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South Sudan: Elites, Ethnicity, Endless Wars and the Stunted State / Peter Adwok Nyaba

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The elites — whether political, military, or economic — constitute a determinant force in state formation and the nation-building project in post-colonial transitions. The absence of a scientific understanding of the socioeconomic and political configuration of South Sudan has obfuscated the liberation struggle and generated ethnic nationalism and the emergence of a parasitic class that is completely alienated from the masses of the people.

South Sudan, the highly hyped youngest state in Africa and the world, is in a deep social, economic, and political crisis characterised by a low-intensity civil war, immense suffering and material deprivation of the people. It has internally displaced hundreds of thousands of people who live in "protection of civilian" sites in major towns under the care of United Nations Mission in South Sudan. Three and a half million have crossed international borders to seek refuge in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

The ruling elite, completely unperturbed by the deep humanitarian crisis and apparent near collapse of the state, clamour for power sharing. Together with foreign collaborators, they have enriched themselves and fuelled the war through the extraction and plunder of the country's natural resources. This book is a critical analysis of the socioeconomic and political failures of South Sudan's leaders who have plunged the nascent state into the abyss.

South Sudan: Elites, Ethnicity, Endless Wars and the Stunted State is likely to achieve its objective of stimulating debate about the future of South Sudan as a viable polity. The hope is that readers, through the debate generated by this book, will rediscover the commonality that marked the struggle for freedom, justice, and fraternity, and abandon ethnic ideologies as a means of constructing a modern state in South Sudan. South Sudan: Elites, Ethnicity, Endless Wars and the Stunted State is a must-read for South Sudanese intellectuals who want to reshape the socioeconomic and political development trajectory.

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Give Us More Guns : How South Africa's Gangs Were Armed / Mark Shaw.

Jonathan Ball Publishers, Jeppes town, Johannesburg, South Africa 2021

256p.

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346 gm.

It was one of the most brutal criminal acts of the post-apartheid era, and its consequences devastating. Thousands of people, including women and children, died between 2011 and 2019 as a result of one senior police officer's crime: his decision to sell millions of rands' worth of guns to fund his children's university fees. Colonel Christiaan Prinsloo, the former head of the Gauteng firearm license division, and a network of his cronies sold thousands of guns that had been decommissioned by the SAPS to South Africa's gang lords. The sale of those lethal weapons, which the police service tried to cover up, led to a killing spree of unprecedented proportions.

Cape Town – which became the destination for most of these guns – is now one of the most violent places on earth. The firearms were used by organised-crime groups to unleash an orgy of violence so intense that in mid-2019 the South African military were called in to patrol the city's gang-infested areas.

Based on hundreds of interviews with police and the criminal underworld, Give Us More Guns tells the story of this callous crime for the first time. In this book, author Mark Shaw explores how the illegally sold guns got into the hands of South Africa's crime bosses. The book describes the bloodbath that ensued and uncovers accounts of rampant corruption within the police and in the gun-licensing system, probing the government failure that has been instrumental in arming the country's gangsters.

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The Birthday Book : The Roads We Take / Cheryl Chung and Aaron Maniam (Eds)
Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd (for The Birthday Collective), Singapore 2018

268p.;

9789811177187

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492 gm.

In this edition, 53 contributors reflect on "The Roads We Take" – the paths they have chosen to take in their lives. More than just personal stories, these essays highlight the importance of resilience and the evolution of the political and social landscape in Singapore. The book compels readers to think of the complexity of the future roads we must take, as individuals, as a nation – because in sunny Singapore, no one road stays forever.

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Gangster State : Unravelling Ace Magashule's Web of Capture / Pieter-Louis Myburgh

Penguin Random House, Cape Town, South Africa 2019

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In spite of Cyril Ramaphosa's 'new dawn', there are powerful forces in the ruling party that risk losing everything if corruption and state capture finally do come to an end. At the centre of the old guard's fightback efforts is Ace Magashule, a man viewed by some as South Africa's most dangerous politician.

In this explosive book, investigative journalist Pieter-Louis Myburgh ventures deeper than ever before into Magashule's murky dealings, from his time as a struggle activist in the 1980s to his powerful rule as premier of the Free State province for nearly a decade, and his rise to one of the ANC's most influential positions.

Sifting through heaps of records, documents and exclusive source interviews, Myburgh explores Magashule's relationship with the notorious Gupta family and other tender moguls; investigates government projects costing billions that enriched his friends and family but failed the poor; reveals how he was about to be arrested by the Scorpions before their disbandment in the late 2000s; and exposes the methods used to keep him in power in the Free State and to secure him the post of ANC secretary-general.

Most tellingly, Myburgh pieces together a pack of leaked emails and documents to reveal shocking new details on a massive Free State government contract and Magashule's dealings with a businessman who was gunned down in Sandton in 2017. These files seem to lay bare the methods of a man who usually operated without leaving a trace.

Gangster State is an unflinching examination of the ANC's top leadership in the post-Jacob Zuma era, one that should lead readers to a disconcerting conclusion: When it comes to the forces of capture, South Africa is still far from safe.

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Forgotten Kashmir : The Other Side Of The Line Of Control / Dinkar p. Srivastava

HarperCollins Publishers, Uttar Pradesh. 2021

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"Forgotten Kashmir examines the evolution of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) over the past seven decades. It includes major milestones like the tribal invasion in 1947-48, the Sudhan revolt in the 1950s, the Ayub era, the Simla Agreement, the adoption of an Interim Constitution of 1974 and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). It is not simply an historical account but one that analyses the events in PoK against the background of developments in Pakistan's polity and the situation within PoK to better understand Pakistan's motivations for its policies in the region. The book delves into contentious issues, such as the right of self-determination (distinct from the concept of plebiscite) that is central to the debate on Jammu and Kashmir at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). For a fuller understanding, the issue is examined considering positions of principal actors, particularly the United Kingdom up to the 1950s. More recently, Chinese presence in the region has grown with the development of the CPEC that runs through the Northern Areas, now renamed Gilgit-Baltistan. The author, a seasoned diplomat, provides a wealth of information that comes from his involvement in the Jammu and Kashmir issue at India's Ministry of External Affairs and discussions at the United Nations, his stint in Karachi, and as a member of bilateral working groups to counter terrorism with the US, EU, UK and Canada."

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The Last Fortress Of Congress Dominance : Maharashtra Since The 1990s / Suhas Palshikar and Rajeshwari Deshpande

Sage Publications India Pvt.Ltd, New Delhi 2021

xxvii,280p.; 22cm.

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Focused mainly on Maharashtra's politics since the 1990s, *The Last Fortress of Congress Dominance* also provides its readers a clear view of the historical context and the socio-political forces that have dominated the state since the 1950s. The politics of Maharashtra has been woven around two key factors: the Congress party and the Marathas. Attempts by the Shiv Sena and the BJP to emerge as alternatives to the Congress have had only limited success so far. As the state politics witnesses the transition into a new party system, the book presents a detailed study on the party system of Maharashtra and situates the analysis in the broader context of crisis of the Marathas and the many distortions of the state's political economy. Aided by rich survey data from the National Election Studies, for all elections since 1996, the book presents a long-term view of the politics of Maharashtra as the state completes 60 years of its existence. Contents: Series Note Acknowledgements Note on Sources Introduction Framework of Congress Dominance Towards Competitive Politics: 1960s to 1980s Politics in the times of Congress Decline: Key Themes Maharashtra's First Critical Election: 1995 Return of the Congress: 2004 and 2009 Towards BJP's Shaky Dominance The Crisis of Maratha Politics Political Economy of Maharashtra Footprints of a New Dominance? References Index

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Smokeless War : China's Quest for Geopolitical Dominance / Manoj Kewalramani
Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt.Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xv, 319p.; 23cm

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In January 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak in China was viewed as a black swan event, threatening the Communist Party's rule. Two short months later, however, China appeared to have controlled the virus, while the rest of the world struggled to respond. As country after country imposed lockdowns of varying strictness and the human cost began to rise, geopolitical frictions flared up over the origins of the virus, along with Beijing's early failures, diplomacy and discourse. *Smokeless War: China's Quest for Geopolitical Dominance* offers a gripping account of the Communist Party of China's political, diplomatic and narrative responses during the pandemic. Drawing on the latest academic research and Chinese language sources, it discusses the Party-State's efforts to achieve greater discourse power and political primacy, as it sought to convert a potentially existential crisis into a historic opportunity. In doing so, the author provides an insightful account of the Communist Party of China's approaches to cultivating sources of strength and exercise of power.

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The Concept Of Active Defence In China's Military Strategy / Amrita Jash

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2021

xxix,290p.; 24cm.

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China's Rise is driven by the self-fulfilling prophecy of the Chinese Dream of "great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation"—A strong country with a strong Army! Beijing's economic miracle has translated into a call for military preparedness guided by the logic of "fight and win". Wherein, China's quest lies in perfecting the art of being 'combat-ready' with the aim of making the People's Liberation Army a "World-Class Military". While Beijing maintains that it has a defensive military posture; however, its growing military capabilities and increasing unilateral behavioural dispositions highlight an 'offensive' intent—demonstrating the 'China Threat'. This very context calls for the probe: Does China Walk by Design? Thus, the need to decode 'China's Military Strategy'. It is therefore, of interest to trace the evolution of the key concepts such as "active defence", that define and shape China's military strategy. In doing so, this book further advances the long standing debate on China's military strategy from the rational of the 'concept of active defence'. Here, 'active defence' is understood from the perspectives of its basic notions, linkage to China's national and core interests, and the aspects of its implementation—to assess China's strategic intentions and the implications of its military capabilities. This book is an attempt to provide a lucid and comprehensive account of China's military strategy. The book would be of interest to military professionals, policy makers, academics, practitioners and China watchers.

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Vision Sagar : Indian Air Force in the Indian Ocean / Wing Commander Vikas Kalyani

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2021

xx,186p.; 24cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

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The Indian Ocean and India have prodigious relationship. After all, this great Ocean is named after India (Oceanus Orientalis Indicus). Long before seafaring developed in the limited Aegean waters, oceanic navigation had become common with the coastal people of peninsular India. And ages before Columbus sailed across the Atlantic, the Indian Ocean had become an active thoroughfare of commercial and cultural traffic connecting India to many countries of the present-day Indian Ocean Region(IOR).

Due to peculiar location, potential of economic growth, trade capacity by sea and blue water navy, India has been undoubtedly considered as the lynchpin in the region. India's role as the key player in the Indian Ocean region for stability, security, peace and mutual growth is crucial. Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) vision is literal unambiguous expression of India's ideas for the IOR which was introduced by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi in 2015. To achieve core aim of SAGAR i.e. Secured Growth, capable defence forces of India shall play an important role.

This book brings out how the Indian Air Force (IAF) has fulfilled the need of guarding India's land and maritime borders, deterring non-state actors as well as helping its maritime neighbours in times of crisis including man-made and natural disasters. The book highlights the immense potential of the IAF wherein, with its inherent air power characteristics of speed, flexibility and swift response as well as experience; it can be a critical and inexhaustible tool in enhancing the strategic footprint of India in the IOR. For the foreseeable future, airpower is and will remain the key to security on the high seas.

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Digital Mediatization and the Sharpening of Malaysian Political Contests / Pauline Pooi Yin Leong

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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The introduction of the Multimedia Super Corridor in 1996 was due to the Malaysian government's initiative to tap into the ICT sector. While this move spearheaded Malaysia into the knowledge economy, digital media enabled the opposition and civil society to compete and break the government's monopoly over information flows.

Digital mediatization of politics in Malaysia encouraged cyberattacks such as DDoS attacks, hacking and spamming. Cyberbullying on social media is also on the rise.

Information warfare is being perpetuated by organized teams of cybertroopers who disseminate propaganda, fake news, and disinformation in order to influence public opinion.

Digital mediatization of politics has opened up the public sphere and given ordinary citizens, especially youths, the opportunity to voice their opinions on the issues of the day. Social media campaigns, especially on Twitter, discuss the trending issues through the use of hashtags.

PN component parties have the incumbency advantage going into the next election. Its narrative is likely to be ethno-religious. The challenge for the opposition PH, therefore, is to provide an alternative message of inclusivity, unity and acceptance of diversity.

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The Hindu Nation : A Reconciliation with Modernity / M.K. Raghvendra

Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

ix, 310p.; 22cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

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The Hindu Nation begins with an introduction examining nationhood in India and then traces the political conflict to Nehruvian cultural policy after 1947. In today's world, no religion can claim to be superior to any other. But in pursuing 'modernity' and inculcating the 'scientific' and 'secular' outlook, Nehruvian rationalism created an elite liberal class that was sceptical about the majority religion, but this was not extended to other religions because of a misunderstanding of secularism. In promoting Westernised education, the preservation of local knowledge was neglected and Hinduism lost respect among the educated elite born into it. The elite class became the intermediary with the West, which now dominates the academic study of India. Further, prompted by the sceptical attitude of many liberal Indians, Western academics and intellectuals accord Hinduism less respect compared to other religions and treat it as 'superstition'. Traditional Indians who revere Hinduism but are products of the same lopsided system respond by attributing false value to India's prehistory and its past.

Hinduism is not a religion but a collection of practices associated with the space now called India. Author M.K. Raghavendra examines what being a Hindu means and asks whether its practices are reconcilable with global modernity and compatible with justice and egalitarianism. While examining the obstacles a modern Hindu nation faces, including the fixed ways of a large public, this extensively researched book also suggests measures to make India successful as a global power and Hinduism widely respected.

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Fifty Years Of Bangladesh-India Relations : Issues, Challenges and Possibilities /
Md. Shariful Islam

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2021

xi, 191p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

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This intellectually stimulating book examines the key issues (i.e., security cooperation, development partnership, border management, water cooperation, connectivity), challenges and possibilities in Bangladesh-India relations in the last fifty years. The book also investigates the role of `China factor`, the role of civil society in Bangladesh-India relations and maps out the future course of actions in Bangladesh-India partnership in the post-pandemic world which merits serious attention. The book contributes to both from theoretical and policy perspective and therefore will be immensely useful to the students of International Relations, Political Science, to academics, researchers, and policymakers with interest on Bangladesh-India relations, Bangladesh foreign policy, India`s foreign policy in particular, and South Asia in general.

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Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography /
Nutan Kapoor Mahawar and Vijay Sakhuja (Ed)

KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India 2021

Xv, 161p.; 24cm.

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A variety of political priorities, economic necessities and changing strategic perspectives are the catalyst for the concept of the `Indo-Pacific`. This large maritime space combines the Indian and the Pacific Oceans and offers numerous positive spinoffs in the form of cooperative agendas in the region. Several IORA Member States individually have an evolved position on the Indo-Pacific. They see themselves as natural partners of the Indo-Pacific and firmly believe in enhancing politico-diplomatic, economic and strategic engagements with countries of Southeast Asia as also those in the Pacific region. They are committed to making the region inclusive, open, stable, secure, prosperous, and visualize a rule-based order for the Indo-Pacific. It is also their belief that the existing maritime cooperative mechanisms in the Indian Ocean are successful models of cooperation for the Indo-Pacific. At the regional level, the IORA Member States are focussed on enhancing maritime connectivity through development of ports and shipping and are augmenting digital connectivity for efficient supply chains. Maritime security and safety is high on the agenda of the IORA Member States and common security concerns are being addressed through cooperative initiatives which are facilitated by dialogues that seek solutions for a favourable maritime environment in the Indian Ocean.

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Billions Under Lockdown : The Inside Story of India's Fight against COVID-19 /
Abantika Ghosh

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vii, 404p.; 22cm

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When WHO first declared COVID-19 a global pandemic in March 2020, there was a great deal of apprehension about how India - the country with the highest TB cases and diabetes, inadequate health infrastructure and a population of 1.3 billion - would fare.

Between the Janata Curfew and the first vaccinations, a massive machinery has been working as seamlessly as possible to make sure that, despite some missteps and missed infections, India conquers what has been the greatest challenge the world has encountered in decades.

Covering the pandemic from the start, first for The Indian Express and then for ThePrint, Abantika Ghosh has had a ringside view of India's battle against the pandemic. A thrilling tale of unnamed thousands battling against a little-understood virus from the frontlines, Billions Under Lockdown brings that gripping theatre and its dramatis personae to life.

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The 1971 Indo-Pak Air War: Reflections and Projections / Anil Chopra, Shalini Chawla (Eds.)

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Fifty years after the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971, it is time to recollect the great military campaigns and reflect on the lessons and changes that have helped make India a stronger power. The two-front 13-day war began with the anticipated Pakistan Air Force (PAF) pre-emptive strike on December 3, 1971. Code-named "Operation Chengiz Khan", the PAF targeted 11 Indian Air Force (IAF) airbases and other installations. This also paved the way for India's formal entry into the war for East Pakistan's Independence, and ultimately, creation of Bangladesh. The war ended with surrender of Pakistan's Eastern Command in Dhaka on December 16, 1971 and over 93,000 Pakistani personnel were taken prisoner. The IAF was engaged in every facet of air operations, and air power was indeed a significant contributor to the historic victory. The 1971 air war was one among the last in which classic close combat took place between two major Air Forces. The air war saw clear air superiority being established against a major Air Force. The war ended with the birth of a nation. It was also the largest surrender of a force after the Second World War. The book records the diverse aspects of the air operations during the war in correct perspective and explores the lessons highlighting some outstanding examples of jointmanship. The book revisits India's national strategy during that period, and analyses how the 1971 War altered Pakistan's strategic posture that we see today.

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XI's China / Edel Secondat

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xviii, 158p.; 23cm.

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280 gm.

Xi's China is a seminal piece of work by Edel Secondat which takes stock of the decade 2010-2020 from a sociologist's viewpoint and comes up with people-centric observations on a society in churn. Much has been written about the transformation that has taken place in China, especially of the mind blowing infrastructure that has been developed, that makes even the United States look dated! But there is much more happening in China that needs to be recorded and understood. Digitisation has transformed society to the extent that a new nation is breaking ground. In this book, the reader is invited to peer inside the Chinese laboratory and tread the path taken by the author. Edel Secondat's observations are neither pro-China nor Sino-phobic. But he tells his story with the skill of a great raconteur, the passion of an avid seeker and the clinical analysis of a precisionist. Once far away China seems now so close, with both her best and worst aspects clearly visible. The author, who lived and worked there, tells us the story of the tale he witnessed, in his inimitable style.

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India-Myanmar Relations: A Strategic Perspective / Ashok Kumar

KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India 2021

xvii, 228p.; 24cm.

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This book is an effort to analyse the multi-faceted relations between India and Myanmar from a strategic perspective, which would further strengthen the ties between both countries and safeguard India's national interests in the region. The relationship between India and Myanmar has emerged as a topic of immense interest among academia and policy makers. To understand this reason is not complicated; Myanmar's political transition and its opening-up have resulted in creating a new platform for powerful states to grow their dominance and presence to influence the critical geo-strategic nations in Southeast Asia. With the global collaboration and geopolitical competition are increasing in sub-regions such as in the Bay of Bengal, the South China Sea, and the Mekong River Basin, India's interests in eastward, China's emplacement in southwards, the US encountering strategies, Japan's revived interests in the region vis-à-vis increasing Myanmar's geo-strategic significance – occurring in the Indo-Pacific region. The interests of these major powers overlap and come across in and around this region. The significance of the India-Myanmar relationship is increasing day by day in these changing dynamics. Therefore, this book is of great interest to students, researchers, academician and scholars of defence and strategic studies, national security studies, peace and conflict studies, international relations, South and Southeast Asian studies as well as to policy makers and think tanks.

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CDS and Beyond Integration of the Indian Armed Forces / Vivek Chadha

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Defence reforms are a challenge for most countries. The lessons from India's experience suggest that major change has almost always been mandated from the very top. The ongoing structural changes are also being driven by the highest political office in a bid to seek integration, indigenisation and greater effectiveness of the armed forces. The ongoing military reforms began with the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and creation of the Department of Military Affairs. Future changes are likely to include the creation of theatre commands, functional commands, restructuring of Army Headquarters and a number of other associated shifts in conjunction with these big bang reforms. It would not be an exaggeration to say that these changes are perhaps the most far-reaching military reforms in India's post-independence history. The book undertakes a focussed assessment of the changes that commenced with the appointment of CDS. This includes the role and inter-se co-relation between major stake holders and defence departments. Keeping in view the need to enhance operational effectiveness, recommendations regarding the chain of command, rank structures and role of service chiefs have been made. The book will also analyse the structure and role of the future Air Defence and Logistics Command.

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Asian Defence Review 2021 / Anil Chopra

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xvi, 260p.; 24cm.

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India began 2021 with Chinese troops still holding tactically important positions at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and despite eleven rounds of talks, deescalation has not taken place significantly. More recently the very lethal second wave of COVID-19 hit India taking a massive toll of human lives. Globally, USA saw election of Joe Biden, a Democrat, after a very hotly contested polarised election. After 100 days of his Presidency, USA continues to progress most foreign policy issues with a hardline approach towards China. Biden meanwhile has decided to take forward his predecessor's decision to pullout of Afghanistan. USA clearly sees China as a competitor and challenger. China and the US are decoupling, disrupting bilateral flows of technology (semiconductors, cloud computing and 5G), talent, and investment. The 21st century is getting set for geostrategic play in Asia-pacific region. Biden is more open to participate and accept climate change challenges. With action shifting to the Indo-Pacific, Europe is having to take its calls and alignments. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) is engaging in greater interaction, but each partner is still taking individual calls on the extent of the alliance. Meanwhile, many South East Asian countries that have been directly affected by China's unilateral actions of usurping a large part of the South China Sea have become possible contenders to join QUAD-Plus. Some European powers, like France, also want to be part of the action in the area. China meanwhile continues to push its flag-ship Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) for strategic expansion and influence. China has also been making threatening postures towards Taiwan, which many feels is a prelude to a possible invasion and forceful unification. But, Taiwan remains firm and with a resolve to defend and remain independent. As China makes massive investment offers to Iran, USA is using backdoor diplomacy to keep channels to Tehran open.

