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Vernacular Politics in Northeast India: Democracy, Ethnicity and Indigeneity /  
Jelle J.P. Wouters

Oxford University Press, New Delhi 2022

X, 413p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9780192863461

\$ 45.00 / HB

640 gm.

Perhaps nowhere in India is contemporary politics and visions of 'the Political' as diverse, animated, uncontrollable, and poorly understood as in Northeast India. Vernacular Politics in Northeast India offers penetrating accounts into what guides and animates Northeast India's Spirited political sphere, including the categories and values through which its peoples conceive of their 'political' lives.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833229>

Indian Politics: Institutions and Processes / Ramdas Rupavath

Rawat Publications, Jaipur 2022

xvii, 356p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788131612477

\$ 35.00 / HB

850 gm.

Indian Politics: Institutions and Processes include many of the most significant developments in Indian political process and its institutions in the last 75 years of independence. The book aptly covers the evolution of the Indian Constitution, taking into account the making of the Constitution, the principles laid down in the Preamble, the main features, the structure of the government, the nature of centre-state relations, etc. Addressing to issues of casteism, regionalism, terrorism, tribal rights, land alienation and globalization, the author has also touched upon recent governmental policies like demonetization, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, etc. Several statutory commissions have also been discussed and new administrative policies and programmes like NITI Aayog, TRAI, IRDA, National Skill Development Mission, Unique Identification Authority of India, etc.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833279>

Congress in the Politics of West Bengal: From Dominance to Marginality (1947-1977) / Babulal Bala

Kunal Books, New Delhi 2022

xviii, 394p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391908386

\$ 35.00 / HB

770 gm.

The book primarily deals with a history of partition politics and political history of West Bengal and in some cases scenarios of all India politics up to 1977. This study is by and large confined within the crucial years between 1947 to 1977 in which one can experience various issues that dictated the destiny of West Bengal. Fact remains that the present study touches in its background the most critical situation of undivided Bengal leading to the partition of India in 1947.

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Veiled valour : Australian Special Forces in Afghanistan and war crimes allegations / Tom Frame

UNSW Press 2022

[4], 456 pages : maps ; 24 cm.

9781742237633

\$ 59.99 / null

620 gm.

'Given the importance of ability, judgment, leadership and discipline to the effective performance of any military force, the nation faces a serious problem when the public begin to have doubts and politicians start to distrust, the capability of the defence force and the reliability of its members.' Tom Frame, one of Australia's most respected military affairs analysts, reveals the background to the war crimes allegedly committed by Australian Special Forces in Afghanistan between 2005 and 2013. The Brereton report – the findings of a long-running inquiry into war crimes allegations involving members of the Australian Special Forces during their deployment to Afghanistan – was publicly released on 19 November 2020. Veiled Valour explores the background to these allegations – the gradual demise of the Afghan state and society, the decision to deploy Special Forces personnel to Central Asia after 2001, the inquiries into apparent mistakes and alleged misconduct, and the shocking hearsay and rumours that led to a formal inquiry. Concluding the day before the Brereton report's public release, Veiled Valour sheds light on why the inquiry was necessary, how its investigations were conducted, where the media influenced its direction, and what the public expect to be told about its military elite.

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The art of coalition : the Howard government experience, 1996-2007 / edited by David W. Lovell & Andrew Blyth

UNSW Press 2022

xiii, 210 pages ; 24 cm.

9781742237626

\$ 49.99 / null

290 gm.

Despite being described as 'a remarkably successful partnership' by John Howard and a 'triumph of trust' by his counterpart, Nationals leader and Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson, the art of coalition government is a delicate (and sometimes difficult) balancing of policy, politics and personalities. The relationship between the Liberal and Nationals parties ensured the Howard Government's stability and provided a solid foundation for its legislative program between 1996 and 2007. While the Coalition partnership has been pivotal to Australian politics since the Second World War, under the Howard prime ministership -- despite occasional tensions -- the two parties changed key aspects of Australian life through gun control, telecommunications and taxation reform, and balancing the budget. In *The Art of Coalition*, Joel Fitzgibbon, Zareh Ghazarian, Tom Frame, Linda Courtenay Botterill, Paul Davey, Tony Abbott and others convey the complexities of maintaining a strong political partnership, and the importance of trust in an effective coalition.

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Nation, State and Marginal People: Perspectives and Dimensions / Anil Kumar Sarkar, Akhil Sarkar (ed)

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xv, 232p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789355944894

\$ 25.00 / HB

520 gm.

The book focuses on the Nation, State and Marginal People: Perspectives and Dimensions. This work is mainly the collection of articles. The broad objective of the book is to evolve a fresh understanding of the problems and to search the way to solve. This study is trying to examine the educational, occupation, earnings, land holdings and also the poverty levels of different segments of the population with a special focus on the marginalised groups, such as women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Coolies, Persons with Disabilities, Homosexuality etc. The authors have focussed on the problems like lack of opportunities; the society keeps them away from the mainstream, they have very few social networks and interaction— and these are particularly the lower castes or those constitute the ethnic groups in the society. Even after seventy-four years of our independence and the constitutional guarantees, many sections of people are not getting proper social justice. The urge of society very much needs to change the perception and prepared marginalised free society.

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Globalisation Governance and Human Rights: South Asian Experiences / Anisur Rahman & Niharika Tiwari (ed)

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xi, 378p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789354390562

\$ 37.50 / HB

680 gm.

With increasing geo-strategic importance in contemporary scenario, the South Asia can be accorded as a region of special relevance in context of globalization and international politics. The present book delves deep into the pros and cons of inter-linkages between globalization, governance and issues of human rights in South Asia. The book discusses an array of issues relating to globalization, governance and issues of human rights. The micro level issues are discussed in a way that it will give an insight to develop a framework and better understanding at macro level. In this book, readers will find the debate between proponents and critics of globalization in detail to comprehend the context in toto. The governance and its connection with globalization is also dealt with accordingly. The issue of human rights in the globalized world needs to be given proper attention so as to understand all indispensable aspects to have a complete understanding of South Asia in a globalized world.

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The Manipulation of Religion in Nigeria , 1977-1987 / Yusufu Bala Usman , Usman A. Tar

Yusufu Bala Usman Institute, Zaria, Nigeria 2020

xxxviii, 166p.

Includes Index

9789782557087

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

The real basis of the manipulation of religion in Nigeria today is the need to obscure from the people of Nigeria a fundamental aspect of our reality: that is the domination of our political economy by a class of intermediaries who are being increasingly exposed. And this is to enable this class to cover themselves with religious and ethnic disguises in order to further entrench division among our people, slow down their awakening, at any cost; even the unity of our country, for which so much has been sacrificed. – Yusufu Bala Usman, 1987, The Manipulation of Religion in Nigeria 1977-1987.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835998>

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Liberating Nigeria : A Guide to Winning Elections and Reviving Our Country / Debo Onifade , Elite Authors

Delon LLC, Canton, MA, USA 2019

xiv, 200p.

9780578546803

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835996>

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Broken Truths : Nigeria's Elusive Quest for National Cohesion / Matthew Hassan Kukah ,Toyin Falola

PCJ Press Ltd., Abuja, Nigeria 2022

260p.

Includes Index

9789785925319

\$ 65.00 / null

500 gm.

In this collection of convocation lectures delivered over a number of years at several Universities across Nigeria, Matthew Hassan Kukah, outspoken Bishop of Sokoto, reflects on the myriad of challenges bedeviling the Nigerian nation. Themes covered include, "Nigeria and the future of Africa"; "After the insurgency: some thoughts on national cohesion"; "To heal a fractured nation: education and leadership for a new Nigeria"; "Transition to democracy: can Nigeria ride the wave"; "The pursuit of happiness: some thoughts on human rights, freedom and justice in Nigeria" and "Broken truths: Nigeria's elusive quest for national cohesion."

The book is vintage Kukah: gusto, courage and enthralling clarity.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835995>

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Buhari : The Making of a President / Jimi Lawal

Safari Books Ltd., Ibadan, Nigeria 2017

xxx, 378p.

Includes Index

9789785478556

\$ 45.00 / HB

800 gm.

The first four months of the year 2015 will be remembered by many as some of the most apprehensive days ever in the history of Nigeria. The destiny of Nigeria was hanging in the balance. In the centre of this political theatre were two personalities with significantly different trajectories: one, the incumbent president, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) who had enjoyed an unprecedented, almost meteoric rise, to the apex of political power, and the other, then General Muhammadu Buhari of the All Progressives Congress (APC). Buhari: The Making of a President is a story of intrigues, suspense, betrayals, reconciliations, collaborations and strategic concessions, one which only an insider could have told to such detail.

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Hindu Nationalism in India / Tanika Sarkar Introduction by Amrita Basu

Permanent Black, Ranikhet 2022

xiii, 266p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9788178245515

\$ 17.50 / null

350 gm.

Over the past twenty years or so, there has been a seismic shift in Indian political, religious, and social life. A country which drew inspiration from the inclusive Hinduism of Mahatma Gandhi, the anti-caste worldview of B.R. Ambedkar, and the agnostic secularism of Jawaharlal Nehru is now driven by Hindutva. This newly dominant version of Hinduism – which blends militant nationalism, anti-minorityism, and global Islamophobia – requires the kind of analysis that only the sharpest scholarly historian can provide. Tanika Sarkar has, over the past two decades, trudged a fieldwork-oriented path through the alleys and byways of Hindutva.

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Ironsi : Nigeria, The Army, Power and Politics / Chuk Iloegbunam

Eminent Biographies, Awka, Nigeria 2019

xl, 300p.

Includes Index

9789789761586

\$ 65.00 / null

600 gm.

Iloegbunam has done great justice to Ironsi by addressing the multiform issues attending to the brutal mauling of an original Nigerian hero. Iloegbunam goes further afield by broadening the book Ironsi beyond the protagonist to address Nigerias anarchic democracy and its greedy gatekeepers and stakeholders.

