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The Evolution of Madani : How Is 2.0 Different from 1.0? / Mohd Faizal Musa
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In 1995, then Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim introduced "Masyarakat Madani" as his proposed economic framework for Malaysia. The term was heavily debated among scholars and politicians across all parties and ideologies. It was often argued that Madani was an effort to limit the rise of political Islam.

Following Anwar Ibrahim's dismissal from government in 1998, Madani came to be more narrowly redefined as "civil society". However, Anwar's supporters, known as the "Anwarinas", strove to keep the spirit of Madani alive and continued to promote its ideals of social justice, democratic values and inclusivity. They were encouraged further by the fall of Barisan Nasional from federal power in the 14th General Election in 2018.

After Anwar Ibrahim became Malaysia's tenth Prime Minister in 2022, he reintroduced Madani as a framework for the country, to be implemented in various sectors. Anwar Ibrahim likely received help from scholars such as Ziauddin Sardar, as reflected in his election manifesto, Script for a Better Malaysia. This time around, the core component of Madani is Maqasid Al-Shariah, or the higher objectives of sharia.

In that sense, Madani is now arguably more an expression of what may be called post-Islamism. For it to succeed, however, it will have to counteract the growing power of the conservatives and Islamists. This may be an uphill battle, given that a key component party of the unity government—UMNO—is facing several allegations of corruption.

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The Subversive Reader: Essays on Critical Theory, Cultural Politics, and the
Philippine Insurgent Experience / E. San Juan, Jr. (Foreword) Peter McLaren

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- 2.Philippine essays (English).
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- 5.Philippines – History.
- 6.Philippines – Politics and government.

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Presidents and Pests, Cosmopolitans and Communists / Patricio N. Abinales

Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), Philippines 2023

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Presidents and Pests, Cosmopolitans and Communists brings together a set of essays that place marginal events, pests, politicians, and the country's backwater at the center of national politics. It does so through methodologies learned from idiosyncratic mentors who valued the analytical power of negative comparisons, jocose asides, and wry academic humor.

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Foreign Engagements In Nepal And Nepal-China Cross Border Relations / Vijay Kant Karna & Arpan Gelal (eds)

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With the implementation of the new constitution and institutionalization of democracy, governments at various levels in Nepal are currently engaged in driving the agenda of prosperity. Nepal's interests in pursuing infrastructure development, connectivity and foreign direct investment have intersected with the strategic interests of great and emerging powers. Geopolitical competition at the international level between great and emerging powers as well as renewed hostilities between India and China has become an additional matter of concern for Nepal as it seeks to pursue development cooperation and projects of connectivity. Engaging in regional connectivity and development cooperation has implications for a country's strategic and security interests. Nepal needs to develop the capacity to balance its national and strategic interests while pursuing foreign policy, projects of regional connectivity, development cooperation, and foreign-direct investments. This issue of publication primarily engages in analyzing the various dynamics of foreign engagements at federal and provincial levels in Nepal, the interaction between geopolitics and Nepal's quest for infrastructure development, and recent trends in Nepal-China cross border relations.

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Nepal-India Cross Border Relations In The Contemporary Context / Vijay Kant Karna & Arpan Gelal (eds)

Centre for Social Inclusion and Federalism (CESIF), Nepal 2022

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This issue of research series primarily engages in analyzing the various dynamics of Nepal's cross-border relations with India in the changed geopolitical scenario and bilateral relations with Nepal's Southern neighbor. This series analyzes Nepal India migration governance and threats associated with migration dynamics along with the perceptions and GESI dynamics of border. It also includes analysis of the changing perceptions and functions of the Nepal-India border and identifies ways to strengthen people-to-people cross border relations at the state and people's level. We believe the findings of these studies will be instrumental to understand the changing dynamics of Nepal India cross border relations and aid the formulation of relevant policies to strengthen the state and people to people cross border ties.

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Youth Wave: Young People and Politics In Malaysia / Norhafiza Mohd Hed

Universiti Malaya Press, Malaysia 2023

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Youth Wave: Young People and Politics In Malaysia explores the diverging patterns of youth political participation in Malaysia and finds that young people are not apathetic towards politics, preferring instead, low-risk, more diffused forms of everyday engagement like online activism, political discussions, etc. The book also sheds light on whether patterns of youth political participation in Malaysia are similar to those in established democracies. Young Malaysians tend to participate in both conventional and unconventional forms of participation less than their older counterparts, and the findings from the interviews complement these insights, as young people explain and make sense of their participation in politics.

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Indonesia's COVID-19 Infodemic : A Battle for Truth or Trust? / Yatun Sastramidjaja

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Besides being one of the countries most severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Indonesia also experienced a severe “infodemic”: an overabundance of contradictory information—including misinformation and disinformation—on COVID-19. This infodemic hampered pandemic mitigation efforts, resulting in non-compliance with public health measures and delays to the national vaccination programme in the first six months of the pandemic due to widespread vaccine hesitancy or vaccine refusal. Furthermore, it fomented public distrust of the government and other institutions.

On Indonesian social media, this infodemic engendered a peculiar type of hybrid narrative, combining global conspiracy theories with local moral economies and religious sentiments. Religious micro-influencers were particularly influential in spreading the narrative that the government’s COVID-19 policies could not be trusted, and that COVID-19 vaccines were dangerous and haram. Such posts were often removed in line with the social media platforms’ policies to combat false information on COVID-19, and the individuals who created such content risked prosecution in line with the government’s punitive approach to “hoaxes”. However, this did not lessen the prevalence of anti-vaccine narratives, nor did it mitigate public distrust of the government.

The government also contributed to the spiral of distrust through its inconsistent policies, lack of transparency, and mixed messages. Especially in the pandemic’s early phases, government officials themselves were found spreading misleading information, first to downplay the severity and risk of COVID-19 in order to avoid social unrest, and subsequently to push for a quick reopening of the economy. In prioritizing the economy over public health, considerable resources were spent on influence campaigns to persuade the public to continue business as normal.

The influence campaigns appeared to succeed in persuading people to return to work and to get vaccinated eventually. However, public distrust remained and was easily reactivated on social media in response to inconsistencies and double standards in the government’s enforcement of COVID-19 restrictions.

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Terrorism in Indonesia and the Perceived Oppression of Muslims Worldwide / Prakoso Permono & A'an Suryana

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Various motivations underlying terrorism uncovered by recent scholarship include the radicals' desire for Muslim unity, political interest, yearning to correct social and economic deprivation in the Muslim world, and simply anti-Westernism.

This article focuses on the radicals' call for Muslim solidarity and how this tends towards becoming their primary motivation for perpetrating terrorism. It discusses how radical groups and individuals exaggerate the perceived oppression of Muslims worldwide and how this encourages their sympathizers in planning, fundraising and/or executing terrorist attacks.

The so-called ummah solidarity discourse is coupled with the prevalence of the dogma that Muslims are targets of Western or foreign oppression. This has legitimized jihadist terrorists' use of violence and facilitated the recruitment of new terrorists.

Besides regular crackdowns on terrorists and putting limitations on access to radical websites and other Internet sources, this article contends that the Indonesian security apparatuses and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must work with the embassies from India, China and Myanmar based in Jakarta to nullify any likelihood of terror attacks on their embassy compounds or their citizens.

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Post-Islamism Battles Political Islam in Malaysia / Mohd Faizal Musa

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During the 15th general election (GE15) in 2022 and the state elections in 2023, the clash between Anwar Ibrahim and PAS reached new heights. This can be viewed as a battle between political Islam and post-Islamism.

Political Islam as embodied by PAS pursues the establishment of an Islamic state, while post-Islamism as represented by Anwar Ibrahim is a way of balancing the ambitions of Islam with secular approaches.

While PAS has been consistent in espousing political Islam since its establishment, Anwar Ibrahim's approach to the role of Islam in politics has changed since his early days in UMNO. Evolving from an Islamist involved in state-led Islamization to a post-Islamist, he now espouses democratic values and multiculturalism.

GE15 and the 2023 state elections witnessed fierce competition between PAS and Anwar Ibrahim. Both sides either escalated or downplayed crucial topics such as the implementation of hudud law and RUU355, the myth of Islam and Malays being under threat, the claim that states under PAS are discriminated against, and the takfiri denouncements of non-Muslims as election candidates or potential leaders of the country.

The results of GE15 and the 2023 state elections between PAS and Anwar Ibrahim, who is now prime minister, show that there will certainly be sequels to come. The elections illustrate that political Islam is growing in strength. This is most evident in the fact that PAS currently has a whopping forty-three seats in the Malaysian parliament, and controls four states. The only way Anwar Ibrahim can remain in power is through assistance from PAS' old nemesis, UMNO, a party heavily tainted by corruption.

