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Economics/Development Studies

Protecting Free Trade : The Hong Kong Paradox 1947 - 97 / Lawrence Mills
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012
ix. 182p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789888083985
\$ 35.00 / HB
422gm.

Protecting Free Trade is the story of a paradox that both limited and stimulated Hong Kong's post-war economy. In order to preserve its access to open markets, Hong Kong was obligated by international agreements to accept restraints on its exports; and in order to sustain growth, Hong Kong had to subject its largest industry — textiles — to a massive network of restrictions. *Protecting Free Trade* examines how Hong Kong handled, by negotiation, attempts by developed economies to limit international trade through protective measures. The central argument is that, far from stifling Hong Kong's industry, restrictive international trade agreements became a stimulus for economic success by creating a sellers' market in which Hong Kong was the dominant supplier. The book is also a personal memoir by someone who was deeply involved in policy formulation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139501>

China by Numbers 2012 / Sarah Reeve
Hong Kong: China Economic Review Publishing (HK) Ltd., 2012
v. 240p. ; 21cm.
ISBN-13: 9789881909138
\$ 48.00 / HB
432 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139475>

Understanding Economic Growth in China and India : A Comparative Study of Selected Issues / Yanrui Wu

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012

xii. 161p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814287784

\$73.00 / HB

448 gm.

Due to their sheer size and stake in the global economy, China and India have long been identified as the two giant economies of Asia. This book presents a highly engaging comparative study on the economic growth of China and India by examining the significance of the role of productivity in economic growth as well as their relations with regional partners. Through detailed analysis of trade, services, energy and pollution, readers are invited to follow the two distinctive development trajectories taken by the two countries, as well as challenged to consider the issue of sustainability of growth in the future.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139502>

China-Eu Trade Disputes and Their Management / Kong Qingjiang

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012

ix. 189p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814273404

\$88.00 / HB

494 gm.

The European Union (EU) has now become the largest trade partner of China. While Sino-US trade relations and particularly the high-profile trade disputes between the US and China get considerable academic attention for geopolitical reasons, less research has been done on the Sino-EU trade disputes that gradually loom large on the horizon. This book delves into the trade disputes between China and the EU and identifies the causes for trade disputes. It examines how the disputes will shape China-EU trade relations, and offers a macro overview on how the issues can be resolved or at least how they should be managed. This timely book sheds light on Sino-EU trade disputes, putting these in global perspective and enriching the literature in this regard.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139503>

Quantitative Analysis of Newly Evolving Patterns of International Trade : Fragmentation.

Offshoring of Activities, and Vertical Intra-Industry Trade / Robert M Stern (Editor)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012

xxxii. 498p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814383479

\$158.00 / HB

890 gm.

Quantitative Analysis of Newly Evolving Patterns of International Trade offers a variety of perspectives on new forms and developments of international trade and related activities for Japan, the United States, China, and some other important trading countries, to develop new methods and data for measuring the factor contents of emerging new modes of international trade. Such methods and data are crucially important for evaluating impacts of the new modes on factor markets in the United States, Japan, and other major trading countries, and also for forecasting the future development of world trade and foreign direct investment (FDI), evaluating welfare gains from trade, estimating impacts of free trade agreements, and designing effective trade and FDI policies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139504>

China's Industrial Development in the 21st Century / Mu Yang and Hong Yu (Editors)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Pte. Ltd., 2011
xi. 256p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814324748
Series on Contemporary China – Vol. 27
\$ 78.00 / HB
522 gm.

This unique book intends to provide a focused analysis of the main Chinese industrial sectors through case studies, data analysis and review of new state-initiated policies. In response to the global economic crisis in the short run and to cope with the existing structural problems of production in the long run, the Chinese central government has successively released new development outlines for 10 key industries since 2008. In this book, the authors will use key sectors including automobile, steel, shipbuilding, high-speed railway and new energy, to analyze the development of China's industries, along with their challenges and future prospects.