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Widodo's Employment Creation Law, 2020 : What Its Journey Tells Us about Indonesian Politics / Max Lane

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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During 2020, the Widodo government introduced a new Bill for parliamentary consideration. This was the Employment Creation Law. It was also known as the Omnibus Law as it introduced amendments to seventy-four other existing laws on a wide range of matters.

The Bill provoked considerable controversy, especially provisions reducing protection of labour rights and weakening environmental protection laws. Several provisions introducing further deregulation of a range of activities also attracted criticism. The labour and environmental issues were the basis for a series of street protest mobilizations during the year. These also involved mobilizations where university students participated.

The Law was justified by the government in its supplementary material to the legislation as a strategy to attain a specific growth rate in the gross domestic product and arguing that the revisions in the Law were necessary to substantially improve what was described as Ease of Doing Business.

Despite the protests and criticism, the law was passed by a big majority in Parliament on 5 October 2020. All member parties of the governing coalition voted for the Bill, and it was signed into law by President Joko Widodo on 2 November 2020.

The political journey of this Bill into Law revealed very clearly the homogeneity of the Indonesian political elite, represented by the parliamentary parties, all of whom either supported or acquiesced to the Law. It was also revealed that sustained and mobilized opposition to the Law was basically confined to a section of civil society, with some sections, including important large trade unions, campaigning in only a moderate and constrained way.

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From Pakatan Harapan to Perikatan Nasional : A Missed Opportunity for Reforms for East Malaysia? / Anantha Raman Govindasamy

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

30p.

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The Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63) brought together Peninsular Malaya with the East Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak. This Agreement afforded certain rights and obligations to these two states, notably in areas such as religion and language, financial autonomy, immigration, judicial autonomy, and finance and tax issues.

However, since the signing of this foundational treaty, East Malaysians have become discontented. Key frustrations include a gradual erosion of the stipulated privileges by the federal government, persistent underdevelopment, as well as the perceived unequal distribution of petroleum revenue earned from these states.

When Pakatan Harapan came to power in 2018, there were expectations from Sabah and Sarawak that the new administration would be committed to the restoration of East Malaysia's special position within the Malaysian Federation. In order to address long-standing tensions, Pakatan Harapan established a Special Cabinet Committee on MA63 to look for new ways of restoring East Malaysia's prerogatives.

The Special Cabinet Committee managed to resolve seventeen out of twenty-one issues pertaining to the economy, finance and the judiciary.

However, the most complex issues pertaining to the sharing of oil revenue were outstanding. One key outcome was that the Committee proposed a constitutional amendment to recognize Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia as equal partners in the Federation. However, the proposed amendment did not garner the necessary two-thirds majority in parliament. A bloc of parliamentarians allied with the Gabungan Parti Sarawak—a coalition of Sarawak-based parties formerly aligned with ousted national coalition Barisan Nasional—abstained from voting. Since the advent of the Perikatan Nasional administration, the broader issue of East Malaysian rights has received little attention. It is likely that, rather than seeking to address the fundamental tensions between the Peninsula and East Malaysia, the current administration will seek to offer targeted benefits to elites from the region.

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The Growing Salience of Online Vietnamese Nationalism / Dien Nguyen An Luong
ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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Vietnamese nationalism has a strong undercurrent of anti-China sentiments, and Vietnam's leaders have regularly tapped into such sentiments to shore up their legitimacy and boost Vietnamese nationalism.

Over the last decade, the helter-skelter growth of social media has bred new popular actors in Vietnamese cybersphere, who are deeply nationalistic but who pursue entirely different political and social agendas. In sum, they give rise to a new nationalistic narrative, one that paints the Vietnam Communist Party as being often too meek and subservient to China, and calls for drastic reforms to the political system—regime change not excluded—to deal with Chinese threats. An examination of prominent cases of online Vietnamese nationalism shows that anti-China sentiments have been a recurrent theme and a consistent trigger. The online nationalistic movements have been mostly instigated by popular figures, with state actors playing a facilitating role in stoking and harnessing them for their own ends.

Manifestations of online nationalism, especially those centred on anti-China and sovereignty issues, may hold serious consequences, including violence and deadly riots. In some instances, online nationalistic campaigns both galvanize and dissipate relatively quickly once state and popular actors have somehow managed to achieve their aims.

The growing salience of online Vietnamese nationalism has posed serious challenges and dilemmas for the regime. The authorities have had to encourage nationalistic patriotism with

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Humanities, Provocateur : Towards a Contemporary Political Aesthetics / Brinda Bose

Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt.Ltd, New Delhi 2021

xi,331.; 23cm.
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650 gm.

This highly original collection is a far cry from the demand on the literary humanities to offer the soothing hum of theory to a world of breaks, crises and pain. Instead, it exemplifies a way ahead for the critical humanities....
-Arjun Appadurai, New York University

'Doing the Humanities' comes to life in this passionate, provocative set of experiments in descriptive poetics. Failure, fantasy, freefall are reconceived as forms of aesthetic achievement across the creative arts....
-Ros Ballaster, University of Oxford

....This timely volume inspires a collective undertaking to learn 'to do' the humanities through the untimeliness of a work of art. A humanities that remains attentive to this form of techné will prove indispensable to remaking the world in the aftermath of a pandemic.
-Premesh Lalu, University of the Western Cape

....exhilarating in the democratic breadth of its interests, the emotional fervour of its commitments and its yoking of systemic criticism to the work of poetic language.
-Helen Small, University of Oxford

How can the humanities make an intervention in such a time as this, when life as we have known it hangs in pandemic balance since the spring of 2020-and when contagion calls for distancing and isolation, while loneliness cries out for the solace of touch? Perhaps only by being, at once, fearless, critical, sorrowing, exultant, enraged, intimate.

Humanities, Provocateur brings you fourteen essays and two creative pieces by established as well as younger scholars and writers from America, Europe, the Middle East, South Africa and South Asia, in a bracing invitation to a freefall of reading. They travel from classical literatures and philosophy to twentieth-century writing, cinema and critical-imaginative thinking, grouped whimsically around a set of provocations-Gleaning, Perforation, Caprice, Paraphernalia, Descent, Flux, Flesh, Ephemera-and welcome you to argue, to cherish or to distrust. Taking sharp, sparkling twists and turns in thought and style, this eclectic collection of writings incites you to be intellectually adventurous and destitute at the same time. And, invoking Dante, to never be afraid, for our fate is our gift.

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Non-Contact Warfare: An Appraisal of China`s Military Capabilities / Brigadier Vivek Verma

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xxii, 330p.; 24cm.
Includes Index
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770 gm.

While the previous wars were about jointmanship between the services, the future war will be dictated by the civil-military integration. The core instrumentality of threat and use of force to achieve political outcomes have changed since the end of the Cold War. The creeping difference between war and conflict is changing the way the confrontations and crisis are being engineered and handled. Emerging threats are exploiting new technologies and finding new uses for the old one. Similarly, the practitioners of defence are finding new methods to engage in sub-threshold warfare using Non-Contact Warfare. Thus, a much wider array of agencies is now involved in the development and implementation of national security policy. A whole-of-government effort might better define the instruments of power. Non-Contact Warfare: An Appraisal of China's Military Capabilities tries to demystify the term 'Non-Contact Warfare' and explores the labyrinth of doctrinal development post World War II. China, as a consummate practitioner of realpolitik, is confronted with the challenge of contesting with the US. China is aware of the futility of engaging in a protracted war with the US, as it can derail its dreams of 'Great Rejuvenation'. Defeating the superior through the adoption of superior strategy and structures and asymmetric means seems to be Chinese ploy of controlling the war. Xi Jinping has pushed its military through a comprehensive reform to deal with this new-age warfare.

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Power, Press and Politics : Half a Century of Journalism and Politics / Alok Mehta
Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xxi,423p.;ill.; 25cm.

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800 gm.

How was god-man Chandraswami exposed despite the tantric guru's close association with prominent leaders and media barons?

How did Alok Mehta expose the Fodder Scam in 1990 that eventually led to the arrest of Lalu Prasad Yadav?

How did editors and investigative correspondents reveal murky arms deals, such as the Bofors scandal?

Is 'paid news' the new normal in Indian media? How did this game of corruption start?

What were the political pressures on senior editors like Vinod Mehta and Kuldip Nayar that led to their resignation?

Power, Press and Politics is a groundbreaking, insider account of the workings of the Indian media-both print and electronic, and English, Hindi and regional publications-from acclaimed journalist and Padma Shri awardee Alok Mehta. Deriving from his experience spanning across 50 years, Mehta brings to life these incidents and cases as he had been right in the eye of these storms. Starting his career from a news agency and a Hindi daily, Mehta had worked with leading media houses, such as The Times of India, Hindustan Times, Outlook Group, Dainik Bhaskar and Naidunia, sharing a close association with some of the finest editors and journalists of the country.

Citing various landmark cases and judgements, Mehta throws light on the delicate balance between the media and judiciary, both of which are crucial to the health of our democracy. Having helmed the Editors Guild of India, he has had the privileged access to various significant reports, which have been included in this splendidly researched work. A powerful commentary on the Indian media, this is a must-read for media students, institutions and anyone who wishes to understand the working and challenges of the media.

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Civil Society and Citizenship in India and Bangladesh / Sarbeswar Sahoo, Paul Chaney

Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xv, 169p.; 23cm

Includes Index

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'The sort of critical awareness necessary to actually enrich discussions of civil society, rather than contribute to its elusiveness, pervades through the book.' - Professor VEDI R. HADIZ, Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia

'...introduces readers to the dynamics shaping the complex relationship between CSOs and the state in today's India and Bangladesh.' -Professor Sarah Ansari, Royal Holloway, University of London

'This volume should be a compulsory read for everyone who is interested in contemporary contests in the civil society space in South Asia...' -Professor Amit Prakash, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

'This edited anthology is a timely and an important contribution to the scholarship on civil society and citizenship, particularly in South Asia.' -Associate Professor Mohammad Salehin, Centre for Peace Studies, The Arctic University of Norway, Norway

Civil Society and Citizenship in India and Bangladesh presents new multidisciplinary research, exploring the opportunities and challenges facing civil society in today's India and Bangladesh. It informs contemporary understanding of citizenship, gender rights and social identities and is published at a time of increased global uncertainties related to changing civic space, political tensions, a downturn in the world economy and the rise of populism. India and Bangladesh are key contexts, not the least because of rapid (and uneven) economic and social development but their contrasting experiences of democracy and discrimination and inequality faced by different groups and communities.

This new multidisciplinary title presents new research findings that also contribute to theory-building on the form, functioning and democratic role of civil society in the 21st century.

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SAARC Towards a New Regionalism Constraints and Constructs / Namita Nayak
Heritage Publishers, New Delhi, India 2021

Ix, 243p.; 22cm.

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South Asia is the last region to wake up to the challenge of the new regionalism. It has been called 'a region without regionalism'. Although the concept of regionalism in international politics has been used since the beginning of the 1960s, the 'new regionalism' is the second wave of regional cooperation which started in the 1980s south Asia has been a region of distrust and conflict penetrated by external powers which has been invited by the state of the region as part of their internal hostilities. Poor economic condition and domestic turmoil at the other remarkable features of south Asia. Having all such problem SAARC has managed to keep up its momentum like other regional organisations.

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Christianity and Politics in Tribal India: Baptist Missionaries and Naga Nationalism
/ G Kanato Choppy

Permanent Black, Ranikhet,
India 2021

Xviii, 460p.; 22cm.

Includes Index and Bibliography

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\$ 36.50 / HB

690 gm.

Landlocked and relatively inaccessible, the mountain state of Nagaland in north-east India has, within a century of missionary contact, become the most Baptist state in the world. Nearly 80 per cent of Nagaland's two million people are devout Christian adherents of this sect. This makes Nagaland the religious outlier of India – a country in which about 80 per cent of the population is Hindu. How has this come to be? G. Kanato Chophy chronicles the historical and socio-cultural processes by which Naga tribals – known a century ago as “primitive headhunters” – were transformed into a vibrant and politically assertive community of the Christian faith in colonial and post-Independence India. Besides outlining the role of British colonialists and developments in Victorian religious policy, this book analyses the remarkable success of American Baptist missions of the nineteenth century in a backwater of the British Raj. It shows that even as the power of Christianity has declined in the secular West, the culture and politics of Nagaland continue to be strengthened by Baptist ideas of Jesus within a country increasingly majoritarian and suspicious of “alien” faiths. Analysing the peculiarly unapologetic and assertive strain of the Baptist faith in Nagaland, this book also speculates on the future of Protestant missions and the American evangelical movement in this ardently anomalous state of India.

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People's Planning : Kerala, Local Democracy and Development / T.M. Thomas Isaac, Richard W. Franke

LeftWord Books, Delhi 2021

403p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

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“Contains important lessons even for those states in which cadre-based and party-directed mass mobilization is not a component in the renewal of local self-governing institutions.” – Biblio “Isaac's great advantage is his knowledge of the intimate workings of the plan, its difficulties and drawbacks, the unfounded hostilities and the frailties of the future ahead.” – Indian Review of Books In 1996, the state of Kerala launched possibly the world's most extensive and successful experiment in decentralization. The campaign mobilized over 3 million of Kerala's 30 million people and resulted in bottom-up development planning in all of its 1,052 villages and urban neighbourhoods. This book details the background of the campaign traces its stages, assesses problems and successes, and evaluates concrete results and reforms. It tells a powerful story of mass mobilization and innovation, achieved by overcoming bureaucratic opposition and rooting out corruption and cynicism. Considering the theoretical and applied significance of the campaign – both in the context of India's development since Independence and the international debates on decentralization, civil society, and empowerment – this study provides invaluable lessons for sustainable development worldwide.

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Political Journeys in Health : Essays by and for Amit Sengupta / Prabir Purkayastha, Indranil, Richa Chintan

LeftWord Books, Delhi 2021

324p.; 22cm.

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'Amit was a leader and was central to many of the global activities of the People's Health Movement. When he said, "You see, it's like this . . .," you knew that you were going to suddenly see the core of the issue with greater clarity. He knew the burning need for political organization to challenge what is happening in health, and beyond health as well, because we are a subset of the bigger system.' – David Sanders Amit Sengupta (1958–2018) believed the job of a doctor was not simply to treat a sick individual, but to build a society in which health is a fundamental right of all citizens. In these times of the Covid-19 pandemic, such a perspective is more relevant than ever. The essays in this book trace how Sengupta's work and politics were integral to the history of the health movement, and how this movement evolved from 'medicines for all' to 'health for all'. Sengupta's work of a lifetime is supplemented and framed by his colleagues in the movement: David Sanders, SP Shukla, Prabir Purkayastha, Satyajit Rath, Sarojini Nadimpally, Indranil, David Legge, Kajal Bharadwaj and many others.

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No White Lies : Black Politics and White Power in South Africa / Kim Heller

Porcupine Press, Pinegowrie, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

150p.

9780620895262

\$ 25.00 / null

164 gm.

This book contains a compilation of the author's newspaper columns published over the past four years. The publications represented are The New Age, African Times, The Star, The Sunday Independent, Sowetan, Weekly Xpose, and Uncensored Opinion.

The author's views on post-apartheid South Africa are forthright and discomfiting. Her opening focus is the Rainbow Nation, a concept she describes as 'a still-born democracy', and The New Dawn as 'dark days indeed'. This is strong political meat that cries out for careful ingestion.

"It is difficult to find a more honest and brutal assessment of South Africa's new political dispensation. Kim writes that 'the Rainbow Nation, consummated without revolutionary romance in 1994, has since been unmasked as a deceptive act of seduction to ensure that white power and privilege maintained a choke on the throat of the South African economy'. For those that wallow in ideological confusion and limbo, these articles should serve as an antidote to the emasculation of the South African revolution. For now, black politics is entangled in apartheid thinking, with no possibility of escaping colonial entrapment" – Professor Sipho Seepe

"Kim is one of the few political commentators who has had the courage to call out white South Africans for paying lip service to the project that we should all be seized with – which is to uproot the vestiges of colonialism and apartheid which continue to negatively affect so many in South Africa. Kim's work is important because it exposes how the government of the day, even though black, continues to pander to the interests of the dominant white minority" – Phakamile Hlubi-Majola

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Escape From Pretoria / Tim Jenkin

Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

viii, 360p. ; 235×155×38mm.

9781431429868

\$ 32.00 / null

532 gm.

In this jaw-dropping classic of prison escape literature, Tim Jenkin tells of how he, Stephen Lee and Alexander Moumbaris, using a series of hand-made wooden keys, got through nine locked doors inside Pretoria Central, taking them to Mozambique and finally to London.

This fast-paced thriller begins with Jenkin's Cape Town childhood and the growth of his political awareness, his university days and his friendship with Stephen Lee. Both men left South Africa after university for London to join the African National Congress. Jenkin and Lee, after training in London, became expert pamphlet bombers in Cape Town and Johannesburg, and it was after several successful years of raising awareness about apartheid and the ANC that they were caught and eventually sentenced to 12 years in jail.

It is after Lee's father visits his son in prison, bringing him a copy of another escape classic, Papillon, that Jenkin begins to seriously form an escape plan. Months and months of planning, testing, failing, testing again and lucky breaks meant that, finally, the escape was on. The recently late Denis Goldberg was a friend and supporter of the men, and kept a warder busy as they began their escape. Apart from locking the doors behind them, they never looked back...

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Nation on the Couch : Inside South Africa's Mind / Wahbie Long

mf-Melinda Ferguson Books, Cape Town, South Africa 2021

200p.

Includes Bibliography

9781990973307

\$ 32.00 / null

280 gm.

Provocative, insightful and brilliantly written by Professor Wahbie Long, Nation on the Couch explores life in our beloved country through the lens of psychoanalysis. By focusing on the idea of a 'political unconscious', it argues that there is much to be learnt from excavating the inner life of South Africans, which can illuminate the external problems that beset us from all sides. It will challenge readers to rethink the way we see ourselves, why we do what we do and why we are who we are.

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Unclose: Solutions for Managing the Maritime Global Commons / Alok Bansal, Deeksha Goel and Siddharth Singh (Ed)

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xxvi, 294p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789390095223

\$ 32.50 / HB

660 gm.

With increased economic activities and shifting of global power axis, the 21st century will witness greater human interface with oceans. While global powers may contest to dominate the waters essential for trade and substance, the emerging powers and rising economics will be aspiring for freedom of navigation to bolster their trade and economic independence. Consequently, there is potential for conflict and therefore greater need for laws and norms to govern the activities in the high seas.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777857>

The New Apartheid / Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh

Tafelberg (NB Publishers), Cape Town, South Africa 2021

228p.

Includes Index

9780624088547

\$ 32.00 / null

310 gm.

South Africa's story is often presented as a triumph of new over old, but while formal apartheid was abolished decades ago, stark and distressing similarities persist. Dr Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh explores the edifice of systemic racial oppression – the new apartheid – that continues to thrive, despite or even because of our democratic system.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778704>

Maritime Corridors in the Indo-Pacific: Geopolitical Implications for India /
Subhasish Sarangi

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xxvii, 244p.; 24cm.

Includes Index and Bibliography

9789390095377

\$ 32.50 / HB

660 gm.

The genesis of this book is the Maritime component of the Belt and Road Initiative, quixotically named as the Maritime Silk Road. It looks at infrastructure development in the Indo-Pacific, primarily in the maritime domain, and its geopolitical implications for India. The book is in three parts. The first part provides the historical background. It looks at the Indo-Pacific mapping, provides a snapshot of the maritime history of the region, and brings out the inextricable linkage between technology, infrastructure and geopolitics. The second part looks at events in recent times. It describes the infrastructure development and connectivity enhancement activities of the various actors in the Indo-Pacific Region – China, Japan, the USA, the European Union, ASEAN, Australia and India. The third part looks at the future. It explores the geopolitical implications of these developments for India, and lists out what India could do to mitigate the threats emanating from them.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777856>

The ANC's Last Decade : How the Decline of the Party Will Transform South Africa /
Ralph Mathekga

Tafelberg (NB Publishers), Cape Town, South Africa 2021

224p.

9780624092032

\$ 32.00 / null

298 gm.

For nearly three decades, the ANC has held South Africa's politics in an iron grip. With the party seemingly at war with itself and President Ramaphosa battling to rein in corrupt cadres, Ralph Mathekga predicts the ANC will fall below the critical 50 per cent threshold before the end of the decade.

The decline of the ANC could bring political reform, but also uncertainty. If the ANC loses power, who will be in charge? Who or what will come after the ANC, and how will this affect South Africa?

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778703>

Modi 2.0: A Resolve to Secure India / Ranjit Pachnanda, Bibek Debroy, Anirban
Ganguly and Uttam Kumar Sinha (Ed)

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xvi, 196p.; 24cm.

Includes Index.

9789390095421

\$ 20.00 / HB

570 gm.

Safety and security lie at the heart of the prosperity of a nation. Real security is not only based on growth, reform and change or, what can be described as all-round development of the nation, but also enhanced focus on the borders given the escalation of tension. While trust and collaboration are central to a systematic approach to security, it is cohesively strung on three core objectives: effective diplomacy and military capabilities; bolstering economic prosperity; and providing governance and promoting democratic values. They present formidable challenges and are not easy to achieve, but under Modi's 'thinking thoroughly' leadership, there has been an earnest movement with long-term strategic planning and review. Alert to the changing threat landscape, the NDA government reasoned that any compartmentalised or silo-driven approach to national security required a fresh integrated approach. New institutional mechanisms and structures were put in place. Never before has decision-making and policy responses undergone such fundamental changes that draw in the value of pre-emptive, proactive and graded responses. This evocative volume brings out a comprehensive treatment of the important aspects of national security under Modi 2.0 government.

