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Anthropology

Tribal Worlds of the Eastern Himalaya and Indo-Burma Borderlands / Edward Tuite Dalton
Bangkok : White Lotus Co. Ltd., c2007
v.; 29 cm.
Includes Index and Plates.
978-974-480-104-3
$ 53.00

[Tribal Worlds of the Eastern Himalaya and Indo-Burma Borderlands is the first compete reprint of Edward Tuite Dalton’s Descriptive Ethnology of Bengal in more than 130 years. The term “Bengal” in Dalton’s time referred to what are now the Indian states of Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Tripura, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Megalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland and the present-day country of Bangladesh. The new title is a more geographically precise description of the lands and people treated in this classic ethnography. Each tribe described by Dalton is portrayed in stunning lithographs that convey a sens of immediacy free of the staging common to Victorian ethnographic Photography. The reader will discover a precious record a tribal world now all but vanished. As languages and cultures disappear, books like Dalton’s become sole reminders of our immensely rich human diversity.]

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Exploring Ethnic Diversity in Burma / Edited by Mikael Gravers
Denmark : NIAS Press, c2007
xx, 283 p. : ill ; 22 cm
Includes Maps and Index.
NIAS Studies in Asian Topics Series : No. 39
87-91114-96-9
$ 30.00

[While the image of modern Myanmar/ Burma tends to be couched in human rights terms- and especially of a heroic Aung San Suu Kyi opposing an oppressive military regime- in reality there are several conflicts with ethnic and religious dimensions, as well as political and ideological differences between the opposition and the ruling military regime. This is not surprising in a country where 30% of the population and much of the land area are non-Burman, and where contradictory tendencies towards regional separation versus unitary rule have divided the people since before independence. In what is probably the most comprehensive study of Burma’s ethnic minorities to date, this volume discusses the historical formation of ethnic identity and its complexities in relation to]
British colonial rule as well as to the modern state, the present situation of military rule and its policy of ‘Myanmarification’. Changes of identity in exile and due to religious conversion are also analysed and discussed.

Finally the book deals with relevant and recent anthropological and sociological theoretical discussions on the ethnic identity, boundaries and space of all the main ethnic groups in Burma. It probes into the complexity and diversity of ethnicity in Burma and it provides more details and up-to-date information than previously collected in one volume.

Environment

Seahorses of Myanmar / Tin Tin Aye and Khin Swe Wynn
Myanmar : U Kyaw Hunn, 2006
95 p. ; ill. : 20 cm.
$ 12.00

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Foreword
Introduction
Acknowledgements
Behavious and Ecology
Classification of seahorses
Parts of a seahorse
Collection sites of seahorses in Myanmar
Seahorses of Myanmar
Seahorse and its relatives
References.]

Sesame in Myanmar / Nyein Set Lin
Myanmar : The Department of Agricultural Planning (Support by Myanma Agriculture Service)
107 p.; 26 cm.
Includes Photographs.
$ 20.00

[Contents:
Chapter 1: The Life Cycle of Sesame
Chapter 2: The History of Sesame in Myanmar
Chapter 3: The Cultivation of Sesame and its Traditional Customs
Chapter 4: The Utility of Sesame
Chapter 5: All Weather Sesame
Chapter 6: Appropriate Technology and High Yields
Chapter 7: Types of Sesame and Difference Strains
Chapter 8: Production and Trading
Chapter 9: Farm Machinery used on the Cultivation of Sesame]

General

Myanmar Yellow Pages 2006
11th Edition
Yangon : IMEX (Myanmar) Co., Ltd.
636 p. ; ill.: 26 cm.
$ 20.00
History

Never shall we be enslaved – DVD / Directed by Kyi Soe Tun
Myanmar : Myat Mi Khin Film Production, 1997
$ 30.00

[The story dates back to 1885, during the reign of King Thibaw, when the two arch-rivals, the British and the French were meddling in Myanmar’s internal affairs in the name of cooperation with some Myanmar officials of the then fragile administration while trying to have an edge on each other in the hope of exploiting the country’s natural resources. As a result the administration was split up into small groups with those who trusted the British and who trusted the French while the rest did not trust any aliens at all. But they had one thing in common. That was to safeguard the Kingdom from any foreign intervention. However, with their monarch fallen into the hands of the British intruders and taken into exile on the 26th of November, 1885, a wave of patriotism swept across the whole country and, thereafter, the people of Myanmar began to wage armed struggle against the British administration. That scene, of course, reflected the reminiscence of the farewell of Myanmar’s last king and, thus the British annexation of Upper-Myanmar rang down the curtain on Myanmar monarchy. This film has recalled the unfortunate history of Myanmar in a vivid description through the excellent performances of those who play the characters in the last days of the Kingdom of Myanmar.]