The effectiveness of state-oriented policies in rejuvenating these industries will be evaluated. After discussing the background and motivations for the new government-initiated policies, through detailed analysis of these policies, the authors will assess the contribution they have made to industrial development. The authors will also identify and analyze existing and potential challenges to sustainable development of China's industries. How did the industries respond to climate change and the development of a low-carbon economy in China? What measures have been taken by these industries to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission and reduce overall energy consumption? What are the latest developments in China's industrial sector in terms of technological progress and upgrading? What are the potential challenges facing the industrial sector in the post-economic crisis era? This study intends to address these issues.

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Renaissance of Asia : Evolving Economic Relations Between South Asia and East Asia / Pradumna B Rana (Editor)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012
xxv. 250p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814366502
\$108.00 / HB
522 gm.

A recent study by the Asian Development Bank notes that by 2050, Asia's per capita income would rise six-fold to reach Europe's levels today, one of many indications of Asia's "re-emergence". By then, Asia's share of global GDP would have doubled and it would have regained the dominant economic position it once held some 300 years ago before the industrial revolution.

This unique book argues that, led by the economic dynamism and "re-encountering" between China and India, we are witnessing the "Renaissance of Asia". As in the bygone eras, Asia is integrating within itself and the global economy is intensifying, now driven by market-oriented production networks and economic policies. Asia is starting to be "re-centered" as trade and investment relations between South Asia and East Asia surge. Asia's rise is a restoration of the past, not a revolution. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the economic development of Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139506>

Globalization and Localization : The Chinese Perspective / Deng Zhenglai (Editor)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
xxiv. 259p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814374408
Series on Developing China — Translated Research from China - Vol. 3
\$90.00 / HB
530 gm.

The aim of this book is to provide the international readership a collection of articles authored by Chinese scholars on the subject of globalization and localization. In a world where no country is an island isolated from others, globalization is bound to be contested, debated, and de- and re-constructed at different levels across the international community. For this very reason, it is important to present this concept as developed, interpreted and discussed by the Chinese community.

The scope of book is broad, ranging from theoretical reflection to more concrete opinions given by the Chinese academic community, and finally to case studies on globalization and localization. It includes eleven articles by leading Chinese scholars in the past decades.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=137584>

Econometric Modeling of Japan and Asia-Pacific Economies / Soshichi Kinoshita (Editor)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
xxiii. 203p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814368629
Econometrics in the Information Age: Theory and Practice of Measurement - Vol. 5
\$85.00 / HB
532 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=137586>

China's Reality and Global Vision : Management Research and Development in China / Siwei Cheng, Cunjun Zhao, Xiaohong Chen and Yong Shi (Editors)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
ix. 348p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814287906
\$132.00 / HB
662 gm.

This unique book presents the contemporary achievements in management research and managerial practice of Chinese enterprises. Featuring a collection of keynote and plenary speeches by well-known international scholars and CEOs of multinational and national corporations, this book puts forth their solutions to management challenges from both China's reality and global concerns. Comprehensively discussed and examined, the various topics being broached are strategic management; organizational behaviors; accounting and finance; management science; information and technology management; as well as innovations. This book not only highlights the cutting-edge findings of management research in China but is also a reflection of the changes of management theory and applications in the face of China's economic reform and open-door policy; hence making it a useful resource for readers interested in China's management and economic development.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=137588>

Migrant Workers in China / Changfu Han
Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia Pte. Ltd., 2011
xx. 254p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814336734
\$ 79.95 / HB
508 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=137079>

The Legends of CEIBS : China's World Class Business School / Li Yuqing
Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia Pte. Ltd., 2011
xxxiv. 287p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814296250
\$ 39.90 / HB
626 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=125683>

The China Foreign Enterprise Directory 14th Edition 2012 CD-ROM
Hong Kong: Sino Media, 2012
CD ROM
US\$ 600.00

The China Foreign Enterprise Directory 14th Edition 2012 CD-ROM* version provides fast flexible functions to search companies. It includes all the data in the print version and more. This CD-ROM is a powerful research and marketing tool to help you succeed in your marketing campaigns in China.