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Future Tense : Reflections on My Troubled Land / Tony Leon

Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, South Africa 2021

xvi, 304p.

Includes Index

9781776190744

\$ 32.00 / null

422 gm.

In his riveting new book, *Future Tense*, Tony Leon captures and analyses recent South African history, with a focus on the squandered and corrupted years of the past decade. With unique access and penetrating insight, Leon presents a portrait of today's South Africa and prospects for its future, based on his political involvement over thirty years with the key power players: Cyril Ramaphosa, Jacob Zuma, Thabo Mbeki, Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk. His close-up and personal view of these presidents and their history-making, and many encounters in the wider world, adds vivid colour of a country and planet in upheaval. Written during the first coronavirus lockdown, *Future Tense* examines the surge of the disease and the response, both of which have crashed the economy and its future prospects. As the founding leader of the Democratic Alliance, Leon also provides an insider view for the first time of the power struggles within that party, which saw the exit of its first black leader in 2019. There is every reason to fear for the future of South Africa but, as Leon argues, 'the hope for a better country remains an improbable, but not an impossible, dream'.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778702>

The Belt and the Road Initiative: Implications for India / Manish

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xxix, 323p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789390095360

\$ 32.50 / HB

730 gm.

The Belt and the Road initiative was unveiled by the Chinese president Xi Jinping in 2013. This initiative covers a multitude of investment projects, with the aim of promoting the flow of goods, investment and people. The new connections fostered by the BRI could reconfigure relationships, reroute economic activity, and shift power within and between states. The flagship project of BRI is the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which connects Kashgar in Xinjiang, China to the Gwadar port in Pakistani province of Balochistan. In addition, there are other dimensions in evolving South Asia's landscape which have attracted scholars and experts to ponder over the recent rise in Chinese power and its implications for India. This book is an attempt to analyse the interconnected recent political, military and economic developments with regard to BRI, in light of India's concerns.

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A Glass Half Full Or Half Empty : The Challenges of Political Succession and Elections in Africa / (Ed) Martin Revayi Rupiya (et al.)

Ssali Publishing House, South Africa 2019

xvi, 402p.

9781990901010

\$ 40.00 / null

534 gm.

This book is the culmination of a research project that began in 2016, intended to complement the production of the Special Issue on Elections of the International Journal of African Renaissance Studies (IJARS) 12 (1) 2017.

The volume has been prepared by and on behalf of Unisa's Institute for African Renaissance Studies (IARS), under the auspices of The English Academy of Southern Africa.

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Rattling The Cage : Reflections on Democratic South Africa / Brent Meersman

Picador Africa (Pan Macmillan South Africa), Johannesburg, South Africa 2021

viii, 296p.

9781770107724

\$ 32.00 / null

398 gm.

Most South Africans have strong views on our past and present, often based on how we have been personally affected by history, and an understanding of the challenges that face us as a country. But how well-examined and solid are these positions? Have your views been properly thought through? Are you correctly informed? Do you even have the facts straight? Rattling the Cage takes the reader on an informed tour of the South African reality: from the highs and lows, the successes and failures, FW de Klerk's gaffes to Fees Must Fall, the Oscar Pistorius trial, the 2010 FIFA World Cup, triple BEE, global warming, the Covid-19 pandemic, gay rights in Africa, and veganism. Among the questions Meersman asks are: Do South Africans still believe in their Constitution and democracy? Why do so many young South Africans say Nelson Mandela was a sell-out and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was a dismal failure? Is outlawing hate speech and criminalising racist behaviour really a good idea? Why do communities still burn down their schools? How did the Marikana massacre happen in the democratic era? Why are African immigrants increasingly unwelcome in South Africa? Can our media be trusted to tell us the truth? And how do we embrace climate change? History, big-picture philosophy, grassroots journalism and a novelist's eye - animated by a genuine sense of moral indignation at the current state of the nation - come together in these essays to provide critical perspectives on and insights into South Africa's recent past and current political, economic and social undercurrents. No matter what your views are, you are sure to find your understanding of the country deepened, challenged and sometimes changed.

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Decolonising the Human : Reflections from Africa on Difference and Oppression / Brian Sibanda (et al.)

WITS University Press, Johannesburg, South Africa 2021

viii, 256p. ; 234x156mm.

Includes Index

9781776146512

\$ 45.00 / null

472 gm.

Decolonising the Human examines the ongoing project of constituting 'the human' in light of the durability of coloniality and the persistence of multiple oppressions. The 'human' emerges as a deeply political category, historically constructed as a scarce existential resource. Once weaponised, it allows for the social, political and economic elevation of those who are centred within its magic circle, and the degradation, marginalisation and immiseration of those excluded as the different and inferior Other, the less than human.

Speaking from Africa, a key site where the category of the human has been used throughout European modernity to control, exclude and deny equality of being, the contributors use decoloniality as a potent theoretical and philosophical tool, gesturing towards a liberated, pluriversal world where human difference will be recognised as a gift, not used to police the boundaries of the human. Here is a transdisciplinary critical exploration of a wide range of subjects, including history, politics, philosophy, sociology, anthropology and decolonial studies.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778707>

Fourth Industrial Revolution Technologies: Maritime and Naval Operations / Vijay Sakhuja

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xxiii, 163p.; 24cm.

Includes Index and Selected Bibliography

9789390095193

\$ 20.00 / HB

490 gm.

Commercial and military operations at sea and ashore across the globe are in the throes of technological and organisational transformation led by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) technologies. These are impacting every aspect of the maritime industry necessitating 'up-skilling, reskilling and retooling'. Industry leaders recognize the importance of 4IR and are adopting innovative models for their operations. Likewise, techno-naval transformation led by 4IR technology is underway and several navies are developing new strengths to fight future wars. Great powers are investing in 4IR technologies and pursuing competitive national strategies with the goal of technological dominance, thus maintaining a favourable balance of power at the regional and global levels.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777859>

The Misery Merchants : Life and Death in a Private South African Prison / Ruth Hopkins

Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

xii, 284p. ; 235×155×32mm.

Includes Index

9781431429363

\$ 32.00 / null

422 gm.

A hard-hitting expose of G4S, the company running one of South Africa's private prisons in Mangaung. Hopkins presents up-close encounters with the gangs who run the prisons, and a unique insight into the minds of the men on the torture squad, who doused inmates with water before electrocuting them, and in some cases, strapped down 'unruly' prisoners and forced anti-psychotic medicines into their systems.

In the Free State of Ace Magashule, both the gangs and the prison bosses competed to run Mangaung Prison, one of South Africa's few private prisons. Torture and forced medication were the order of the day. Hopkins, a seasoned journalist, has interviewed over 100 prisoners and many prison warders in order to understand what makes this prison so dysfunctional. Her insights and revelations will astonish you.

This book follows several characters who were held in or worked at the prison. L. is a prison gang general and an advocate for prisoners' rights. He smuggled information on assaults, injections and corruption out of the prison for the author. Dan is a prison guard and a shop steward for the union. He led the workforce during two strikes and paid for it with his job and union membership. Setlai is a Department of Correctional Services official who blew the whistle on the abuse at Mangaung Prison in 2009. His reports were ignored and he was punished for speaking out. He was criminally charged and moved to another DCS post. Shakes is a member of the Emergency Security Team (EST) also known as the Ninjas. He engaged in torture and abuse but now feels 'what we did was wrong'.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778706>

Irrawaddy Imperatives: Reviewing India's Myanmar Strategy / Jaideep Chanda
Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xxxiv, 470p.; 25cm.

Includes Index

9789390095346

\$ 37.50 / HB

910 gm.

Hardcover. Condition: New. Myanmar, the Golden Land, has for ages been the last frontier, steeped in mysticism and mystery. However, knowledge about Myanmar remains woefully inadequate in most spheres including Indian academia, media and in some cases, even foreign policy. The irony is such that premier educational establishments in India provide exotic courses on countries with which India has no borders and are thousands of kilometres away, but do not offer Myanmar studies or language courses, despite India sharing a 1643 km border with Myanmar. India's two-track engagement with Myanmar commenced in 1991 and today, in 2021, has completed 30 successful years of bilateral engagement. The realpolitik driven two tracks being, to engage with Myanmar on functional levels, while concurrently pressing for democratic reforms. On 1 February 2021, all that changed with Senior General Ming Aung Hlaing's coup d'état and the ensuing violence which has already claimed over 700 lives. In such tragic circumstances, 'business as usual' is no longer a viable foreign policy option. With this backdrop, *Irrawaddy Imperatives: Reviewing India's Myanmar Strategy*, though written well before the coup, provides a fresh and original perspective to India's relationship with Myanmar. In reviewing India's Myanmar strategy, the book uses three principal approaches viz. the borderland studies approach, the geographic realism approach and the third concurrent approach being the centrality of the Northeast and its people as the principal stakeholders in India-Myanmar relations. Over the years the Northeast has been seen as a gateway or passage to the ASEAN and its markets, which consigns the Northeast to a transitory space, rather than a primary space and subordinates it to Myanmar and the ASEAN. The book counters this and suggests viable alternatives. The book also serves as a reference for the Myanmar scholar through the vast amount of data and various appendices which contain documents relevant to India-Myanmar relations.

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Can We Be Safe? : The Future of Policing in South Africa / Ziyanda Stuurman
Tafelberg (NB Publishers), Cape Town, South Africa 2021

276p.

9780624091844

\$ 32.00 / null

348 gm.

In South Africa, both 'crime' and 'safety' are loaded terms. Ziyanda Stuurman unpacks the complex and fraught history of policing, courts and prisons in South Africa. In her analysis of the problems nationally and in putting those problems in context with the rest of the world, she concludes that more resources won't necessarily lead to more safety.

What then, will?

Ziyanda unpacks this complex question deftly with a view of a better future for us all.

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Blinkers Off: How Will the World Counter China / Gaurie Dwivedi

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xii, 239p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789390095414

\$ 20.00 / HB

620 gm.

This book Provides a brilliantly researched Account of the consequent impact on the global Geopolitical Landscape. The pandemic exposed the china-dependence of countries across the world. Post-pandemic, global value chains are in a state of flux and companies are looking for alternative opportunities. Blinkers Off lays out this strategic roadmap and highlights the crucial role which India can play, moving forward. A time, topical and well-argued piece of work. A fascinating read.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777853>

Recession, Recovery and Reform : South Africa After Covid-19 / Antony Altbeker (et al.) (Ed) Raymond Parsons

Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

xxxvi, 272p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781431429882

\$ 30.00 / null

418 gm.

Where is South Africa going now? And where will South Africa be in five years' time? Much has been written about the country's past, but is enough thought being given to its future? Is South Africa in danger of again losing its way, given its pressing socio-economic challenges?

Prominent economist Raymond Parsons has drawn together a powerful collection of expert thinkers, economists and analysts who tackle these issues head on as well as offering timely solutions to several of South Africa's most pressing problems, drawing key lessons from the past in crystallising what South Africa needs to do to create a better future.

After the so-called 'lost decade' under the Zuma administration, South Africans had high hopes that President Ramaphosa would deliver on his promise of a 'new dawn'. Yet despite high expectations that the country would finally turn the corner and settle onto a path of stronger inclusive growth and better governance, socioeconomic conditions have deteriorated. Growth remains negligible, unemployment has worsened and the fiscus is under considerable strain. Will SA be able to break out of its present 'growth trap' without falling into a 'debt trap'? The country is also facing global headwinds in the form of volatile market conditions, shifting geopolitics, and a fast-changing and disruptive technological landscape which threatens to leave all but the most well-prepared behind. So how must the different strands of policy – ranging from purely economic issues to broader questions around education and the rule of law – now knit together to create a bigger, stronger and better SA economy in future?

If the vision of a well-functioning society is to be realised, policy uncertainty about the road ahead must be generally tackled at the highest level to facilitate job-rich growth. And business and civil society, in its turn, must take a long-term view of South Africa's future and commit energy and resources to bringing about change which is both productive and transformational.

Recession, Recovery & Reform will offer compelling new insights into how South Africa can unlock its potential in the years ahead. The publication of this title a month ahead of the ANC policy conference in June 2020, at which President Ramaphosa's political and economic 'track record' will be widely assessed, ensures it will be a must-read for all who are concerned about South Africa's well-being and who are willing to believe that a 'new dawn' is indeed possible.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778700>

China Inc: Between State Capitalism and Economic Statecraft / Aravind Yelery

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

Xviii, 360p.; 24cm.

Includes Index and Bibliography

9789390095353

\$ 32.50 / HB

770 gm.

Examines the reforms of China's state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in the 1990s, which resulted in mass closures of firms, tens of millions of lay-offs and stock market listings for many of the biggest state firms. Today, SOEs produce one-third of China's GDP and provide one-fifth of all its jobs, and have been given the task of re-engineering the relations of production.

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Rising to The China Challenge: Winning Thought Strategic Patience and Economic

Growth / Gautam Bambawale, Vijay Kelkar, Raghunath Mashelkar, Ganesh

Natarajan, Ajit Ranade, Ajay Shah

Rupa Publications India Pvt, Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xlvii, 176p.; 23cm.

Includes Index

9789391256524

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460 gm.

Conflict has resurfaced on the china India border. the framework that had prevailed from 19988 to proceed with deep engagement which the boarder issued lay unresolved has come to an end. The events of Doklam and Ladakh are not the end of this story. India now faces the process of a hostile relationship with China. This is not just hostile relationship with China. This is not Just a problem of sending troops to leach this is a problem that will paly out on the strategic scale. it is difficulty for India to navigate these waters as China is substantially ahead of India in many aspects

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=776515>

Countering The Radical Narrative / Adil Rasheed

KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India 2020

Xiii, 198p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

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520 gm.

Terrorist groups are driven by extremist political ideologies or distorted religious discourses, which they then propagate through traditional and modern means of communication to wean more recruits to their diabolic designs. The indoctrination of these extremist ideologies lead to transformation of law-abiding citizens into violent extremists, a process known as radicalisation. This book proposes ways and techniques for reversing this process of radicalisation by taking the fight to the terrorists in the ideological domain. It proposes ways for developing and launching counter-narrative campaigns against radicalisation in order to drain the ideological swamp from which terrorist organisations continue to rear their ugly heads. This book specifically provides conceptual insights into developing counter-narratives against jihadist organisations, like Al Qaeda, ISIS and Pakistan-based terror groups. Countering the Radical Narrative is meant for readers interested in understanding techniques of radical indoctrination, specifically those of contemporary jihadist groups. It could be particularly useful for counter-terrorism experts, military and security agencies operating in terrorism-infested regions and media organisations covering news about radical groups and their ideologies. Contents: Acknowledgements Preface 1. Introduction: The War of Narratives 2. Psychological Messaging to Counter Terrorism 3. Narrative: The Construct of Consciousness 4. Common Themes of Radical Ideologies 5. The Art of Developing Counter-Narratives 6. An Islamic Counter to Terrorism 7. Doctrinal Deviance of Modern Jihadism 8. The Counter-Narrative Campaign 9. Afterword: Confronting Winds of Radical Change Index

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777843>

Politics of Regional Development : A Case Study of Maharashtra / Gautam Kamble, Shreenivas Khandewale and G S Khwaja

Rawat Publications, Jaipur 2021

xx, 267p.; maps; 25cm

Includes Bibliography, Index

9788131611609

\$ 37.50 / HB

750 gm.

Maharashtra is one of the largest states of India in terms of area and population. With a significant economic, financial, social and political presence, it is also one of the richest state. It attracts not only industries and investors, but also a large number of labourers from all over the country. The present work was taken up as a study of political economy of regional development of Maharashtra with special reference to Vidarbha, its constituent region. The book examines the underdevelopment of the Vidarbha region in comparison with other regions of the state of Maharashtra. The region lacks extension of the development process and is suffering from stagnant social progress. The dynamics of the development has been channelized in such a way that the regional inequalities have grown in the past decades. All this has ultimately resulted into despair, loss of self-confidence and disappointment about the whole composite process of development, on the part of the people. There has been a growing consciousness for separate State due to historical reasons and neglect of its development. The economic regional disparities are widening and so are all other forms of disparities, resulting into a sort of disaffection or alienation. The poverty, malnutrition, undernutrition, unemployment, farmers' suicides etc. are not purely economic problems and need to be dealt with a comprehensive public policy at the level of the State. This calls for a radical solution. This book contains political economy rather than merely an economic approach to the regional development and regional disparities in Maharashtra. It is well-supported through statistics and official reports. This treatise on the political economy of underdevelopment and regional disparities will generate evidence-based discussion among the policy makers and those who are involved in the political decision-making.

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Küresel, Bölgesel ve Enerji Düzenlerinde Dönüşümler : Türkiye ve Japonya'dan Yaklaşımlar = Transitions in Global, Regional and Energy Ordeers : Perspectives from Turkey andf Japan / (Eds) Saban Kardas and Haldun Yalcinkaya

Orient Yayinlari, Ankara, Turkey 2021

234p.

9789756124758

\$ 45.00 / null

270 gm.

Türk ve Japon araştırmacıların katılımı ile 2019 ve 2020 yıllarında Küresel Siyaset İlişkiler Üzerine Japonya-Türkiye Diyaloğu başlıklı proje çerçevesinde düzenlenen sempozyumlarda elde edilen birikim bu kitaba yansıtılmıştır. Sempozyumlar Japonya Ankara Büyükelçiliği'nce desteklenmiş ve TOBB Ekonomi ve Teknoloji Üniversitesi tarafından organize edilmiştir. Proje sayesinde Japonya ve Türkiye'den uzmanların keşif kümesindeki bölgesel ve küresel konular için bir platform tesis edilmiştir.

This book is a product of an ongoing strategic conversation between the Turkish and Japanese researchers: Japan-Turkey Dialogue on Global Affairs. Supported by the Japanese Embassy in Ankara, the symposia organized by the TOBB University of Economics and Technology have provided an important platform for academics and strategic thinkers from the two countries to discuss issues of common concern from regional and global perspectives.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778366>

Turkey – A Global Power in The 21st Century : Foreign Policy, Modern Military Defence Industry, Health Security, Tourism and Culture / Haktan Birsal and Nahid Malazizi

Janus Publishing House, Izmir, Turkey 2021

9786057049315

\$ 45.00 / null

190 gm.

The 21st century is full of signs of a multipolar world order. In this dynamic world with high level of globalization, many countries have emerged with their intervention in events that directly affect international developments and a multipolar struggle has begun. Eurasia is the most important continent where multipolar struggle is experienced. In all developments occurring on this continent, Turkey has to be taken into account in terms of its geographical, military strength, economy and relations. Clearly, the vast geography stretching from the Caucasus to the Middle East and the Mediterranean is the immediate vicinity of Turkey and Turkey cannot be excluded from the game in this area. This is the most important proof that Turkey has switched to global power form.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778367>

Towards Sustainable Peace in Ghana / Stephen Bugu Kendie (Ed)

Sub-Saharan Publishers, Accra, Ghana 2021

xliv, 460p.;

Includes Index

9789988550288

\$ 61.99 / null

700 gm.

This book was conceived as a testament to the life and times of Mr. Francis Kojo Azuimah - the first Executive Secretary of the National Peace Council (NPC) of Ghana. The late Executive Secretary worked tirelessly not only to pre-empt and manage conflicts, but also drew attention of policy makers to the underlying causes of conflict. Consequently, in all the peace-building efforts that the NPC engaged in during his tenure, the fundamental issues of poverty, inequality and justice were driving concerns.

The chapters in this book were written mainly by academics with several years and decades of research and practice in the fields of Peace Studies, Conflict Management and Development Studies. The authors draw attention to local, regional and national attempts at managing conflicts and peace-building and underline the essential roles of justice and stakeholder participation as ingredients to achieve sustainable peace. This is particularly necessary in poor countries/societies where development policies are often skewed in favour of the elite.

This book is essential reading for students of Peace Studies, Development Studies, Sociology and Political Science as well as persons interested in conflict and justice in society. The book is eternally dedicated to all freedom fighters and all who work for peace and justice.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778337>

Balochistan : A Conflict of Narratives / Fida Hussain Malik

Lightstone Publishers Pvt, Ltd., Karachi, Pakistan 2019

x, 226p.;

Includes Index and Select Bibliography

9789697160716

\$ 40.00 / HB

335 gm.

Baluchistan has been facing many challenges since Pakistan's independence. Resentment and socio-political turmoil in Baloch society has been fueled by the federation's denial of Baluchistan's rightful share of resources and funds: a recognition of this injustices by the state has long been needed. Fida Malik's book is a seminal work providing deep understanding and promote a well-integrated federation-province relationship.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775290>

Breaking the Breakers : Public Policy and Governance, Case Studies from Pakistan / (Ed) Syed Abu Ahmad Akif and M. Khalid Nadeem Khan

IPS Press, Islamabad, Pakistan 2021

xxvi, 254p.;

Includes Index

9789694488035

\$ 40.00 / HB

440 gm.