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China Change and Confucian "Benevolence" : Human Values, Truth and Policy / Ronald Colin Keith (Series Eds) Joseph Fewsmith & Zheng Yong-Nian

World Scientific, Singapore 2023

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Henry Kissinger observed, "Everybody wants to be a China hawk." China is a bully. China is Nazi Germany. China commits genocide. China disrupts the "international rules-based order." Responding to such uninformed generalization on the nature of China's regime and its lack of human values, the Western Liberal Democracies have created their own "China Problem" by clinging to Cold War anarchism. The clash of values is not nearly as deep and extensive as is often claimed. Furthermore, the contemporary public discourse on China needs a complete assessment of the values that have emerged in Xi Jinping's China. Xi is regarded as "red" like Mao. Xi, however, has abandoned Mao's view of class struggle and his notion of a "rejuvenated China" embraces traditional core principles that Mao bitterly condemned. "Ren", or "benevolence", for example, now informs entwined domestic and foreign policy as "moderate prosperity in all respects". "Ren", or "benevolence" is aligned with "common security" and "common development". The question is whether this is a positive restoration of traditional values that will contribute to domestic development and international peace, or restorationist Middle-Kingdom-ism designed to assert Chinese values worldwide. This book's analysis of Chinese values argues that the current interpretation of the "China Threat" is predicated in a serious misunderstanding of Chinese values.

It is often commented that China is "the defining geopolitical issues of our time". This book is an especially timely contribution to the currently limited public policy debate on China as a threat to Western values and the "international rules-based system". Correction is long overdue with reference to speculative assumptions that Xi Jinping's regime represents a return to Mao's regime. "Socialism with Chinese characteristics" has significantly moved on under Xi's leadership. Hyperbole about China has presumed the continuation of Chinese Cold War ideology and has either lightly commented on, or ignored altogether the resurgence of core traditional ideas in Chinese policy formation. This book provides detailed research of "Xi Jinping Thought" and "Xi Jinping Diplomatic Thought". It adopts a widely construed, but serious interdisciplinary, approach towards the "China Problem", drawing on both the social sciences and humanities. This wide-angled approach includes "new sinology" in its recent review of "translated China", synthesizing tradition and culture with the development of modern Chinese ideology, politics and policy formation. The book's significant topicality is presented within an unconventional approach and formatted contents designed to reach out to the biggest circle of general and advanced, China-interested readers in the time of great debate.

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View From The Foxhole: Shaping The Political Into The Personal / Joel Pablo Salud

The University Of The Philippines Press, Quezon City, Philippines 2023

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"Joel's journalism is literary in nature. Discussing 'Art in the Time of Bloodletting,' he notes that its triumph is in doing 'violence to man's delusions of fraudulent peace, and the cowardice of the powerful to admit its flaws.' Beneath the grim landscape, the writer toils to mine hope from the depths of fear.

The gems are served best when Joel takes on the role of a storyteller."

-Inday Espina-Varona, journalist
(from the Introduction)

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The Drama Of Dictatorship: Martial Law And The Communist Parties Of The Philippines. / Joseph Scalice

Anteneo De Manila University Press, Quezon City, Philippines 2023

xviii, 366p.

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The Drama of Dictatorship uncovers the role played by rival Communist parties in the conflict that culminated in Ferdinand Marcos's declaration of martial law in 1972. Using the voluminous radical literature of the period, Joseph Scalice reveals how two parties, the PKP and the CPP, torn apart by the Sino-Soviet dispute, subordinated the explosive mass struggles of the time behind rival elite conspirators. The PKP backed Marcos and the CPP, his bourgeois opponents. The absence of an independent mass movement in defense of democracy made dictatorship possible.

The Drama of Dictatorship argues that the martial law regime was not fundamentally the outcome of Marcos's personal quest to remain in power but rather a consensus of the country's ruling elite, confronted with mounting social unrest, that authoritarian forms of rule were necessary to preserve their property and privileges. The bourgeois opponents of Marcos did not defend democracy but, like Marcos, plotted against it.

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Our Struggles For Democracy In Fiji: Rule of Law and Media Freedom / Wadan Narsey

Wadan Narsey, Suva, Fiji 2022

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1. Democracy—Fiji.

2. Fiji—Politics and government.

3. Coups d'état—Fiji.

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Ambedkar Schedule Caste and Indian Politics / Debashish Bhasin, Chitragandha Adapa

Peridot Literary Books, Delhi 2023

312p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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There are reserved constituencies in both Parliamentary and State Assembly elections. Scheduled Castes (usually abbreviated as SC), and Scheduled Tribes (usually abbreviated as ST) are castes and tribes included in the schedules published by the government to indicate these castes' and tribes' backward status. Until the 1970s, Dalit political aspirations were sought to be met through the Republican Party of India (RPI), which was derived from Ambedkar's Scheduled Caste Federation, and through scheduled caste leaders co-opted in the political mainstream - principally, the Congress party. While the RPI was rendered largely ineffective by internal strife, mainstream political parties did little more for Dalits than exalt them as vote banks.

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The Public Accountability Public Budgeting: A Blueprint on Good Governance in Nigeria / Emeka Ejikonye

Dragnet Concepts, Nigeria 2023

xviii, 86p.

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It is a roadmap for guiding elected officials on how to lay the foundation of good governance and nurture the public service delivery effort to improve the quality of livelihood of a citizenry. As a result, the Government will be properly positioned to do a first-class job of public service delivery to place the polity on the right path for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

Particularly, Chapter Seven ("Implementation of the Budgeting Reform") reveals how elected officials will hit the ground running right from the day of their inauguration into Governance to start eradicating the mass poverty that is ravaging the citizenry. To this extent, this book will serve as a veritable guide/source of reference for, particularly, elected officials in Nigeria and, indeed, African and other developing countries, and the general public, in these all-important areas of government budgetary practice and good governance.

Already, the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), the think-tank of the Nigerian federal legislature (National Assembly), and the Lagos Business School have endorsed the book as a reference document.

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The Comparative Method and Civil-Military Relations / J. 'Bayo Adekanye

Ibadan University Press, Nigeria 2022

xviii, 518p.

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Comprising critical writings in civil-military relations theory and research, much of which has actually previously appeared elsewhere, this book of essays integrates the ideas and insights drawn from political science, particularly its sub-fields of comparative politics, theory and methodology both normative and empirical, with those from the combined disciplines of philosophy of science, logic, history, sociology, and development studies, bringing out the relevance of these ideas and insights for understanding and analysing the issues central to the place and role of military in the society. The issues addressed are based within the comparative politics sub-disciplinary specialization of civil-military relations. The data used for illustrations in the comparative work are drawn mostly from the experience of post-independence Africa in general and Nigeria in particular.

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No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: The Contentious Search for Peace in the Niger Delta / Jide Ajide, John Ashima & Oluwole Agunbiade

Jijowo Publishers, Nigeria 2022

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'No Good Deed' details the historical deterioration of relations among the stakeholders, right from the inception of oil prospecting in Nigeria at the beginning of the 20th Century till date (2022). To unravel the complexity, depth and spectrum of grievances and misgivings among the stakeholders, the authors held face-to-face interviews with over 30 key stakeholders, extensively reviewed secondary sources of data (published academic works, newspapers and news magazines, government and interest groups reports) on the Niger Delta imbroglios and, finally, drew on their participant-observer experiences spanning 36 years.

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Nigeria and Democratic Governance: The Seats, the Battles and the Prospects : Reflection on Selected Case Studies of Intriguing Battles for Electoral Seats and Political Power in Nigerian Democratic Experience (1999-2019) / Adesina Adetola (Foreword) Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu

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Since Nigeria's independence in 1960, the military had intermittently meddled in Nigeria's political governance. Public discontent with military rule reached its acme in 1999. Attempts to return Nigeria to sustainable democracy ran into the brick wall of military intervention, disruption and insincerity. However, after about sixteen years in power, the military eventually handed over the reins of power to a civilian government on May 29, 1999; signalling the beginning of the nation's Fourth Republic. In this vein, May 29, 2019, marked exactly 20 years since Nigeria, as a nation, returned to democratic rule.

The last military regime, headed by General Abdusalami Abubakar was relatively fruitful; it has so far produced over 20 years of uninterrupted democratic governance with the country witnessing six succeeding civilian governments, elected in nationwide general elections. This had been with the consequent change of power from one civilian administration to another, and more remarkably, from a ruling party to an opposition party in 2015. This is unprecedented.

Meanwhile, military rule and civilian government are two different ballgames. In most cases, succession in military rule is through bloodshed, violence, forceful takeover; and enmeshed in abysmal controversy. The incumbent government is often overthrown through brutal coup d'état. Thus, military rule is notorious for its violent and aggressive nature. On the other hand, civilian rule is designed, all things being equal, for stable and regulated tenure as well as peaceful transition from one administration to another.