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State and Development in Post-Independent Africa / Samuel Ojo Oloruntopa and Vusi Gumede

Pan-African University Press, Ibadan, Nigeria 2018

xii, 496p.

Includes Index

9781943533312

\$ 55.00 / null

900 gm.

Is the State still relevant for development in contemporary Africa? There have been several scholarly efforts geared toward understanding the role of the State in facilitating socio-economic development in Africa. While some see the State as a benevolent political authority which possesses the necessary mandate and responsibility to advance development, others see it as an area for personal accumulation and rent sharing. Indeed, there have been mixed results on the activities of the State and economic development in Africa over the past five decades of gaining political independence. This book contributes to the debates on the domestic and external forces that have continued to shape the role of the State in fostering socio-economic and political development in post-independent Africa. Contributors to this volume went beyond diagnosis of the challenges facing the continent to proffering solution and charting alternative strategies for achieving inclusive development.

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This book provides insightful analyses from multi-disciplinary perspectives on the nature of the state and development in Africa. It covers an array of topics such as Pan Africanism, Governance, Inter Governmental Institutions, Regional Integration, the African Diaspora, Leadership and Peacebuilding, seeking to not only highlight the problems facing the continent but also to challenge the dominant western lenses through which they have been interpreted. It showcases the thinking of African scholars and charts a new development agenda for Africa. It makes a useful contribution to the debates on state and development in Africa.

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Brick By Brick: Democratising Local Governance in Kerala (Insights from the People's Plan Campaign) / Manjula Bharathy

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxii, 226p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789354397806

\$ 31.25 / HB

610 gm.

People's Planning Campaign (PPC) was an innovative decentralised planning exercise experimented by the Left Democratic Government in Kerala (1996-2001) for deepening local governance. PPC conceptualised poverty in relation to a host of inequalities such as economic dispossession and political marginalisation in contrast to technocratic and neoliberal prescriptions. Rather than placing faith in either the rational and comprehensive decision-making or incremental institution building championed by public administration and managerial sciences, PPC relied on local experiences emerged through reflexive reasoning and dialectical engagements with citizens.

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Federalism And Regionalism / Annigeri And Vinod B

Rawat Publications, Jaipur 2022

xiii, 188p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9788131612385

\$ 25.00 / HB

600 gm.

It is quite evident that both policy makers and researchers have recognized the importance of balanced regional development for bringing better fruits of development to the doorsteps of the community at large. Problems of regional disparities in India can be attributed at the outset to our colonial past. However, even in the planned development era, one can witness unbalanced regional development in the present day context as well. As India is a federation, it is likely to experience certain drawbacks of a federal system. Any federation is likely to experience both vertical as well as horizontal imbalance as far as the flow of resources to the federating units is concerned. The present volume examines regional imbalances in India. The papers also highlight the causes and come out with possible way forward for reducing regional imbalances.

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Of Foot-Soldiers and Hybrid Visions : A Festschrift in Honour of Denja Yahaya Abdullahi / Ezechi Onyerionwu, Ismail Bala and Chinyere Otuu Egbuta

Kraft Books Limited (for Orpheus Literary Foundation), Ibadan, Nigeria 2020

xviii, 722p.

Includes Index

9789789186495

\$ 75.00 / null

1000 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835985>

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Illuminations : Politics and Governance in Nigeria's Fourth Republic / Segun Ayobolu

Enterprise Africa Books, Nigeria 2020

xiv, 582p.

9789789839179

\$ 90.00 / null

1020 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835984>

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Public Management Reform Experience of Turkiye : Effective Factors on the Administrative Reform Process of Turkiye in the Period of 1980-2010 / Osman Varol (Ed), Dr. Mustafa Aydemir & D. Yusuf Soylemez

Fenomen Yayincilik, Turkey 2022

220p.

9786257351591

\$ 32.00 / null  
200 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836418>

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Des Bombes En Polynesie: Les Essais Nucleaires Francais Dans Le Pacifique /  
Renaud Meltz & Alexis Vrignon

Editions Vendemiaire, France 2022

720p.

Includes Bibliography

9782363583819

\$ 50.00 / null

800 gm.

Sous la présidence du général de Gaulle, la France se dote de la force de dissuasion convoitée depuis le début de la Ve République : des bombes bien plus puissantes que celle déployée à Hiroshima. A quel prix ? Les 193 essais nucléaires réalisés de 1966 à 1996 en Polynésie dans les atolls de Fangataufa et Moruroa ont bouleversé l'existence de l'ensemble des Polynésiens, contaminant certains par les retombées toxiques, dégradant des écosystèmes fragiles dans lesquels des déchets radioactifs ont été hâtivement jetés à la mer. Au long de cette gigantesque entreprise qui a mobilisé une centaine de milliers d'hommes et des milliards de francs, le mode de vie des habitants s'est trouvé transformé, des Marquises à Bora-Bora. Depuis les hésitations des décideurs politiques métropolitains sur le choix du lieu - on a envisagé la Corse ou le Massif central pour les tirs souterrains, la Réunion et la Nouvelle-Calédonie pour les essais aériens - jusqu'aux conséquences sanitaires, environnementales et socio-économiques, en passant par le récit des oppositions, des contestations mais aussi des cohabitations et des rencontres, cet ouvrage, fruit de la collaboration de 15 chercheurs, historiens, géographes et anthropologues, lève le voile sur une période de l'histoire polynésienne et de l'histoire post-coloniale française trop longtemps demeurée sous le signe du secret. "Sous la direction de Renaud Meltz, professeur des universités spécialiste de la France contemporaine, des relations internationales et de la Polynésie française, et d'Alexis Vrignon, enseignant-chercheur à l'université de Pau dont les travaux portent sur l'histoire environnementale de la seconde partie du XXe siècle en France et en outre-mer".

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Can Hong Kong Exceptionalism Last: Dilemmas of Governance and Public  
Administration Over Five Decades, 1970s - 2020 / Anthony B.L. Cheung

City University of Hong Kong Press, Hong Kong 2021

xx, 450p.

Includes Bibliography

9789629375911

\$ 50.00 / null

750 gm.

Hong Kong under British rule was a prime example of exceptionalism in many aspects — economic, political, and even social. It was governed under a colonial structure and yet had enjoyed a large degree of social and economic freedom, as well as fiscal self-sufficiency and autonomy from London. After returning to Chinese rule in 1997, Hong Kong has continued to thrive as a relatively resilient city-state still known for efficiency and effectiveness despite tensions and scepticism about its political future.

This book carries decades of academic observations and the author's personal political experience. It reviews and reflects on the past trajectory of governance and administration, identifying strengths and capabilities as well as constraints and vulnerabilities of Hong Kong as a polity and society, while charting its course of 'exceptionalism' within a new context and under changing conditions. As this book concludes, the exceptionalism of Hong Kong not only hinges on institutional arrangements and historical inheritance but also on the statecraft of the administration of the day.

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Caste, Religion and Politics: Indian Perspectives / Kartik Chandra Sutradhar,  
Imon-Ul-Hossain and Remendra Nath Bhowmick (ed)

Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi 2022

393p.; 22 cm.

9789392816178

\$ 40.00 / HB

700 gm.

The Politics on caste system and region in India made a barrier in making a stable nation as well as the stable country since its origin for which India or Baharatbarsha lost her legacy, heritage and gravity; gradually India became weak due to cleavage and religion which broke down the Indian heart and backbone as a result of which Indians could not be able to protect her mother land against different types of foreign invasions took place in time to time.

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Advancing Human Rights / Mintrom, Michael

Monash University Press, Australia 2022

96 pages

9781922633279

\$ 24.95 / null

80 gm.

Human rights come into question in times of crisis. But should we wait for crises to arise before we discuss these rights? Advancing human rights should be everyone's business, not just that of a select group of public interest lawyers, conspiracy theorists or those who prefer tinfoil hats.

Human rights are routinely debated in the wake of scandals. Think about the quality of care in nursing homes, the treatment of illegal immigrants, and police practices towards Indigenous people in custody all examples of crises that demand remedies and receive less than satisfactory solutions. Our rights certainly became an issue of heated public debate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michael Mintrom argues that the advancement of human rights is an investment: our efforts today will create ongoing benefits for society. He finds the answers in enhancing the quality and accessibility of early childhood education, shutting down the school-to-prison pipeline, and assisting former prisoners during their re-entry into society. Beyond these powerful examples, he also suggests other candidates for policy change that will lead to the progression of human rights.

In a caring society, the question of how to advance human rights should lie at the heart of public policymaking.

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Marrul : Aboriginal Identity & the Fight for Rights / Inala Cooper

Monash University Press, Australia 2022

89 pages ; 18 cm.

9781922633248

\$ 24.95 / null

80 gm.

What does reconciliation and truth-telling look like, and how do we as a nation find justice for Indigenous people? In this deeply personal work, Inala Cooper shares stories of her family to show the impact of colonisation on the lives of Aboriginal people from the 1940s to now. She reveals the struggles faced by her Elders and contrasts them with the freedoms she comes across as an Aboriginal woman today. Speaking only from lived experience, Inala examines racism, privilege, and how deeply personal is one's identity. Her stories illustrate the complexities of identifying as Aboriginal and the importance of community in an increasingly individualist world. Exploring the impacts of major events throughout her life, Inala reflects on how human rights are breached and defended. She examines reconciliation and the need to share wealth and power, and the importance of truth-telling and justice. In finding her place as an advocate and activist for social justice, Inala is supported by her family, her ancestors, community and the academy. It is these supports that help her challenge racist and outdated notions of what it means to be Indigenous, sovereign and self-determined, and to uphold the principles of justice. The thought-provoking stories in this book surface more questions than the necessary answers. But Inala brings us to her home as she weaves together her stories, the country she's connected to, and the elements that shape her path—none so prevalent as Marrul: the changing wind

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Northern Neighbour Southern Concerns: Political, Strategic and Economic Dimensions of Nepal-China Relations / Pramod Jaiswal

GB Books, New Delhi 2022

xxii, 325p.; 23 cm.