Breaking the Breakers brings together 11 case studies from Pakistani public governance. This volume aims to not just guide students of governance and civil servants about the case method, but also to enlighten general readers with an interest in public sector management. It is anticipated that these 'governance stories' would enable all readers to appreciate some of the complexities of public service in Pakistan; for non-Pakistanis these should provide deeper insights into a difficult-to-govern country. Academic case studies are depictions and analyses of everyday events narrated as stories. While these narratives propose to educate and inform a broad readership, when it comes to serious study these can also be used to explore the peculiarities of public governance in the world's fifth most populous country. For the more discerning, the cases offer a means to understand the reasons for administrative failure as well as appreciate the principles of good governance for improving future performances of administrative groups, projects, policies, institutions, and governance systems in Pakistan. From the time-worn tradition of Aesop's fables and epics of Homer to the Thousand and One Nights and Sadi's Gulistan and Bustan, storytelling has long been recognized as a powerful medium of communication.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775291>

Constitutional Development in Pakistan - Second Edition / G.W. Choudhury

Peace Publication, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

x, 278p.;

Includes Index and Select Bibliography

9697280261 ; 9789697280261

\$ 45.00 / HB

420 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775285>

Political Economy of Bad Governance : Reflection on Interplay of Elite Structures, Governance and Public Policy Choices / Jamil Nasir

Jumhoori Publications, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

xviii, 422p.;

9789696521761

\$ 50.00 / HB

525 gm.

This book reflects on how narrow social and political elite structures of a society induce bad governance and sub-optimal public policies. Numerous important questions are raised for their possible answers from the political economy perspective. Why do we see poor governance and elitist policies in democracies of the Third World despite principle of one man, one vote? How do rent-seeking and culture of patronage perpetuate bad governance? How governance trap is created due to elitist structures and policies and why is such trap responsible for poverty? How do bad governance structures serve the interests of the elite at the expense of masses? Why is non-farm rural economy neglected at public policy level? Why does corruption persist despite all rhetoric against it? Why cannot we raise due taxes? Why are IMF prescriptions bad for long-term economic growth? etc. The book provides students and researchers a rich menu of issues and topics for further research in the areas of political economy, governance, corruption, and taxation. It is written in a captivating style and brings together insights from multiple academic papers and reports.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775286>

Europe Under US Imperialism / Dr. Sahar Afshan

Peace Publication, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

173p.;

Includes Bibliography

9697280384 ; 9789697280384

\$ 50.00 / HB

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Securing the Future : Means to End all Terrorism Means / Dr Brigadier Umar Sattar

Ferozsons (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore, Pakistan 2021

224p.;

Includes Bibliography

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445 gm.

Dr Brigadier Umar Sattar has done M.Phil in War Studies and carries unique achievement being Ph.D qualified in National Strategy with grade 'Distinction' from National Defence University, Egypt. The author has varied experience of, Staff and Instructions in Pakistan Army. He has also served in United Nations Peacekeeping missions abroad. He is happily married and blessed with four daughters and one son. He is staunch exponent of two basic concepts within the domain of national strategy; "addressing the root causes permanently rather than fighting the symptoms of terrorism" that is explicitly addressed in this book, and the concept of "win without fight through optimization of deterrence against the adversary", being covered in another upcoming book; "Win without Fight."

.....Besides distinguishing between legitimate freedom struggle and what has come to define 21st century's security challenge, 'Terrorism', book under study, 'Securing the Future; Means to End all Terrorism Means', defines a comprehensive framework aimed at eradicating this deadly malaise from any society, of course Pakistan included. Author deserves to be appreciated for this enormous contribution which should form part of curriculum wherever this subject is studied. – Lieutenant General Ghulam Mustafa (Retired) Pakistan Army

.....He has conducted the wide ranging research to write this book and has recommended some viable options to control and eradicate terrorism. The book makes an interesting reading and should be widely consulted by researchers on this subject. – Lieutenant General Maqsood Ahmed (Retired) Pakistan Army

.....It's a worthy work and must read book which comprehensively analyses the comparative study of terrorism. – Dr Rukhsana Jabeen
Vice Chancellor, SBK Women University, Quetta

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Pakistan's Relations with Saudi Arabia / Shahid M. Amin

Paramount Books Pvt, Ltd., Karachi, Pakistan 2021

xxii, 282p.;

Includes Index

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420 gm.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have always enjoyed very friendly relations. Both collaborate with each other in multiple ways. However, the rationale for their friendship is sometimes not understood and there is a need for an objective study of the history of Pakistan-Saudi relations and their present status. A Saudi official once stated: "The relationship between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia is a special one that does not exist between any other two countries." Prince Turki al-Faisal, former chief of Saudi intelligence, has stated that Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have forged "Probably one of the closest relationships in the world between any two countries without any official treaty." Certainly, the record shows that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have stood by each other in war and in peace. This special relationship has endured despite changes of governments on both sides.

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China, West and the Islamic World : The World in 2050 – Romance of the Three Civilisations (A Fascinating Story of the Rise and Fall of the Great Powers) / Syed Hasan Javed

Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., Karachi, Pakistan 2021

xxxii, 400p.;

9789696377450

\$ 60.00 / HB

640 gm.

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Pakistan : Victim of Democracy / Fakir S. Ayazuddin

Royal Book Company, Karachi, Pakistan 2021

184p.;

9789694075112

\$ 35.00 / HB

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Tampered and Terrorised Democracy / James Regina C. Dabhi

Indian Social Institute, New Delhi 2019

42p.; 21cm.

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150 gm.

James Regina C. Dabhi, S. J. is the research Director at the Human Development and Research Centre formally known as Behavioural Science Centre, Ahmedabad. He was country Director of Afghanistan Research and Development Institute (ARDI) based in Kabul and visiting Professor at Herat and Bamiyan Universities in Afghanistan teaching sociology, social research and development management.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777077>

Malaysia Who's Who: Politics and Judiciary / (Author-in-Chief) Robert M S Koy, JP

Kasuya Management Sdn Bhd, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2019

1454p.;

Includes Bibliography

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3210 gm.

This compilation of Malaysia: Politics & Judiciary provides a concise, accurate biographies of about 5000 politicians and superior court judges

As in all Malaysia Who's Who biographical volumes, only select individuals are chosen on the basis of current reference value and factors like position, noteworthy accomplishments and prominence in the field are all taken into account.

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Maelstorm Over the Killing Fields : Interventions in the Project of National-Democratic Liberation / E. San Juan, Jr.

Pantas Publishing Inc., Quezon City, Philippines

xvi, 228p.;

9786218156111

\$ 350.00 / null

366 gm.

E. San Juan is one of the sharpest and most clarifying voices vis-a-vis Filipino/US and Filipino/world relationships extant. He is an internationalist and political analyst of high morale. —AMIRI BARAKAE.

San Juan is a scholar of remarkable range and varied talents remarkable for his commitment to literature and culture as vital areas of contemporary social life.—FREDRIC JAMESON, Duke UniversityE. San

Juan is one of the world's most distinguished progressive critics. He is certainly the world's leading scholar and critic of Filipino literature and undoubtedly the leading authority on Filipino-American literary relations.—BRUCE FRANKLIN, Rutgers UniversityE.

San Juan's intervention in the current debates on cultural studies is both necessary and significant. We can all learn valuable lessons from the Philippine experience.—NGUGI WA THIONG'O, Kenyan novelist

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Blogging the City and Spaces of Dissent in the Philippines / Mong Palatino

Raymond Palatino, Quezon City, Philippines 2021

230p.;

9786219653800

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434 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778389>

Critique of Philippine Economy and Politics / Jose Maria Sison, Julieta de Lima (Ed)

International Network for Philippine Studies (INPS), Philippines 2021

xii, 768p.;

\$ 50.00 / HB

1164 gm.

Critique of Philippine Economy and Politics seeks to explain comprehensively the basic character of Philippine society and the basic problems that afflict the Filipino people, especially the toiling masses of workers and peasants. Since 1946, the US has granted nominal independence to the Philippines but has retained. US dominance over the economic, political, cultural and social life of the Filipino people. The shift has merely been from direct colonial to semicolonial or neocolonial rule

The semifeudal economy has persisted. There has been no genuine land reform and national industrialization. Imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism perpetuate underdevelopment, extreme exploitation, mass unemployment and widespread poverty.

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Societe civile et engagement politique au Cameroun : Enquetes, Analysesm, enjeux et perspectives / Jean-Bosco, Talla Guillaume-Henri Ngnepi & Mathias Eric Owona Nguini

Samory/La Grande Palabre, Yaounde, Cameroun 2015

xiii, 408p.

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\$ 75.00 / null

580 gm.

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Eastward Ho? India's Relations With The Indo-Pacific / E. Sridharan

Orient Blackswan Pvt.Ltd, India 2021

xxii,487p.; 23cm.

Includes Index

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810 gm.

Eastward Ho? analyses India's relationships with the countries lying to its east. It explores India's 'Look East Policy' launched in the early 1990s, later renamed 'Act East' in 2014. Against the backdrop of deepening intra-Asian economic integration, combined with security tensions and rivalries, both related to the economic and strategic rise of China, this volume asks: What are India's relationships like with countries to its east, and what are its challenges, possible roles and options?

Parts I and II study the political and economic consequences of the growing Asian integration; the evolving Asian 'security architecture', today's buzzword for institutions and processes; China's ever-changing perceptions of India; and India's emerging relations with Japan and Korea.

Part III studies India's economic and strategic relations with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar, and focuses on India and China's tussle for influence over the Himalayan states of Nepal and Bhutan. Part IV concludes the discussion by analysing India's evolving relations with Southeast Asia, namely Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

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Smaller Citizens : Writings on the Making of Indian Citizens / Krishna Kumar

Orient Blackswan Pvd.Ltd, India 2021

xvii,149p.; 22cm.

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In *Smaller Citizens*, Krishna Kumar explores the theme of citizenship by focusing on a key paradox of modern education: to encourage the young to think freely and apply their minds to the problems of our times, or, to train them to become loyal citizens, complying with and obeying the relevant authority representing the state. It's an old paradox, but it has acquired a new, sharper significance in our times. The politics of neo-nationalism and the demands for a compliant workforce arising from corporate control on the job market have recently increased the pressure on education to promote a habituated acceptance of orders. This volume probes the resultant dilemmas faced by teachers, parents and children themselves. Through a micro-analysis of events in classrooms and schools, the author offers compelling evidence of systemic bias that makes institutions resistant to changes and reforms initiated with great effort, as in the case of the Right to Education Act. The book offers insights to help readers understand education within India and as a concept, and the interplay of education and citizenship. It is a collection of 18 articles that have been previously published in different journals/newspapers, brought together here in a single volume. Contents: Publisher's Acknowledgements Prologue 1. Studying Childhood 2. Education and Girlhood 3. Rurality, Modernity and Education 4. The Logic of Children's Right to Education 5. Regimentation and Nationalism 6. Equality under a Post-Welfare State 7. Education and Poverty 8. The Death of a Small Boy 9. Leela Dube's Poser 10. Education and Caste 11. Peasants as Citizens 12. The Essentialised Village 13. Adolescent Voices 14. Remembering a Baiga Woman 15. The Temptation to Take a Picture 16. A Matter of Belief 17. Citizens and the Bureaucracy 18. A Pedagogy of Freedom and Peace

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774439>

Nations and Nationalisms : A Short Introduction / Kaustav Chakraborty, Krishna Sen

Orient blackswan Pvt.Ltd, India 2021

x,192p.; 22cm.

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340 gm.

This volume is a comprehensive introduction to the idea of the nation, and offers a critical engagement with the contending manifestations of nationhood. Nations and Nationalisms provides an exhaustive overview of various theories and theorists of nationalism – from classical thinkers such as Marx and Max Weber to contemporary intellectuals like Foucault and Yael Tamir. It contextualises nationalisms by analysing a range of issues – such as globalisation, transnationalism, subnationalisms, stateless nationalisms, neo-nationalism and the cyberstate – and focuses specifically on the debates on nation-building in India. A separate chapter surveys Indian English fiction's negotiations with nationalism. Drawing on numerous examples from around the world, the book charts the permutations and transformations in the conceptual space of the nation.

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Citizen's Participation and Empowerment : Emerging Policies Practices and Trends / George O Tsobanoglou

B R Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2021

xix, 415p.; 25cm.

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\$ 69.00 / HB

950 gm.

This book is a timely and necessary overview of citizen's participation and empowerment from diverse vantage points of politics, economics, culture and governance in local, regional and international contexts. It blends insights from European and Asian sociological scholarship to give insight into current research. The chapters are well focused to give a wealth of policy and practical guidance on how citizens participate and empower themselves in local democratic and regional governance.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775755>

Bangladesh : The Price Of Freedom / Raghu Rai

Niyogi Books, New Delhi. 2019

114p.; B & W ill.; 24cm

9789381523698

\$ 37.50 / HB

1050 gm.

In early 1971, when negotiations for an autonomous East Bengal broke down, brutalities against the citizens of erstwhile East Pakistan led to a mass exodus of refugees into India. Despite an international outcry, the assaults and rapes continued. With the intervention of the Indian Armed Forces in December 1971, after nine months of violence and uncertainty and a twelve-day war between India and Pakistan, the independent nation of Bangladesh was born.

Ace photographer Raghu Rai documented the plight of the refugees, the action during the war and the jubilant scenes of victory and Independence. His treasure trove of photographs, which for over four decades he thought had been lost, was recently rediscovered. The stories are perhaps not unknown, but have been retold by a master storyteller – the refugee camps, the exodus, the never-ending journey, a whirlwind of poignant, tormented history. And finally, a new nation, a new tomorrow.

Bangladesh: The Price of Freedom are never before seen photographs which comprise a significant body of work documenting a turning point in the history of South Asia.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774425>

Women and Peacebuilding : Perspectives from the field / Meenal Tula, Kusumika Ghosh

North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, India 2021

V, 186p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

9788195302420

\$ 4.00 / null

300 gm.

This volume is an attempt to emphasise the multi-faceted participation of women in social and political life of communities, in Northeast India and elsewhere. It brings to light that binary frames of gendered identities and gender roles cannot adequately explain how women become part of processes of peacebuilding but also of conflict.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777932>

Nepal-India Relations in the Changing Context : Complexities and Opportunities /
Dr. Amar B Lama Tamang

Sangri-La Pustak P. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal 2021

434p.

9789937734363

\$ 45.00 / HB

600 gm.

Due to geo-political, ethno-cultural, socio-economic, historical, and strategic considerations, Nepal-India Relations have prima facie always remained in the annals of the history of South Asia. Many scholars have made their meticulous efforts through research to assess, explore, analyze, and recommend necessary corrigenda for improving and enhancing the sometimes smooth, and sometimes complex, weather-like, bilateral relations between the two countries. In this perspective, one more painstaking research at hand has been added by Dr. Amar B Lama Tamang in his book Nepal-India Relations in the Changing Context: Complexities and Opportunities. Naturally, the title of the book connotes the author's focus on the challenges and the opportunities resulted by the frequent paradigm shifts on pragmatic approaches of Nepal and India's long-established foreign policies towards each other, while implementing them in the changing context of time, history, systems, governments, regional and global , geo-proximities, status quos, and leaderships.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774423>

Handbook of Tribal Politics in India / Jagannath Ambagudia ,Virginus Xaxa

Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xxxiv,557p.; 25cm.

Includes Index

9789353884581

\$ 100.00 / HB

1220 gm.

Handbook of Tribal Politics in India is undoubtedly the most authoritative source for a systematic and comprehensive study of this vibrant field of scholarship. Divided into three sections, the chapters cover a broad range of themes ranging from a general introduction to tribal politics to exploring contemporary issues and concerns within the discipline. The book presents a trajectory and authentic overview of tribal politics while keeping in mind the changing relationship between tribal communities and democracy. Using qualitative and quantitative data, it studies the role of tribal political representatives in public policy-making, issues related to communities, and the nature and dynamics of tribal politics at the state and national levels.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774421>

Environmental Scarcity of Water and Conflict in South Asia and Middle East /
Narottam Gaan

B R Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2021

xii, 314p.; 24cm.
Includes Bibliography
9789388789820
\$ 56.50 / HB
780 gm.

The incantation of security and conflict in the conventional note of realism and neo-realism impervious to the devastating threats from the environmental crisis more catastrophic than the sovereignty bound militaristic states, has during these decades dominated the global security narrative. The attic of this project transfigured into a book has been founded on the bedrock of this nontraditional causes of violent conflict in South Asia and Middle East over environmental scarcity of the perennially flowing rivers, the natural course of which has not been in congruity with these territorially carved out states by the colonial masters.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775752>

Landscape of Conflicts and Peace in the Northeast: The Role of Religion / Walter Fernandes, Kusumika Ghosh, Jasmine Mushahary, Garrol Lotha

North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, India 2019

Vi, 185p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

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\$ 5.00 / null

300 gm.

All through history religion has been used for political purposes. It is so at present more than in the past decades, both in India and in some other South Asian, European and American countries. Because conflicts are created in its name, does religion become their main source? The book is an attempt to study this phenomenon from sociological perspective.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777929>

Power and Powerlessness: Mainstream Media and the Northeast / Walter Fernandes (Ed.)

North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, Assam, India 2019

V, 106p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

9788194357827

\$ 2.50 / null

250 gm.

How do the media outlets in India and elsewhere interact with power? The papers in this book look at this issue from the point of view of caste and gender-based power relations as well as those of the rich and the poor. The manner in which they are presented show a bias in favour of the powerful.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777928>

Teaching for peace and Peace curriculum in Manipur / Leban Serto

North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, India 2011

Viii, 91p.; 22cm.

9788192234922

\$ 2.00 / null

250 gm.

Manipur is today is the arena of a variety of conflicts. Widespread violence has become a fact of life. The author explains how this has seriously affected the system of education in the state. He then points out why Teaching for peace is urgently needed. He argues that "Education in Manipur must meet the needs of youth and teach them skills.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777923>

JP to BJP : Bihar after Lalu and Nitish / Santosh Singh

Sage Publications India Pvt.Ltd, New Delhi 2021

xxxii,303p.; 22cm.

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\$ 15.00 / null

500 gm.

Once upon a time, the eastern Indian State of Bihar provided space for socialism to take centre stage.

As a new government takes office in Bihar, the book JP to BJP: Bihar after Lalu and Nitish looks closely at the process of saffronisation that has taken place in this landscape, more marked than any other by milestones of political shifts and movements. Author, journalist Santosh Singh tracks the important Socialists on the national stage for the last 75 years; traces the rise and fall of Socialist and coalition governments in Patna and New Delhi; defines for us the sifting sand of opportunistic politics and an invisible future.

The book answers many burning questions such as: Why the man who had sought to counter Narendra Modi's 'Congress-mukt Bharat' line with his vow of a 'Sangh-mukt Bharat' walk away from being the emerging nucleus of Opposition politics? Which top RJD leader did Prem Chand Gupta accompany to meet BJP leader Arun Jaitley in Delhi, and why?

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774414>

Untranquil Recollections : Nation Building in Post-Liberation Bangladesh / Rehman Sobhan

Sage Publications India Pvt.Ltd, New delhi 2021

xviii,348p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

9789353887391

\$ 15.00 / null

530 gm.

Rehman Sobhan was directly associated with Bangladesh's liberation struggle. In this memoir, he provides an insightful, first-hand account of the challenges faced by the newly independent Bangladesh in the early years of its existence. This book attempts to capture the unique problems of reconstructing the war-devastated economy while building institutions from ground up for a nation which for 24 years had been run through a highly centralized system of colonial-style governance. Untranquil Recollections gives special attention to the author's involvement, as a Member of the Planning Commission, in addressing the problem of reconstruction while coping with the political challenges associated with building institutions, formulating economic policies and overseeing their implementation. The narrative attempts to identify the economic and political forces that were inimical to the radical direction of the national policy set by Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The book concludes with a discussion of the dark events leading to Mujibur Rahman's assassination along with his family and his closest political colleagues, which resulted in a change in the regime. Contents: Preface Acknowledgements Introduction: Untranquil Recollections First Days in Liberated Bangladesh My First Exposure to Government The Political Leadership of the Planning Commission The Workings of the Planning Commission Discovering the Political Economy of Policymaking The Challenge of Delivering in the Five-year Plan Making the State Effective The Challenge of Improving the Performance of the Nationalized Sector My Return to Aid Diplomacy Laying the Foundations of Indo-Bangladesh Economic Relations The Gathering Storm Darkness at Noon: The Last Days of the Bangabandhu Era Recollections in Tranquility Index

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774416>

Conflict Mapping And Peace Processes in North East India / Lazar Jeyaseelan

North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, India 2011

V, 279p.; 22cm.

\$ 5.00 / null

450 gm.

The Northeast is known in the rest of India only as a region of conflict. That there is violence in the region is beyond doubt but that is not only identity. The state views the conflicts only as a law and order issue. The authors of the papers in the present book try to find out whether it is only a law and order issue or more than that. These case studies done by students and other beginners are an effort to identify the causes of the conflicts and possible solutions to them.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777918>

1962 Border War : Sino-Indian Territorial Disputes and Beyond / Ismail Vengasseri

Sage Publications India Pvt.Ltd, New Delhi 2021

xvi,284p.; 23cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9789353885281

\$ 32.50 / HB

560 gm.

1962 Border War: Sino-Indian Territorial Disputes and Beyond studies the historical antecedents of the origin and developments of the border dispute between the two Asian giants—India and China. It investigates why these newborn republics, despite their close ties in the international politics, chose a path of a large-scale military encounter in the winter of 1962. This book uses the classified Henderson Brooks-Bhagat Report and the CIA Staff Study Report to answer this question. The book debates how far internal bureaucratic hurdles, political intrigues and partisan interest in New Delhi have factored against Nehru's China Policy. Further, this study reveals the impact of Cold War politics, CIA operations on the frontiers and the US strategy of projecting the Tibet factor on these two nations. The key significance of this study is that it reveals the historical factors behind the Sino-Indian frequent and ongoing skirmishes along the border.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774403>

India-Sri Lanka Relations: Is it Time for Reorientation of Policy? / Samatha Mallempati (Ed)

KW Publishers Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India 2021

Xxi, 213p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789383445547

\$ 32.00 / HB

540 gm.