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Party Politics and the Elusive Search for Elite Consensus in Nigeria: The Buhari Years (2015-2019), Volume One / Jide Oluwajuyitan
Sibon Books Limited, Nigeria 2020

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The 1960 independence constitution of Nigeria was a compromise achieved with the British generous use of stick and carrot strategy between the country's three dominant ethnic groups who could not agree on a common vision of Nigeria. With its collapse within three years of independence, hence, the rivalry between two of the three dominant groups brought in the military with its own vision of a better society. That military misadventure only succeeded in destroying the country's economic foundation and its political socialization process. Then came the Fourth Republic in 1999. For sixteen years, all efforts by the political elite to return to abandoned 'Nigeria's path to freedom' failed. The emergence of General Buhari in 2015, with a pan-Nigerian mandate achieved on account of his promise to restructure Nigeria, brought a renewed hope to disillusioned Nigerians. Four years into his administration, his promise of a new dawn founded on fairness, equity and justice, has come under serious scrutiny. This collection of essays examines some of the factors why Buhari missed the opportunity to fulfil an historic role.

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Citizenship Infiltration and NRC / Sarajit Kumar Chatterjee
Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2023

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Citizenship has been a contested issue since the formation of nation-states and it remains so even today. It has come to the fore in a very robust way when the SC -mandated and SC-monitored National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise in Assam resulted in the listing of 19 lakh persons as 'doubtful citizens'. It is so much flawed that even its protagonists are eager to jettison it. The enactment of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019 and the announcement of the ruling party to cover the entire country with NRC by 2024 triggered spontaneous uprisings throughout the country. Almost all the political parties except those in the BJP camp are protesting against the CAA/NPR/NRC matrix of citizenship and many state governments have vowed not to implement them. In view of such widespread protests, an alternative method of preparation of Citizenship Identity Card and Citizenship Register may be thought of.

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Fall Out: Power, Intrigue and Political Upheaval in Pakistan / Salman Masood

Vanguard Books, Pakistan 2024

xx, 180p.

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"Fall Out" delves into the tumultuous journey of Imran Khan's transition from a tenacious opposition leader to the prime minister from 2014 to 2018, and his complicated relationship with the Pakistani military since then. It charts the fall of Nawaz Sharif, influenced by the Panama Papers scandal, and the role of former army chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, in the Hybrid Project/Rule, revealing the changes he went through while in power. The book underscores the persistent unpredictability in leadership decisions, both military and civilian, that leads to a constant state of crisis in Pakistan, underlining the crucial need for institutional stability. A familiar yet ever-changing tableau of power, "Fall Out" is an incisive exploration of Pakistani politics.

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China – Pakistan – Iran: Trilateral Relations in the Changing World / Raza Ali Khan

Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., Pakistan 2023

xxxiv, 330p.

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The trilateral relationship between China, Pakistan, and Iran is a captivating subject in global politics, requiring thorough investigation. These three nations adeptly navigate the complexities of the changing international landscape, with their interconnected interests, historical ties, and strategic collaborations shaping their interactions and influencing regional dynamics. This publication extensively explores the intricacies of trilateral relations, examining historical foundations, present-day dynamics, and potential future trajectories. It covers shared interests in energy and infrastructure projects, alongside considerations of geopolitical alignments and regional power dynamics. Through this comprehensive investigation, valuable insights are provided into the multifaceted nature of trilateral relations within the evolving global order.

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Maritime Security: Challenges and Responses in a Changing World / Vice Admiral Iftikhar Ahmed Rao (retd.)

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Maritime security, just like the blue economy, is a relatively recent concept. It is different and distinct from traditional naval security and maritime power projection. Maritime security is an evolving comprehensive construct encompassing several interwoven facets of the maritime domain. In this book, the reader will find the historical background of the maritime domain and how various powers of the times benefitted from the seas, at times exclusively. Then, as others became aware, some rules and understandings began to emerge, eventually leading to the adoption of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III). After that, the concept of maritime security started to evolve more clearly. The book discusses various challenges at sea, including the age-old curse of piracy and emerging criminal activities such as trafficking (human, drugs, arms, etc.); terrorism; illegal, unreported, unregulated fishing; and the marine environment. It then moves to responses to these challenges. As maritime strategy is gaining importance, many regions and countries have promulgated their maritime security strategies. This book explores the maritime security strategies of various important regions and countries. It also discusses Pakistan's maritime aspects and the suggested contours of maritime economic and military security strategies. Hopefully, this book will significantly contribute towards creating awareness and understanding of maritime security.

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The Charter of Democracy: A Covenant By Powerless Politicians / Benish Khan
Sang-e-Meel Publications, Pakistan 2023

180p.

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The book bears significant relevance in comprehending the political culture of Pakistan, where allegations persist that the establishment has wielded power, both directly and indirectly, for over seven decades. This circumstance has emerged due to multifaceted reasons, primarily attributed to the absence of solidarity among political parties. The Charter of Democracy stands as a monumental achievement in Pakistan's historical narrative. Dr. Benish Khan has provided detailed insights into the process by which political parties arrive at an understanding of the agreement's significance. They committed to sidestepping internal conflicts and, instead, autonomously resolving disagreements. Prominent Pakistani political figures like Benazir Bhutto and Mian Nawaz Sharif, alongside other stakeholders, took this decision intending to nurture an enriched political culture and fortify democracy. This strategy aimed to counteract external influences, particularly those from the establishment, that might otherwise fragment political parties or disrupt political procedures. Undoubtedly, this book is poised to spark constructive debates and discussions concerning Pakistan's political history.

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The Mkapa Years: Collected Speeches, Vol. 1 to 3 / Ombeni Sefue (Ed)
Mkuki na Nyota Publishers, Tanzania 2013

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Volume 2: The External Environment
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Volume 3: Governance, Policy and Institutional Reform and Platform for the Future
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This collection of speeches, in three volumes, by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania's Third Phase Government, Benjamin William Mkapa (1995–2005), will serve primarily as reference documents to the vision of what he attempted to achieve in his ten years of leadership. His tenure as leader came at a time when Tanzania's economy was in a dire condition. The legacy of the command economy, which had been in place for much of 1970s and 1980s, was still felt. There was resistance to change to adopt a market economy, evident in the political tensions and debates about privatisation, an approach following Structural Adjustment Programmes, imposed by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, that had led to stagnation of the economy; high inflation, deteriorating health, education, communication and transport sector services; and general gloom in the country especially among the poor.

The bold steps he took during the first half of his administration did not immediately endear him to the public. However, in ensuing years, slowly but steadily, positive results were achieved, and the social cost of change that the people had endured was appreciated. Relations with development partners and the multilateral agencies, that before he took office had sunk to the lowest ebb, were restored and Tanzania received the largest debt relief ever and henceforth was no longer unfit to borrow. Tanzania was on its way to new growth potentials and a vibrant private sector led economy.

These collected speeches tell this story and tell it well, in great prose laced with wit and quotations from world political and literary sources; evidence of his erudition as a literature student and journalist.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859256>

Rohingya Crisis Response in Bangladesh: Do We Need a Strategic Shift from the Current Approach / Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka
Advocacy for Social Change, BRAC (Ed)

The University Press Limited, Bangladesh 2023

xiv, 158p.

Includes Index

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In partnership with Advocacy for Social Change, BRAC, the Department of Development Studies at the University of Dhaka has developed four idea papers. The idea papers analyse the demographic data of the camps to grasp how the transition is taking place and how such shifts affect the needs and challenges of the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMNs), and what is the availability of required resources. In identifying and considering future strategic shifts based on the demographic transition, it is crucial to understand that future strategic responses are built upon the strategic shift. Future responses should emphasis access to health for the children, nutrition and dietary diversity, as well as awareness about family planning, and improve the skills of adolescents and young people. There should be initiatives to give girls and boys equal access to education based on the Myanmar Curriculum. As the demographic data suggests that the number of adolescent girls and working-aged women will significantly increase in the future, there will also be a demand for a 24-hour protection service for the FDMNs. It's also important to emphasis the need for food security, natural resource management and social cohesion in the camps and host communities.

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Life in the Time of COVID-19: Perspectives and Realities in Bangladesh / Bulbul Siddiqi, Ishrat Zakia Sultana & Sk Tawfique M Haque (Ed)

The University Press Limited, Bangladesh 2023

xx, 220p.

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The novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has taken a heavy toll on human life around the globe. It has put enormous pressure on the economic growth of many countries including Bangladesh. Alongside various health impacts of Covid-19, job cuts, unemployment, financial crises etc., challenges in attaining sustainable goals also became a key issue for the country. We persevered and adapted to face new challenges like lifestyle changes, transformation in the educational institution and job sectors despite all the negative repercussions of the pandemic which outlived the pandemic itself. This book addresses all major areas that Covid-19 has affected and it analyses the coping strategies. The book will be a good resource for students, academics and laymen to understand the challenges and opportunities of living life during the pandemic.