Early Landscape of Myanmar / Elizabeth H.Moore
Bangkok : River Books Co., Ltd, c2007
271 p. ; ill. ; 24 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
974-9863-31-3
$ 35.00

[This book describes the emergence of the Buddhist landscapes of Myanmar. The authoritative text is farmed by the artifacts, sites and ecology of Upper and Lower Myanmar, with coverage of the Paleolithic, Neolithic, Bronze-iron chiefdoms that preceded Hindu-Buddhist Walled polities of the first millennium AD. Views and descriptions of sites, many not published in English before, include Letpanchibaw, Htaukmagon-Moegyobyin, Badigon, Tagaung, Halin, Sriksetra.]

A Self-Portrait of a Myanmar / Kyawt Maung Maung Nyunt
Myanmar : Thwe Than Publishing House, c2005
503 p. : ill ; 21 cm
$ 18.00

The Legendary Heroes of Myanmar / San Lin Tun
Yangon : Mudita Books, 2006  
44 p. ; ill. : 18 cm.  
$ 5.00

Myanmar Historical Research Journal Number (16) December 2005  
Yangon: Universities Historical Research Centre 2005.  
219p, 24cm  
Half-Yearly*  
$ 15.00

Myanmar Historical Research Journal Number (17) June 2006  
Yangon: Universities Historical Research Centre 2006  
144 p, 24cm  
$ 15.00

Memories of Myanmar Vol: 1 (Aspects of Myanmar Culture Series)  
Yangon : Cho Tay Than Publishing House, 2006  
419 p. : ill ; 21 cm  
$ 18.00

A Journey in Time Family Memoirs: (Burma, 1914-1948) / Wai Wai Myaing  
Lincoln : iUniverse, c2005  
xiv, 210 p.; 22 cm.  
Includes Bibliography.  
0-595-35651-6  
$ 39.95

[A Journey in Time is a nostalgic journey into the lives of Burmese family during a period of intense political strife and turmoil. Since Burma lost its royalty and independence after the Anglo Burmese Wars in 1886, the fight for freedom never really ceased for its people. Burmese Nationalist, like Bogyoke Aung San, seize the opportunity to regain independence with the Japanese invasion of British Burma during World War II. Nonetheless, an oasis of peace is enjoyed by its people with the establishment of the rule of law in the country. Burma enters the world stage as the biggest exporter of rice, and its rich resources are developed on an unprecedented scale. Journey in Time chronicles this period in the lives of the Myaing family and their friends as it highlights the fascinating cultural and personal details that make them unique and interesting.]

Law

Myanmar Laws, 2005  
Yangon : Office of the Attorney General, 2005  
107 p. ; 20 cm.  
$ 20.00

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1. The Law Amending the Transfer of Immoveable Property Restriction Law (Law No.1 / 2005)  
2. The State Supplementary Appropriation Law, 205 (Law No. 2 / 2005)  
4. The Law Amending the Workmen’s compensation Act, 1923 (Law No. 4 / 2005)  
5. The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law (Law No. 5 / 2005)  
6. The Board of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Law (Law No.6 / 2005) }
Linguistics

An Introductory Course in Myanmar Language
Yangon : Wisdom Power Co., Ltd, c2006
283 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes Index with CD ROM
1-599-75070-8
$ 80.00

[An introductory Course in Myanmar Language is the first Myanmar language book and CD-ROM written by a Myanmar university teacher for foreign community. It is also the first series of software packages for learning Myanmar to be published by the University of Foreign Languages, Yangon, Under the supervision of Professor U Tin Shwe, U Aung Win Naing, who has taught the Myanmar language to foreign learners at the U.F.L, Yangon, for several years, has made a laudable attempt in compiling materials for this software package to further the teaching of Myanmar.]