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Education

Sociology and Anthropology in Twentieth-Century China: Between Universalism and Indigenism / Edited by Arif Dirlik with Guannan Li and Hsiao-pei Yen
Hong Kong : Chinese University Press, 2012
384p.; 23cm.
9789629964757
\$ 52.00

Within this text, the contributors provide a historical perspective on the development of anthropology and sociology since their introduction to Chinese thought and education in the early twentieth century, with an emphasis on the 1930s and 1980s. The authors offer different windows on theoretical and research agendas of anthropologists and sociologists of the PRC and Taiwan, shaped as much by their political context as by disciplinary training. In examining the careers of several individual scholars, they also make note not only of their creative contributions, but also of the resonance of their intellectual concerns with contemporary issues in sociology and anthropology (culturalism, frontiers, women). Finally, the volume is organized loosely around the problem of how to translate these disciplines into a Chinese context(s), the issues of "indigenization" (bentuhua 本土化) or "making Chinese" (Zhongguohua 中國化), which have haunted the two disciplines since their establishment in the 1930s because of the contradictory expectations that they generate. This is where the case of China resonates with similar concerns in other societies where the disciplines were imported from abroad as products of a Euro/American capitalist modernity, conflicting with aspirations to create their own localized alternative modernities.

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Transforming History: The Making of a Modern Academic Discipline in Twentieth-Century China / Edited by Brian Moloughney and Peter Zarrow
Hong Kong : Chinese University Press, 2012
444p.; 23cm.
9789629964795
\$ 52.00

Transforming History examines the profound transformation of historical thought and practice of writing history from the late Qing through the mid-twentieth century. The authors devote extensive analysis to the common set of intellectual and political forces that shaped the study of history, from the ideas of evolution, positivism, nationalism, historicism, and Marxism, to political processes such as revolution, imperialism, and modernization. Also discussed are the impact and problems associated with the nation-state as the subject of history, the linear model of historical time, and the spatial system of nation-states. The result is a convincing study that illustrates how history has transformed into a modern academic discipline in China.

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Learning to Emulate the Wise: The Genesis of Chinese Philosophy as an Academic Discipline in Twentieth-Century China / Edited by John Makeham
Hong Kong : Chinese University Press, 2012
416p. 23cm.
9789629964788
\$ 52.00

Learning to Emulate the Wise is the first book of a three-volume series that constructs a historically informed, multidisciplinary framework to examine how traditional Chinese knowledge systems and grammars of knowledge construction interacted with Western paradigms in the formation and development of modern academic disciplines in China. Within this volume, John Makeham and several other noted sinologists and philosophers explore how the field of "Chinese philosophy" (Zhongguo Zhexue) was born and developed in the early decades of the twentieth century, examining its growth and relationship with European, American, and Japanese scholarship and philosophy. The work discusses an array of representative institutions and individuals, including FengYoulan, Fu Sinian, Hu Shi, Jin Yuelin, Liang Shuming, Nishi Amane, Tang Yongtong, Xiong Shili, Zhang Taiyan, and a range of Marxist philosophers. The epilogue discusses the intellectual-historical significance of these figures and throws into relief how Zhongguozhexue is understood today

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General

Leon Rosenfeld : Physics, Philosophy, and Politics in the Twentieth Century / Anja Skaar Jacobsen
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012
xii. 354p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814307819
\$82.00 / HB
656 gm.

