-Oke is synonymous with the enactment of a sacred space on a mountain top characterised by various prayer regimes, rituals, exorcism and religious practices, aimed at eliciting the help of the divine to alleviate the existential challenges of devotees.

This book explores the resacralisation of space on the mountains, highlighting how humans and the divine interact in Yorubaland. It brings into conversation 35 empirically rich scholarly essays on the role of Ori-Oke to those seeking divine intervention in their lives. Today, Ori-Oke have become centres of pilgrimage as a result of the lived experiences of devotees, creating unique religious value quite distinct from the aesthetic value of these mountain tops. The spirituality of Ori-Oke is anchored on the absolute belief in God and the infusion of traditional African worldview sensibilities in religious rites and worship. Ori-Oke spirituality employs resources of Christian tradition, introduced by the formal agents of Christianity, synthesised with traditional culture, to develop a life based on the precepts of an African Christianity. The book is an intellectual discourse on Ori-Oke spirituality, reflecting its contemporary relevance in a context of religious innovation and competition.

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