9789383930913

\$ 32.50 / HB

670 gm.

International Politics is the realm where great powers constantly seek opportunities to expand their hegemonic role. In this realm, small states on the periphery of great powers face intense pressures, leading to limits on their sovereignty. Nepal, a landlocked country between China and India, is a classic case of a small state striving to preserve its sovereignty.

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Covid-19 and Post Covid-19 Indian Diplomacy / Vivek Mishra

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxi, 91p.; 23 cm.

9789391490744

\$ 17.00 / null

200 gm.

This book is an attempt to tell the story of India's fight against COVID-19 and the impact it had in reshaping of India's foreign policy. How India responded starting from the early stages of the pandemic, including ensuring the return of its people in the early stages and aid delivery at later stages, is a story that needs to be told. Indian foreign policy bore an extraordinary brunt of deliverance, even as it imposed total lockdown in a country of 1.3 billion people. This book recounts the steps taken by the Indian government and its various departments and agencies during COVID-19, the coordination. Between them and its overall impact on the nation's outlook.

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Geopolitics of South Asia and Indo-Pacific Region / Pramod Jaiswal (ed)

GB Books, New Delhi 2022

xviii, 346p.; 23 cm.

9789383930975

\$ 32.50 / HB

700 gm.

South Asia throughout history and at the current times has been an autonomous strategic unit. Several ongoing geopolitical developments and the increasing competition among the major powers have made South Asia more complex today. While the Indo-Pacific region has emerged as a key theater of engagement with the return of great power competition, the region has been attracting a lot of attention.

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China's Game Plan in Ladakh: Imperatives for India / Cmde SL Deshmukh, NM  
Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xvii, 134p.; 22 cm.

9789394915022

\$ 17.00 / null

270 gm.

"India should be happy with what has been achieved" China said during the Military Commander Level talks in April 2021, while retracting from its commitment related to troops withdrawal from Gogra and Hot Spring areas, in the Himalayan region. This was indicative of China's nefarious game plan in the Ladakh region.

China has been nurturing ambitions of being the sole regional power in South Asian and Indo-Pacific regions in the short-term and being a credible global power-capable of countering USA eventually. With rise in stature of India in global political arena, China realised that India would be the only obstacle in its becoming the sole regional power and felt the need for clipping India's wings.

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Chinese Military Legal System: An Analysis / UC Jha, Kishore Kumar Khera

Vij Books India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

viii, 300p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789393499585

\$ 43.75 / HB

620 gm.

The People's Liberation Army (PLA) a unified organization of China's land, sea, and air forces, owes allegiance to the Communist Party of China (CPC). It consists of nearly two million active-duty officers and civil cadres, NCOs, and conscripts. These personnel are governed by a large number of laws, rules and regulations. There is a lack of transparency and openness not only in the Chinese military court system but also in the personnel system.

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Analysing the Current Afghan Context / Neeraj Singh Manhas (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxiii, 149p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789391490317

\$ 22.00 / HB

420 gm.

Afghanistan is on the verge of another transition as it seeks stability and deals with a variety of internal and external issues. After the Taliban, an Islamic fundamentalist organisation, captured Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, on August 15, 2021. It was the culmination of a military offensive against the Afghan government that began in May 2021. The arrest occurred just hours after President Ashraf Ghani fled the country.

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Aviation and Foreign Policy: Convergence / Sanat Gaul

Knowledge World Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xiii, 241p.; 23 cm.  
Includes Bibliography.  
9789391490607  
\$ 31.50 / HB  
520 gm.

"This is an exceptional book on relationship between civil aviation and foreign policy. The author, Dr. SanatKaul, has carried out an extensive critical analysis of India's aviation policy and foreign policy in so far, its neighbouring countries are concerned and has then outlined the role aviation can play to further enhance goodwill between India and its neighbours."

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832845>

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KM Panikkar and The Growth of a Maritime Consciousness in India / Vijay Sakhuja, Pragya Pandey (ed)

Vij Books India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xvi, 404p.; 23 cm.  
Includes Index.

9789393499301

\$ 43.75 / HB

800 gm.

Sardar KM Panikkar's life and works form a fascinating narrative encompassing a wide diversity of roles, positions and interests. Panikkar was one of the early writers on the history of India's connections with the Indian Ocean. His seminal historical and literary works have influenced contemporary thoughts and perceptions and played a formative role in orienting independent India's maritime consciousness. Panikkar's emphasis on the need for a well-considered and effective naval policy as critical to India's security needs internalization amongst Indian political elite, policy makers, and academia, as there is a growing realisation of the significance of the Indian Ocean in India's strategic calculus.

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Safety net : the future of welfare in Australia / Daniel Mulino ; foreword by Bill Kelty

La Trobe University Press 2022

xii, 372 pages : illustrations ; 24 cm.

9781760643898

\$ 39.99 / null

580 gm.

The welfare state is one of the crowning achievements of the twentieth century, giving citizens access to healthcare, pensions, disability and unemployment benefits. This unprecedented expansion of the state was a product of the postwar period of the late 1940s, when governments ramped up investment in this grand safety net. By the 1970s, half of all government spending went towards social-welfare programs, but today the welfare state stands at a crossroads, beset by both political opposition and funding pressures as the population ages. Australian Labor Party MP Daniel Mulino provides a sweeping account of the history of welfare in Australia and abroad, from Bismarckian Germany to present-day Canberra. In this deeply researched and lucid account, Mulino looks to the challenges facing today's welfare state and reflects on what steps must be taken to protect and extend it.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833492>

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Rigged / Murray, Cameron & Frijters, Paul

Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022

296 pages, 23cm

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The consul : an insider account from Australia's diplomatic frontline / Ian Kemish  
University of Queensland Press, Australia 2022

xi, 276 pages ; 23 cm

9780702263491

\$ 37.99 / null

385 gm.

An absorbing insider's account of leadership and service within Australia's Consular service, through tumultuous events including the September 11 attacks, the Bali bombings and the Boxing Day Tsunami. As head of Australia's consular service, Ian Kemish played a central role in the nation's response to some of the most dramatic events of the early twenty-first century, including the September 11 attacks and the Bali bombings. He led the small band of Australian consuls as they confronted the new challenges of global jihadism, supporting families who lost loved ones, and negotiated the release of Australians unjustly detained abroad. In *The Consul*, Kemish offers a unique and personal perspective on Australia's foreign affairs challenges of the last two decades, from hostage diplomacy to the political sensitivities of repatriating Australians abroad. This timely and engaging book also asks us to consider how world events have changed the way we travel now and in the future.

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Black lives, white law : locked up and locked out in Australia / Russell Marks

La Trobe University Press 2022

360 pages ; 24 cm.

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560 gm.

Indigenous Australians are the most incarcerated people on the planet. Indigenous men are fifteen times more likely to be locked up than their non-Indigenous counterparts; Indigenous women are twenty-one times more likely. Featuring vivid case studies and drawing on a deep sense of history, *Black Lives, White Law* explores Australia's extraordinary record of locking up First Nations people. It examines Australia's system of criminal justice – the web of laws and courts and police and prisons – and how that system interacts with First Nations people and communities. How is it that so many are locked up? Why have imprisonment rates increased in recent years? Is this situation fair? Almost everyone agrees that it's not. And yet it keeps getting worse. In this groundbreaking book, Russell Marks investigates Australia's incarceration epidemic. What would happen if the institutions of Australian justice received the same scrutiny to which they routinely subject Indigenous Australians? 'How should we tell the story of Indigenous incarceration in Australia? Only part of it is in the numbers. And we can't get very far by looking at the crimes that see Indigenous offenders punished by courts and sentenced to prison ... To really grapple with the problem of Indigenous incarceration requires us to accept the possibility that there might be another way. That the current state of affairs – where entire families sometimes spend time behind bars – is not inevitable.'—Russell Marks. 'Russell Marks unravels a national tragedy. From the front line he delivers a first-rate, firsthand account of how so many First Nations people end up in jail, again and again.' —Patrick Dodson, Labor Senator for Western Australia.

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The making and unmaking of East-West link / James C. Murphy  
Melbourne University Press, Australia 2022

xii, 228 pages, 8 unnumbered pages of plates : chiefly colour illustrations, map, portraits ; 24 cm.

9780522878363

\$ 39.99 / null

350 gm.

The definitive account of a hotly debated political project in Melbourne. Melbourne's aborted East-West Link - the massive, multi-billion-dollar inner-city toll road project that promised to knit Melbourne closer together-was divisive from the start. Intense picketing and protests, multiple court challenges, breathless media coverage and bitter politicking consumed the Victorian parliament for years. The link brought the downfall of the single-term Baillieu-Napthine Liberal government; its cancellation cost the state half a billion dollars, and it lives on in infamy - a byword for brinkmanship, waste and politicisation of infrastructure. But where did this notorious megaproject come from, and what explains its fate? Was it a project hand-picked by state premiers who miscalculated its electoral value? Was it foisted on the government by cunning roads bureaucrats, unprepared for the public backlash? Or was it simply that opponents of the project succeeded by turning it into an election issue? James C Murphy explores the saga from competing vantage points, detailing the layers of politics that saturate infrastructure policymaking in Australia.

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Himalaya-Hind Mahasagar Rashtra Samuh: Revitalizing the Culture and Maritime Trade Relations / M. Mahtab Alam Rizvi (ed)

Manak Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

Xx, 263p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9781732265042

\$ 37.50 / HB

700 gm.

This book titled the Himalaya-Hind Maha-Sagar Rashtra Samuh: Revitalizing the Culture and Maritime Trade Relations attempts to revive the past glory of Bharat by adopting a Multi-Disciplinary approach. The book is not only strengthened current ties between countries across the Ocean but also set a precedent for new forms of cooperation and continued relations and interactions between Bharat and the countries of the Himalaya-Hind-Mahasagar Rashtra Samuh Region.