Léon Rosenfeld (1904–1974) was a remarkable, many-sided physicist of exceptional erudition. He was at the center of modern physics and was well-known as Niels Bohr's close collaborator and spokesman. Besides he reflected deeply on the history and philosophy of science and its social role from a leftist perspective. As both actor and acute spectator of

modern physics and as a polyglot cosmopolitan whose life crossed those of many important people in both the East and West, as well as by virtue of his close collaboration and friendship with Bohr, Rosenfeld was an important figure in twentieth century physics. His biography illuminates the development, popularization, and reception of quantum physics and its interpretation in addition to the development of the political Left. The book draws extensively from previously untapped, unpublished sources in more than five languages.

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Fengshui in China : Geomantic Divination between State Orthodoxy and Popular Religion / Ole Bruun

Second Revised Edition

Copenhagen S, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2011

xxvi. 305p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9788791114571

Man & Nature in Asia Series No. 8

\$ 34.90 / PB

426 gm.

For well over a century Chinese fengshui, or geomancy, has fascinated Western laymen and scholars. The focus of this academic study is on fengshui's significance in China and the author's argument that fengshui serves as an alternative tradition of cosmological knowledge which is used to explain a range of everyday occurrences (especially in rural areas) such as disease, mental disorders, accidents and common mischief. This paperback edition of the 2003 hardback details the spread of fengshui to urban areas where it has been widely adopted in the construction industry.

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History

Shanghai Policeman / E. W. Peters

Hong Kong: Earnshaw Books, 2011

xvii. 247p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789881998385

\$ 24.00 / PB

330 gm.

Shanghai in the 1930s was one of the world's most dangerous cities, with kidnappings and murders daily occurrences. British police officer E.W. Peters of the Shanghai Municipal Police takes us down the city's dark lanes and alleys, through a crime-ridden underworld of brothels, opium dens and gambling parlors. This often riotous, true-crime chronicle is filled with colorful criminals, fumbled police raids and gross misunderstandings, one of which lands the author on trial for murder. A must-read for those interested in old Shanghai at its most exciting, with a new foreword by China historian Robert Bickers (The Scramble for China and Empire Made Me).

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An End To A War : A Japanese Soldier's Experience of the 1945 Death Marches of North Borneo / Ueno Itsuyoshi

Kota Kinabalu: Opus Publication, 2012

xx. 122p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789833987436

\$ 52.00 / HB

A beautifully written Japanese soldier's memoir of the North Borneo tragedy of 1945, *An End to a War* tells the story of Ueno Itsuyoshi, a late draftee into the Japanese Army in World War II. Ueno and his fellow soldiers came to Borneo expecting to fight and die for the Emperor, but instead most died of exhaustion, starvation and disease. This is undoubtedly the best eye-witness description we have of the horror of the death marches that took the lives of many thousands of Japanese, Australian, British and, indirectly, local people. Few of those who were ordered to march from the east coast ever arrived at their destinations on the west coast. Ueno's story provides a broader context to the infamous Sandakan-Ranau death marches of Allied POWs, a few of whom he met briefly on his trek.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139513>

Red Rock : The Long, Strange March of Chinese Rock & Roll / Jonathan Campbell

Hong Kong: Earnshaw Books, 2011

263p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789881998248

\$ 24.00 / PB

338 gm.

Rock and roll – rebellious, individualistic, explosive – seems incongruent with modern Chinese society. But as the music has evolved from a Western import into something uniquely Chinese, it has shaped and been shaped by China's unique system and its relationship with the outside world. *Red Rock* looks at the people and events that have created Chinese rock's unique identity, and tracks the music's long journey from the Mao years to present. After boiling below the surface for over twenty years and now emerging from a thriving underground scene, Chinese rock may be ready to smash its guitars on the global stage.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=137580>

The Trans-Pacific Imagination : Rethinking Boundary, Culture and Society / Naoki Sakai & Hyon Joo Yoo

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012

xix. 330p. ; 24cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789814324137

1. East Asia – Civilization
2. Postcolonialism and the arts
3. Nationalism – East Asia – History

\$ 108.00 / HB

628 gm.