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Behind the Lines - The Year in Political Cartoons 2023 / Museum of Australian Democracy

Museum of Australian Democracy 2023

147 pages, 17cm

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This catalogue is a companion to the annual exhibition which celebrates another year in Australia's unique, vibrant and fearless tradition of political cartooning. No politician, party or policy is safe from the nation's best cartoonists; witty, powerful or ribald, their images offer an astutely observed journey through twelve months in our political life.

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Splendid Isolation: Weighing Africa's Role In The Global Balance Of Powers / Wandile Msomi

Wandile Msomi, South Africa 2023

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Who has earned Africa's brotherhood, friendship, and loyalty?

As the battle for influence in Africa rages on, Africans have been caught in the middle of major economic and military powers at each other's throats once again. In recent years, many have often struggled to fully understand and grasp the geopolitical landscape, global balance of forces and the struggle for power, influence, and dominance on the world stage.

As a result, this book seeks to break down the historical geopolitical dynamics that have given rise to current global political issues, dissect major geopolitical developments over the last few years and attempt to locate Africa's position in the global balance of power.

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21 Voices From Israel and South Africa: Why the Palestinian Struggle Matters / Marthie Momberg

Naledi, De Kelders, South Africa 2023

xviii, 508p. ; 222x148mm.

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The deep differences between the Palestinian and Israeli narratives lead many to conclude that it is too difficult to understand how it all began, and if and how to choose sides.

Why be involved in this matter when there are so many atrocities in the world? Is there a way out of the deadlock?

This book – in content and style – represents a fresh approach to the field of Palestine-Israel studies. It is accessible, yet scientifically and ethically accountable.

The conversations with 21 activists from South Africa and Israel who campaign for Palestinian rights shatter perceptions cultivated by widespread propaganda to show that the issue is, after all, not so difficult to understand. One by one they connect the private and the public, the particular and the general, the conceptual and the practical, the local and the global.

21 Voices is stirring and illuminating. It demonstrates how citizens can step forward and make a difference in tumultuous times when power abuse and lawlessness have thrown morals into confusion. It will appeal to anyone interested in the kind of leadership that aims to shape healthier societies.

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South African Local Government: Challenges and Prospects / Sam Bambo

Empore Publishers, South Africa 2022

336p.

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This book gives an account on the third sphere of government which is local government.

It focuses on aspects of this sphere of government that relate to performance in governance, service delivery and financial management. The author attributes poor performance to factors outside the municipal environment as well.

Business and political actors outside the municipality have been found seeking to illegally influence decisions of role players within the municipality. Solutions must be found beyond the measures and remedies currently applied, given the fact that same such measures and remedies do not seem to be effective. Ordinary measures have been tried and tested.

South Africa needs a paradigm shift in local government, which should include inter-governmental relations.

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The BRICS in Africa: Promoting Development? / Funeka Y. April (et al.)

HSRC Press, South Africa 2023

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Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) nations have become a strong engine of South-South Cooperation. The most significant outcome of the emergence of BRICS is the shift they have brought to the balance of power in global affairs. The past decade has steadily accelerated commercial and strategic engagements between BRICS and Africa. The BRICS countries constitute Africa's largest trading partners and new investors. BRICS has nourished Africa's economic emergence and elevated the continent's contemporary global positioning. This book seeks to determine the potential of BRICS-Africa cooperation in promoting African development.

Some of the critical issues in this book include the following: a) What will be the impact of intra-BRICS and BRICS-Africa cooperation and partnerships, mainly through the New Industrial Revolution, financial technologies, infrastructure, economic growth and development in health; b) Determine the relevance of the BRICS New Development Bank in the post-COVID era; c) Examine the governance and accountability mechanisms required to entrench BRICS governance cooperation with the continent, and e) Determine strategies that address gender developmental disparities and inequalities in BRICS and Africa. This book consists of five sections, preceded by an introduction and later at the end of the chapters, a conclusion. The five mentioned sections respond to the 2020 12th BRICS Summit, 'Global Stability, Shared Security, and Innovative Growth thematic thrusts.

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Engaging China : How Australia can lead the way again / Jamie Reilly (editor)

Sydney University Press , Australia 2023

320 pages, 21cm

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As the strategic rivalry between the United States and China rapidly deepens, growing distrust and fears of China are once again shaping Australian media coverage and public discourse, with potent implications for Australia's China policy.

At this crucial historical moment, *Engaging China* offers a full-throated defence of engagement. This volume brings together a diverse set of Australia's seasoned diplomats, experienced journalists and renowned scholars to assess the current state of Australia-China relations and offer pragmatic advice for how Australia can restore a healthy and stable relationship with China.

Over the past five decades, Australia's engagement of China has facilitated a deepening economic relationship alongside expanded cultural, educational and people-to-people exchanges, fostering greater understanding between the two countries and populations.

The contributors to this volume share a common vision: Australia and Australians should continue to engage with China and Chinese people for mutual benefit. The chapters take stock of past achievements, identify recent challenges and offer practical suggestions for how the Australian government and Australian firms, institutions and individuals can proactively, productively and securely engage with China.

Australia's rich and diverse relations with China extend far beyond the political and economic interactions that tend to dominate news headlines. In explaining how and why an engagement strategy continues to serve Australian interests, *Engaging China* offers a timely alternative to the prevailing public and policy discourses on Australia's most challenging bilateral relationship.

"This book offers important insights on Australia's most difficult and consequential foreign-policy challenge. The authoritative authors transcend the simplistic pro-China v anti-China dichotomies that distort so much of our national debate, to capture the true complexity of the issues and explore the real opportunities to manage relations with China to our long-term advantage. It is a fine example of exactly the kind of contribution we need to help us navigate our region's economic and strategic transformation in the difficult decades ahead."

Hugh White AO, Emeritus Professor of Strategic Studies at the Australian National University

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The Consultancy Conundrum / Jaspan, Andrew

Monash University Press, Australia 2023

96 pages, 17cm

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In mid-2023, Australia was rocked by a scandal surrounding the local affiliate of business management consultancy PricewaterhouseCoopers. The crisis raised serious concerns about the role of consultancy and audit firms within our public service, and caused governments to re-evaluate their relationships with these agencies. The key question emerged: are the big four consulting firms truly neutral advisers, or do their ties to corporate interests compromise the public sector's integrity?

The Consultancy Conundrum is a compelling examination of the role consultancy firms have played in shaping our current crisis of confidence in public institutions. Andrew Jaspan and Lachlan Guselli have brought together authoritative contributions from across the world to provide unique insights into the evolving role and expectations of our civil service, and the Faustian bargain it has made with the corporate world's instant experts. Collectively, the writers ask: if we can't trust the consultants, then who will give our governments the advice they need to secure our future? How do we rebuild a robust civil service to support positive change in a volatile world? And how do we go about shaping this new vision of our public service?

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Politics, Economy and Society: Essays on Pakistan and Beyond / Bilal Zahoor,
Fahd Ali & Abraham Shah

Folio Books, Pakistan 2023

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The defining characteristic of the ongoing century is that it is a century of crises. We're living in times when most phenomena, paradigms and systems are referred to with the prefix 'post'. The century of crises, in this sense, is a century of anti-climaxes, implosions and exhaustion. What are these phenomena, paradigms and systems that are experiencing descent? How are they generating a multiplicity of crises? And how are these crises, at many levels, mutually constituted?

This volume highlights and makes visible those connections amongst crises operating both at global and local levels. From the discontents of global capitalism to the limits of liberal democracy to the various facades of the climate crisis to the ruins of global governance and financial architecture, the book takes note of systemic failures and fissures. At the same time, the volume brings up the questions of alternative economic and political visions, indigenous feminisms and South-South alliances amongst others and thus takes note of repairs and reconstructions. Bringing together enterprising young thinkers, Politics, Economy and Society speaks to a wider audience of students, researchers and general readers.

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Strengthening the Link Between Policy Research and Implementation / Kang'ethe Wamaitha Gitu

Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), Kenya 2001

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Assessing the Sustainability of Fiscal Policy in Kenya / Helen Chemnyongoi & Benson Kiriga

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The Effect of E-Government on Government Effectiveness and Control of Corruption among UN Member Countries / Cecilia Naeku & Kenneth Juma

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Guidelines for Public Policy Development and Review / Eliud Moyi

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: = Japan-China Relations through the Lens of Chinese Politics /
Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, Japan 2021
326p.; 21cm.
9784866581279
\$ 56.00 / null

Why is the relationship between Japan and China so volatile that it keeps fluctuating between deteriorating and improving during the last half century? Why does criticism of Japan over historical issues repeatedly converge and reemerge? The reason lies in the constant power struggles taking place inside the Chinese Communist Party itself. An examination of various cases and documents dating from the period of normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China from the 1970s to the present day will clarify how the Chinese political system is closely related to its diplomatic policies towards Japan.