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Manipur Myanmar Connections: An Indic Perspective / Shukhdeba Sharma  
Hanjabam, Ahebam Koirang Singh, Kakchingtabam Ruhinikumar Sharma

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xxxi, 319p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

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\$ 30.00 / HB

600 gm.

Linkages of the North East India's culture and civilisation with Southeast Asia had since been there since the very early times. As early as 1470 AD, Manipur had political connectivity with Myanmar following the signing of the treaty between the King Khekomba of Pong of Upper Myanmar and King Kyamba (1467-1523) of Manipur. As far as historical records are concerned, it was during the reign of King Kyamba that the King of Pong gifted the idol of Vishnu (see cover picture) and some ritual item to Kyamba. Even then, comprehensive and thorough academic intervention to exhaustively study in-depth the shared culturo-historical experiences of the peoples of North East India with those of South East Asia remain negligible and wanting.

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Electoral Politics of Grassroots Democracy: The Case of Kerala 1953-2015 / M.R.  
Biju, M.R.B. Anantha Padmanabha

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021

X, 269p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789388937948

\$ 26.25 / HB

530 gm.

On the Gandhi Jayanti Day of 2020, the state of Kerala has completed two and a half decades of participatory planning and decentralized governance. During its long and fruitful journey, the new generation Panchayati Raj Institutions and other self governing institutions had travelled a long way with its remarkable achievements in participatory planning and governance process, which had evoked genuine interest from the theoreticians and practitioners of decentralization. When the 25th anniversary was approaching, the authors felt that it would be a pleasant experience to highlight the strategies, strength and weaknesses of people's participation in the decentralization process and to draw lessons for the future. Certainly quarter a century is an enough period to assess the achievements, to evaluate on the lost opportunities as well as the challenges ahead. Keeping this in background an attempt has been made in this handy volume to present a detailed picture of the electoral history of grassroots democracy in Kerala from 1953 to 2015.

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National Security: Problems and Challenges / Sankar Sen

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021

80p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789354390555

\$ 8.75 / HB

300 gm.

The book contains the bunch of articles covering a wide spectrum of issues concerning National Security and Law Enforcement.? India today finds itself in a violent neighbourhood and faces threats to national security from within and without'. The police and security forces are locked in a grim battle with the jihadists, terrorists, Maoists and other forces of lawlessness and disruption ...with a view to combating the mounting threats to national security the Country imperatively needs a clear and unambiguous counter-terrorist strategy. The author with his wide ranging experience in policing, law enforcement and human rights has given practical and insightful comments and suggestions which will help proper understanding of the complex problems afflicting national security.

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Religion and Nuclear Weapons: A Study of Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan / Shameer Modongal, Seyed Hossein Mousavian

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

Viii, 120p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789393499592

\$ 22.50 / HB

370 gm.

This book explores religion's role in shaping a state's nuclear policies. It analyses whether religion becomes a motivating or de-motivating factor in the nuclear weapons programs. The fatwa of Ayatollah Khamenei, the Iranian Supreme Leader, against nuclear weapons is an important factor in the recent debate over the possibility of nuclear weaponization in Iran. At the same time, Pakistan's nuclear tests of 1998 were labelled as tests of an 'Islamic bomb'.

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Challenges to A Liberal Polity: Human Rights, Citizenship and Identity / M. Hamid Ansari

Penguin Random House India Pvt. Ltd., Haryana 2022

xxi, 277p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9780670096947

\$ 20.00 / HB

600 gm.

Challenges to a Liberal Polity, amazingly relevant and thought provoking for our times-by Hamid Ansari, former Vice President of India-brings to light some of the most critical issues, which influence our thoughts every day.

From Nehru's vision for India as a major world power to the issues of citizenship, religion, democracy, the idea of plurality and Muslim identity in Indian society, inclusion/exclusion of Indian Muslims, the 'mainstream' decision making process in India, the role of women in order to build a compassionate society, implication for dissent, Muslims' role and contribution to Indian culture, civilization and nation-building in the post-Independent India, among others, the book thrashes some of the burning issues of Indian polity and society.

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Social Justice and Reservation In Indian Polity / Rajkumar Singh

Aayu Publications, New Delhi 2022

xxi, 309p.; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789391685171

\$ 30.00 / HB

110 gm.

'Social Justice' and 'Reservation' are the words which have motivated the Indian Society and Politics right from the days of Independence of the country in August 1947 and the dream amply reflected in our polity and constitution as well to realise in days to come. Over the years and decades, the theme of both-social justice and reservation evaporated gradually, becoming today merely a political slogan to gain political power in this multi ethnic, multi-cultural nation whose only strength is its unity in diversity.

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Democracy Stillborn: Lanka's Rejection of Equal Rights at Independence? / Rajan Hoole & Kirupaimalar Hoole

Sailfish, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2022

732p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9786245993017

\$ 40.00 / null

850 gm.

Democracy Stillborn traces the present plight of Sri Lanka to the battles of the 1920s over the championship of labour by Ponnambalam Arunachalam.

His ouster in 1921 from the Ceylon National Congress, led to the country's politics becoming dominated by estate capitalism. This in turn resulted in an anti-labour stance blended with communalism, which received a boost from the total disenfranchisement of plantation labour by 1949. The main legal battle around citizenship of plantation labour left the Judiciary deeply compromised. The right of habeas corpus affirmed in the Bracegirdle case of 1937 was attacked by the 1947 Public Security Ordinance permitting 'murder in good faith.' With elite Tamil and Muslim complicity, politics which was anti-labour at first, turned to ethno-chauvinism, surrendering the Parliamentary Left to Sinhalese exclusivism by 1964. Organised labour, weakened by abandoning the Plantation sector, was crushed by the UNP government in the General Strike of 1980. The right of habeas corpus, rendered virtually extinct by the 1979 PTA, made way for the cruel joke of the 2007 ICCPR Act.

Observing that the country is tired of revolutions, Democracy Stillborn places its hope in the survival in a mangled form of the Separation of Powers and of new life in a Judiciary with the courage to declare bad laws unconstitutional.

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Chandran Rutnam and The Rat Pack: A True Story of Conspiracy, Greed and Betrayal / Chandran Rutnam

Chandran Rutnam (Self-Published), Sri Lanka 2021

108p.

9789554300316

\$ 20.00 / null

300 gm.

A true story of conspiracy, greed and betrayal.

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A Tale of Two Maps: Territorial Anxieties, Political Cartography, and the Impossibility of Boundary Demarcation in Sri Lanka / Shahul Hasbullah, Jesmil Abdul Raheem & Benedikt Korf

International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Sri Lanka 2022

xiv, 32p.

9786245502134

\$ 20.00 / null

150 gm.

This study argues that a territorial anxiety has been plaguing Sri Lanka's ethnic relations for decades. This anxiety continues to haunt Sri Lanka's politics even since the civil war ended. To illustrate the multiple ills this anxiety produces, we provide an ethnographic case study of the politics of boundary demarcations of local administrative units in eastern Sri Lanka, more specifically the controversy around Koralaipattu Central Divisional Secretariat (D.S.) division (known as KPC) in Batticaloa District. By tracing the history of administrative boundary demarcation and ethnic segregation in the region, our study shows that administrative boundary demarcations are used as an attempt to purify administrative (and political) entities into ethnically homogenous territorial containers. This politics of purification produces unsolvable contradictions. The case of KPC reveals lessons not only for Batticaloa's politics but for boundary demarcation politics for administrative or electoral purposes in Sri Lanka and South Asia more broadly.

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Liberalism Unveiled : Forging a New Third Way in Singapore / Bryan Cheang & Donovan Choy

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., Singapore 2021

252p.

9789811220746

\$ 48.00 / HB

516 gm.

Since 1965, Singapore has been propelled to the dizzying heights of first-world prosperity. Yet, the People's Action Party's signature style of technocratic elitism has come under increasing criticism by a new generation of left-leaning progressive scholars and activists condemning the excesses of neoliberalism. The PAP's mode of governance that prioritizes economic growth is criticised in favour of a vaguely European-style welfare state and greater state intervention.

Bryan Cheang and Donovan Choy break this traditional pro-PAP versus anti-PAP dichotomy by providing a fresh classical liberal perspective. The authors contend that both sides discern only parts of the political puzzle correctly. This book envisions a new path forward for Singapore's policy-making, one characterised by greater competition & freedom. It critiques the conservative-right through a fresh take on the philosophical underpinnings of the "Singapore Consensus": communitarianism, meritocracy and technocracy. The authors also engage with the new social democratic orthodoxy, demonstrating the dangers of egalitarian interventions & state-based environmentalism.

Applying the interdisciplinary insights of political philosophy and political economy, this novel account recommends epistemic liberalism, a system of governance based on intellectual humility, limited government, and decentralisation.

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The Collected Works of Syed Hussein Alatas : The Myth of the Lazy Native : A Study of the Image of the Malays, Filipinos and Javanese from the 16th to the 20th Century and Its Function in the Ideology of Colonial Capitalism / Syed Hussein Alatas

Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2022

xvi, 268p.

9789670311975

\$ 34.00 / null

400 gm.

Originally published in 1977, 'The Myth of the Lazy Native' is an early example of a systematic critique of colonial knowledge. Syed Hussein Alatas analyses the origins of the myth of the 'lazy native' from the 16th to the 20th century in Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia, and how it functions within colonial capitalism, a type of transformed feudal order with racial undertones. The 'indolence' that the native population was accused of was not just linked to labour; the entire concept of their humanity was derived from the interests of colonial capitalism—in service of which they had to be degraded and made to feel subservient, lest they cast off the foreign yoke. Alatas' seminal work also shows that these ideas still have a considerable influence, even after the independence of the colonies.

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Reading Nepali Transition (2006-2015) / Pranab Kharel

Martin Chautari, Kathmandu, Nepal 2022

xii, 500p.

9789937594301

\$ 35.00 / null

600 gm.

As a result of the People's Movement II's 2006 victory over an autocratic ruler, Nepal is now a federated secular republic. 2015 saw the promulgation of a new constitution following the tenure of two Constituent Assemblies. The greater political transformation that took place between those two years is the main topic of this book.

