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Anthropology

Hinglaj Devi : Narratives of Identity and Change at an Ancient Temple in Pakistan / Jurgen Schaflechner
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2020

ix, 346p.

Includes Index

9780190702564

\$ 35.00 / PB

384gm.

About two hundred kilometers west of the city of Karachi, in the desert of Baluchistan, Pakistan, sits the shrine of the Hindu Goddess Hinglaj. Despite the temple's ancient Hindu and Muslim history, an annual festival at Hinglaj has only been established within the last three decades, in part because of the construction of the Makran Coastal Highway, which connects the distant rural shrine with urban Pakistan. Now, an increasingly confident minority Hindu community has claimed Hinglaj as their main religious center, a site for undisturbed religious performance and expression. In *Hinglaj Devi*, Jurgen Schaflechner studies literary sources in Hindi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, and Urdu alongside extensive ethnographical research at the shrine, examining the political and cultural influences at work at the temple and tracking the remote desert shrine's rapid ascent to its current status as the most influential Hindu pilgrimage site in Pakistan. Schaflechner introduces the unique character of this place of pilgrimage

and shows its modern importance not only for Hindus, but also for Muslims and Sindhi nationalists. Ultimately, this is an investigation of the Pakistani Hindu community's beliefs and practices at their largest place of worship in the Islamic Republic today--a topic of increasing importance to Pakistan's contemporary society.

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Biography

Data Ganj Bakhsh of Lahore (Biography, Shrine, Kashf ul-Mahjub) / (Edit & Annotated) M. Ikram Chaghatai
Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2019

256p.

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Aafia Unheard : Uncovering the Personal and Legal Mysteries Surrounding FBI's Most Wanted Woman! / Dawood Ghazanavi
Lahore: Jumhoori Publications, 2020

x, 188p.

9789696521631

\$ 30.00 / HB

318gm.

Terrorist! Lady Al-Qaeda! The Gray Lady of Bagram! FBI's Most Wanted! Prisoner 650!...Innocent! These and more labels have been used to describe Dr. Aafia Siddiqui; a brilliant minded young Pakistani woman, an MIT graduate, and a mother, who found herself being the focus of a case which continues to serve as an example for the War on Terror in response to 9/11. From Dr. Aafia's humble beginnings to her disappearance in 2003 surviving secret prisons, convicted of attempted murder of American officials, to her sentencing of 86 years, and more, there are numerous questions waiting

to be answered. Covering the (08 CR 826) United States of America v Aafia Siddiqui case and the (14 CV 3437) Aafia Siddiqui v United States of America case documents, transcripts, government and defense witness testimonies, and the court orders, “Aafia Unheard” offers in-depth factual information about this politically controversial figure and brings forth Aafia’s narrative like never before.

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Economics

Corridors of Knowledge for Peace and Development / (Ed)

Sarah S. Aneel, Uzma T. Haroon & Imrana Niazi

Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2020

xxvi, 405p.

9693532481 ; 9789693532487

1. South Asia – Sustainable Development.

\$ 75.00 / HB

994gm.

This anthology offers a big picture view on key global sustainable development issues through the eyes of leading policy and academic stalwarts from Pakistan in particular, as well as neighbouring South Asian countries and beyond. It touches upon a host of thematic areas such as human capital; social exclusion; institutional governance; poverty alleviation; role of electronic and social media; the Fourth Industrial Revolution; unfair laws and legal systems; fiscal rules and regulations; transport corridors; a deteriorating global climate; ultra-nationalism; human rights and violence against women. This collaborative effort of some 30 authors from 10 countries seeks to demystify these issues and chart a way forward, while explaining, as clearly as possible, the most pressing policy questions and the different policy positions that define them. Our hope is that those actively involved in such debates - as thought leaders, change agents, and strategists - will be able to draw on the penetrating reflections and learnings to help generate new ideas that spur action towards

the common goal of achieving sustainable development and regional connectivity.

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History

Islam Versus Islam : An Ideological Conflict in Pakistan 1947

– 1977 / Prof. Fateh Muhammad Malik

Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2019

viii, 178p.

9789693532333

1. History – Islam – Pakistan.

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The Probable Origins of Lahore and other Narrations / Abdul Majid Sheikh

Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2019

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Stories on Ustad Daman, Edhi and Lahore's Sadhu / Abdul Majid Sheikh

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Abdul Majid Sheikh

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Politics

Soul Rivals : State Militant and Pop Sufism in Pakistan /
Nadeem Farooq Paracha

Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2020

128p.

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\$ 35.00 / HB

284gm.

Sufism has always been a contested space in Pakistan. Successive governments, political parties and religious organizations have attempted to co-opt it or reject it to suit their own political agendas. Since the turn of the millennium, however, the Pakistani government has made a conscious effort to recast Pakistan as a 'Sufi country'—a whitewashing endeavor. In the past few decades, Pakistan's image has taken a severe beating, ravaged as the country is by the rise

of religious extremism. A focus on the synthetic culture of Sufism was seen as a way to reverse this damage without the need to explore more secular narratives and alternatives as almost every attempt at genuine reform has triggered extreme reactions from the politico-religious segments of the society that were empowered through various controversial constitutional amendments and laws between 1974 and the late 1980s. *Soul Rivals* discusses the many strands of Sufism (State, Pop and Militant) that have emerged in the course of the country's attempts to re-imagine Sufism. In this close look at the religion-political space in Pakistan, Nadeem Farooq Paracha is as insightful as he is entertaining.

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