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= : = Empire of the Seas: Thinking about Asia / Shiraishi Takashi
Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, Japan 2021
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9784866581262
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Winner of the 2000 Yomiuri Yoshino Sakuzo Prize for academic writing on politics, economics, and history, this book locates the modern history of Southeast Asia within the framework of a "maritime Asia" which emerged from trade and commerce, state formation, imperial/global hegemonic ambitions, and popular resistance. It examines the rise of British-led collective imperialism in the nineteenth century and Pax Americana in the mid-twentieth century, and looks closely at the ways in which Japan navigated the evolving regional system. In its pages, the maritime Asia experience is examined comparatively across Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand. A new author's note brings this English-language edition up to date on regional developments since the original publication.

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: = The Economics of Colonialism in Korea: Rethinking Japanese Rule and Aftermath / = Kimura Mitsuhiro
Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, Japan 2021
236p.; 21cm.
9784866581248
\$ 50.00 / null

From 1910 to 1945, Korea was a colony of Imperial Japan. Its governance has been described politically in terms of harsh oppression and economically as exploitation and impoverishment. Certainly, there were many problems with Japanese rule in Korea, but how accurate are those claims? What is the connection between the postwar development of South Korea and the socialist regime in North Korea? This book focuses on economic issues, sticks to positivism, and depicts the reality and transformation of Korea during the period of Japanese control.

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Organization of Turkic States: Politics, Economics, Cultural Collaborations and 2040 Vision / Yilmaz Ulvi Uzun & Hakan Kaya

Nobel Bilimsel Eserler, Turkey 2023

xiv, 594p.

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The Organization of Turkic States, which is based on the reflection of a common historical and cultural disposition, has been taking firm steps towards becoming a global power as well as developing cooperation between member countries since its establishment. The increasing interaction of the Turkish States, which gained their independence after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, contributed to their gathering under a common roof today and finally to be mentioned as stakeholders in various fields, especially in economic, political and cultural cooperation. Based on the interaction of the member states of the Organization of Turkic States in different fields, this book has processed the Organization of Turkic States from the perspective of economic, political, and cultural influences. This book, which emerged because of a collective work, aims to contribute to the development process of the Organization of Turkic States, as well as to present current developments with theoretical and empirical applications to researchers who are interested in this field, and to contribute to the literature.

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Re-Negotiating Alevi Identify: Values, Emotions and Contending Visions on the Future / Talha Kose (Ed); Mindy Yartasi

SETA Publications, Turkey 2023

224p.

Includes Bibliography

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This book investigates the transformation and the politicization of Alevi identity within the social and political context of post-1980 Turkey. This study specifically focuses on the role of collective emotions and values in forming and transforming Alevi identity. Collective traumas and the glories of the Alevi community are explored with reference to personal life stories and widely shared collective narratives. This study answers the following questions:

-How are the moral, cultural, and political boundaries of Alevi identity being re-negotiated vis-à-vis other social groups within the changing social and political context?

-How do the narratives on collective emotions such as victimhood, fear, humiliation, marginalization, and discrimination practically influence the Alevi identity negotiation process?

-How can we address the deep-rooted negative collective emotions and important barriers to intercommunal reconciliation processes?

-What lessons can other identity groups in Türkiye and elsewhere learn from Alevi identity politics?

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A Study on the History of Turkish Democracy / Yenal Unal

Aktif Yayinevi, Turkey 2023

150p.

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200 gm.

Turkey has nearly two hundred years of democratic experience. From the Tanzimat period to the present day, many important steps have been taken in the name of democratization in Turkey. Turkish democracy, which is thought to be still far behind the West by some intellectual circles, continues to progress despite some difficulties. It is obvious that democracy has been adversely affected, sometimes by the system, sometimes by legislation, and sometimes by anti-democratic interventions in this process. Therefore, while Turkish democracy has developed and has had a certain experience, it has not been able to bring the pace of development to an ideal level. There is a paradox at this point. To eliminate the problems experienced in Turkish democracy today, almost every event in the past of this experience should be investigated objectively within the framework of scientific methods, and the results of the research should be shared with the public. Similarly, to identify, analyze and interpret the difficulties faced by Turkish democracy today, almost every event in the past of the Turkish democratic experience should also be investigated based on same scientific criteria.

In academic terms, it is not a need but a necessity to analyze the history of this democratic experience to fully understand and interpret the causes of some of the fundamental problems experienced in Turkish democracy. At this point, there is a need for historians and historical researchers who will investigate the past of Turkish democracy in all its details, analyze the issues objectively and make robust interpretations. In this context, the research titled "A Study on the History of Turkish Democracy" has emerged to contribute to the history of Turkish democracy.

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Life As We Knew It / Dow, Aisha & Cunningham, Melissa

Scribe Publications, Australia 2023

336 pages, 23cm

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The gripping inside account of Australia's extraordinary pandemic story.

It was never part of the plan that Australia would be locked down and shut off from the world for two years. But when the Covid-19 pandemic arrived in 2020, and the bodies began piling up overseas, Australians took unprecedented steps to avoid a catastrophe heading their way. The country's near-elimination of the deadly virus in the first phase of the pandemic saw it avoid tens of thousands of deaths. But not all Australians were sheltered from disaster, and the strategy came with heavy costs. Many said goodbye to life as they knew it.

With unmatched access to Australia's top politicians and pandemic officials, Life As We Knew It is a gripping investigation into the nation's Covid-19 response and its incredible untold human stories. It delves into the worst days of the pandemic and its terrible disasters. But it also shows Australians at their best, the weird and the wonderful, and a public spirit of collectivism over individualism that set the country apart.

The authors travel across the nation shedding new light on the disruptive outbreaks that plunged Victoria and New South Wales into lockdowns. Based on more than 150 interviews, it also examines the unique experience of Australia's Covid-zero states- Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia, and the Northern Territory - places where it sometimes felt like the pandemic didn't exist.

Many of the most significant moments in Australia's pandemic happened behind closed doors. Life As We Knew It lifts the curtain.

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Abortion Care is Health Care / Baird, Barbara

Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023

320 pages, 23cm

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A history of the challenges facing medical abortion provision in Australia and the people trying to overcome them.

In *Abortion Care is Health Care* Barbara Baird tells the history of the provision of abortion care in Australia since 1990. Against the backdrop of a reticent public sector Baird describes a system of predominantly private provision, which has imposed barriers to access on women already marginalised by poverty, rural and remote residency, lack of Medicare entitlement, racism and other factors. Tracing changes in the private sector, the long struggle to make medical abortion available and the nationwide decriminalisation of abortion since 2002, Baird introduces readers to the large cast of 'champions' and everyday healthcare workers and activists who have persisted in their commitment to make abortion care available when governments and the medical profession have so often failed.

Drawing on oral history interviews conducted nationwide with abortion-providing doctors, nurses, counsellors and managers, women's health workers, academics and community activists, Baird brings a critical feminist analysis to create a sophisticated historical narrative of abortion provision over the last thirty years.

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Issues Before the Nation / Justice H.R. Khanna

B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2023

187p.; 22 cm.

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450 gm.

It is a thought-provoking book dealing with the various problems facing the country today. It critically examines the Punjab problem. It discusses the various aspects of the existing judicial system of India and the problems which Indian democracy is facing. It examines the question whether India should adopt a presidential system or continue with the existing parliamentary system.

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Birth Of Non-Congressism: Opposition Politics, 1947-1975 / Madhu Limaye

B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2023

602p.; 22 cm.

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This is the First well-documented account of Opposition politics in India written by a person who has been an active participant in the events described here. The author unravels the complex and tangled story of India's struggle to create a united Indian state with the consent of the governed. In a gripping way the book describes the Interaction of the Political forces in the country: the ruling party and the Opposition, Right and Left, Socialists and Communists and the gradual decline of institutions that set in after 1962.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855087>

Urban Local Administration: Growth and Development / Apurba Kumar Basiston

B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2023

xiii, 319p.; 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788170182917

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650 gm.

The present book is an indepth study and study and analysis of the developments and complicated problems of urbanization in Orissa due to its rapid growth. Urban problems are, no doubt. Common to all countries of the world. But in western countries, these problems have attracted wide attention and scrutinising study. In India, these in no dearth of studies on local government, but these are partly sociological and partly economic.

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Strategic Sikkim / O.P. Singh

B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2023

viii, 240p.; 22 cm.

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\$ 31.25 / HB

500 gm.