This anthology critically re-examines and re-articulates the discursive boundary that binds the region called East Asia in order to produce Trans-Pacific Studies. Recognizing that the creation of regional boundaries depends on a new configuration of both inter- and intra-national power relations and the ideological constructs that generate historical, ideological, and cultural effects, this volume proposes that the term "trans-Pacific" be mobilized to complicate the phrase "East Asian" as the boundary of academic discipline and socio-cultural discourse. The anthology also examines the historical conditions under which "East Asia" was constructed as an area and the trans-Pacific directives that nurtured the sense of nationality in each component nation of East Asia.

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Hu Jintao : China's Silent Ruler / Kerry Brown
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012
xxv. 230p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814350020
\$45.00 / HB
500 gm.

Over the six-month period from late 2012 to early 2013, Hu Jintao, the President of the People's Republic of China, Chair of the Central Military Commission, and Party Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), will relinquish at least two of his three positions. According to the constitution of the CCP, his time as Party head will come to an end, given that he has already served for two terms. Well over the supposed retirement age of 68, he will have to hand over the leadership of China to a new generation of leaders at the 18th Party Congress in Beijing. In Chinese politics, the act of retirement is surprisingly difficult, but Hu Jintao is widely known for his reserve and reticence; there is little doubt that he could disappear into a quiet and anonymous retirement if he so desires.

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Remembering China From Taiwan : Divided Families and Bittersweet Reunions After the Chinese Civil War / Mahlon Meyer
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012
x. 234p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789888083862
\$ 30.00 / HB
516gm.

At the close of the Chinese Civil War, two million Chinese fled from the victorious communist army under Mao Zedong. They fled across a long ocean strait to the island of Taiwan where they waited for almost fifty years, dreaming of their lost homes and relatives left behind, aging and living out their lives as defeated, cursed people. But when both Taiwan and China began to become wealthy, the two sides allowed cautious exchanges. The split families met up again. There was hope, joy, sorrow, and disasters. Yet the losers of the Chinese civil war, who had endured for so long, now found a new reason to persevere: they no longer hated their enemies. In fact, they now wanted to join them.

This book draws on oral histories with Kuomintang loyalists in Taiwan to show their painful struggles with family, friends, and relatives back in the mainland, their hopes and disappointments, the effects on a changing society and political situation in Taiwan, and the dynamics of cross-strait relations shared by millions on both sides of the Taiwan strait.

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Law

Hong Kong Taxation 2011 – 12 Edition : Law & Practice / Ayesha Macpherson Lau and Garry Laird
Shatin, Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2011
liv. 847p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789629964863
\$ 43.00 / PB
1140 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=137958>

Chinese (Taiwan) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs Volume 27 (2009) / Ying-jeou Ma (Editor)

London: CMP Publishing Ltd., 2011

xx. 514p. ; 26cm.

ISSN: 0731-0854

\$ 125.00 / HB

1230 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136937>

Literature

Eileen Chang: Romancing Languages, Cultures and Genres / Edited by Kam Louie

Hong Kong : Hong Kong Universities Press, 2012

312p.; 30 b/w illus. ; 23cm.

9789888083725

\$ 25.00

465gm.

Eileen Chang (1920–1995) is arguably the most perceptive writer in modern Chinese literature. She was one of the most popular writers in 1940s Shanghai, but her insistence on writing about individual human relationships and mundane matters rather than revolutionary and political movements meant that in mainland China, she was neglected until very recently. Outside the mainland, her life and writings never ceased to fascinate Chinese readers. There are hundreds of works about her in the Chinese language but very few in other languages.

This is the first work in English to explore her earliest short stories as well as novels that were published posthumously. It discusses the translation of her stories for film and stage presentation, as well as nonliterary aspects of her life that are essential for a more comprehensive understanding of her writings, including her intense concern for privacy and enduring sensitivity to her public image.