The edited volume is an outcome of the national seminar held at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) on the theme "India-Sri Lanka Relations: Is it Time for Reorientation of Policy"? The edited volume deals with politico, economic and security developments within Sri Lanka in recent years, particularly under the Unity Government of Sri Lanka (2015-2019). The volume also examines India-Sri Lanka relations within the framework of India's "neighbourhood first policy" and Sri Lanka's "India first policy". The book while examining bilateral relations in a historical context also looks at the impact of domestic political factors on bilateral relations, trade and investment opportunities and the role of foreign policy within the context of changing geo-politics of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The chapters in this edited volume are written from the perspectives of former practitioners, scholars and journalists from India, closely following India-Sri Lanka relations.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777911>

India-Central Asia Relations: The Road Ahead / Athar Zafar

KW Publishers Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India 2021

Xiii, 184p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789383445493

\$ 24.50 / HB

500 gm.

In last three decades Central Asia has made notable political and economic developments. The region is in India's neighbourhood has civilisational linkages. Central Asia is gradually gaining prominence among policy makers and academia in India particularly due to its location, resources and rich cultural heritage. In recent years there have been growing consultations among Central Asian leaders and consequently cooperation has increased, especially on cross border movement of people and goods. Multiple initiatives have been launched by countries in the region to improve infrastructure and efficient transportation through strengthened connectivity links. There is growing mutual interest among scholars in India and Central Asia, and ICWA holds the India-Central Asia academic dialogue to explore possibilities of deepening cooperation for common gains. The present book is an outcome of such scholarly interactions and an effort to contribute to the pool of knowledge on South Asia and Central Asia.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777916>

External Dimensions of Security of the North East Region / Temjenmeren Ao

KW Publishers Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India 2021

Xx, 154p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789383445554

\$ 19.50 / HB

480 gm.

India's North Eastern Region [NER] is a strategically important part of Eastern South Asia. Sharing borders with as many as five countries, and connected by a mere twelve kilometres corridor with the rest of India. Security has been the primary consideration that has driven the entire narrative of the region since 1947. After the fall of East Pakistan while the intense feeling of insecurity witnessed in the 1960s has diminished, the unresolved Sino-India border dispute along with an assertive China has increased security concerns which have held up the development of the NER. Issues such as illegal migration from Bangladesh, and the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar, have also heightened perceptions of security deficit in this region. The presence of several insurgent outfits in the region where they enjoyed safe havens across borders has also resulted in the borders of the region becoming over securitised and consequently underdeveloped. Insurgency is also used as a cover for a range of illicit activities ranging from forced rent seeking, arms trade, and drug trafficking all contributing to underdevelopment. Since the formulation of the government's 'Look East' and later rechristened 'Act East' Policy, there has been a gradual shift in the security paradigm of the region. Past security considerations had prompted the idea of 'keep the region isolated' are now been recalibrated to 'engage with neighbours' a paradigm that considers leveraging foreign policy as a vital tool towards domestic security and development.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777914>

Elections - 2019 : Chronicle with Comments / P S G Kumar

B R Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2020

x, 114p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789388789554

\$ 17.50 / HB

450 gm.

This is the 70th publication of the author, however first one on elections and politics. The book narrates the subject in a chronological order. There are more than 150 events brought together with author's comments. The date has been gathered from print, electronic and social media. Views of reporters, news readers, journalists, editorial staff, political analysts, spokes persons of political parties forums the substance of this work. The author has presented the subject in cohesive, comprehensive and concise manner.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775730>

India and Africa: The Road Ahead / Nivedita Ray
KW Publishers Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India 2021
Xxix, 190p.; 24cm.
Includes Index
9789383445530
\$ 27.00 / HB
520 gm.

India and Africa, nurture a historically cordial relationship that has acquired a renewed significance over the last decade, with the change seen in their respective territories and the international system. The common interests that are driving the partnership encompass diverse fields concerning politics, economic development and security. With the changing international system and shifting geopolitics new opportunities are also emerging for India and Africa to collaborate.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777907>

The Unrealized Mahathir-Anwar Transitions : Social Divides and Political Consequences / Khoo Boo Teik,
ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021
36p.;
9789815011005
\$ 9.00 / null

The failure of two expected transitions of leadership from Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Anwar Ibrahim (in 1998 and 2020) are traceable beyond their personal entanglements to the social divides and political currents of their time. The unrealized transitions are symptomatic of UMNO's dynamic of "dysfunctional succession". Under Mahathir, the party split. Under Najib, it was defeated. The condition persists as the current Prime Minister, Muhyiddin Yassin, has not even appointed a deputy prime minister after being in power for fifteen months.

The unrealized transitions were a setback for a "reform agenda", which Anwar Ibrahim articulated, but which emerged from dissident movements for diverse reforms. These movements helped the multiethnic, socially inclusive, opposition to win the 14th General Election. They are only seemingly dormant because of the pandemic.

The Pakatan Harapan regime had the best chance to supply a fresh vision, deeper social understanding, and commitment to reform. The present Perikatan Nasional regime's fixation on "Malayness" overlooks twenty years of intense intra-Malay conflicts that began with the failure of the first transition.

As the "7th Prime Minister", Mahathir had a rare chance to redeem himself from major errors of his first twenty-two-year tenure. He squandered his chance by not honouring the Pakatan Harapan transition plan.

Anwar Ibrahim's opponents mock him for being obsessed with wanting to be prime minister. Yet they obsessively fear his becoming prime minister. Anwar may be twice loser in political succession but "the spectre of Anwar" still haunts Malaysian political consciousness.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775720>

Gilgit-Baltistan under Pakistan's Occupation / Ashish Shukla (Ed)
Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India 2021
Xvi, 99p.; 24cm.
Includes Index
9789383445523
\$ 17.00 / HB
410 gm.

The present book makes an in-depth analysis of both historical as well as recent development in Gilgit-Baltistan a territory illegally occupied by Pakistan. The politico-security establishment of Pakistan has, over the years, not only marginalised the indigenous people of Gilgit-Baltistan, but also been exploiting the precious natural resources with the help of outside powers having vested interested in the region. This has serious ramification on the stability and overall peace and security in the region.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777903>

Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Way Ahead / Samatha Mallempati (Ed)

Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India 2021

Xviii, 122p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789383445516

\$ 19.50 / HB

430 gm.

The edited volume is an outcome of national seminar held at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) on "Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Road Ahead". The edited volume examines the various political changes that took place in Myanmar under the National League for Democracy (NLD) government led by the State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi since 2016. The NLD's landslide victory in December 2015 elections brought a change to the political system that was mostly controlled by the military apparatus after Independence in 1948. The NLD took the responsibilities of the State with a promise to bring political and economic changes. In this context the volume offers insight into the contemporary India-Myanmar bilateral relations and various issues that are relevant in enhancing, bilateral and regional cooperation within the framework of India's "Act East Policy". The edited volume examines the historical and cultural relations, prospects for enhancing trade and connectivity and impact of insurgency at the border. The volume also focuses on the importance of enhancing India-Myanmar relations for the overall development of India's North-eastern region. The chapters in this edited volume are written from the perspective of scholars from India, closely following India-Myanmar relations.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777902>

The Forests for the Palms : Essays on the Politics of Haze and the Environment in Southeast Asia / Helena Varkkey

ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

117p.;

Includes Index and Bibliography

9789814881869

\$ 16.90 / null

Transboundary haze has been a recurring problem in the Southeast Asian region since at least 1982. Why does this toxic form of air pollution still persist? Helena Varkkey, a Malaysian political scientist, has been studying this multifaceted problem for more than fifteen years. This book provides an ideal collection for those who want a clear but concise introduction to this complex issue. Its commentaries explore how often sensitive matters of ASEAN diplomacy, national interest or political patronage continue to stand in the way of clear skies in the region.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775718>

India's Long Walk Home / (Ed) Ishan Chauhan and Zenaida Cubbinz

Paranjy Guha Thakurta, Uttar Pradesh 2021

xiv, 231p.; 22cm.

9789387280878

\$ 15.00 / null

400 gm.

Overshadowed by disease, death and poverty, we have all become pilgrims, struggling along different paths to arrive at the same realization that we're not alone, that there may be others less fortunate than us, with whom we can share a lot. This book is a result of a quiet struggle against the gradual evaporation of India's liberal ethos, its cultural multiplicity and generosity of soul.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775351>

The Idea Of New India: Essays In Defence Of Critical Thought / Pramod Kumar
Aakar Books, Delhi 2021

xxvi, 362p.; 23cm.

Includes Index and Bibliography

9789350026915

\$ 37.50 / HB

660 gm.

This engaging book clearly details the dilemmas that contemporary India faces and the controversies that accompany the many policies advocated to address them. By rising above partisanship, Pramod Kumar deftly demonstrates the fault lines in post Independence India's political and economic systems. The author persuasively argues that more democracy, and not less, can shine a light on the route India should take for a more prosperous future. - Dipankar Gupta, Sociologist.

An insightful and analytical treatise of the forces during Indian politics. A provocative write up on the difference between the Nehruvian nation-building and Modi's New India project. A persuasive analysis of the electoral machine and its implications for the shaping of a democratic, justice-oriented and inclusive polity and society. An innovative contribution to the emerging governance paradigm in response to continuous dialogue between the state, the civil society and the post-colonial mindset. The scope of governance has been redefined in the context of shift from a mixed economy to a market economy; from secular nationalism to cultural nationalism and, from non-aligned to more integrated globalized system. It is an exquisitely reasoned essays on issues relevant to everyday life. - S.Y. Quraishi, Former Chief-Election Commissioner of India

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775349>

Indigeneity, Citizenship and The State: Perspectives From India's Northeast /
Kedilezo Kikhi, Amiya Kumar Das and Piyashi Dutta

Aakar Books, Delhi 2021

288p.; 23cm.

Includes Index

9789350027257

\$ 22.50 / HB

530 gm.

Whatever be the definition of 'indigenous' vis-a-vis 'indigeneity', and however consensual it might be, both these terms have been inferred, applied and questioned in multifarious ways. The concept indigeneity in Asia has transformed considerably, over a period of time. With the rise in the indigeneity movement and large-scale migration, citizenship within national borders is challenged, and the borders in question are also contested. The book chronicles the discernible strains on the questions of indigeneity, citizenship, identity, and border making in the Northeast. The issues pertaining to indigeneity, citizenship, and state, are also a reminder of the residues of colonial doings that have had a colossal impact till this day.

Through empirical evidence backed by theoretical underpinnings, each essay in the book demonstrates the diversity of approaches that can be used to interrogate the debate on indigeneity, citizenship, the state, and opens the conversation on Northeast India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775344>

Bimstec : The Journey and The Way Ahead / Sreeradha Datta (Ed)

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi, India 2021

xiv, 461p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

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\$ 32.50 / HB

940 gm.

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a sub-regional organisation straddling five member states from South Asia and two from Southeast Asia. In the larger context of the global developments in the Bay of Bengal and the Indo-Pacific, BIMSTEC has taken on a more distinct salience and collaborative endeavours would prove beneficial for all the member-states. While the lack of perceived progress within BIMSTEC has introduced fatigue and doubts as well as scepticism about its goal and ability to deliver, cooperation within BIMSTEC assumes paramount importance given the present state of international cross-border permeability. The pandemic has buttressed the need for BIMSTEC members to be on a common platform to address similar issues of security threats, traditional and non-traditional, within a complex politico socio-economic environment. The chapters highlight the sectors that need focus, the aspects that require greater attention and the issues that can provide common grounds to take the journey forward.

This book has six distinct sections, beginning with a broad overview of Bay of Bengal and elaborating on the rationale for the sub-regional organisation. The second section on cooperative sectors, includes chapters on technology and climate change and risk management mechanisms. The third section on social and cultural factors traces the roots of Buddhism and highlights issues of gender, poverty and media. The fourth section covers the scope for signing a Free Trade Agreement, Foreign Direct Investment and energy cooperation. The penultimate section focuses on security issues, including religious extremism and possible defence collaborations with the final section highlights the outstanding issues and the challenges that lies ahead, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Postscript summaries the salient points of all the chapters and offers specific prescriptions.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=776651>

Ayodhya : A Battleground / Hemant Sharma

Rupa Publications India Pvt.Ltd, New Delhi 2020

xxv,300p.; 22cm.

9789390356638

\$ 10.00 / null

380 gm.

Ayodhya is an intellectual effort to measure the depth and arrive at the truth of the lingering issue of the Ayodhya temple. Ayodhya means the invincible. We all know the meaning of 'yuddh' or war. 'Yodhya' means the one worthy of a 'yuddh' or war. One engages in a war with whom they feel they can conquer. So Ayodhya spells out as 'that which cannot be conquered'. But the memory of the demolished domes stands erect in the memory of the nation setting aside the literal meaning of the name. The memory of the domes creates a perception of 'the ruler' versus 'the ruled' in our subconscious. For the last hundred years, the country's politics has been revolving around these domes. The narrative has been lingering on for generations. Innumerable arguments, extensive discussions, yet no conclusion. Everything revolved around these domes. Even now it's all about the domes even when they don't exist. There hasn't been an intellectual effort herculean enough to measure its depth, sharpness and truth, which can reclaim the cardinal connection of the present and the future with the history of the land.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774469>

The Game Changer : President Magufuli's First Terms in Office / Maliyamkono T.L. and Mason H.L. (Ed)

Tema Publishers Co. Limited, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2020

xxvi, 630p.;

9789987250572

\$ 75.00 / null

908 gm.

The Game Changer: President Magufuli's First Term in Office is a book worth reading by policy makers, academicians, administrators, development practitioners, as well as ordinary citizens. It was written by a Team of authors in an attempt to document the work executed by the Fifth Phase Government under President Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli in the United Republic of Tanzania during his first tenure of five years from 2015 to 2020. The book provides candid and honest assessment of the performance of the Fifth-Phase Government. The book was edited by re-known academicians, namely Professor. Ted Malyamkono and Dr Hug Mason authors of the Promise and VIW ANDA: Moving Tanzania Forward. The change of governments usually rises high expectations and hopes from all stakeholders - the ordinary wananchi, politicians, academicians, development partners, among others. It marks not only personal style of administration, but also practical approach to the running the country that normally differentiates itself from its predecessor. This was not different from when President Magufuli assumed power in October, 2015.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778822>

Indian Studies : China-India Relations / Xu Hui, A Dhanalakshmi

B R Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2020

xx, 299p.; 25cm.

9789388789936

\$ 49.00 / HB

750 gm.

The purpose of the book is to facilitate forward linkage of China India academic and cultural relations. This book will through an insight into Indian cultural, heritage, education, immigration and business. The contributions of eminent scholars from three different countries are another important aspect about the book. By reading this book one can understand the nuances of the rich culture of India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775793>

Crafting a National Security Strategy for India / Pankaj K Jha, Zeus Hans Mendez, Swati Lakshmi Batchu and Rayan V Bhagwagar

Shipra Publications, Delhi, India 2021

ix, 141p.; 24cm.

9789388691789

\$ 25.00 / HB

450 gm.

Advocating clarity, coherence and reform, this book draws focus to the need for a unified and comprehensive approach to India's National Security. Not only has it become increasingly important that India's potential security threats, both internal and external, are reviewed, but there is also a need to integrate strategies against non-traditional elements and challenges. In delving into such trends, the book provides recommendations on modernization, procurement, force management, de-radicalization, cyber security, space security, intelligence, psychological warfare, and strategic actions, among other essential factors. Reflecting on both threats and challenges emanating out of an increasingly complex and ever evolving geopolitical landscape, it argues for internal stability and external autonomy; calling for a National Security Strategy that is long-term, systematic, and consistent.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777133>

Text Wars : Communication, Censorship, Freedom and Responsibility / Hilda David, Francis Jarman

Oxford University Press, New Delhi 2021

vii, 330p.; ill.; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9780199499076

\$ 45.00 / HB

500 gm.

India is increasingly becoming a battleground for "text wars", as puritanical revisionists try to impose their nationalist agenda. In this lively collection, distinguished Indian and non-Indian contributors tackle the major questions of free expression, communication, censorship and social pressure, but also social and media responsibility. The book contains essays, poems, and a cartoon comic-strip, most of them originals written specially for this publication.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777132>

Signs / Manik Bandyopadhyay; Malini Bhattacharya (Trans.)

Leftword books, New Delhi 2021

143p.; 22cm.

9788195031061

\$ 6.50 / null

250 gm.

Signs (Chinha), written in 1946, was Manik Bandyopadhyay's fifteenth novel, and is something of a hidden gem of Bengali literature. The novel is set in the mass uprisings that Calcutta witnessed in protest against the trial and sentencing of Captain Rashid Ali of the Indian National Army. These outbursts of popular anger were initiated by students, and involved large sections of the working people.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777136>

Envisioning India's Role in the Indo-Pacific / Pankaj K Jha, Kritika S Karmakar, Joseph Punnen, Grace Cheema and Medha Nibhanupudi

Shipra Publications, Delhi, India 2021

vii, 73p.; 24cm.

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Ever since the launch of India's Look East policy in 1992, India has come a long way in terms of the changes directed towards its extended neighbourhood and also subscribed to the new concept of the Indo-Pacific. In recent years, the Indo-Pacific region has gained a great deal of international attention. This research study looks at the recent changes and strategies initiated by the Indian government towards the Indo-Pacific region, along with the various economic, multilateral and bilateral relations that could impact India's policies in the future. It also looks into the various regional forums India is associated with and how India shapes its policies according to their actions. This volume may be useful to all the stake holders having interest in the region.

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A New Silk Road: India China and the Geopolitics of Asia / Kingshuk Nag

Rupa Publications India Pvt.Ltd., New Delhi, India 2021

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A New Silk Road offers deep, unknown insights into the political, economic, social and cultural factors underlying the current state of Sino-Indo relations. Broad in sweep and range, A New Silk Road is a must be read by anyone concerned with international affairs. In the summer of 2020, China, despite facing international condemnation for its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, entered into an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation with India in the border areas of Ladakh. Though many analysts insist that the unprovoked Chinese action was aimed at deflecting attention from the pandemic, the real reason lies elsewhere—in President Xi's ambitious plans for his nation. It is to strengthen the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that leads from Gwadar port in Balochistan to China's Xinjiang province and passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). This opens a new shortened path for Chinese exports and imports that otherwise would have to go through eastern China located far away. Ladakh allows relatively easy access to both PoK and Xinjiang; thus the Chinese seek to get a toehold in Ladakh. Even as he re-examines outdated assumptions and makes path-breaking discoveries about China's new 'great game', Kingshuk Nag argues that it is imperative to understand history and learn from it to assess current events. Nag insists that India and China are vastly different nations with very diverse political and economic strategies—something that Indians must understand in order to counter the Chinese conundrum.

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Making Sense of Indian Democracy : Theory as Practice / Yogendra Yadav

Permanent Black, New Delhi 2020

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The first section provides a historical overview, the second a comparative overview situating Indian political practices next to those in diverse countries. The third focuses on theory and method to look at the specific nature of the Indian state; at polls, predictions, and psephology; and at the virtues and limits of anthropological fieldwork for understanding political praxis. The last section proposes electoral and democratic reforms that seem desirable and feasible if Indian democracy is to persist. Indian politics is usually written about by journalists and scholars. Yogendra Yadav is almost singular in the Indian political world. Possessing the apparatus of a university professor, he is also a respected TV commentator, a psephologist, and an original thinker. All these aspects are apparent in this book. How did we end up here? This book responds to a question that troubles every student of Indian democracy today. It does so by tracing the history of India's creolised democracy placing its record in comparative perspective assessing the relevant theories and methodologies saying what is and what is not to be done.

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Contextualizing Peace: Experiences of Contemporary India and Neighbouring Countries / Asok Kumar Sarkar, Subhrangshu Dhar

Manak Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021

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Conflict in any society is inevitable and indicates the existence of ideological difference. Whenever such conflicts becomes a causes of human sufferings and exploitation of resources, the word Peace appears in human discourse. From time to time, Peace Crusaders voices as a means to defeat the harsh effect of conflict arising out of discrimination and injustice . in contemporary time, one could observe that field of science and technology, includes an improvement of scientism.

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Enough is Enough / Thwaites, Kate
Monash University Press, Australia 2021
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What is it about the culture and structure of Parliament House that has allowed sexual violence and harassment to flourish?

Jenny was a Labor MP for twenty-three years, a Cabinet minister for six years, and now gets to view the parliament through the reflective eyes of someone who is no longer there. I'm in my first term as a Labor MP. So we have a generation between the beginnings of our time in the parliament. When Jenny was first elected in 1996, I was in my final years of high school. In that time, the number of women in the Australian Parliament has increased, but unfortunately, they are still not being heard. And tragically, they are not always safe.

As women, we believe in the power of politics to do good, and as feminists we recognise that politics is about power: getting it, holding onto it, and using it to improve citizens' lives. Women wielding power in Parliament House, women fighting for equality and an end to discrimination across our country, have made their mark and they have caused change. But the underlying problem of men's attitudes towards women, of men believing it is their right to assault or harass women, remains. For this to change, men will have to give up some of the harmful ways in which they use power in the parliament and in our community.

We are calling for actions to have consequences, and for an end to a culture of political impunity. We want to seize this moment to do the unfinished work to make sure that women are not just in the room, but that they are safe there. We say enough is enough.

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Respect / Hennessy, Jill
Monash University Press, Australia 2021
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When Hérítier Lumumba's Collingwood teammates called him 'Chimp', it showed a lack of respect. When the Prime Minister referred to Brittany Higgins by her first name in parliament, it showed a lack of respect. When senator Bill Heffernan referred to then prime minister Julia Gillard as 'deliberately barren', it showed a lack of respect. When the federal government refused permission to fly the Indigenous flag in the Senate, it showed a lack of respect. When Bettina Arndt defended a 56-year-old man who had repeatedly raped fifteen-year-old Grace Tame, now the 2021 Australian of the Year, it showed a lack of respect.

