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Torn between America and China: Elite Perceptions and Indonesian Foreign Policy / Daniel Novotny

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Aceh: History, Politics and Culture / Arndt Graf, Susanne Schroter & Edwin Wieringa (Edited)

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Democratization and the Issue of Terrorism in Indonesia / Norbert Eschborn, Joyce Holmes Richardson & Henriette Litta (Edited)
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Indonesia Today: Problems & Perspectives: Politics and Society Five Years into Reformasi / Norbert Eschborn, Sabrina Hackel & Joyce Holmes Richardson (Edited)
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Burma or Myanmar? The Struggle for National Identity / (Ed) Lowell Dittmer
Singapore : World Scientific, 2010
xiv, 380p
Includes Index
978-981-4313-64-3
\$ 98.00

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Burma, also known as Myanmar, strategically located between China and India, is one of the largest and most richly endowed states in Southeast Asia. Yet it remains both economically and politically underdeveloped. Why is this so? We argue that much of the reason has to do with an ongoing struggle for national identity. This struggle involves not only whether the state should be authoritarian or democratic, but how Burma's myriad ethnic minorities should be accommodated within it, what external reference national reference groups the country should identify and align with, and how it should move forward. Identity formation normally occurs much earlier in the national developmental process, but Burma has had unusually intransigent problems that were never successfully resolved during the colonial period and have simply been suppressed by force since then. This protracted divisiveness has stunted the nation's modernization and growth.

Written from a unique perspective, this book on Myanmar deviates from the traditional authoritarian versus democratic rhetoric. Although that is certainly part of the picture, this multifaceted analysis focuses rather on the issue of identity formation — an issue that has all too often failed to make the headlines. Much can be learned from Myanmar's identity problems, making this book essential reading for all students and professionals

interested in development studies or comparative politics. By whatever name, Burma is not only a fascinating country but one likely to play an increasingly vital role in Asia's future.

CHINA AMONG UNEQUALS : Asymmetric Foreign Relationships in Asia /Brantly Womack
Singapore : World Scientific, 2010
552p.
978-981-4295-27-7
\$ 130.00

China Among Unequals presents asymmetry theory, a new paradigm for the study of international relations, derived from China's relationships with its neighbors and the world. The first collection of its kind, it brings together key writings on the theory and its applications to China's basic foreign policy, particularly towards the United States and the rest of Asia.

Starting with an exploration of the general theory of asymmetry, with particular attention given to such topics as human rights, soft power, regionalism, and asymmetric wars, the book then moves on to the fundamentals of China's external relations, looking at the complexities created by its scale and broad range of neighbors. Traditional imperial relationships are analyzed, as well as China's more recent emphasis on multipolarity. The third section deals with US–China ties –China's most important relationship, and the only one in which it is in the more vulnerable position. The final section treats in detail the relationships between China and its Asian neighbors, including Southeast Asia and the complicated multilateral situations of Korea and Taiwan.

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Asian Maritime Power in the 21st Century: Strategic Transactions: China, India and Southeast Asia / Vijay Sakhuja
Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2011
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