The thirteen essays examine the fidelity and betrayals that dominate her alter ego's relationships with parents and lovers, informed by theories and methodologies from a range of disciplines including literary, historical, gender, and film studies. These relationships are frequently dramatized in plays and filmic translations of her work.

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Doubled Shadows 重影 (Bilingual Title: Simplified Chinese & English) / Ouyang Jianghe

歐陽江河·Translated from Chinese by Austin Woerner

Hong Kong : Chinese University Press, 2012

144p.; 21cm.

9789629964917

\$ 18.00

The JINTIAN [今天] series of contemporary literature features new and innovative writing from mainland China and abroad. Titles in the series are edited by Bei Dao, Lydia H. Liu, and Christopher Mattison.

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A Phone Call from Dalian 來自大連的電話 (Bilingual Title: Simplified Chinese & English) / Han Dong 韓東 · Translated from Chinese by Nicky Harman, Maghiel van Crevel, Yu Yan Chen, Naikan Tao, Tony Prince, and Michael Day
Hong Kong : Chinese University Press, 2012
144p.; 21cm.
9789629964924
\$ 18.00
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139518>

Official Publications

The Republic of China Yearbook 2011
Taipei, Taiwan: Government Information Office, 2011
xi. 576p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789860294439
\$ 120.00 / HB
1080 gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=138020>

Philosophy

Daxue and Zhongyong: Bilingual Edition / Translated and Annotated by Ian Johnston and Wang Ping
Hong Kong : Chinese University Press, 2012
576p.; 23cm.
9789629964450
\$ 80.00 / HB

For the past eight hundred years, the study of Confucian doctrine has been largely dominated by the crucial works known as the "Four Books": the Analects, the Mencius, the Daxue, and the Zhongyong. In their original forms, the Daxue and Zhongyong were two of the more than forty chapters of the larger Li ji (Book of Rites), only gaining prominence thanks to the Song Neo-Confucian scholar Zhu Xi.

In this groundbreaking text, Ian Johnston and Wang Ping have translated both of these versions of the Daxue and Zhongyong, one version as chapters of the Li ji that contain the influential commentary and notes of Zheng Xuan and Kong Yingda, and the second after they were reorganized into standalone works and reinterpreted by Zhu Xi. Johnston and Wang also include extensive explanatory and supplemental materials to help contextualize and familiarize readers with these supremely influential works.

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Politics

Europe and China: Strategic Partners or Rivals? / Edited by Roland Vogt
Hong Kong : Hong Kong Universities Press, 2012
300p.; 23cm.
9789888083886
Global Connections
\$ 30.00
450gm.

Casting new light on Sino-European relations, this volume challenges the official rhetoric of "constructive engagement" and "strategic partnership" between Europe and China, by revealing the internal and external limitations and constraints of their interaction. The contributions illustrate that Europe and China are not static, monolithic, and unitary entities. Sino-European relations are becoming a complex web of economic, diplomatic, social, and cultural interlinkages and are driven by numerous actors with often diverging interests. While trade has been a dominant factor in this relationship, Europe and China are now tied together by more than commercial exchanges. Concerns about energy and climate change, human rights and policies towards Africa, geostrategic considerations, as well as a pervasive anxiety about China's rise in Europe are now important elements of this relationship. In the absence of common borders or strategic interests in each other's regions, Sino-European affairs are cordial and friendly, but also remain distant and vague. The growing quantity of interactions has so far not led to a qualitative upgrade of the relationship. Both sides continue to be secondary partners to each other. Misperceptions, false expectations, and a general lack of understanding of each other's internal drivers of policy continue to be major obstacles for improving ties between Europe and China.

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China and Its Second Rise : Myths, Puzzles, Paradoxes, and Challenge to Theory / James C. Hsiung

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012

xx. 319p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814324717

\$99.00 / HB

620 gm.