Reading Nepali Transition is divided into three sections. The first portion explores the claims made against the state during the drafting of the new constitution by the major social groupings and the state's response to those accusations. The second portion discusses the complex procedures of the two Constituent Assemblies and demonstrates how the nation's leading political figures were not committed to holding discussions there but instead engaged in political negotiations elsewhere. The final segment addresses the question of transitional justice for people who went missing during the ten-year conflict. It examines difficulties associated with the difficult process of disarming and reintegrating former Maoist fighters. All readers who desire to comprehend contemporary Nepal will find this book to be a helpful resource.

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National Security and the State : A Focus on Nepal / Keshar Bahadur Bhandari

Nepa-Laya, Kathmandu, Nepal 2022

436p.

9789937953023

\$ 45.00 / null

420 gm.

Brigadier General (Retd.) Keshar Bahadur Bhandari PhD, is a Defense & Security Analyst. He is credited for drafting the first ever national security policy document of Nepal while serving in the National Security Council Secretariat. He was Military Advisor in the UN mission in Afghanistan & Pakistan. He is a visiting scholar in various universities and security institutions. His writings appear regularly in journals and newspapers.

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The Second Taliban Era in Afghanistan: Identifying Risks and Opportunities :  
"What Future Holds for Turkey-Qatar Collaboration in Afghanistan Transition" /  
Prof. Dr. Osama Kubbar & Assoc. Prof. Merve Seven (Eds)

Orion Books, Turkey 2022

234p.

Includes Bibliography

9786257294904

\$ 75.00 / null

328 gm.

Afghanistan is the beautiful land of endless wars and suffering throughout the history. Its people have been at the end of the misfortunate including famine, displacements, and natural disasters. Will be the time for the country and people to have a lasting peace, and enjoy harmony and prosperity?

The event of Aug. 2021 is very historic looking at it from all angles. While it did present the country with multitude of challenges, it did present tremendous opportunities for setting a trajectory for recovery and the ultimate stability if Afghans and their friends are serious about it. Will Afghans defy the history? and move on to put the country on the road of a positive transition.

The withdrawal of the US, the long standing foe for Taliban, is seriously testing the Taliban true purpose, is it genuine?, and also testing all the neighboring as well as regional countries on their capabilities to come together in a joint effort to help Afghans through the road of recovery and stability. Do they all share the same interest of having a stable and prosper Afghanistan?

Turkey and Qatar have been for long trusted comrades, and they are working tirelessly to ease the challenges and facilitate a proper and smooth recovery process. This book discusses the transition process in Afghanistan, the interest of all the players -China, Russia, Iran, India, Pakistan, Turkey and Qatar -, , identify challenges and opportunities, and attempt to plot the road for recovery.

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A Global Threat: Religious Cults and Terrorist Organizations (Aum Shinrikyo, Religious Cults, Terrorism, Hidden Danger) / Kursad Kagan Ergun

TIAV-Turk Idari Arastirmalar Vakfi Iktisadi Isletmesi, Turkey 2022

120p.

Includes Index; Bibliography.

9786257197182

\$ 32.00 / null

144 gm.

In this book, the main aim is to understand the potential dangers caused by cult-like religious groups that can be described as religious sects that shows similar features as of cults, as a result of certain structural features, namely their organizational structures, secrecy, and absolute obedience to a leader, which make them ideally suited for terrorism. These three features are essential elements for an efficient terrorist organization. When cult-like religious groups transform into terrorist organizations for various and unexpected reasons, they become serious problems for state security. Most often, however, law enforcement agencies discover and destroy terrorist organizations during their foundation periods, when they are still lacking in terms of organizational structure, secrecy, and absolute obedience to a leader. In order to show the potential dangers of cults, one case study will be analyzed. That case study is going to be about the sect of Aum Shinrikyo. As it was stated before, the Aum Sect has chosen as case example for this study because of the fact that, the Aum Sect is a text book example of cult-like religious group that transformed into terrorist organization.

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Threat of Messianic Movements to State and Regime Security: A Case Study of The Fetullah Gulen Terrorist Organization (FETO) / Nur Ozkan Erbay

Nobel Akademik Yayıncılık, Turkey 2022

x, 176p.

9786254177866

\$ 35.00 / null

200 gm.

Throughout the history, the concept of "messianism" has not only been used to influence members of religion but was also used as an effective instrument to gain political power. Aside from it, it was a leverage to legitimize terror through instigators. As studies have shown, there are examples to exert relations between messianism and terror.

As the very first Jewish Messianic Terror example in history, Zealots had used Messianism as the legitimization tool for their terror. While Assassins represent a prominent example of Messianic Terror in the 13th century of the East, the Crusaders have marked the world history of the Middle Ages with Christianity motivated terror. We have seen the same motives during the French Revolution in the 18th century. In almost all centuries, the concept of messianism had been used either to legitimize violent actions or attract more supporters, dedicated members or most recently, devoted suicide bombers.

Recently, terrorism studies concerned with "New Religious Cults, Sects or New Religious Movements", are mostly, associated with religious messianic and apocalyptic cults. In order to justify their illegitimate activities, these groups attribute their actions to divine motivations, mission of prophecy and messianic entity. As they take advantage of the spiritual needs and goodwill of individuals they can transform into terrorist groups and these groups; "messianic cults" can pose the same amount of threat or higher to public and state security.

The Fetullah Gülen Terrorist Organization (FETÖ) is a hierarchically organized international network and its leader Fetullah Gülen has absolute command and direct control over the entire structure. His followers act as a secretive and clandestine network loyal to his instructions as an unquestionable and divine authority. With these aspects, the organization contains strong messianic notions. For half a century Gülenists infiltrated the Turkish bureaucracy, including military judiciary and security establishments, while conducting business and education activities related to Turkey around the world. Especially from 2013 on, FETÖ openly and directly carried out unconventional, unrelenting and asymmetric attacks against the state and regime security of Turkey, which are not to be confined as acts of an ordinary religious network, as disclosing its real objectives. Finally, a pro-FETÖ junta in the army attempted a coup attempt on 15 July 2016, resulting in several hundred deaths and leaving many wounded. These experiences show the need to better define and categorize FETÖ and its engagement with terrorism. This book conceptualizes FETÖ as a messianic cult that evolved into a terrorist organization.

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Global Leaders on the Belt and Road Initiative / Sun Chao

Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia), Singapore 2021

xx, 396p.

Includes Index

9789814922739

\$ 150.00 / HB

996 gm.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was unveiled by Chinese President Xi Jinping during his visits to Central and Southeast Asia in 2013. Also dubbed as the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, the BRI aims to promote policy coordination, connectivity of infrastructure and facilities, unimpeded trade, financial integration, and

closer people-to-people ties through a consultative process and joint efforts, with the goal of bringing benefits to all. Over the years, support for and participation in the initiative has grown to involve more than 140 countries and 80 international organizations. All of these epitomize the world's keen expectations for equality, cooperation, and development.

Global Leaders on the Belt and Road Initiative brings together the voices of leaders from various partner countries and international organizations in a collection of 36 interviews. Conducted by Sun Chao, these interviews offer unique insights into the opportunities, challenges, and prospects of the BRI through the words of ambassadors, high-ranking government officials, and top executives actively involved in it. As the world continues to face challenges on a global scale, this book represents an addition to the ongoing discussions on the ever-crucial topic of international connectivity and cooperation.

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Kenya in Motion 2000-2020 / Marie-Aude Fouere, Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle  
Africæ Studies Series, Nairobi, Kenya 2021

428p.

9782957305896

\$ 65.00 / null

750 gm.

This edited volume offers a broad understanding and particular visions of Kenya in the first quarter of the twenty-first century. By bringing together rigorous yet accessible contributions, it shows how, since the 2002 transition, Kenya has been striving for change through economic modernisation and political liberalisation. The planned transformations are coming to fruition, even if the legacies of the past and political habits are slowing down the process. The various chapters take us from developmental capitalism to extreme poverty and enduring inequalities, from reforms on paper to mixed results in multiple sectors: decentralised governance, natural resources, land, and education. They also explore Kenya's ancient and colonial history and the diversity of its population. Thus, the book helps understand contemporary political, religious and community cleavages, the asymmetries between towns and the countryside, between Nairobi and the coast, in a country open to the -world, as much through trade and finance as through art networks.

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Ten Years On : Assessing the Achievements of The Constitution of Kenya 2010 /  
Yash Pal Ghai, Emily Kinama and Jill Cottrell Ghai

Katiba Institute, Nairobi, Kenya 2021

xxviii, 340p.

9789914406108

\$ 65.00 / null

1050 gm.

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Power Surge: How Think Big and Rogernomics Transformed New Zealand / John  
Boshier (Ed) Duncan Perkinson

New Holland Publishers, New Zealand 2022

320p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9781869665623

\$ 45.00 / null

500 gm.

The 1980s transformed New Zealand and those decisions still shape the country. Think Big was created under Robert Muldoon's National Government in response to soaring global oil prices. Marsden Point, Tiwai Point Aluminum Smelter and the synthetic petrol plant at Motonui were major energy projects through the 1980s. From 1984 onwards, the Labour Party's Rogernomics policies liberalised the economy and sold off assets. How and why did this occur? This is the story written by an insider who worked in the Ministry of Energy with Ministers from both sides of the political divide. Includes images and cartoons from 1978 onwards.

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Tu Rangaranga: Rights, Responsibilities and Global Citizenship in Aotearoa New  
Zealand / Sharon McLennan (et al.)

Massey University Press, New Zealand 2022

320p.

9781991016010

\$ 75.00 / null

700 gm.