Technical Dictionary : English to Myanmar
Myanmar : [SN]
295 p. : ill ; 20 cm
$ 15.00

Myanmar-English Thesaurus & Dictionary
Yangon : Situnn Myanmar, 2006
1v.; 29 cm.
$ 30.00

Official Publications

Myanmar Statistical Yearbook 2004
Yangon : Central Statistical Organization, 2004
Xviii, 442 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
Includes a Map
$ 60.00

Myanmar : Central Statistical Organisation, 2006
xv, 333 p. ; 26 cm
With Tables and Charts
$ 50.00

The Union of Myanmar Ministry of Forestry Myanma Timber Enterprise
Myanmar : [S.N], 2006
33 p. ; ill. ; 21 cm.
$ 8.00

Politics

Myanmar : State, Society and Ethnicity / N. Ganesan and Kyaw Yin Hlaing
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, & [Co. Pub. Hiroshima Peace Institute, Japan], c2007
This volume focuses on some of the most important and topical questions about Myanmar. Many of these issues have not been sufficiently researched, comprehensively compiled, and comparatively examined within the broader Southeast Asian context. Especially important contributions in the book pertain to issues of historical influence and political considerations that have shaped the dominant thinking within the state and the level of human security in the country. The three major ethnic groups in the country—Karen, Kachin, and Shan—are also studied in detail. Some of the negotiations between the Karen and Kachin ethnic insurgent group representatives on the one hand, and the military junta on the other, are spelled out in detail. An important corollary finding is the importance of religion and religious personalities in brokering peace between the ethnic groups and the military government. Finally, the book deals with how the various ethnic groups are trying to cope with decades of conflict and reconstruct their communities.

Burma and Japan Since 1940: from ‘co-prosperity’ to ‘quiet dialogue’ / Donald M. Seekins
Denmark: Nias Press, c2007
x, 181 p.; 22 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
87-91114-98-5
978-87-91114-98-4
1. Burma- Foreign relations- Japan
2. Japan- Foreign relations- Burma
3. Japan- Foreign relations-1945
4. Japan- Foreign relations-1948
$ 35.00

Modern Burma (Myanmar) is very much a creation of World War II (when the British colony was occupied by the Japanese) and its immediate aftermath. These years saw the rise of Aung San and his assassination, as well as the establishment of military forces by the Japanese (subsequently evolving into today’s ruling junta) and a sharp escalation of inter-ethnic antagonism and violence. Today the military regime continues to survive despite strong opposition at home and abroad. Its resilience is often explained in human rights terms or by reference to close military engagement with drug-dealing warlords. What is less recognized, however, is that not everywhere is Burma an international pariah state. By its inclusion within their fold, the ASEAN states have worked hard to ‘normalise’ Burma, and China has provided strong backing for the military regime. The Japanese government, which gave massive amounts of development aid to Burma before 1988, has pursued a policy of ‘quiet dialogue’ as a non-confrontational way of promoting economic and political reform. Tracing Burma-Japan relations since 1940, this volume analyses the ambiguities of Japan’s policy of ‘quiet dialogue’ in an international climate of economic competition and big power rivalry. The author provides not only an analysis of post-war Japanese diplomacy and aid programmes but also new material and insights on the ongoing story of Burma itself.

Political Authority in Burma’s Ethnic Minority States: Devolution, Occupation, and Coexistence / Mary P. Callahan
xi, 94 p.; 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
Policy Studies 31 (Southeast Asia)
978-981-230-462-9
ISSN : 1547-1349
2. Shan State (Burma)-Politics and government.
$ 19.90

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Religion – Buddhism

The Ladi Dhamma On Nibbana / Maha Thera Ledi Sayadaw
Yangon : Mother Ayerwaddy Publishing House, c2006
236 p. ; 22 cm.
$ 12.00

The Buddhist way of Daily Life / Sayadaw U Uttamasara
Myanmar : U Htun Mya Aung, 2006
215 p. ; 21 cm
$ 15.00

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Religion – Christianity

Our Theological Journey : Writings in Honor of Dr. Anna May Say Pa / Edited by Festschrift Committee
Insein : Myanmar Institute of Theology, c2006
iii, 186 p. ; 23 cm
$ 25.00

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Ecumenical Resources for Dialogue: Between Christians and Neighbors of other Faiths in Myanmar / Edited by Samuel Ngung Ling
Yangon: Judson Research Center, 2004
178 p.; 24 cm
$ 20.00

[This book entitled, Ecumenical Resources for Dialogue between Christian and neighbors of other faiths in Myanmar, is the first attempt of its kind published especially for Seminaries, Theological Colleges and Bible Schools under the umbrella of the Myanmar council of Churches and the Association for Theological Education in Myanmar (ATEM).

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Myanmar: Myanmar Institute of Theology, 2007
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ISSN 1992-7924
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2nd Edition
Yangon : Today Publishing House Ltd., 2006
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