So when did respect disappear? When did we agree to abandon our respect for expertise, for other people's experience and history, for the boundaries between the personal and the public, for facts as well as feelings? In a civil society, respect is a fundamental principle. Should the government of the day legislate respect? Should it lead the community or follow it? Victorian MP Jill Hennessey, in a passionate argument, exhorts us to reclaim the empathy that respect depends on.

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Our National Shame: Violence against Women / Fitz-gibbon, Kate
Monash University Press, Australia 2021
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The exposés in early 2021 of sexism and sexual violence in Parliament House prompted women (and some men) across the country to take to stages, lecterns and social media to express their rage and demand action. However, while these events highlighted that violence against women is an ongoing issue in our community, in many ways the allegations and incidents should not shock us. They are part of women's daily lives.

Violence against women has been called the 'shadow pandemic'; it is certainly an international epidemic. Since family violence was declared a national emergency here in 2015, little has been done nationally to change the tragic reality that one woman is killed by a current or former male partner every week. The lack of federal leadership and action can no longer be ignored, excused or explained away. Canberra's silence on violence against women has become deafening of late. The softly-softly response to allegations of abuse, harassment and sexual violence reflects a longstanding pattern of our political leaders not taking women's safety seriously.

In Our National Shame, Kate Fitz-Gibbon reminds us that violence against women is not a private issue that needs bespoke, case-by-case solutions. It is a community-wide problem that, to be properly addressed, requires a dramatic shift in how we understand and respond to men's violence, and most importantly, the tackling of gender inequality in this country. Transformative national leadership must drive this. But do our political masters have either the will or the integrity to meet this challenge?

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The Nordic edge : policy possibilities for Australia / edited by Andrew Scott and Rod Campbell

Melbourne University Press, Australia 2021

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Climate and energy. Work/life balance. Mining taxes. Progress on policy issues like these is essential, and yet they have become subject to the most rancorous partisanship, the precipitation of culture wars, and have brought down governments. It is impossible to make any progress without major political upheaval. Or so it seems in Australia. Yet Nordic countries have taken a 'ja, we can' approach to these and other issues such as independent foreign policy, prison reform, gender equality, retraining for workforce participation and media diversity. Their experience shows that progress in these areas is not only possible, but can be achieved while increasing prosperity and community wellbeing. The Nordic Edge explores policies adopted by Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway and Iceland and the exciting possibilities they provide to overcome Australia's seemingly intractable problems. Leading Australian and Nordic thinkers and policy practitioners, including Sweden's recent Foreign Minister, outline proven approaches to help Australia become a fairer, happier, wealthier and more environmentally responsible country. Re-enter Australia's policy debates with optimism, new ideas and a Nordic edge.

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A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China / Sanjaya Baru and Rahul Sharma

Harpercollins Publishers India, Uttar Pradesh 2021

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In July 1971, US National Security Advisor, Henry Kissinger, made a secret visit to China to meet top Chinese leaders. This inaugurated a new phase not just in US-China relations but in contemporary history. That visit and the subsequent US-China relationship, including the US decision to invest in China's economic rise and admit it into the WTO, combined to firm up the foundations of China's rise as a world power. For more than four decades, the leadership of the two countries had a secretive pact, which worked well to each other's benefit. The US helped power China's economic growth in the hope that Beijing would turn a new political leaf and adopt Western practices (e.g. democracy). China grew economically and militarily, used its financial prowess to spread its influence across continents, as four generations of Chinese leaders built their nation at the expense of the US. Half a century after Kissinger's historic visit, the US and China are today engaged in a trade war bordering on a new Cold War. Washington is not openly talking about 'de-coupling' from China, which has begun to challenge its global dominance, but it might very well be. China has already established itself as a dominant power across Eurasia. More worryingly, China is militarily and economically threatening its neighbours, including Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Australia, Philippines, Indonesia and India. This collection of critical essays examines the impact, consequences and legacy of Kissinger's first, door-opening visit to China and how it has shaped world order.

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Counterfutures – Left Thought and Practice Aotearoa, Issue No. 11, 2021 / Jack Foster (Ed)

Counterfutures, School of Social and Cultural Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand 2021

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Counterfutures is a multidisciplinary journal of Left research, thought, and strategy. It brings together work from across Aotearoa New Zealand's Left, aiming to intervene in, and inaugurate, debates about how to understand and influence our society, politics, culture, and environment.

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Coup King Crisis : A Critical Interregnum in Thailand / Pavin Chachavalpongpun (Ed), Charles F. Keyes

Yale University Southeast Asia Studies, New Haven, Connecticut, USA 2020

xii, 384p.;

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The prospects of the inevitable end of the Bhumibol era loomed large over 21st century Thailand. Events have now taken their course, and King Maha Vajiralongkorn has been crowned. The new King is beginning to make his presence felt, but in important ways Thailand is still in an interregnum: a time when the old order is dying but a new one struggles to be born.

The military staged a coup in 2014, primarily, it is argued here, to take control over the royal transition. Vajiralongkorn, the military, and the institutions of Bhumibol's monarchy began to construct a working relationship against challenges from the faction of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, overthrown in a coup in 2006, but still popular and still a perceived threat to the power and position of the monarchy and the military.

This volume examines the royal transition in Thailand, from the 2014 coup through to the 2017 Constitution and the 2019 election. The royal transition sparked a crisis that pressured important institutions of the nation, from the politicized judiciary to the troubled Sanga or priesthood. The period of waiting has influenced all aspects of Thai governance, from foreign policy to economic management, to human rights and the spread of self-censorship. This volume, which brings together some of the leading writers on Thailand, is the first book-length analysis of this deep transition.

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When Governments Fail : A Pandemic and Its Aftermath / Vikas Rawal, Jayati Ghosh, and C. P. Chandrasekhar

Tulika Books, New Delhi, India 2021

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The COVID-19 pandemic has generated human suffering and economic devastation—but these reflect not just the impact of the disease but the policy failures of governments. This volume brings together analyses of the responses from many different countries to evaluate what has worked and what hasn't—and potential directions for the future.

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The Hunger of the Republic : Our Present in Retrospect / Ashish Rajadhyaksha

Tulika Books, New Delhi, India 2021

xx, 404p.; ill.; 24cm.

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This is the first of a series of volumes that turn back to India's recent history to produce a retrospective account of how our present was shaped. Key essays on politics, economics, cultural studies, and aesthetics appear alongside works of art, documentary film, photography, maps, letters, and legal documents.

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Who Dares Loses / Errington, Wayne

Monash University Press, Australia 2021

96 pages

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Why does Australia go through cycles of public policy boldness and timidity? The COVID-19 crisis has shown that the Australian political system has much more tolerance for policy innovation than appeared to be the case on the evidence of the previous twenty years. As another election approaches, though, the signs are that both major parties are keen for a return to policy caution. In *Who Dares Loses: Pariah Policies*, Wayne Errington and Peter van Onselen explain the political constraints on policymakers and the ways in which they are changing.

The obvious comparison to the policy urgency of COVID-19 is climate change, where successive governments have failed to rise to the challenge. Framing climate change as an emergency won't make any difference to the web of interests that has prevented an effective response from Australian governments. However, climate change is one of a series of issues where the major parties are less than frank with voters. The need to raise revenue to deal with such policy problems, as well as social inequality, has to be front and centre.

Labor took some modest tax proposals to the 2019 election but hasn't dealt with the underlying problem: Australian's tax system relies too much on personal and corporate income. This book suggests alternative sources of revenue and spending reforms. In addition, it examines the limited debates over welfare, Medicare and public broadcasting.

Some of these ideas have been around for decades. Others are the product of new technology. What they have in common is that they are good ideas that have become pariahs when it comes to government action.

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India's World : How Prime Ministers Shaped Foreign Policy / Rajiv Dogra

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd, New delhi 2020

xxix,218p.; 24cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

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When Narasimha Rao became the prime minister in 1991, just a billion dollars separated India from bankruptcy. He was told by Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, that petrol pumps would run dry after two weeks. India was forced to ship 46.8 million tonnes of gold to secure \$400 million in loans from the Bank of England and Bank of Japan. This blow to the national pride may not have been comparable to the military humiliation of 1962, but it was bad enough. Carved in riveting prose, India's World is about such trials and many triumphs of the country. Since Independence, eight prime ministers, in particular, have been the principal architects of India's rise. From Nehru, venerated as a resolute statesman and one of the great political minds of the last century, to Modi who is acknowledged as a determined doer, the book offers a crystal clear portrait of India's leaders. This lively volume celebrates the myriad ways in which they have made history. It asks and answers questions that people often debate about. Who was the great Indian prime minister, complete in every respect? If there was one, could it be Nehru, Indira or Rao? Or, is it Modi? Elegantly written by one of India's finest strategic minds, it is a must-read for those curious about India's place in the world. There are messages too for a future Indian prime minister on what to expect.

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Baahubalis of Indian Politics : From Bullet to Ballot / Rajesh Singh

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi 2020

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They are considered Robin Hoods by some, and dons and mafiosi by others. They are elected democratically. But they survive through the power of their bullets. They are the Baahubali politicians of the world's largest democracy—India. Across the country and over the decades, there have been people who either got into politics through money and muscle power or gained either or both after their entry into politics. Their careers have been pockmarked with criminal activity, and they have not hesitated to use their muscle and money power to get ahead. Nearly all of them have been imprisoned at some point in their lives—and quite a few are still serving prison terms or awaiting justice. Based on research and reportage, this book brings to the readers the origin, rise and fall of Baahubali politicians across the country—from Arun Gawli to Raja Bhaiya and from Mohammad Shahabuddin to Mukhtar Ansari and many more... Through their stories the author shows how money and muscle power continue to exert a malignant influence on politics in India.

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The India Story : An Epic Journey Democracy And Development / Bimal Jalan

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi 2021

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Based on extensive research and data, and aided by Bimal Jalan's experience as the former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, this book gives us a vision for the way ahead. Since 2014, the political profile of the Indian Union government has changed dramatically. After a long period of coalitions and their innate issues and delays they bring to the reform process, we have a government that has a majority on its own. This puts India in a great place to initiate some strong, much-needed political and economic reforms in order to promote overall national interests. Before diving in, it is important to look back and learn from our past experiences, so that we don't repeat the same mistakes. And who better than Bimal Jalan to take us through India's economic past. Divided into two sections, 'Learning from our Economic Past' and 'Beyond the Metrics of Economy', the essays in this volume cover a range of topics—from economic and political reforms to good governance—and a recounting of the lessons they provide is bound to contribute immensely to the contemporary debate about India's approach to its economy and political reforms in the twenty-first century.

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The Contribution of Criminal Intelligence in the War Against Crime in Tanzania
Mainland / Feleshi E.M.

Mkuki Na Nyota Publishers Ltd., Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2019

xxviii, 238p.;

Includes Bibliography

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Tides that Bind / Marles, Richard

Monash University Press, Australia 2021

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As the many nations of the Pacific deal with the threat of climate change, including rising sea levels and lessening access to fresh water, they are also suffering from some of the slowest rates of development of any region on earth. Now more than ever, the Pacific needs a champion, and that champion needs to be Australia. The Pacific is where our foreign policy starts, yet for too long we have failed to take the lead. Our country has a long and significant history in the Pacific, but our attention has wandered over the last decade, both through lacklustre foreign policy and cuts to foreign aid, and this has left our role in the region poorly defined. We need to have a greater sense of purpose and a greater sense of intent when it comes to supporting our Pacific neighbours. This is the part of the world in which we have the clearest voice, and we simply cannot allow it to languish. In *Tides that Bind: Australia in the Pacific*, ALP Deputy Leader Richard Marles implores us to step up our support for and commit to building better relationships with our friends in the Pacific, assisting their development and securing peace in the region. He argues we must do so not just for the sake of our global standing, but for the ten million people to whom the Pacific is home.

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Easy Lies & Influence / McLeod, Fiona

Monash University Press, Australia

96 pages

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In Australia, corruption spends public funds in pursuit of power, rewards favour, and strips support from worthy programs. It silences journalists and those charged with upholding standards of integrity by depriving them of funding. Grift and stacking are commonplace as those chasing influence infiltrate the structures of power. Corruption rewards loyalty through appointments to office and by preferencing those within the favoured network ahead of others of equal or greater talent. It conceals itself through unfit-for-purpose access to information laws and processes, vague budget commitments, the assertion of unchecked executive discretion, a quick media cycle and overburdened parliamentary committees. It undermines trust in government at a time when trust is vital to keeping us safe. Corruption allows mistrust to fester, offers nourishment to conspiracy theories, and engenders civil unrest. In *Easy Lies & Influence*, Fiona McLeod, a practising Senior Counsel and Chair of the Accountability Round Table, tells us what corruption can do, and why it's imperative that we address it. After all, if citizens can't see a way of bolstering the pillars of democracy — trust, truth, integrity and accountability — what chance is there of restoring decency and the prioritisation of community interests in public office?

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Dynamics of the Korean State : From the Paleolithic Age to Candlelight
Democracy / Robert E Bedeski

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

272p.

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One Korea or two?

The persistence of North and South Korea since 1948 has been a source of one war and fears of new wars. Although they share centuries of common culture, society and politics, the two nations differ on fundamentals today: capitalist democracy in the south and totalitarian communism in the north. *Dynamics of the Korean State* provides a unique overview of how humans treasure their individual lives and how these dynamics intertwine with Korean history and state evolution. The book examines the development of the Korean state from ancient times and sees its roots in the Stone Age struggle for survival. The persistent theme has been to Prolong Life — Postpone Death. Hence, the origins of every state can be found in man's Will-to-Live, and this is demonstrated in the Will/action framework offered by the author. Human Will, not material determinism or divine plan, creates the state. This primary Will generates five other Wills, which motivate actions to culminate in the state and give it a fluidity over time. The six Wills/actions are as follows: Will-to-Live/production; Will-to-Freedom/innovation; Will-to-Power/organization; Will-to-Comply/enforcement; Will-to-Transcend/political vision & religion; and Will-to-Redirect/reform, usurpation, rebellion, revolution. These in combination influence and partially determine state configuration and fluidity, creating order, disorder, war, prosperity, and poverty along the way. This book reveals the undercurrents of Korean society, politics and history from a fresh perspective. Neither pure history nor descriptive politics, it is a significant contribution to a philosophical anthropology paradigm.

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Principles and Laws in World Politics : Classical Chinese Perspectives on Global
Conflict / Walter Lee

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

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The search for universal principles and laws in world politics is a colossal common task for all civilisations. It should not be monopolised by the Western liberal paradigm. Thirty years after the end of the Cold War, global conflicts have been satisfactorily resolved neither by communism nor liberalism. Humanitarian intervention, now under the cover of the responsibility to protect (R2P), has destabilised many societies, leaving justice undone. This inspiring book invites debates on the post-liberal imagination of "emancipated Leviathan": an almighty political authority which exercises awe and force to restore order, as well as enshrines globally-negotiated values of common conscience and reinvented cosmopolitanism. Human well-being will truly become reality when we synergise pre-modern and pre-liberal ways of thinking, worldviews, ethics, and aesthetic styles by means of cross-civilisational, cross-disciplinary fundamental research, and let an emancipated Leviathan exercise principles and laws of virtue derived from the study.

The starting point of such intellectual innovation is China. This book explores the application of classical Chinese resources to the innovation of thoughts in contemporary Chinese international relations (IR). It examines whether "Knowledge Archaeology of Chinese International Relations" (KACIR), coined by the author, responds sensibly to today's issues of international ethics and global justice. The book contends that emancipative hermeneutics holds the key to the Chinese soft power puzzle. A bottom-up, non-nationalistic, and non-ethnocentric approach to the Chinese civilisation will reinvent intellectual pluralism and cosmopolitan elements in the Chinese tradition that interact constructively with and ultimately transcend the liberal Western model. Strolling from contemporary IR back to ancient Chinese philosophy, then striding into the future searching for common principles and laws, this insightful book is a must-read for those who want to reflect on global conflicts in this era of great uncertainty and transformation, as well as those who love to make our world a better place to live in.

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World Leadership in the Balance : China and the US Clash for Supremacy / Pierre -Antoine Donnet (Translator)Richard Lein

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China and the United States have entered a multifaceted cold war: trade, high tech, space, defense, environment and values as they jostle for influence throughout the world. This rivalry between the world's top two economic powers will likely dominate the decades to come and its outcome is uncertain. After the American century, this new century may indeed be China's, or it may not. With Joe Biden's election as president of the United States, we are certainly in for a change of leadership style. But in terms of substance, US policy towards China is likely to remain tough. How will Beijing react? What strengths and weaknesses does China have in this long struggle for supremacy against the United States? This book analyzes the different aspects of this disconcerting rivalry that has had, and will continue to have, an impact on our daily lives. The coronavirus pandemic has further exposed the failings of a monolithic Chinese system that does not tolerate freedom of expression but it has also, paradoxically, placed China in a position of strength against the United States.

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World Leadership in the Balance : China and the US Clash for Supremacy / Pierre -Antoine Donnet (Translator)Richard Lein

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ASEAN-China Cooperation on Regional Connectivity and Sustainability / (Eds) Dr Guo Yanjun and Dr Yang Yue

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

236p.

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Since 2019, Network of ASEAN-China Think-tanks (NACT) has been publishing joint researches of all its Working Groups. This book is a collection of research papers contributed by ASEAN and China scholars.

This book is published at a time of growing debate in the region over connectivity. The contributing scholars provide their ingenious and insightful thoughts from either a national or regional perspective. The book also contains Working Group Report that include innovative and practical policy recommendations on strengthening the connectivity between ASEAN and China.

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Singapore Perspectives : Politics / Natalie Pang and Shamil Zainuddin (Ed)

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

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As in other societies, Singapore's politics can be described either in terms of the political parties that have competed for power over the course of its history, or in terms of the citizens who have defined our polity and have driven our democratic processes. Naturally, as Singaporeans have become better informed and more engaged in fashioning their own future, the nature of the contest among the political parties has also shifted.

This book is a collection of speeches presented at Singapore Perspectives 2020 by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Heng Swee Keat, as well as Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing. It also features speeches and discussions by public intellectuals and civic leaders. Each speaker presents a perspective on their "experience" of politics, both in the traditional sense of elections and governance as well as beyond those formal structures.

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Understanding Singapore Politics, 2nd Edition / Bilveer Singh 2nd Edition

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

268p.;

Includes Index and Select Bibliography

9789811243370

\$ 90.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778586>

COVID-19 Pandemic in Singapore / Yee Sin Leo and Paul Tambyah (Eds)

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

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\$ 25.00 / null

The National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) is the result of many years in the planning, and it finally officially opened its doors in September 2019, just months before the entire world was tested by the COVID-19 pandemic. This book is the work of many people who represent an even larger pool of people from NCID, Singapore and the rest of the world in trying to understand and contain the SARS- CoV-2 virus. There are chapters on science, the public health response both locally and globally, as well as personal reflections from NCID and Tan Tock Seng Hospital staff and staff from other public healthcare institutions who were deployed to NCID which bring home the human impact of the pandemic. We are very grateful to all the authors for taking the time to put together their thoughtful chapters as well as the senior academics and public health leaders who have provided us with generous comments on the manuscript. We hope that the readers of the book will gain a better insight into the response to the virus from so many different perspectives. There are many lessons learned that we hope will be invaluable as we face the next emerging infectious disease in the years to come.

This book provides a comprehensive look at many different aspects of response in Singapore to the pandemic, including clinical, laboratory, epidemiology, research, community engagement and the unprecedented challenge of outbreak involving migrant workers in dormitory settings. On a personal note, it has first-hand accounts of staff at the National Centre for Infectious Diseases who were at the forefront of battling COVID-19 in Singapore. It also gives a global perspective of the pandemic, together with insights into the unique Singapore experience of managing the pandemic. The Singapore response to the pandemic has been something which the global community has been very interested in and this book is the first to comprehensively describe that response from a number of different angles which will be useful to scientists, clinicians, public health professionals and policy makers.

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South China Sea Developments and Implications for Freedom of Navigation /
Arabinda Acharya and Antara Desai

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

200p.

9781800610330

\$ 250.00 / HB

The South China Sea (SCS) has emerged as a theatre of political, economic, and security concerns not only for the countries in the region but also for the world at large. Contrary to conventional wisdom, the SCS issue is not about contestation over territory or control over resources alone. With military facilities including airstrips and artificial islands or structures being built in the area, concerns about freedom of navigation and the right to innocent passage have also become an overwhelming security issue and made the SCS region a flashpoint which, according to many assessments, can lead to confrontations including those involving conventional military means. Disruption of maritime passage could also hamper trade and commerce with very negative impacts on the economic development of the region and other countries. It is now being held that China could also be using the SCS disputes as part of a consorted effort to deflect geopolitical pressures on account of the COVID-19 pandemic-related cover-ups and misinformation.

This book explores the historical and strategic context of the South China Sea disputes and makes an assessment of the implications of the same for freedom of navigation and other regimes at sea.

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COVID-19 Pandemic in Singapore / Yee Sin Leo and Paul Tambyah (Eds)

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

236p.;

9789811239373

\$ 70.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778583>

Singapore Perspectives : Politics / Natalie Pang and Shamil Zainuddin (Ed)

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore
136p.;
ISSN: 1793-4338, 9789811227684
\$ 90.00 / HB

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Understanding Singapore Politics, 2nd Edition / Bilveer Singh 2nd Edition
World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021
268p.
Includes Index and Select Bibliography
9789811245688
\$ 25.00 / null

Understanding Singapore Politics, Second Edition, aims to present a structural-functional understanding of politics in Singapore. This textbook provides a foundational knowledge of Singapore's politics by discussing key topics including the country's history, political and party systems, role of parastatal organisations, nation building, political leadership, electoral politics, hot-button national issues and the role of Lee Kuan Yew in Singapore politics. Recommended for anyone who has an interest or a stake in the island republic, this introductory text provides insights on what drives, shapes and influences Singapore's politics and explains the political behaviour of Singaporeans.