The biggest challenges of the twenty-first century require global solutions. Focusing on three of the most urgent problems of our time — climate change, conflict, and poverty and inequality — Tū Rangaranga introduces the notion of global citizenship, and what it means to be an active citizen in today's world. If we are fundamentally linked to people around the globe by the clothes we wear, the phones we use and the resources we consume, what does this mean for the rights and responsibilities that underpin citizenship? How should we respond to the climate crisis, conflict or inequality? In the face of these daunting global crises, this book encourages reflection on the power of collective action to enhance the dignity and rights of others.

Part of a series of books exploring and promoting citizenship in Aotearoa and beyond, Tū Rangaranga joins Tūtira Mai (2021) and Tūrangawaewae (2017, 2022) in combining academic rigour with an examination of how to engage as an active citizen.

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Democracy in Aotearoa New Zealand: A Survival Guide / Geoffrey Palmer & Gwen Palmer Steeds

Te Herenga Waka University Press, New Zealand 2022

404p.

9781776920167

\$ 45.00 / null

500 gm.

A survival guide to democracy in Aotearoa New Zealand, this book aims to unravel the mysteries of our political system and show how ordinary people can navigate the political world and influence decisions made by our government. Its 40 chapters include a succinct history of government in Aotearoa New Zealand; introductions to our principal institutions; interviews with the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Governor-General, Speaker and Chief Justice; advice on how to campaign, complain and obtain information; and consideration of future challenges of climate change, decolonisation, and engaging rangatahi in the political process.

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Turangawaewae: Identity and Belonging in Aotearoa New Zealand / Ella Kahu (et al.)

Massey University Press, New Zealand 2022

320p.

Includes Index

9781991016003

\$ 75.00 / null

650 gm.

What is a New Zealander? What does it mean to be a citizen of or a resident in this country? How do we understand what makes Aotearoa New Zealand complex and unique? And what creates a sense of belonging and identity, both here and in the world? Now's a critical time to be thinking about these sorts of things. With the climate crisis, issues of decolonisation, racial violence and growing economic inequalities, easy slogans take the place of reasoning and reasonableness. Empathy is in retreat, and intolerance is on the march. History tells us that this is never a good mix.

In this engaging book, experts direct their sharp analysis at these and other important issues. Written for university students, it will appeal to anyone interested in where we have come from and where we are headed. It's a book for active participants in Aotearoa New Zealand and in global society. The chapters dig deep and are discursive. As often as possible, cited print texts are reproduced in full, and links to audio and visual material are displayed at key places. Relevant and enriching, Tūrangawaewae will excite students to read widely and dig more deeply intellectually.

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Peace Action: Struggles for a Decolonised and Demilitarised Oceania and East Asia / Valerie Morse (ed)

Left of the Equator Press, New Zealand 2022

180p.

9780473634452

\$ 30.00 / null

350 gm.

Peace Action: Struggles for a Decolonised and Demilitarised Oceania and East Asia contains stories about activists, their organising and their causes, and the interconnections between social struggles separated by the vast expanse of Te Moana-Nui-A-Kiwa. It includes chapters on the Doctrine of Discovery, on protecting Ihumātao, on anti-militarist organising in South Korea, on campaigning against US military training in Hawai'i and Japan, on French colonialism in Ma'ohi Nui and Kanaky, about Korean peace movements in Aotearoa and Australia, about Indonesia's occupation of West Papua, on feminist resistance to war in so-called Australia, on NZ's history of Chinese-Maori solidarity, and on peace gardening at Parihaka. It is a book to inspire, to educate and to enrage. It is a book to motivate us all to peace action.

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Blue Blood: The Inside Story of the National Party in Crisis / Andrea Vance

HarperCollins Publishers, New Zealand 2022

306p.

9781775542155

\$ 45.00 / null

400 gm.

Beginning with the shock resignation of John Key, Blue Blood reveals the reasons behind one of the most dramatic falls in popularity in New Zealand's political history and tells the full story of how the National Party went to war with itself. Informed by campaign emails and internal party communications, and with commentary from key advisors, staffers, and past and current MPs, Andrea Vance sheds new light on the ministers and motivations that made headlines: negotiations with the kingmaker, high-profile resignations, secret recordings and text messages, allegations of bullying and harassment, and leaders gone rogue on the campaign trail.

Blue Blood takes the reader inside the rooms where fatal decisions were made, asks what values lie at the heart of a modern-day National Party, and questions who else might be waiting in the wings.

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Power, Politics and Law : Dynamics of Constitutional Change in Kenya, 1887-2022 / Githu Muigai and Dan Juma

Kabarak University Press, Nakuru, Kenya 2022

384p.

Includes Index

9789914996401

\$ 65.00 / null

700 gm.

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Why South Sudan Matters / Garang Malong

Namiri Publishers, Nairobi, Kenya 2016

190p.

9780692776735

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

Not a day goes by that there isn't news coverage of a war breaking out somewhere in the world, or violence, or terrorism, or human trafficking, or child soldiers . . . the sheer volume of the reports is almost desensitizing. It isn't that we don't care or feel, even if briefly, for those living through these horrors, it is just that . . . well, it doesn't impact our lives—or does it?

In author Garang Malong's authentic, captivating book, *Why South Sudan Matters*, he takes the reader along on his harrowing, childhood journey in a country constantly at war— a journey that no child should have to endure. This book is chilling, heart-rending, and riveting. Thanks to the author's gift of storytelling, the reader will live through his trials with him, experience the love the South Sudanese have for their country, and in learning about the future possibilities for South Sudan, feel the connection we have to one another. One thing is certain. No one who reads this book will remain unchanged.

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Electoral System Change for a More Democratic Malaysia? : Challenges and Options / Helen Ting Mu Hung

Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKMPress), Malaysia 2022

132p.

Includes Index

9789672517825

\$ 15.00 / null

250 gm.

1. Elections – Malaysia.
2. Malaysia – Politics and government.
3. Political culture – Malaysia.

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Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic and Governance in Malaysia : With Lessons from the 1997-1998 Asian Financial Crisis / Abdul Rahman Embong, Anis Yusal Yusoff & Ishak Shari

Universiti Malaya Press (UMPress), Malaysia 2022

xxiv, 272p.

Includes Index.

9789674882204

\$ 34.00 / null

500 gm.

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Small States in a Big World : Size is Not Destiny / Tommy Koh (ed)

Straits Times Press, Singapore 2022

264p.

9789815081015

\$ 28.00 / null

480 gm.

At the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in Japan, more than a quarter of the 93 winning states were small ones.

The 25 countries and territories bagged 113 medals — about a third of the total tally of 340 medals awarded at the games, which had been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic until 2021.

The disproportionately large haul of medals signifies that small states punch above their weight. This is just one of the achievements by small states highlighted in *Small States in a Big World: Size Is Not Destiny*.

The collection of 40 essays shows that despite their sizes, small states can play to their strengths and be successful in many aspects, including contributions to the world order and global security, economics, innovation, aviation, as well as sustainable and human development.

The essays are penned by 46 writers from 29 countries, all of which are members of the Forum of Small States (FOSS), each with a population of below 10 million. Its membership has grown from only 16 in 1992, when it was established by Singapore, to 108 in 2022, which marks its 30th anniversary. Its members make up more than half the United Nations membership, gaining strength in numbers.

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*A Nation's Disgrace : Singapore's Shocking Scandals* / Balvinder Sandhu

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2021

vi, 254p.

9789814954716

\$ 22.90 / null

300 gm.

Singapore is often known as a 'clean' country and its citizens 'law-abiding'. However, every once in a while, the island has been shocked by an incident or a crime so unexpected and shocking, it grabs headlines and piques the interest of locals and international press alike.

Spanning across all kinds of crimes, this collection has one thing in common – shock value. Cases covered in the book include high-profile ones like the NKF scandal, the City Harvest Church debacle, Singapore's most-wanted terrorist, Mas Selamat, and how one man in Singapore – Nick Leeson – brought down one of the UK's oldest financial institutions, Barings Bank. Plus, there are a few shocking murders thrown in too.

This book is a collection for anyone interested in Singapore society, law and history, to find out more about how these cases were discovered, the law-enforcement processes that followed and what happened to the offenders after the cases ended.

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*Xi Jinping on Education* / Zhou Guangli (et al.) (Translator) Zhu Yanhui

Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia) & China Renmin University Press 2021

viii, 184p.

Includes Index

9789814915052

\$ 150.00 / HB

622 gm.

Education has always occupied a central place in the cultural, political, and social life of the Chinese people from time immemorial. Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, the Chinese government has been committed to reforming and modernizing China's education system under the guidance of Xi Jinping's expositions on education, seeking to build it into one of the best in the world. *Xi Jinping on Education* elaborates on the origins, key concepts, and significance of Xi Jinping Thought on education, with a focus on how it links education with the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation, traditional Chinese culture, and the core socialist values. It analyzes the current status of and prominent issues facing China's education across the spectrum of basic, higher, and vocational education, and outlines the path that the Thought has mapped out for improving educational quality and equity.

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Party Building in the New Era / Yang Fengcheng and Zhao Shumei  
Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia) and China Renmin University Press 2021  
viii, 196p.  
Includes Index  
9789814915076  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
654 gm.

As early as the Yan'an Rectification Movement in the early 1940s, the CPC gradually formed its systematic theory of Party building that covers the Party's theoretical development, organization, and conduct. Building on the experience of the previous four generations of CPC central leadership, the Central Committee led by Xi Jinping has made major innovations in terms of the theory and practice of Party building, aiming to propel the development of the Party to a new stage characterized by full and strict governance over the Party. This book examines how Xi Jinping has deepened the Party's understanding of the principles, requirements, and approaches of Party building in the new era. It analyzes his expositions and policies on the tasks of Party building—strengthening the Party's political, ideological, institutional, and organizational development, fighting corruption, maintaining its advanced nature and integrity, and enhancing its long-term governing capacity. The book also explores how these tasks are key to the Party's effort to lead the nation in overcoming the new challenges, advancing Chinese socialism, and striving for national rejuvenation.

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Building an Ecological Civilization / Zhang Yunfei (Translator) Wang Chunbo  
Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia), Singapore 2021  
xii, 208p.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789814915069  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
692 gm.