This book seeks to demystify the re-ascendancy of China as a civilization state. China's politics and society are examined in the light of its living civilization, which is the only one of the ancient civilizations that has survived to this day. The book also contrasts China's development with that of the West and Japan. By combining the impact of internal political and socio-economic developments in China and its external relations (from the silk routes, the tribute system, to the modern day), it unravels the existing myths, puzzles, and paradoxes surrounding China and questions the adequacy of most of the Western political theories (such as realism in international relations) in an attempt to explicate China's re-emergence as a world power. It attempts to tackle squarely the question: Is China a threat to world order?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139521>

The China Wave : Rise of A Civilizational State / Zhang Weiwei

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ptd. Ltd., 2012

xiv. 190p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9781938134005

\$54.00 / HB

524 gm.

This is a best-seller in China and a geopolitical book for our times. As a leading thinker from China, Zhang Weiwei provides an original, comprehensive and engrossing study on the rise of China and its effective yet controversial model of development, and the book has become a centerpiece of an unfolding debate within China on the nature and future of the world's most populous nation and its possible global impact. China's rise, according to Zhang, is not the rise of an ordinary country, but the rise of a different type of country, a country *sui generis*, a civilizational state, a new model of development and a new political discourse

which indeed questions many of the Western assumptions about democracy, good governance and human rights. The book is as analytical as it is provocative, and should be required reading for everyone concerned with the rise of China and its global implications.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=139522>

Reform, Governance and Equity : Exploring the Sociopolitical Implications of Contemporary China's Transformation / Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh (Editor)
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, 2011
1v. ; 23cm.
ISSN: 2180-3250

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This book sheds light on 'contact moments' between Japanese male-queer culture and that of the West in the postwar period, and critiques various contemporary examples of persistent Orientalism and nativism. Focusing on a range of Japanese as well as English male-queer materials including magazines, memoirs and cybertexts, Suganuma shows how the interactions of the two cultures affected the subject formation process of queer selves. The instances examined range from the hentai magazines of the 1950s and their depiction of men who had sex with foreign men (mostly American servicemen); the depiction of race in the magazine Barazoku; John Whittier Treat's memoir of his sabbatical in Japan and his depiction of his own Orientalism; the writings and strategies of OCCUR and Fushimi in the 1990s; and the GJN news site.

The author sees the depiction of and reaction to Japanese men who had sex with foreigners in the hentai magazines as part of a larger pattern of representation manifesting gender anxieties among Japanese men (both heterosexual and homosexual) who found themselves feminized by defeat in the war. He draws on Dyer's understanding of whiteness as a flexible default position in his discussion of Barazoku, but argues that in this case Japaneseness is the default position and whiteness is othered. In his final chapter, he argues for an understanding of the activities of GJN also as a space of mediation rather than simply as a wholesale importation of American or 'global gay' culture. Suganuma argues that the binaries of cross-cultural comparison (local/global, Japan/West, acts/identities, and us/them) can be generative and productive as well as repressive and reductive.

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East Asian pop culture can be seen as an integrated cultural economy emerging from the rise of Japanese and Korean pop culture as an influential force in the distribution and reception networks of Chinese language pop culture embedded in the ethnic Chinese diaspora. Taking Singapore as a locus of pan-Asian Chineseness, Chua Beng Huat provides detailed analysis of the fragmented reception process of transcultural audiences and the processes of audiences' formation and exercise of consumer power and engagement with national politics.

In an era where exercise of military power is increasingly restrained, pop culture has become an important component of soft power diplomacy and transcultural collaborations in a region that is still haunted by colonization and violence. The author notes that the

aspirations behind national governments' efforts to use popular culture is limited by the fragmented nature of audiences who respond differently to the same products; by the danger of backlash from other members of the importing country's population that do not consume the popular culture products in question; and by the efforts of the primary consuming country, the People's Republic of China to shape products through co-production strategies and other indirect modes of intervention.

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