Sikkim-perched precariously between India and China-is of immense strategic importance for the defence of India. The Himalayas were once considered to be the gigantic defence line of India but the ultramodern methods of war have thwarted this concept in toto Height no more means might. The Indo-China war of 1962 made India realize the geographical and strategical importance of this Himalayan borderland Militarily, Sikkim, the royal route for Chinese Aggression, is vulnerable.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855088>

Terrorism in Bangladesh: The Process of Radicalization and Youth Vulnerabilities / Zia Rahman & Monirul Islam

The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2020

xvi, 256p.

Includes Index.

9789845062886

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The book is the first of its kind empirical study of terrorism based in Bangladesh focusing on the process of radicalization, ideology and youth vulnerabilities that lead to violence. Undertaking qualitative research methods, it has been written based on primarily data collected from terrorist suspects, their families, law enforcement officials and experts of various disciplines. Based on the incidence of terrorism that takes on a politico-religious nature, the book attempts to understand which factors play significant roles in developing violent singular identities and looks into indoctrination, politics and proliferation, vulnerable youth along with the vulnerability of regions to extremism.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749017>

Role of Link Model on Sustainable Rural Development in Bangladesh / Dr. Saria Sultana

Kanthadhbani Prakasani, Kushtia, Bangladesh 2021

272p.

Includes Bibliography

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Muslim Politics In Bengal: Legislative Perspective - Vol.2, Part-B / Snehangshu Bhattacharjee

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, India 2020

214p.; 23 cm.

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Ethnic Fissures and State Responses of Pakistan an Overview / Rana Banerji (ed)
Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, India 2022

60p.; 23 cm.
9788195487639

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Understanding Terrorism: Concepts, Theories, and Causes / Yaser Esmailzadeh
Gerakbudaya Enterprise, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2023

xiv, 154p.
Includes Bibliography

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Terrorism is a relentless phenomenon that continues to haunt the human race, affecting societies across the world. While the world continues to interconnect with one another, terrorism too, continues to evolve, adapting to the changing contours of political, social, and economic landscapes.

This book focuses on the political, economic, psychological, social, and cultural factors that underpin terrorism, shedding light on the conditions and motivations that give rise to such acts. As such, the book aims to equip readers with the necessary knowledge and tools to comprehend this complex phenomenon, as well as providing the necessary knowledge to contribute to informed debates on counter-terrorism.

The case studies that are written in this book will help readers understand the complex dynamics at play, as well as the many different concepts of terrorism itself. With this, it is with hope that future generations may use this book as a basis to explore the potential emergence of other waves of terrorism, and to develop advanced prospects for effective counterterrorism in the face of these evolving challenges.

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Muslim Politics In Bengal: Legislative Perspective - Vol.2, Part-A / Snehangshu Bhattacharjee

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, India 2020

226p.; 23 cm.
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\$ 37.50 / HB
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Bleeding Times: Select Writings on Recent Terror-Strikes In Bangladesh / Arindam Mukherjee (Ed)

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, India

122p.; 22 cm.
9789384566036

\$ 12.50 / null
300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857745>

Muslim Politics in Bengal: Legislative Perspective: Vol.1 / Snehanshu Bhattacharjee

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, India 2019

684p.; 23 cm.

9789384566234

\$ 75.00 / HB

1350 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857749>

The Cosmopolitan Empire : One World but Whose? / Peter Gerard Myers

Polarity Press, Australia 2023

522p.

9780645836103

\$ 50.00 / null

750 gm.

This book is about conspiracies in high places. Conspiracies it covers include the assassination of JFK, the attacks of 9/11, the Covid-19 Lockdown & Vaccine Mandates, and Malaysia Airlines MH370.

Other conspiracy books allege that there is just one high-level conspiracy, but this one maintains that there are four-British (Anglo-American Imperial), Globalist, Zionist and Green-Left. They are forced to share power, so they operate as factions.

The Globalists are attempting to implement the World State advocated by H. G. Wells. Aldous Huxley's book *Brave New World* and George Orwell's book *Nineteen Eighty-Four* are both warnings about what Wells' World State would be like. Huxley depicted dumbing-down with sex, drugs and entertainment; Orwell depicted Speech Codes and Thought Police. Both have turned out to be correct.

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Gladys : A Leader's Undoing / Paul Farrell (Ed) Greg Bain

Monash University Publishing, Australia 2023

96p. ; 111x175mm.

9781922633538

\$ 25.00 / null

78 gm.

Depending on who you ask, former NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian is either seen as a feminist icon who was done over by a dud boyfriend, or a political player who did everything she could to cling to power. One thing not in dispute is that she has been at the centre of one of the biggest scandals in NSW political history, embroiled in a major corruption inquiry that also enveloped the man with whom she was in a secret relationship for five years.

In *Gladys: A Leader's Undoing*, award-winning 7.30 journalist Paul Farrell takes us behind the scenes of the investigation that prompted Berejiklian's resignation. He gives us a detailed account of how ICAC built its case against the former premier, and the romantic relationship that ended her political reign. And he explores how and why Berejiklian's immense popularity as a powerful female leader in a male-dominated political party persisted despite the accusations against her.

This book also examines the arguments for and against corruption-fighting bodies such as ICAC at a time when trust in our political institutions is at the lowest level it has ever been, and it asks tough questions about the state of our democracy. At the centre of all this is the national importance of trust, honesty and integrity, and how much Australians are willing to tolerate when it comes to the behaviour of their leaders.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858359>

The Post-Pandemic Child / Kim Cornish (Ed) Greg Bain
Monash University Publishing, Australia 2023
96p. ; 111x175mm.
9781922979261
\$ 25.00 / null
78 gm.

In March 2020, schools and childcare centres across Australia were forced to close to control the spread of the recently arrived novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Families and carers suddenly had to adjust to long periods of home-schooling, disparities in the availability of technology, loss of social connections with friends and relatives, and an exhausting new balancing act of work, home and schooling commitments—all in a confined environment. In the wake of the resulting emotional burnout, heightened by spontaneous lockdown measures and growing COVID-19 cases, we witnessed an exponential rise in youth anxiety, triggering a mental health crisis in children as young as those of kindergarten age.

Three years later, what does the post-pandemic child look like? What does the future hold for the millions of young Australians whose formative years were so disrupted? And what help must we urgently provide to this generation of children who found themselves coping with a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic?

In *The Post-Pandemic Child*, Kim Cornish takes us through the key challenges now faced by Australian children, including the return to in-person schooling and the ramifications of online teaching and missed years of social interaction. She also examines the short- and long-term consequences for this 'pandemic generation', and the priorities in enabling these children to regain what was lost during the early years of COVID-19.

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Courting Power : Law, Democracy & the Public Interest in Australia / Isabelle Reinecke (Ed) Greg Bain
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Courts aren't just there to settle divorces, sentence law-breakers and resolve corporate disputes. A healthy legal system, one that ensures access, transparency and accountability, is fundamental to democracy. When the system works, the courts act as a check on government power, holding our politicians and bureaucrats to account.

In *Courting Power*, Isabelle Reinecke, founder of Grata Fund, Australia's first strategic litigation funder and incubator, takes us through the trials and triumphs of some of the public interest cases she has helped bring about—from one launched by Torres Strait Islanders to establish the federal government's duty of care regarding climate change, to a High Court case on remote housing rights in the Northern Territory, and Doctors for Refugees' successful challenge to government gag laws, among others. Isabelle praises transparency infrastructure like our freedom-of-information system, which underpins checks and balances such as the media, a dynamic political opposition and independent voices, while alerting us to how it can be undermined by governments of any colour. She also examines the pernicious forces seeking to influence Australian courts, hungrily eyeing the impact of the far right on the US Supreme Court, and why political attacks on the courts are always sharpest when First Nations people's rights are at stake.

In a world of spin and puff, inattention and information overload, media deregulation and TikTok, evidence and accurate information have never been so important. The courts are perhaps the last remaining place where facts are primary and hyperbole is ignored. *Courting Power* is a timely reminder of how ordinary people can rely on them to keep the powers that be accountable.

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Sri Lanka's Easter Sunday Massacre: Lessons for the International Community /
Rohan Gunaratna

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2023

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Radical Islam is an enduring global challenge that presents a national and international security threat. Instigation by hate preachers, inadequate government, societal attention, religious and reciprocal radicalization have allowed this threat to manifest into terrorist violence. Extremist ideologies have infiltrated religious, educational, and digital spaces and thus, terrorism's shadow continues to shroud the safety and stability of countries and communities worldwide today.

On 21 April 2019, the world's most dangerous threat movement, the Islamic State, mounted one of its deadliest attacks in Sri Lanka. The surge of fear, suspicion, and prejudice following what is now known as 'Sri Lanka's Easter Sunday Massacre' fragmented the country, imbuing hatred and anger against the Muslim community. Years later, the radicalization pipeline remains intact, and the threat persists. With the global expansion of the Islamic State and al-Qaeda, will the world witness attacks of a similar or greater scale in the future?