"The Communist Party of China shall lead the people in building a socialist ecological civilization"—these monumental words were incorporated into the Constitution of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at the 18th CPC National Congress, and then further developed as a concept during the 19th CPC National Congress, unveiling a new era of China's development. Building an Ecological Civilization provides the reader with an overarching view of China's approach toward ecological civilization, outlining the country's theoretical framework and concrete strategies, including its policies, plans, and regulatory efforts. The book draws on selected speeches by President Xi Jinping and official documents on ecological civilization, an important part of the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.

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Pathways to Public Life for Professional Women in Afghanistan : Negotiating Shifting Patriarchal Political Regimes and Gender Regimes / Soe Myat New  
Ko Latt Pook Publishing, Yangon, Afghanistan 2022  
312p.  
\$ 35.00 / null  
400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833786>

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A Glass Half Full or Half Empty : The Challenges of Political Succession and Elections in Africa - Second Edition / Martin Revayi Rupiya (et al.)  
Ssali Publishing House, Cape Town, South Africa 2021  
388p.  
9781991200785  
\$ 45.00 / null

600 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833450>

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Marriages of Inconvenience : The Politics of Coalitions in South Africa / Susan Booyesen

Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA), Johannesburg, South Africa 2021

534p.

Includes Index

9781920690267

\$ 65.00 / null

940 gm.

Marriages of Inconvenience: The politics of coalitions in South Africa is a research-based volume that collates and interprets lessons that South Africa should take to heart in managing interparty coalitions. It draws from domestic experiences as well as from case studies on the rest of the African continent and generic instances further afield.

Coalitions in various iterations have been a part of the South African polity since the attainment of democracy in 1994. This started, nationally, with a 'grand coalition' in the form of a Government of National Unity as mandated in the interim constitution. Coalitions have also found expression in some of the country's provinces. After the transition, multiparty governments were sustained at national and provincial levels either as a matter of necessity due to election outcomes or for other political considerations.

At local government level, coalitions have been relatively commonplace in South Africa from the onset of democratically elected municipalities in 2000, with many situations where no single party attained an absolute majority. This gained prominence from 2016 when many metropolitan governments and some large towns became sites of coalition politics.

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Nuclear : Inside South Africa's Secret Deal / Karyn Maughan and Kirsten Pearson Tafelberg (NB Publishers), Cape Town, South Africa 2022

208p.

9780624087144

\$ 50.00 / null

340 gm.

Shortly after Jacob Zuma received treatment in Moscow for alleged poisoning, he signed off on a massive, far-reaching – and unlawful – nuclear power deal with Russia. Had this deal gone through, it would have devastated the South African economy. Award-winning investigative journalist Karyn Maughan and former National Treasury insider Kirsten Pearson reveal the full story for the first time. Through insider accounts, audio recordings and confidential minutes of Eskom board meetings, the authors piece together the Zuma administration's secret dealings with Russia. They uncover the extraordinary lengths it went to in trying to conclude the deal before Zuma's time in office ran out. And they detail South Africa's potential nuclear alliance with Russia, built on illegality, secrecy and manifest misrepresentation, as well as Zuma's belief that President Vladimir Putin had rescued him from poisoning by American spies. Zuma's Russian nuclear dream may have been thwarted for now, but it seems that South Africa's nuclear ambitions are still very much alive . . .

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Better Choices : Ensuring South Africa's Future / Greg Mills (et al.)

Picador Africa (Pan Macmillan South Africa), Johannesburg, South Africa 2022

xx, 404p.

9781770107533

\$ 50.00 / null

450 gm.

All the numbers on South Africa's crisis dashboard are blinking red. The economy is failing to grow, and more and more young people find themselves on the outside looking in as education falters and jobs disappear. Energy and transport are in crisis. Governance is floundering as debt mounts and government runs out of money. *Better Choices* is a collection by South Africa's top thinkers on the political economy, providing an unflinching account of the myriad challenges the country faces. The picture that emerges is of a nation on the brink of a catastrophic slide into failure unless better, if tough, policy choices are made. As stark as these problems are, their solutions are tantalisingly close at hand. The chapters in this book outline exactly the solutions – those 'better choices' – that need to be made by leadership to alter the country's bleak trajectory. South Africa cannot talk its way out of trouble. Key to success is removing the sources of friction – the red tape, over-regulation and rents – that slow down investment. This is only possible if a more effective, focused government acts decisively. Compiled by The Brenthurst Foundation, Africa's leading think tank on economic development, *Better Choices* is for those who want to build a positive, inclusive future for South Africa.

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Property Taxes and State Incapacity in Pakistan / Muhammad Mujtaba Piracha  
Oxford University Press, Karachi, Pakistan 2022

xviii, 230p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9780190702557

\$ 45.00 / null

268 gm.

This book shows how Pakistan's inability to collect taxes reflects a broader disconnection between the state and its citizens, which translates into growing fiscal deficits, poor service delivery, increasing socio economic inequalities and low democratic accountability. Through extensive primary fieldwork, which included original interviews with tax bureaucrats and policymakers, detailed archival work and analysis of tax collection, Mujtaba Piracha truly shows how property taxation is a grudging political bargain, a permanent dispute or a strategic collusion between local wealthy taxpayers, intermediate tax collectors, and tax authorities, to minimize their duties and raid the fiscal commons.

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Renewing the Promise : A Treatise on the Refoundation of the Cameroon Nation / Julius N. Fondong

Spears Book (Spears Media Press), Denver, CO, USA 2022

xxii, 152p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781942876953

\$ 45.00 / null

300 gm.

In this very riveting and well-researched essay, Julius Fondong ruminates on the continued relevance of the promises and principles that underpinned the creation of the post-colonial Cameroon nation-state, sixty years after unification in 1961. *Renewing the Promise: A Treatise on the Refoundation of the Cameroon Nation* chronicles Cameroon's experiment in statehood; an experiment, which according to the author, sprung out of a desire and a promise to forge a new nation through the fusion of two territories with contrasting historical experiences and colonial legacies. Writing from the vantage position of a policy analyst, a governance expert, and a conflict management practitioner, Fondong contends that a combination of policy inconsistencies, imperial arrogance, institution capture, leadership deficiencies and the brazen travesties of the nation's foundational principles and promises has led to violent internal dissent, decreased state capacity for public service delivery and a development gridlock. So, what can be done to re-align the nation to its founding promises and save it from possible disintegration?

Fondong proposes an overarching, governance-based praxis for the re-engineering of the Cameroon nation from the bottom up. His proposed remedy is predicated on the principles of decentralized governance, the redistribution of power in a manner that addresses the right to self-determination of Anglophone Cameroonians, enhanced public service delivery and a strategic shift from a transactional to a transformational leadership paradigm. *Renewing the Promise* is a thought-provoking and captivating political essay, written with exhilarating passion and prototypical clarity. It can serve as a blueprint for a much-needed reform of Cameroon's governance architecture.

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*Sovereignty Becoming Pulverignty : Unpacking the Dark Side of Slave 4.0 Within Industry 4.0 in Twenty-First Century Africa* / Artwell Nhemachena, Oliver Mtapuri and Munyaradzi Mawere

Langaa RPCIG, Bamenda, Cameroon 2022

xiv, 358p.

9789956552818

\$ 65.00 / null

600 gm.

This book delves into the topical issue of the future of humanity and of being African in a world increasingly subjected to the power of technology and the dominance of a mercilessly self-absolved global elite. A slave is not only someone who is materially impoverished but also someone who is deprived of autonomy and sovereignty in the sense of being physically or virtually chained or shackled to human and nonhuman networks that negate the essence of the "I" or the "self". Discouraging the neologism slave 4.0 with the ongoing 21st century revolutions designed to create flat ontologies, this book argues that the world is witnessing not only the emergence of industry 4.0 but also the concomitant emergence of slave 4.0. Whereas historically, Africans were physically captured and transported across the Atlantic Ocean, minds of twenty-first century Africans are set to be nanotechnologically scanned, captured and transferred to the metaverse where they will neither own natural resources nor biologically reproduce. The book is handy for scholars in sociology, anthropology, political science, government studies, development studies, digital humanities, environmental studies, religious studies, theology, missiology, science and technology studies.

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*CPC Futures: The New Era of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics* / Frank N. Pieke & Bert (ed)

East Asian Institute, Singapore 2022

viii, 194p.

9789811851629

\$ 24.00 / null

300 gm.

What will the upcoming 20th Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) bring, and what will the next decade of CPC rule look like? Who will rule China and what future do they envision for the Party and China? In this volume, the East Asian Institute in Singapore brings together an exceptional team of world-leading China experts from Asia, the United States, Europe and Australia to set out the future implications of trends in CPC politics and governance in CPC General Party Secretary Xi Jinping's "New Era."  
The essays collected in this volume bring together cutting-edge research and insights into China's economy, society, politics, military and international relations targeted at a professional audience in government, business, the media, NGOs and universities.

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Myanmar's Fragmented Democracy: Transitions or Illusion? / Felix Tan Thiam Kim  
World Scientific Publishing, Singapore 2022

xxvi, 270p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789811251351

\$ 120.00 / HB

600 gm.

The recent military coup in Myanmar perpetrated by the Tatmadaw has set the country back to the days of political uncertainty and military authoritarianism. This book examines how far the country has come since its nascent attempt at democratic reforms and democratisation in 2010.

Each chapter considers some of the more prominent issues that have plagued Myanmar since political reforms started. First, there have been debates about the extent to which democratic reforms have been achieved since the Constitution was formalised in 2008. Second, what has been the significance of the three elections in 2010, 2015 and 2020? Third, how has the National League for Democracy transformed in the past decade? How far has the Union Solidarity and Development Party changed the political landscape? What roles did the Tatmadaw play in the last decade? Fourth, questions surrounding how the ethnic crisis, not least the Rohingya issue, have continued to dominate the country's political landscape in the last decade, thereby overshadowing its democratisation process. Finally, how far have these efforts at democracy demonstrated Myanmar's futile attempts at appeasing the domestic and international audience? Myanmar's relations with the global and regional community vis-à-vis the US, China, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations have also taken a toll in the last decade. There is already a shift in power politics, especially with China determining the direction of Myanmar.