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The Belt and Road Initiative : Implications for the International Order / Dr Moritz Rudolf
World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021
524p.
Includes Bibliography
9789811238550
\$ 195.00 / HB

This book showcases how the People's Republic of China (PRC) has been utilizing the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to reshape the global order. Dissecting China's increasingly assertive international behaviour, the book demonstrates how the PRC projects its self-perception onto the international order. The book outlines five aspects of China's international role projection, which the PRC applies selectively, depending on its target audience: (1) The bearer of traditional Chinese culture; (2) The humiliated nation; (3) The socialist state with Chinese characteristics; (4) The developing state and promoter of international development; (5) The authoritarian globalization optimist.

Drawing on an in-depth analysis of hundreds of primary BRI documents, the book offers a comprehensive overview of China's most crucial foreign policy agenda item. It demonstrates how, through the BRI, the PRC has introduced mechanisms to the international level, which reflect its domestic policy-making mode. In addition, the PRC has institutionalized the initiative by establishing China-centered BRI networks across a wide range of policy areas. Within those emerging China-centered BRI networks, the PRC systematically increases its international discursive power, for example, by inserting Chinese vocabulary into UN resolutions or by promoting Beijing's approaches vis-à-vis "the rule of law" across a range of developing states. This book also further discusses the implications of the BRI for the international legal order.

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The Political Economy of Regionalism, Trade, and Infrastructure : Southeast Asia and the Belt and Road Initiative in a New Era / Professor Hong Liu, Professor Kong Yam Tan and Dr Guanie Lim
World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021
396p.
9789811233142
\$ 160.00 / HB

Since its launch in late 2013, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has become a significant factor in shaping China's economic and diplomatic relations with the world. China's increasing clout presents opportunities as well as challenges, especially for the developing economies of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which constitute major sites for investment and trade alongside the BRI routes.

This edited volume examines whether and to what extent China's economic ascendancy has impacted the proposed ASEAN Economic Community and the respective nations in the region. It deals with this question by grounding the analysis along three themes — institutions at a regional level, industry/sector, and particular ASEAN countries' economic relationship with China. Sixteen articles are presented to illuminate the state of affairs at the regional level and in specific ASEAN economies. They point to the importance of managing trade and investment flows stemming from China's increasingly sophisticated national firms. This in turn hinges on forging 'rules of the game' at both the multilateral and bilateral levels, which potentially leads to mutually beneficial industrialization and long-term wealth creation.

The Political Economy of Regionalism, Trade, and Infrastructure will be of great interest to scholars of political economy and industrial policy in East Asia, as well as to scholars and policy professionals analyzing approaches to development strategy more broadly.

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Cyber Politics in US–China Relations / Cuihong Cai

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

396p.

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Cyber issues are of utmost importance and sensitivity for US–China relations today. The combination of cyber and politics is also developing from "low politics" to "high politics". This book discusses cyber politics in US–China relations from four distinct aspects: first, the overall analysis of the role and manifestation of cyber politics in international relations from a theoretical perspective; second, the main issues regarding cyber politics in US–China relations; third, the factors influencing cyber politics in US–China relations; and fourth, the prospect and practice of cyber politics in US–China relations.

Based on an exploration of issues in cybersecurity, cyberspace governance, ideology and the power tussle in cyberspace between the US and China, as well as an analysis of the factors influencing cyber politics in the bilateral relations from the perspective of strategy, discourse, and trust, this book asserts that cyberspace is rapidly becoming a new arena for the geopolitical games between the US and China. A new form of cyber geopolitics is thus emerging.

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Political Stability in China's Changing Social Landscape / Wei Shan

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

148p.

Includes Index

9789813278776

\$ 80.00 / HB

This book aims to contribute to the debate on "authoritarian resilience" with empirical studies from a range of perspectives, including regime support, nationalism, environmental movement, ethnic conflicts and internet management. The chapters in this book centre around two separate but intertwined themes and are collated to discuss on the stability of China in Xi Jinping's era. The first theme examines changes in political attitudes and values among Chinese citizens, and the second focuses on the responses of the party-state and how it has made sophisticated the machine of social control.

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China's Major Country Diplomacy : Chinese Characteristics, Connotations, and Paths / (Ed) Linggui Wang (Translator) Xiaoming Zhou

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

308p.

9789811235078

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From the perspective of the interaction between China and the world, China's Major Country Diplomacy: Chinese Characteristics, Connotations, and Paths comprehensively combs the adjustment and transformation of China's diplomatic concept and diplomatic practice, which constitute the whole connotation of diplomacy with Chinese characteristics. Based on the new diplomatic ideas and practices proposed since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, this review volume comprehensively and deeply explores the connotation, expression forms, and promotion path of diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Diplomacy with Chinese characteristics is a series of new ideas, concepts, models, and practices put forward by China as a big country with increasing influence in the world in the new era to meet the needs of its own and world development. Its connotation and extension are different from previous diplomatic ideas and practices, and more different from diplomatic ideas and practices of other major powers in the world today. It represents the future development direction of the world. The special world significance of new thinking and new path will be embodied with the practice of characteristic diplomacy, which will bring structural impact to the world.

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India's Power Elite : Caste, Class and Cultural Revolution / Sanjaya Baru

Viking, An imprint of Penguin Random House, Haryana 2021

hb; xvii, 243p.; 23cm

9780670092444

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550 gm.

From the bestselling author of *The Accidental Prime Minister*, here comes an insightful analysis of politics and elitism that answers many important political questions today.

India's Power Elite is a study of the nature of power and elitism in postcolonial India. Its point of departure is the political transition under way in twenty-first-century India, with the marginalization of the Congress Party and the staging of a cultural revolution symbolized by the rise of Hindu majoritarianism. Baru deconstructs the morphology of the Indian power elite-comprising remnants of a feudal gentry, kulaks, a metropolitan business class, the civil services and a cultural elite of opinion-makers. He also examines the role of caste, class and culture in the emergence of a 'New India'. Aimed at the socially engaged reader, this book will interest both students as well as those who wield power.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768771>

Set Adrift : Capitalist Transformations and Community Politics along Mumbai's shore / Gayatri Nair

Oxford University Press, New Delhi. 2021

xiii, 202p.; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9780190130244

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The Koli community in Mumbai-which has been practising fishing for centuries-has experienced rapid changes over the last few decades, in the forms of increased mechanization, export of fish to global markets, and the pressure of urbanization on their living and work spaces. The capitalist transformation in fishing has altered what was once a caste-based practice to one that brought to it investors from outside the community, migrant workers, and ecological degradation. The resultant loss of revenue, jobs, and catch for artisanal fishers has led to movements demanding fishing rights to be granted to traditional fisher communities alone and for a return to older fishing practices. This call found resonance with populist politics in the city: Koli women organized themselves to stridently resist the entry of migrant men into the sector and Koli men-particularly the young-became inclined to move out of the practice of fishing.

Through an examination of the lives and struggles of fishers in one of India's wealthiest cities, this book looks at how contestations around livelihoods map out in the shadow of significant encounters between capitalism and ecology.

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Taking Stock of Devolution in Kenya : From the 2010 Constitution, Through Two Election Cycles, to the BBI Process / Mumo Nzau

HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, Nairobi, Kenya 2021

xxxvi, 418p.

Includes Index

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This book volume takes stock of devolution in Kenya with specific reference to theoretical, legal, constitutional and policy, leadership, governance, and development debates as well as experiences in the 47 counties. Its scope falls within the 2010 Constitution, through two election cycles in 2013 and again in 2017, up to the transformative change proposals presented by the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) and the ramifications that all these issues, events and processes portend for the future of devolved governance in Kenya.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775049>

The Long Game : How The Chinese Negotiate With India / Vijay Gokhale

Penguin Random House, Haryana. 2021

xiv,181p.; 23cm.

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'Essential reading for all those interested in how India will deal with its greatest strategic challenge, an increasingly powerful China'-SHIVSHANKAR MENON

'Vijay Gokhale strips away the illusion that China ever shared convergent interests with India in Asia and globally. A disconcerting read, but indispensable.'

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774603>

Journals of Dispute: Media Coverage of Conflicts in the Northeast / Walter Fernandes

North Eastern Social Research Centre,Guwahati. 2017

Viii, 199p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

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The book looks at the way conflicts are reported and analysed in the media in the Bodo area, Nagaland-Manipur, and Tripura. On the Nagaland-Manipur border; it is proposed visit of Muivah to his ancestral village and the refusal of the Manipur Government to allow it.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461795>

Living with Conflicts: Possibilities of Peace-Making in the Northeast / Walter Fernandes

North Eastern Social Research Centre,Guwahati. 2018

X, 137p.; 22cm.

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In the context of the stereotype of much of India viewing the Northeast only as a region of conflicts, this book attempts to understand the situation by looking at the processes of four conflicts and the peace efforts accompanying them.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461796>

Rethinking Autonomy, Self-Determination and Sovereignty: Search for Peace in Northeast India / Walter Fernandes, Bhaswati Borgohain

North Eastern Social Research Centre,Guwahati. 2017

Vi, 199p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

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The Government of India-NSCN-IM Framework Agreement of 3rd August 2015 has reopened the debate on the ideology of autonomy, self-determination and sovereignty that have been legitimising factors in most nationalist struggles in Northeast India.

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Penning for Peace: Media, Conflict and the Northeast / Melvil Pereira (ed)

North Eastern Social Research Centre,Guwahati. 2016

223p. ; 22 cm.

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The writers in the book attempt to understand the role of the media in Northeast India which is perceived as a zone of conflicts. An analysis of the media shows that by and large they are limited by the low priority given by the owners to issues such as conflicts, lack of training of the journalists and fear of the stakeholders.

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Religious Resources for Peace Work / Pangernungba Kechu, Melvil Pereira and Atungo Shitri

North Eastern Social Research Centre,Guwahati. 2016

xiv, 150p. ; 22 cm.

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Every religion has teachings on peace which many of their adherents have ignored. As a step towards a new society, their potential for peace and reconciliation has to be explored and reinvented because most people can relate to its emotional content in their search for a new society based on justice.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461786>

The Poetry of Resistance: The Heraka Movement of Northeast India / Arkotong Longkumer

North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati. 2016

Xvii, 258p.; 25cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9788189762605

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"This is a compelling and unusual book written from the inside (by a Naga) and the outside (by a skilled anthropologist). It is a valuable addition both theoretically and ethnographically to a rich literature on the Nagas and to the rapidly expanding field of comparative religion. It is beautifully written and gradually reveals an extraordinary world with great sensitivity."

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Decisive Decade: India 2030: Gazelle or Hippo / Kiran Karnik

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi 2021

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Decisive policy challenges that our beloved country will be facing in the coming decade! What will India look like in 2030? Will we have harmony and equity or degenerate into a chaotic failed State? Will it be a strong, aggressive, totalitarian 'hippo' or an agile, peaceful and likable 'gazelle'? Decisive Decade seeks answers through a critical analysis and a projection of nine crucial areas that will shape India 2030. These are: democracy and politics, security, health, education, economy, demography, society, jobs and livelihoods, and technology. India, the book asserts, is at a crossroads. The 2020s will be the decisive decade determining our long-term future. While alternative scenarios are painted, with the idea of stirring debate and dialogue, the book takes an optimistic view. It aims to create a shared national vision towards which it charts out a road-map. Using his experience and observations, Kiran Karnik joins the dots and integrates the diverse topics into a holistic view. He takes an objective but hard-hitting view of the country, and suggests that our primary goal must be to create a happy country. Take a journey into the future through this book. In this unputdownable book, Kiran Karnik combines his amazing insights and uncanny observational powers to show that 2020s will be a make-or-break decade for India.

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On the Next Level : Nigeria in Transformation and the Demands of Patriotism / Akpenpuun Dzurgba, Kator Iorwuese Akpenpuun

John Archers (Publishers) Ltd., Ibadan, Nigeria 2020

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Why Not? : Citizenship, State Capture, Creeping Fascism and Criminal Hijack of Politics in Nigeria / Pat Utomi

Pat Utomi, Ibadan, Nigeria 2021

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The Legislature and Governance in Nigeria, Volume Two : A Festschrift for Emeritus Professor John A. A. Ayoade / Emmanuel O. Ojo

John Archers (Publishers) Ltd., Ibadan, Nigeria 2018

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Nigerian Foreign Policy Since 1960 / Sunday Olagunju ,Professor Bolaji Akinyemi
Sabic Publishers, Ibadan, Nigeria 2021

viii, 160p.

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Religion, Politics and Conflict in Nigeria / Mike Omilusi and S. S. Avidime

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Nigeria Democracy Without Development : How to Fix it / Omano Edigheji

A'Lime Media Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2020

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There is a paradoxical relationship between democracy and development in Nigeria. In the twenty years of electoral democracy, poverty, inequality, unemployment, underemployment and insecurity have increased. The economy has remained dependent on primary sectors – agriculture and oil – and low value added services. The aspiration that by 2020, Nigeria would become one of the twenty leading economies in the world has not been achieved. The political elite have captured the state for personal gains and unsurprisingly, Nigeria remains one of the most corrupt countries in the world. While democracy remains the best form of government, its credibility and legitimacy are undermined when it does not yield developmental dividends for a majority of Nigerians. This book examines the factors that account for the current situation in Nigeria; offers practical solutions on how the deficiencies of electoral democracy can be overcome; and suggests how Nigeria can promote inclusive development. It calls for a developmentalist coalition driven by ideology of development nationalism, to come together to address the development challenges facing the country so as to achieve democratic development.

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Democracy and the Untold Story of June 12 / Abimbola Aboderin
Icon Initiative and Promotion Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2020
xiv, 290p.
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Publish the Truth and Go to Jail : The Decree 4 Trial : A Witness to History /
Richard Akinnola
Rich Special Publications, Lagos, Nigeria 2018
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Indo-American Bilateral Relations : Politico-Strategic Partnership and the Power
Dynamics / Rajesh Kumar
Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021
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Indo-American Bilateral Relations studies the politico-strategic relations between India and the USA from the early years of India's independence to the present times. The book talks about the various phases of tension and cooperation between the two powers and focuses on the changes that have taken place under various governments.

The book examines the nature and character of strategic issues that have led these countries towards being called 'Natural Allies', including contemporary issues, such as nuclear and energy security, which dominate bilateral relations between the two. It analyses the nature and extent of defence cooperation and the reasons inhibiting cooperation beyond joint military exercises. The work is a thorough analysis of past and present events that have shaped and are shaping relations between the two countries and a look at what the future may hold.

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India Versus China : Why they are Not Friends / Kanti Bajpai
Juggernaut Publishers, New Delhi 2021
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Why have relations between India and China, which comprise nearly forty per cent of the world's population, been troubled for over sixty years? A war in 1962 was followed by decades of uneasy peace, but in recent years a rising number of serious military confrontations has underlined their huge and growing differences. This book examines these differences in four crucial areas: their perceptions and prejudices about each other; their continuing disagreements over the border; their changing partnerships with America and Russia; and the growing power asymmetry between them, which affects all aspects of their relationship. China demands deference as a great power and the dominant country in Asia, while India wants recognition and respect as an equal. With such a deep divide separating the two neighbours, what does the future hold? In this lucid, informative, and insightful book, a leading expert on the subject decodes the complex history of India-China relations and argues that the path ahead is a difficult one that could see more military confrontations, including violent border clashes. Crucial to the relationship will be India's ability to reduce the enormous gap with China in economic, military, and even soft power.

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Stunted Nigerian Dreams : Musings of an Nigerian Academic and Legislator /
Eddie Mbadiwe (Selected) Anthony Onugba
Bookcraft, Ibadan, Nigeria 2019

184p.;
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Stunted Nigerian Dreams: Musings of A Nigerian Academic and Legislator is a book about the myriads of problems confronting the realisation of the Nigerian dream. It is from the patriotic desire of a Nigerian to see things change for the better. It offers fresh ideas in the way things should be done and gives an insight into ways in which the country can be better. This is a compelling collection of the author's narrative of the events in the political climate in Nigeria as they occurred. He published these articles in various newspapers where he highlighted the shortcomings and also the progressive attributes of political leaders. The collection presents an interesting and informative overview of Nigeria politics that span over decades. He concludes by examining the direction of the current political system and giving ideal inferences on the issues that must be addressed by the younger generation.

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The Third Eye of Governance : Rise of Populism, Decline in Social Research / N
Bhaskara Rao

Speaking Tiger Books LLP, New Delhi. 2021
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This important and closely argued book contends that research is a unique 'third eye of governance'—it brings otherwise invisible facts and ground realities to light, thus enabling effective and humane public policies. However, there has been a steady decline in social research with the rise of populism in Indian politics, and disregard for transparency and accountability. The author shows how data, statistics, analysis and research have become politically sensitive and contentious. He argues that if the impressive recent mantras about development and progress are also backed by applied social research, India can reach new heights in democracy, development and governance.

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RDPC : La Grande Indiscipline et Ses Consequences : Points de Vue d'Un Militant-
Citoyen (Du Dernier Congres Ordinaire de 2011 a Ce Jour) : Essai Politique /
Charles Ateba Eyene

Jv-Graf, Yaounde, Cameroun. 2013
110p.

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Je Reviens de L' "Enfer"! : Le Triomphe Antiterroriste de Mama Abakai / Theodore Temwa (Preface) d'Hadj Omarou Mazadou

Editions D&L, Yaounde, Cameroun. 2018

138p.

9789956745065

\$ 40.00 / null

175 gm.

Au moment où le terrorisme veut nous faire vivre l'enfer sur terre, un homme en triomphe, guidé par son courage et usant des vertus du dialogue. Au même moment où la démocratie a du mal à revêtir son costume grec un peu partout en Afrique, un homme se singularise et l'incarne, convaincu qu'elle reste l'élève passable de la classe des régimes politiques connus. L'enlèvement du Maire de Lagdo par un groupuscule terroriste étranger donne l'occasion à Théodore Temwa de mieux cerner la complexité du phénomène terroriste. Certes, le cas Abakaï n'épuise pas toutes les ramifications du terrorisme mais il vaut toujours mieux partir des faits naïvement observables pour remonter à leur intelligibilité plutôt que de verser dans l'apriorisme et chercher vainement à s'imposer un sens à la réalité. Cette analyse brève mais pointue indique, avec précision, ce qui amène les uns et les autres à se tromper de colère et à forger notre siècle de fer. Nous vivons une étrange époque où on peut faire le tour du monde en un jour mais on préfère échanger les injures à distance. Le happy-end consécutif à l'expérience douloureuse d'Abakaï montre à suffisance que la lutte contre le terrorisme nécessite des moyens autres que le bras de fer généralement préconisé et que la politique n'est pas que mensonge et tromperie comme on a coutume de le croire. A observer le brasier mondial actuel, le dialogue et la tolérance reprennent leur place dans un monde dont la logique est désormais: " j'extermine donc je suis ". Si nous continuons à faire du " œil pour œil ", nous finirons tous aveugles!

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All Roads Lead North : Nepal's Turn to China / Amish Raj Mulmi

Context, an imprint of Westland Publications Pvt.Ltd., Chennai 2021

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550 gm.

In the June 2020 territorial dispute over Kalapani, India was faced with a newly assertive Nepal, and blamed the latter's deepening relations with China for the tension. But beyond the accusations and the grandstanding, there was a new reality to reckon with: the power equations in South Asia had been redrawn to make space for China. Nepal did not turn northwards overnight, however. For one, Nepal-China ties have deep historical roots built on Buddhism, going as far back as the early first millennium. For another, while the 2015 unofficial Indian blockade had provided momentum to the rift, the Himalayan nation had long wanted greater ties with its northern neighbour to counteract India's oppressive intimacy. With China's growing ambitions, both globally and in South Asia, Nepal now has a new primary bilateral partner—and Nepalis are forging a path towards modernity with its help, both in the remote Himalayan borderlands and in the cities. All Roads Lead North is the long view on Nepal's foreign relations, as well as the story of China as a global power in the twenty-first century. With never-before-told stories about Tibetan guerrilla fighters, failed coup leaders and trans-Himalayan traders, this book examines the histories that tie remote Himalayan communities to each other. Part historical study, part journalistic account and all of it rigorously researched, Nepal analyst Amish Raj Mulmi writes a new, complex and compelling account of a small country caught between two neighbourhood giants.

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Boko Haram : Les Mots D'Une Crise = The Boko Haram Crisis Through Words / Saibu Issa (et al.) (Preface) Mamman Nuhu

L'Harmattan Cameroun, Yaounde, Cameroun. 2020

198p.

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La crise régionale que traverse le bassin du lac Tchad depuis 2014 comporte plusieurs dimensions : sécuritaire, humanitaire, socioéconomique et identitaire. Il convient de l'appréhender sous le prisme du terrorisme. Cependant, les mots pour la décrire sont variés, la plupart étant nouveaux. D'autres sont connus, mais changent de connotation ou de portée. Ce dictionnaire analytique, écrit par des spécialistes de la zone, recense et explique les termes courants qu'emploient divers acteurs, victimes et observateurs locaux, régionaux et internationaux du phénomène Boko Haram. Il permet de comprendre cette grave crise.

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Le Maire a L'Ere du Renouveau de la Decentralisation / Bouakuietso P. Melvin, guimfack V. Theophile & Tietsia T. Dhuamel (Preface) Sietchoua Djuitchoko

Editions Belles Lettres, Cameroon. 2020

370p.