Equal parts treatise and reference material, Sri Lanka's Easter Sunday Massacre: Lessons for the International Community answers this question by tracing the genesis, threat trajectory, and aftermath of the bombings and the personalities behind them. With unprecedented access to accounts from Islamic State detainees, affected families, intelligence specialists, and investigators, the book reflects on lessons learned and provides insight into how such attacks are organized and what measures can be taken to prevent or respond to these threats effectively.

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Managing China-Singapore Relations Amid US-China Rivalry / Ma Bo

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Amid China-US geopolitical competition in the Asia-Pacific, it is imperative for both China and Singapore to adapt and respond to evolving circumstances for mutual benefit.

The enduring trust and solid foundation between China and Singapore in economic and trade cooperation are validated through their active involvement in each other's initiatives. This proved true even when the recent COVID-19 pandemic strained political interactions.

The political-security dimensions of the relationship between China and Singapore are complex and constantly evolving, influenced as they are by factors such as Singapore's military training in Taiwan, the contentious South China Sea disputes, and US foreign policy in the region.

However, Singapore's longstanding hedging strategy between the two superpowers may face increasingly severe tests as China-US rivalry escalates. If carefully managed, Singapore's successful track record of facilitating dialogue between conflicting parties can continue to make it a valuable player in easing tensions between China and the US.

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CoronAsur: Asian Religions in the Covidian Age / Emily Zoe Hertzman (et al.)

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By the summer of 2020, when the coronavirus had fully entered our everyday vocabulary and our lives, religious communities and places of worship around the world were already undergoing profound changes. In Asian and Asian diaspora communities, diverse cultural tropes, beliefs, and artifacts were mobilized to make sense of Covid, including a repertoire of gods and demons like Coronasur, the virus depicted with the horns and fangs of a traditional Hindu demon. Various kinds of knowledge were invoked: theologies, indigenous medicines, and biomedical narratives, as well as ethical values and nationalist sentiments. CoronAsur: Asian Religions in the Covidian Age follows the documentation and analysis of the abrupt societal shifts triggered by the pandemic to understand current and future pandemic times, while revealing further avenues for research on religion that have opened up in the Covidian age.

Developed in tandem with the research blog CoronAsur: Religion and COVID-19, this volume is a "phygital" publication, a work grounded in empirical roots as well as digitally born communication. It comprises thirty-eight essays that examine Asian religious communities—Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Daoist, and Christian as well as popular/folk and new religious movements, or NRMs—in terms of the changes brought on by and the ritual responses to the Covid pandemic.

Studying religious narratives, practices, and changes in the Covidian age adds to our understanding of not only the specific groups in which they are situated, but also the coronavirus itself, its disputed etiologies and culturally contextualized exegeses. CoronAsur offers a comprehensive and timely discussion of Covidian transformations in religious communities' engagements with media, spaces, and moral and political economies, documenting how religious practices and discourses have co-produced the meanings of the pandemic.

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Gen f'd? : how young Australians can reclaim their uncertain futures / Alison Pennington

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In Gen F'd? economist Alison Pennington shows how the most educated generation in Australia's history stands to be the first generation worse off than their parents, and gives young people the tools to create the change we need.

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The Middle East and the Malay World : Contemporary Issues and Future Challenges / Abdolreza Alami & Muna H. Bilgrami (Eds)

Gerakbudaya Enterprise, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2023

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The strong links between the Malay world and the Middle East have been shaped by interweaving forces, foremost among them the historical role of the spread of Islam, the modern colonizing forces of Europe, and more latterly the contemporary interests of World Powers. To bring focus to these relationships, a Two-day International Conference on 'The Middle East and Malay World: Contemporary Issues and Future Challenges' was jointly held in Kuala Lumpur in October 2022 by AsiaWE, AMEC, Bait Al Amanah, Academy of Malay Studies, University Malaya, with an emphasis on History, Politics, Culture, and Finance. Contributions centered around three areas: relations of the Muslim Malay Archipelago with the Middle East, the influence of the World Powers of the United States and China, and the position of Malaysia and Indonesia on Palestine.

The chapters collected in this volume reveal to us these often hidden, historical landscapes of regional connections, reflecting ground-level intermarriages of a vibrant trade and knowledge culture, the legacies of colonialism, and giving attention to the shifting axes of power in the 21st century. Tensions generated by intersecting forces of competing interests within these relationships are nowhere more visible than in the matter of Palestine. Several of these chapters highlight the opportunities that await judicious and wise working partnerships between the two regions.

Readers and fellow researchers are invited to gain further insight and understanding so as to build wholistic policies and ethical governance, honoring a common heritage inspired by the love of higher principles of life.

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The Dark Side Of Journalism: The Culture and Political Economy of Global Media in Pakistan and Afghanistan / Syed Irfan Ashraf

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The Dark Side of Journalism provides a local journalist's perspective on the role of "fixers" local journalists hired to help global media outlets report on wars over the past four decades. Fixers enable global media to access news about al-Qaida and the Taliban in distant regions and dangerous caves on Pakistan and Afghanistan's borders. Their risky pursuits have led to unprecedented death rates of local reporters during the U.S.-led war on terror. The Dark Side of Journalism illustrates both the essentiality of fixers to global news production, as well as their utter dispensability.

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European Trade, Imperialism and Under Development in Northern Nigeria, 19th and 20th Centuries / Ahmed Modibbo Mohammed

Ahmadu Bello University Press Limited, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria 2016

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This book is primarily concerned with an analysis of the historical background of the forces leading to the underdevelopment of Northern Nigeria in the period from the second half of the nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century, through the activities of British conglomerates: the Royal Niger Company and United African Company. Doing so, provides a basis for understanding the development of African's dependent political economy. Though the study does not cover the whole country, nevertheless, the part which it covers constitutes about two-thirds of the total land area and over half of the country's population at the time of flag independence in 1960. In this book we argue that the intrusion, invasion and subordination of the region's economy by European trading companies destroyed the once self-sufficient and integrated industrial raw material and Agricultural sectors of the economy. The region thus became a mere supplier of basic industrial raw materials to British Industries, and a buyer of their manufactured goods. In the process, its productive classes largely peasants and pockets of metal workers, were impoverished and virtually reduced to penury. The aristocracy lost its sovereignty to the agents interests, and thereby became subordinated to the agents of those companies which in turn, used them in the super-exploitation of the region's resources. The book demonstrates that by the mid-twentieth century, a classical colonial system was effectively established in the region, thereby making the rest of the period that of an intensification of exploitation of both human and material resources.

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A Global Pandemic: Ripple Effects of COVID-19 / Mansoureh Ebrahimi & Uygur Aydemir (Eds)

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Democracy has gained currency as reflected by the people's wishes the world over to participate more actively in governance and to voice their views on issues that matter to them. People yearn to speak openly, give comments on public affairs, and criticise their government. However, how far have thinkers, practitioners, and even supporters of democracy succeeded in promoting and putting democratic principles into practice? Has democracy thrived or declined? The book is a compilation of selected papers presented at the Third International Conference on Elections and Democracy (E&D) on April 19-20, 2017, in Kuching, Sarawak with the theme "Does Democracy Have a Future?" organised by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, UNIMAS. The seven papers selected in this book merit a closer look. They were written by academics and political observers based in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia. This conference was made possible through the support of UNIMAS, Sarawak Convention Bureau, Better Nation Institute, and Society Empowerment and Economic Development of Sabah (SEEDS).

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The End of the Nineteen Nineties / Hafiz Noor Shams

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When Malaysia won the Thomas Cup in 1992, the whole nation celebrated as one. And for most of that decade, we did seem to have reasons to celebrate: We had a national car, a national goal in the form of Wawasan 2020, and the future seemed as bright as KLCC lights. The economist Hafiz Noor Shams belongs to that generation that sang the Wawasan 2020 song in school assemblies. And he asks: What has happened to us since then? *The End of the Nineteen-Nineties* places the decade within the context of our pre-colonial and post-colonial history, underscoring that brief, bright spark of optimism in the Malaysian journey. It also mourns the apparent collapse of the incipient Bangsa Malaysia ideal, which has since given way to ethnocentric silos. In weaving together personal, national and global events to contextualize and understand tensions that exist within Malaysian society, he asks: Do we still have a chance?