Myanmar has been locked in a perpetual cycle transitioning between military authoritarianism and democratisation. These prevailing issues have led to a fragmented democracy and a lost opportunity to demonstrate its foray into a genuine democracy.

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Singapore and Multilateral Governance : Securing Our Future / Noeleen Heyzer  
World Scientific Publishing, Singapore 2023

xviii, 114p.

IPS-Nathan Lectures

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789811264177

\$ 24.00 / null

300 gm.

Dr Noeleen Heyzer is the Institute of Policy Studies' 10th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore. This book is an edited collection of her three IPS-Nathan Lectures, delivered in November and December 2021, and includes highlights of her question-and-answer segments with our audience.

Dr Heyzer examines how Singapore can continue to contribute to multilateral governance amid 21st century global challenges. Highly dependent on multilateral governance, Singapore has to engage the region and contribute to the multilateral global order. Dr Heyzer highlights the need for Singapore to build a mindset of "solidarity as self-interest", contribute to a normative future that is equitable, inclusive and sustainable, and rethink our current multilateral governance framework. What does a renewed multilateralism look like? Can Singapore become an epicentre for this new multilateralism? And critically, how can we secure our common future and shape what we become as a nation?

The IPS-Nathan Lecture series was launched in 2014 as part of the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore, named after Singapore's sixth and longest-serving president. It seeks to advance public understanding and discussion of issues of critical national interest for Singapore.

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ASEAN and India: The Way Forward / Tommy Koh, Hernaikh Singh & Moe Thuzar (eds)

World Scientific Publishing, Singapore 2023

xxii, 322p.

Includes Index

9789811263514

\$ 28.00 / null

550 gm.

India became a Sectoral Dialogue Partner of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1992. In 1995, India became a full Dialogue Partner. In 2002, ASEAN and India held their first Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Since then, a bilateral Summit has been held annually.

India's relations with Southeast Asia date back a thousand years. There are many cultural, religious and people-to-people linkages between India and the 10 ASEAN member states. Trade and investment ties have also grown since the opening of the Indian economy in the early 1990s. Relations are good but not optimal.

ASEAN and India: The Way Forward hopes to inspire policymakers on both sides to understand the multifaceted relationship and explore ways to raise the bilateral ties to a higher peak.

The book first traces the evolution of ASEAN-India relations over the centuries. It then examines the key areas of convergence and divergence between ASEAN and India. The final part explores the emerging areas where ASEAN and India can deepen their cooperation.

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China Phobia: A Wasted Opportunity / Karim Alwadi & Mohammad Kheir Alwadi

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2022

xiv, 266p.

Includes Index; Bibliography.

9789815017717

\$ 29.90 / null

400 gm.

ChinaPhobia – A Wasted Opportunity is an informative book, unbiased towards either China or America. It has been written in the form of a conversation between a father-a former journalist and senior diplomat-and his businessman son. Both academics present the facts combined with insights gained from years of observations of China.

Part one describes the factors that have led to ChinaPhobia: pace of China's economy, gravitational shifts towards Asia, territorial disputes, lack of soft powers, Belt and Road Initiative, resignation as the 'world's factory', Covid-19, and tries to explain China's cultural and political thinking.

The second part of the book concerns changes within the economic partnership which led to the increasing distrust of the US government and corporations towards China, reflected not only in their trade war, but also in growing US and Western support for China's red-lines including Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet. It is mirrored in an ongoing behind-the-scenes arms race, which has a paramount impact on the relationship between the two regimes-and on the rest of the world.

Thirdly, China's increasingly sensitive ambition towards global leadership is explained, and the roles of various think tanks and experts on both sides is analyzed objectively.

Urgent questions are addressed in the final part of the book. Without a timely response, inflating ChinaPhobia could become the biggest threat to global peace, economic growth and stability, poisoning international relations in the coming years. The authors discuss the means of mitigation at home and abroad.

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China-Russia Strategic Alignment in International Politics / Alexander Korolev  
Amsterdam University Press (AUP), Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2022

204p.

Includes Index

9789463725248

\$ 120.00 / HB

500 gm.

Post-Cold War China-Russia strategic cooperation has displayed significant development and become an increasingly important factor in contemporary international politics. However, there has been no theory-grounded framework and corresponding measurements that would allow an accurate and systematic assessment of the level of China-Russia alignment and its progress over time. How closely aligned are China and Russia? How to define and measure strategic alignments between states? This book bridges area studies and International Relations literature to develop a set of objective criteria to measure and explain the development of strategic alignment in post-Cold War China-Russia relations. China-Russia Strategic Alignment in International Politics establishes that on a range of criteria, China-Russia alignment has been moving towards a full-fledged alliance, showing a consistent incremental upward trend. There are strong structural incentives for furthering the China-Russia alignment. The alignment framework developed in the book is applicable to other cases of interstate strategic cooperation and enables systematic comparisons of different strategic alignments.

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Gotcha : An Expose on the Philippine Government / Jarius Bondoc

GE Manog Publishing Consultancy Services, Philippines 2021

424p.

Includes Index.

9786219600613

\$ 40.00 / null

650 gm.

Filipinos readily forgive, a distinction. We also easily forget – a flaw? Forgiving buttresses our society. Forgetting opens us to repeated abuse, especially by crooked government officials. No wonder many of us feel fated to suffer their corruption. My new book compilation of columns tries to help us remember. In selecting the entries, the aim was to exemplify some of the worst sleaze in high places. The seemingly disparate cases were linked – in motive and modus operandi. "Gotcha: An Exposé on the Philippine Government" recalls what went wrong and why, so we can avert recurrence of dirty schemes.

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ASEAN: 50 Years Hence / Rommel J. Casis & Celeste Ruth L. Cembrano-Mallari (eds)

University of the Philippines Law Center, Philippines 2018  
viii, 348p.

\$ 30.00 / null  
700 gm.

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International Studies in the Philippines: Mapping New Frontiers in Theory and Practice / Frances Antoinette Cruz & Nassef Manabilang Adiong (ed)

Ateneo de Manila University Press, Philippines 2022

xvi, 288p.

Includes Index

9786214481958

\$ 35.00 / null

500 gm.

How can local experiences and the social transformation generated by modernity help to enrich our understanding of the international? What might a version of the much-discussed "non- Western International Relations (IR)" look like? What continuities and discontinuities from the Philippine experience in particular can be useful for understanding other post-colonial polities?

The Philippines makes a fascinating case study of a medium-sized, developing, post-colonial, multi- ethnic, and multi-cultural state in Southeast Asia. Cruz, Adiong, and their contributors map horizons of non-Western approaches in Philippine experiences of IR, rooted in the Global South and in local customs and practice. Examining both theory and praxis, they explore issues as diverse as pre-colonial history, diplomacy, religion, agrarian reform, and the Philippines' relationship with key regions in the Global South.

The book will appeal to researchers interested in Southeast Asian Studies and alternative perspectives on IR.

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Chasing Freedom: The Philippines' Long Journey to Democratic Ambivalence / Adele Webb

Ateneo de Manila University Press, Philippines 2022

xxii, 242p.

Includes Index

9786214481910

\$ 25.00 / null

450 gm.

How did Rodrigo Duterte earn the support of large segments of the Philippine middle class, despite imposing arbitrary rule and offering little tolerance for dissent? Has the Filipino middle class, heroes of the 1986 People Power Revolution, given up on democracy?

Chasing Freedom tells the story of the love/hate relationship of the Philippine middle class with democratic politics. It illuminates the historical roots and contingency of the Philippine middle-class's reticence about democracy and makes visible the forms of power that have shaped and constrained middle-class imaginings of democracy and representations of themselves as political subjects. Drawing on historical archival work, discourse analysis, and fieldwork interviews, the chapters trace the attitudes of the Filipino middle class from the time of American colonization in 1898 to the 2016 election of strongman Rodrigo Duterte. The argument is that democracy has been, and continues to be, lived in a deeply ambivalent way. The simultaneous saying of "yes" and "no" to democracy by citizens is one of the defining features of the Philippines' democratic journey. The prime source of this ambivalence, the book argues, is the Janus face of America's "democratic imperialism", and the deprecation inherent in the project of "democratic tutelage."

According to Webb, the Philippines is a bellwether case of what she calls democratic ambivalence. In an age when disenchantment with democracy is on the rise, it provides lessons of global importance. The book's empirical findings support a striking conclusion: since ambivalence is not simply a "pathology" of democracy, but one of its persistent features, the dynamics of ambivalence need to be at the heart of descriptive and normative accounts of how democracy works.

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The term secularism has been defined in three distinct ways. One is atheism Karl Marx. French sociologist Emile Durkheim and German sociologist and philosopher Max Weber believed that, through functional differentiation, scientific knowledge and de-mystification, the world moves toward atheism and disbelieving in God. Their view has, of course, turned out to be false.

Secularism has also been believed to mean limiting religion to the private domain. This is impossible, because religion is not like special clothes that we can set aside as soon as we leave home. Such eminent sociologists as Robert Bellah, Charles Taylor, Jürgen Habermas and José Casanova believe that the presence of religion in the public domain is useful and desirable. But explaining and justifying any claim in the public domain must be done by resorting to reasoning, not religious texts and holy people.

The third meaning of secularism is separation of church and state, or religion from government-not atheism or elimination of religion from the public discourse. By Islam we mean its text (the Holy Quran) and the Sunnah (the speeches and conduct of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)). Although Islam has firm positions regarding justice and oppression, it does not have any model for an 'Islamic State'. It is left to Muslims to run their societies based on their collective wisdom and consultation. A secular Muslim is thus someone who not only believes in the separation of religion from the state, but also believes that such a separation is compatible with Islam. This is also the view of the author.

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