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La Defense Populaire Au Cameroun : Comprendre Un Concept / Mahamat Ahmed Kotoko

L'Harmattan Cameroun, Yaounde, Cameroun. 2020

214p.

9782343214436

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360 gm.

Au Cameroun, le système de défense mis en place et théorisé sous le concept de « défense populaire » est une dissuasion populaire organisée sur des bases civiles et militaires qui est censée inclure « la participation de la plus grande partie de la population, sinon de la totalité ». En remettant ce concept au coeur du débat, l'auteur nous entraîne sur des chemins jusqu'alors restés tabous. Il propose une grille d'analyse et des connaissances totalement inédites sur des sujets inscrits dans une longue tradition de silence interdisant tout examen sérieux : les rapports entre le politique et le militaire, la perception du militaire par le civil et vice versa, l'intéressement des civils aux questions de défense...

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La Politique Est-Elle Une Science? : Essai / Etounga-Manguelle

Les Editions du CERAP, Abidjan, Ivory Coast 2020

248p.

Includes Bibliography

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Partages : Le Defi de la Gouvernance Publique en Afrique Subsaharienne /
Antonin S. Dossou (Interview) Roch Sosthene Nepo (Preface) J. Hountondji

Editions CLE, Yaounde, 2019

252p;

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"Voici donc un livre sur la gouvernance. Les problèmes posés ne concernent pas que le Bénin. Ils concernent tous les pays du monde, et plus particulièrement les pays africains. Qu'on n'y cherche pas ce qu'il ne prétend pas donner : de grands débats théoriques, par exemple, sur l'avenir du continent, le devenir du franc CFA, les conditions d'un développement soutenu ou d'une déconnexion réussie, ou d'autres thèmes aussi ambitieux. Qu'on y cherche plus modestement, mais assuré de les y trouver, les enseignements d'une expérience de terrain qui resteront valables quels que soient les termes retenus, à l'issue de ces grands débats, dans les alternatives en présence".

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Les Prisonniers Du President / Haman Mana & Jules Romuald Nkonlak

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Les Presidents Ahmadou Ahidjo et Paul Biya : Face au Defi Linguistique de L'Unite Nationale / Assana Brahim

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Securite et Defense Nationales Au Cameroun : Geopolitique Des Menaces A La
Stabilite / Max Zachee Saintclair (Preface) Janvier Onana

L'Harmattan, Paris, France 2020

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L'impasse sécuritaire dans laquelle le Cameroun semble désormais piégé, depuis la dernière décennie du XXe siècle, tend à devenir une endémie d'insécurité. Pour comprendre l'aggravation d'une situation à insécurité mutante, l'auteur fait une étude phénoménologique des espaces et sens des insécurités auxquelles le pays est confronté et analyse de manière conséquente les menaces réelles ou potentielles qui ont, ou peuvent avoir, un impact sur la stabilité du pays.

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Les Nationaliste Africains A L'Epreuiver : Strategies et Tactiques Pour Le Pouvoir /
Shanda Tonme

L'Harmattan, Paris, France 2020

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335 gm.

Erreurs et extrémisme, défaillance et défaite, immaturité et marginalisation, mort précoce, exil et fuite, alliances contre nature et revirements. Les nationalistes africains semblent à la peine dans leur longue, pénible et mortelle quête de la liberté, de la dignité et de la démocratie. Leur chemin de la liberté est une terrible nuit sans fin parsemée d'échecs et de sacrifices sanglants, dont ils auraient pu faire l'économie, s'ils avaient une parfaite compréhension des exigences stratégiques et tactiques.

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Positions De Principe D'Un Homme Libre : Le Temps des Clarifications du
Cameroun et D'Ailleurs / Shanda Tonme

L'Harmattan, Paris, France. 2020

224p.

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Un livre et autant d'humeurs, produit d'un regard engagé et d'une réflexion profonde sur une actualité riche et vivante. Du choc de la disparition de l'ancien Secrétaire général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, Kofi Annan, aux différentes manifestations qui meublent le politique et le diplomatique, au Cameroun bien sûr, mais aussi loin du Cameroun, au Bénin, au Congo ou en Algérie notamment, cet ouvrage est pétri d'expérience et d'expertise professionnelles d'un homme libre. Pour comprendre.

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Autorites Administratives et Ceremonies Publiques au Cameroun / Gregoire
Mvongo

L'Harmattan Cameroun, Yaounde, Cameroun. 2011

184p.

Includes Bibliography

9782296542822

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310 gm.

Régulièrement, des cérémonies publiques sont programmées à travers le Cameroun. Ce livre se propose de rappeler les principes et les règles qui permettent de les organiser efficacement. L'auteur aborde les manifestations publiques qui se déroulent dans les arrondissements, les départements et les régions, et met en perspective les articulations entre le protocole civil et le protocole militaire.

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Cameroun : La Décentralisation en Marche / Barthelemy Kom Tchuenta

Les Presses Universitaires de Yaounde, Yaounde, Cameroun. 2013

712p.

Includes Bibliographical references.

2849360236 ; 9782849360286

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Depuis quelques décennies, les enjeux liés à la décentralisation, à la gouvernance, au développement local, ainsi qu'à la démocratie font l'objet d'une attention soutenue de la communauté internationale. Ces enjeux sont portés par un vaste mouvement de changements institutionnels consécutifs au vent des libertés et de démocratie observé un peu partout en Afrique au début des années 1990. D'une manière générale, ce mouvement est né des difficultés éprouvées par les populations à la base, dans un contexte économique et socio-politique extrêmement difficile, marqué alors par une crise économique assez aiguë.

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Future Realities of Coalitions in South Africa : Reflections on Coalition

Governments in the Metro: 2016 – 2021 / Mzwandile Masina

SAAPAM-South African Association of Public Administration and Management, Soshanguve, Pretoria, South Africa 2021

xvi, 119p. ; 244x170mm.

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252 gm.

The 2016 local government elections marked a turning point in South Africa's history. While coalition governments had existed prior, the loss of political power by the African National Congress in the City of Johannesburg, the City of Tshwane, Nelson Mandela Bay Metro and the City of Ekurhuleni, where the party maintained plurality but had to govern through a coalition, was unprecedented. It signalled a new era of diminished hegemony for the ANC and the end of the dominant-party system that had defined South Africa's politics since the dawn of democracy. And while these coalition governments were characterised by institutional instability and systematic collapse, they set parameters for what is likely the future of governance in the country. In Future Realities of Coalition Governments in South Africa, City of Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor, Mzwandile Masina, investigates the socio-economic and political factors that led to the ANC's haemorrhaging of electoral support. Coalition experiences across the metros, district and local municipalities, as well as case studies across the SADC region are explored. Through empirical evidence, the study seeks to make sense of how government practitioners and the electorate experience coalition governments. The salient question, and perhaps one of the most important of our time, is asked: Are coalitions the future of governance in South Africa?

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Intellectuals : Roles and Reckoning / K. J. Ratnam

SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2021

xii, 132p.;

9789672464280

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206 gm.

"It is an important quality of the intellectual mind that it remains open to doubt and is tolerant, even welcoming, of alternative views and explanations. This is a strength, not a weakness. Those who think only dogmatically and ideologically, on the other hand, entertain few if any doubts and regard themselves as being invariably right. This is a weakness, not a strength."***In this new edition of 'Intellectuals, Creativity and Intolerance', the trials and tribulations of the intellectual in the modern age are analysed in detail. The challenge facing intellectuals as a class is where they stand and how to act in an increasingly opaque world, one in which a stand must be taken with regard to the political forces that lie in wait. By engaging with ideas ranging from ideological rifts and political responsibility to the vastness of the natural world and the inherent strangeness of the universe, 'Intellectuals' offers a more critical look at our milieu and reorients us towards a more critical future.

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Paradise Lost : Mahathir and the End of Hope / Dennis Ignatius

Dennis Ignatius, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2021

346p.;

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514 gm.

PARADISE LOST: Mahathir & The End of Hope takes a critical look at Dr Mahathir Mohamad's role in Malaysia's political evolution and his ultimately destructive legacy of corruption, racism and religious extremism. He inherited a nation pregnant with promise and left it mired in division, uncertainty and instability, a grand kleptopia, a terrible kakistocracy. It also examines the role Mahathir played in Pakatan Harapan's stunning 2018 electoral victory and his subsequent betrayal of the coalition he was entrusted to lead. The end result is a nation in deep crisis, adrift in a sea of uncertainty, unable to come to terms with its past, unwilling to make the compromises necessary for its future.

Written by a former Malaysian ambassador, Paradise Lost makes for sober reading. Intensely provocative, it challenges long-established shibboleths, spotlights the dangers now confronting the nation and argues that Malaysia's only hope for redemption lies in embracing and harnessing its unique multicultural identity.

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Bottled Green Bananas, Folk Tales, and the Business of Governance : Published Columns from 2006 to 2016 / Leonor "Liling" Magtollis Briones

Kaakbay Ng Guro, Inc., Quezon City, Philippines 2020

668p.;

9786219628815

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From former National Treasurer and current DepEd Secretary Leonor "Liling" Magtollis Briones comes a book of published columns reflecting her mastery of fiscal matters and governance, and insights into national issues and event.

These 223 columns – blessed with "barriotic charm" – are truthful, engaging, and sprinkled with just enough of her biting wit and humour.

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Countering Covid-19 : Cases in Crisis Response / Ediberto C. De Jesus, Maneul M. Dayrit & Ivyrose S. Baysic

Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), Quezon City, Philippines 2021

xxii, 342p.; 22.86cm.

Includes Index

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The enormity of the COVID-19 pandemic urgently calls for a proactive and strategic response from across all sectors at all levels: global, national, and local. Countering COVID-19: Cases in Crisis Response, with its wide range of essays, makes the case for a coordinated and truly whole-of-society approach to contain, adapt to, and overcome the pandemic while laying bare preexisting systemic and structural inequalities. There is no other more critical time to confront these than now.

"Part-chronicle of an ongoing crisis and part-resource for policy analysis, the scope of this ad interim work is as vast as the national experience: from rural locales in BARMM and urban poor communities in Metro Manila to OFWs across the globe. As the pandemic has made clear, the "medical" is inseparable from the "cultural," the "social," the "environmental," and the "political," and the case studies in this book illuminate these intersections in ways that inform and challenge scholars, policy makers, and the public."

—Gideon Lasco, author, *The Philippines Is Not a Small Country*

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Ambacide: The Genocide and Extermination Reminiscent of Extermination of Jews (Holocaust) by Adolf Hitler / Tатаh Mentan

Langaa RPCIG, Bamenda, Cameroun 2021

xxx, 408p. ; 229x152mm.

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Genocide and extermination are no longer mere words, promises, hopes, etc. These acts are already a law which can be enforced. In practical terms, this law means no more extermination, no more mass killings, no more concentration camps, no more sterilisations, no more wanton rapes, no more killings and burning of people to conceal evidence, no more torching of habitats, no more breaking up of families. The call to stop genocide is often presented as the paramount moral obligation in contemporary global politics. The 'Never Again' refrain and the consistent references to the ethical value of Responsibility to Protect genocide stand as calls for urgent political mobilisation.

Taking a look at the internet blackouts, the militarisation of towns and cities all across Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia), the indiscriminate torching of hundreds of villages, schools and health centres, the rampant gang rape of females by HIV-infected troops, mass killings of civilians, burning of innocent civilians in their sleep, disembowelling pregnant women and slaughtering them and their unborn babies, arbitrary arrests and detentions, dehumanising raids of residential areas in search of "Anglophones", mindless torture, extortions, and looting by La République du Cameroun troops, the genocide and extermination were well planned in advance.

Professor Tатаh Mentan argues that the bloodbath was designed with a clear kinetic theological foundation as its centrepiece. The theologians of the genocide were ironically not clerics. They were rather journalists and sycophantic pro-regime intellectuals who apparently served as the echo chamber of the Biya genocidal regime for his Hitler-like "Final Solution" to crush and assimilate "Anglophones" - the "rats", "cockroaches", "secessionists", "separatists", or "microbes" as they were stigmatised. The suffering inflicted by Hitler on Jews fell outside the realm of expression. Often depicted as the savage lunatic who plunged the world into World War II, Adolf Hitler's name has been on the tongues of historians, psychologists, economists, and laymen for ages. Similarly, President Paul Biya like Hitler the Monster is being depicted as the epitome of Lucifer himself.

Finally, Professor Tатаh Mentan concludes that the pandemic genocide and extermination of Ambazonians by La République du Cameroun génocidaires can only be peacefully resolved by an internationally negotiated separation of both warring Former UN Category B Trust Territories.

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Dynamising Liberation Movements in Southern Africa: Quo Vadis? / Professor Kgothatso Shai and Professor Siphamandla Zondi

Ziable Publisher, Randburg, South Africa 2020

vi, 150p.;
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The primary aim of this interdisciplinary book is to take stock of the state of liberation movements in Southern Africa. This aim is informed by the fact that the study of the reconciliation of the past and present politics of liberation movements can never be complete without a rigorous and systematic focus on Southern Africa and through the South[ern] angled lens. The aim of this book will be achieved by delving into the following objectives:

- Analyse the transition of liberation movements into governing parties
- Identify and tease out the common challenges and key issues plaguing liberation movements' incumbency
- Forecast the future of liberation solidarity in Southern Africa
- Showcase refreshing perspectives on the journey travelled thus far by the liberation movements
- Compare and contrast the performance of liberation movements led governments in Southern Africa
- Describe the patterns and trends of practice by Southern Africa's liberation movements.

Written from a South[ern] angled lens by contributors belonging to different generations of the witnesses to the dynamisation of the liberation movements in Southern Africa and most of the analysis and documentation represented by this book about African liberation movements was done by Africans and for Africans.

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Deadly Denial: Xenophobia Governance and the Global Compact for Migration in South Africa / Jonathan Crush

Southern African Migration Program, South Africa. 2020

36p.;
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The UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration commits signatories "to eliminate all forms of discrimination, condemn and counter expressions, acts and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, violence, xenophobia and related intolerance against all migrants in conformity with international human rights law." This commitment puts the onus on signatory governments, including South Africa, to deal with the threat that increasingly accompanies global mobility: rising xenophobia in countries of migrant destination. The global migration and development agenda puts great emphasis on the positive development impacts of migration. This report argues that, in South Africa, two decades of xenophobia governance by denial and displacement has in fact intensified xenophobia on the ground as there is no countervailing discourse about the benefits of migration. The police and justice system seem generally unable or unwilling to bring perpetrators of xenophobic violence to book and xenophobic sentiment is licensed by hostile policies towards refugee protection and migrants in the informal sector. With official policies of xenophobia denialism and blaming in place, there seems little hope that South Africa will address the core commitments of the Global Compact on Migration and, in this environment, the consequences for migrants will continue to be extremely deleterious and deadly.

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Quest For a Stable Afghanistan : a View from Ground Zero / Sujeet Sarkar

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The war in Afghanistan has been raging for 20 years—three times more than the duration of World War II. Twenty years after the West, under the leadership of the United States, went to war in Afghanistan, the Taliban is gaining momentum, seizing territory and killing Afghan security forces in unprecedented numbers. All told, the cost of 20 years of war in Afghanistan will amount to more than \$2 trillion. Still, why is Afghanistan looking more precarious than ever? Apparently, the US-brokered peace process has crumbled, with neither the Taliban nor the Afghan government subscribing to it fully. Did 20 years of unparalleled military support and financial aid fail to pacify one of the world's most volatile nations? What was the West's biggest failure in Afghanistan? With the departure of the US forces, in the midst of a resurgent Taliban taking over Kabul, there is growing speculation around the stability of this country. Quest for a Stable Afghanistan deeply analyses the Afghan war and appraises the readers about the colossal crisis that the country is facing today. It is a bold attempt to move away from the mainstream rhetoric, and focus on the future that lies ahead of Afghanistan. It provides a daring new outlook denouncing several myths that colour common global perception of this war-ravaged country.

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Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India 2021

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The history of the ICWA is also the story of how a small fraternity of intellectuals and scholars sought to create and advance a wider public and civil society discourse on foreign policy and international affairs in India. They did this by establishing a world class library, bringing out a highly reputed journal the India Quarterly, fostering research and creating an India-wide fraternity of those interested deeply in India's engagement with the wider world. This was in so many ways a giant step forward in intellectual decolonisation. Each of these measures was directed towards creating an Indian perspective on world affairs by becoming a non-partisan platform for intellectual exchanges and informed discussion and debate. This is a story therefore both of great intellectual endeavour and of selfless high minded public and national service."

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China Factor in India-Vietnam Relations (1991–2019) / Tilottama Mukherjee

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This book is an effort to comprehensively analyse the importance of the China factor in studying the evolution of India-Vietnam relations over the decades. The author argues that the multi-faceted India-Vietnam relations, which have been moulded by historical, cultural, diplomatic and geo-strategic factors, cannot be studied in isolation, without understanding how it has been influenced by their common perception of the China threat. It is in this context that the book analyses the complex political, economic, strategic and cultural interactions between China, India and Vietnam in the Cold War period and subsequently in the post-Cold War years, from 1991 to 2019. The work should attract the attention of scholars and practitioners of international relations. Dr Tilottama Mukherjee is Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science, Syamaprasad College (affiliated to the University of Calcutta), Kolkata, India. She is a Member of the Governing Body of Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College (affiliated to the University of Calcutta), Kolkata.

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A state's security is heavily dependent upon its geopolitical environment. The geopolitical setting of South Asia changed in 1971 with the birth of Bangladesh as a new, independent nation. India already faces a hostile neighbour on its western border. In the north, China is a major threat. In this geopolitical setting the kind of relationship India has developed with Bangladesh becomes important. The military coup of August 1975 in Bangladesh marked a major shift in the way the country perceived its foreign and defence policies. India, its supporter in the liberation war, was now presented as the main threat to national security. A country's defence policy and defence-related procurements depend on the threat perception of that country. Bangladesh, despite being a poor country, has tried to acquire significant defence capability mainly due to its perceived sense of insecurity and to some extent to participate in the United Nations peacekeeping operations. Some of the steps taken by Bangladesh purportedly to enhance its own security have meant that the security environment in the region has actually deteriorated. In this context Bangladesh's security relationship with other major powers has significant implications for Indian security, and the book tries to throw light on it. Contents: Acknowledgements 1. Introduction 2. Bangladesh's Hobbled Defence Partnership with India 3. China, a Pre-eminent Defence Partner of Bangladesh 4. New Strategic Calculations Boost Bangladesh-Russia Defence Relations 5. Changing Strategic Configuration and Bangladesh-US Defence Relationship 6. The Role of Bangladesh in UN Peacekeeping Operations 7. Conclusion Index

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The Politics of Visioning and Coalition Building in Malaysia : Future Studies Approach / Azhari Karim

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The Untouchables, from time immemorial, have been socially and economically oppressed, culturally subjugated and politically marginalized. However, in recent times they have begun to assert themselves and have launched socio-cultural and political movements aimed at ushering in a new social order based on the principles of equality and liberty. Even though many untouchables, as a consequence, have reached at the position of power and prominence, particularly in the political arena, a vast majority of them continue to suffer discrimination, poverty and humiliation, and are often targets of inhuman atrocities. Quite a few researches, books and essays covering this topic of crisis of untouchables leadership have been published in recent years, but they lack the genuine efforts to seek truth. Untouchables perceive their politicians (MLAs, MPs, bureaucrats, social organizations) as their savior, who will liberate them from the shackles of bondage and deprivation. The book is an attempt to seek the following key issues pertaining to political culture of the untouchable leaders; including MLAs, MPs and bureaucrats: • What are their set of values and expectations? • Do they adhere and are true to the Ambedkarian teachings of action to which they have vowed? • Do their untouchable brethren trust them and how are they paying back to their community? • Do the upper caste politicians and bureaucrats treat them with contempt and try to suppress them? • Lastly, the most important question, has the untouchable leadership failed? These basic questions and more have been examined in a lucid style in this enriching book.

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Aryan Invasion Theory and Indian Nationalism / Shrikant G. Talageri

Voice of India, New Delhi, India 2020

Xv, 408p.; 22cm.

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History is a very potent subject. Politics can be, and very often is, based on it. A nation which forgets, or falsifies, or wilfully ignores, or glosses over the lessons of its history is a nation heading towards doom. And, conversely, when a nation is intended to be sent to its doom, a process of falsification of its history can be profitably launched. Indian 'history', as it is formulated, taught, and propagated today, has been the handiwork of Leftist 'intellectuals', ever since Leftist intellectualism came into vogue. And since destruction of national identity is one of the basic tenets of Leftist ideology, it is no wonder that Indian history, as an academic subject, has been falsified on a grand scale, with the sole aim and intention of uprooting and destroying India's national identity and ethos. VOICE OF INDIA publications have contributed a great deal towards exposing most of the fallacies and falsehoods perpetrated by Leftist historians, and their secularist fellow-travellers, in respect of medieval and post-medieval history. There is, however, one remote period of history, or prehistory, which, in spite of its remoteness, has come to acquire a major propaganda-value for Leftists and their ilk - the period of the so-called 'Aryan Invasion of India'.

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Virtue and Human Ends: Political Ideas from Indian Classics / Vasanthi Srinivasan

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These timeless texts also provide a window into the popular as well as elite reception of political ideas. Unearthing some of the most colourful and enduring tales that Indians across generations have read, the author takes a closer look at these narratives to reassess the 'morals' of these stories, illuminate internal diversity and dissent in the teaching of politics, and their continuing relevance in twenty-first century Indian political thought.

Scholars and students of Indian classical literature, Indian political thought, comparative literature and Indology, and all interested readers will find this a delightful and engaging read.

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