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Examining Heisei Japan, Vol. I: Diplomacy and Security / Kitaoka Shinichi (supervisor), Kokubun Ryosei, Nakanishi Hiroshi, Shiraishi Takashi, and Tanaka Akih

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The passing of Emperor Shōwa marked the end of an era—an era memorable in both war and peace. As is the custom, the new emperor's reign was given a new name, in this case "Heisei," but this did not mean a reset on the international stage. The persistent diplomatic issues remained, and, furthermore, new issues arose. Promoting global peace and stability, preventing natural disasters, relations with China, regional cooperation, Japan's role in the international order are just some of the many outstanding issues. How did Japan approach them and deal with them? What was accomplished and what still needs to be done? Given the issues' paramount importance for both Japan and the world at large, this anthology brings together influential essays published by five of Japan's leading scholars during the period.

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Closed Linguistic Space: Censorship by the Occupation Forces and Postwar Japan / Etō Jun

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The United States postwar occupation of Japan likes to boast of having given the Japanese freedom of expression and freedom of the press. True, it freed the Japanese press from many wartime constraints. But at the same time, it imposed a large number of new constraints, replacing wartime censorship by the Japanese government with postwar censorship by the American occupation authority. Even before the war ended, planning for the occupation included a censorship and public relations efforts that would work to "re-educate" the Japanese and fold them into the postwar American international order. Similar efforts were made in Germany, but the effort in Japan was far more sweeping and far more sustained.

This book documents that history in detail with extensive reference to primary resources held in U.S. archives and elsewhere. Was the occupation successful in reshaping the Japanese mindset? Citing not only the postwar Constitution but also, among other things, the widespread belief in the Tokyo Trials' validity, Etō argues doggedly that it was so successful that its pernicious influence persists even today. Yet the heart of this heavily researched book is its meticulous documentation of how this censorship was planned and enforced.

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The Japan-US Alliance of Hope: Asia-Pacific Maritime Security / Nakasone Peace Institute

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The Japan-US alliance has continued to deepen and develop for around sixty years, responding to the security environment of the times. But today, the security order of the Asia-Pacific region is at an important turning point. China's maritime activities are only intensifying, causing growing instability in the regional maritime security environment. As the existing order of the Asia-Pacific region is now being threatened, the Japan-US alliance is an "alliance of hope" for peace and prosperity.

In this book, the authors analyze the present conditions of the alliance and discuss its future direction from this perspective of maintaining the maritime security order in the Asia-Pacific region. Together with the diplomatic and security policies of Japan and the US, and of China, their research subjects include the policies of India, Australia, South Korea, Russia, and ASEAN, which are the main players in the oceans of the region, and they derive important hints for the future of the Japan-US alliance.

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Japan's Approach to Legal and Judicial Development in Developing Countries: Building Trust and Partnership / Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture (JPIC)

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Beginning with the drafting of Vietnam's civil law in 1996, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has supported the "making of laws" in developing countries including Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar. This is a field of cooperation unique to Japan, originating from its experience studying foreign legal systems during the Meiji Restoration.

Today, Official Development Assistance (ODA) is considered one of the pillars of Japan's rule of law promotion. JICA has collected documents relating to its 20 years of work, along with interviews with those involved in rule of law promotion from Japan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and more.

Clashes over wariness towards foreigners and differences in understanding of legal terminology... This is a record of the obstacles overcome by the people of developing nations who wanted to draft their own national laws, and the Japanese lawyers who supported them, as well as their sincere efforts, struggles, and challenges. This is a recommended book for those interested in international cooperation, as well as those who want to know more about the rule of law promotion process.

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Hatred Has No Future: New Thinking on Relations with Japan / Ma Licheng

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The year was 2002—the 30th anniversary of the normalization of Sino-Japanese relations but also a time when relations grew sharply frostier over the prime minister’s visit to Yasukuni Shrine. Into this fray dropped Ma Licheng’s “New Thinking on Relations with Japan”, triggering a storm of debate in both China and Japan. Even now, more than a decade after the essay’s publication, the New Thinking continues to have a major influence on policy discussions. While Sino-Japanese relations hit new turbulence over the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands in 2012, the author remains optimistic that the bilateral issues can be resolved rationally and peacefully. Referencing the durability of the postwar peace between France and Germany, he argues that, for their own and the international community’s sake, China and Japan can and must find ways to overcome their antagonisms and live in peace as complementary neighbors.

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Fencing in the Dark: Japan, China, and the Senkakus / Sunohara Tsuyoshi

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Sino-Japanese relations were seriously rattled in September 2010 when a Chinese fishing boat rammed a Japanese Coast Guard patrol ship in Japanese waters off the Senkaku Islands. This was compounded in April 2012 when Tokyo Governor Ishihara Shintaro announced that he planned to buy the islands and added, “if this means war with China, so be it.” Alarmed at the prospect of Ishihara owning the islands, Democratic Party of Japan prime minister Noda Yoshihiko moved to see if there was some way the government could buy them instead, even knowing this would be seen as nationalization. Top officials in foreign policy, defense, and other areas met at Kantei (officially the Prime Minister’s Official Residence, but actually his offices) to find an out that would pre-empt Ishihara without provoking China (which also claimed the islands). This book tells the gripping story of what happened and why.

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A Western Pacific Union: Japan's New Geopolitical Strategy. / Supervised by Kitaoka Shinichi; Translated by David Noble and Marie Speed

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The Cold War ended more than thirty years ago, but the world—and within it, the countries of Asia and the Pacific—still struggles to establish a peaceful and prosperous community of nations. Many midsized and smaller states, caught in the webs of superpower rivalry, have not felt their interests adequately represented by existing alliances and international organizations.

This volume envisions an alternative: a Western Pacific Union (WPU), conceived as a loosely integrated community of nations stretching from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific, that would counterbalance superpower dominance and give greater agency in global affairs to its members by coordinating their voices and interests.

The initiative for this proposal comes from Japan, with Dr. Kitaoka Shinichi, former ambassador to the United Nations and former president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, leading a team of established scholars, younger researchers, and specialists in articulating the concept of the WPU and dissecting the challenges facing its realization. The core of the book is a country-by-country treatment of the recent history and international relations of each potential member state and the prospects for its successful involvement in this nascent community of nations.

Our world is increasingly integrated through advanced technologies and global commerce, but in many ways still remains fractious and divided. Finding peaceful, equitable, sustainable solutions to the issues confronting humanity demands new ideas and strategies. This volume addresses these needs with a new geopolitical vision for Asia and the Pacific.

One Hundred Fifty Years of Japanese Foreign Relations: From 1868 to 2018 /
Hatano Sumio

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A project by The Society for the Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy
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Editorial Supervision by Hamaoka Takayuki

This book traces the past 150 years of Japan's diplomatic history, focusing on the thoughts and actions of the leaders of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since the ministry's establishment in 1869. It includes a discussion of the last fifteen years of the Edo period, beginning with the arrival of Commodore Perry in 1854. Since the Meiji era, Japan's foreign policy has been informed by its response to that "confrontation from the West."

This foreign policy has been largely based on "accommodation diplomacy" (also called responsive diplomacy). Japan has designed its diplomatic response with an eye to its own foreign policy goals, applying the metric of what might be feasible more than what might be desirable. In "accommodation diplomacy," the international issues, international order, and the rules of the game are not defined. In that sense, there has been no all-encompassing strategy behind Japan's foreign policy. Instead, Japan has regarded the international situation simply, as a set of facts. It has sought to maximize the benefits to itself while minimizing risk. Its foreign policy has been an attempt to solve this conundrum through accommodation. Reflective of the times, this has required an abundance of creativity. Japan has needed to be both pragmatic and forward-thinking in its response to changes in the international environment.

In the postwar period, as Japan aimed to elevate its standing in the competition-driven international environment, its foreign policy can be understood as an extension of the way it had comported itself since the Meiji era: emphasizing cooperation and coordination with other nations while responding to changes in the international environment.

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The Bonds of the Japan-US Alliance: The Japan-US Security Treaty and the
Search for Mutuality / Sakamoto Kazuya

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The Japan-US Security Treaty was first signed in 1951, coinciding with the end of Allied occupation and Japan's recovery of independence in the early postwar era, and subsequently revised in 1960 to correct various inadequacies and alleviate a sense of inequality felt on the Japanese side. Its basic structure, namely providing bases in exchange for the guarantee of US security of Japan, however, remains unchanged.

This English edition of diplomatic historian Sakamoto Kazuya's highly acclaimed *Nichi-Bei dōmei no kizuna* (The Bonds of the Japan-US Alliance; 2000, rev. ed. 2020), winner of the 22nd Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities, carefully depicts the sensitive negotiations and diplomatic finesse behind the establishment and revision of the Japan-US Security Treaty, highlighting the challenges experienced by the two countries to promote mutuality then and later.

Drawing on previously undisclosed confidential documents and new research developments on the issue of secret agreements, which were brought to light during the Ministry of Foreign Affairs investigation in 2009–10, the author added a new chapter with updated notes for his revised 2020 edition. Examining the far-reaching implications of these new historical materials, he puts forward the pressing question: What should be the future of Japan-US security cooperation?

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