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Anthropology / Archaeology

Pratnatattva – Journal of the Department of Archaeology, Vol. 26, June 2020 [Bangladesh] / (Exec. Ed) Bulbul Ahmed Dhaka: Department of Archaeology, Jahangirnagar University, 2020 1v. ISSN: 1560-7593 \$50.00 / PB 292gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=781463 Pratnatattva - Journal of the Department of Archaeology, Vol. 27, June 2021 [Bangladesh] / (Exec. Ed) Md. Masood Imran Dhaka: Department of Archaeology, Jahangirnagar University, 2021 1v. ISSN: 1560-7593 \$50.00 / PB 216gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=781464

Biography/Memoirs

My Father My Bangladesh / Sheikh Hasina (Ed) Dr. Rashid Askari (Translator) Sunandan Roy Chowdhury Dhaka: Osman Gani of Agamee Prakashani, 2021 72p. 9789840422050 \$ 20.00 / HB 270gm.

প্রধানমন্দ্রীর লিখিত 'শেখ মুজিব আমার পিতা' গ্রন্থের নির্বাচিত ৬টি প্রবন্ধের অনুবাদ এ গ্রন্থে স্থান পেয়েছে৷ প্রবন্ধগুলো: Bangladesh Wins Freedom, My father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Memories of Tungipara and the Future of Rural Bangladesh, The Murder of Sheikh Mujib and the Attack on Our Young Nation, The House on Dhanmondi Thirtytwo, A Pilgrimage of the Nation. <u>http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=766680</u>

A War Heroine, I Speak / Neelima Ibrahim (Translator) Fayeza Hasanat

Dhaka: Translation, Textbook and International Relations Division, Bangla Academy, 2017

156p.

9840756516

\$ 30.00 / HB

322gm.

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Bangabandhu and Bangladesh / North South University (NSU) Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 xxviii, 432p. Includes Index English & Bengali Languages 9789845062954 \$ 41.00 / HB 888gm.

This book is all about the lifelong struggles that Bangabandhu had pursued for the independence of a promising country called Bangladesh. In the year of his 100th birthday, the accounts of Bangabandhu's life have been revealed by eminent scholars and writers from across the world. The chapters in this book include records of his life in Gopalganj, Kolkata, and Dhaka, his involvement in the Language Movement, provincial politics, and finally, in the national and global arena. Many of these write-ups are essays on his days in prison in West Pakistan during the Liberation War and on the crucial speeches he delivered before and after Bangladesh's independence. This anthology has been enriched by the contributions of Bangabandhu's contemporaries, which were edited by an experienced editorial team. The chapters cover essential historical turning points, such as the famous Six-Points Programme, the Pakistani military junta's oppression, the Agartala Conspiracy Case, his campaign for the national election of 1970, and how he finally enshrined Bengali nationalism, leading to the creation of Bangladesh. His visionary attempt to turn a fledgling country into a Sonar Bangla or Golden Bengal would remain the key to his remembrance in the days to come.

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Ecology/Environment

Monographs on Threatened Freshwater Fishes of South Asia / (Ed) Shiba Shankar Dhaka: SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, 2017 xiv, 306p. 9789843434548 \$ 150.00 / HB 1724gm.

The Monograph on Threatened Freshwater Fishes in South Asia contains geographical distribution, threat status, habitat, species description, biology, conservation measures and a short bibliography of 138 threatened fishes found in freshwater areas of South Asian. The vernacular names listed are a selection of names from individual countries in member states, in particular from areas where the fish is common. The synonyms and vernacular names are those names used internationally and locally. The lists are not complete but reflect the names appearing in official databases. The fishes featured in this monograph were selected by the experts in the field, duly nominated by the respective SAARC member country governments. The purpose of the monograph is to: (1) provide detailed information of the species and threat status, in order to facilitate their conservation by member states; (2) provide models to assist mesber States in developing their own monographs for these or other fishes; (3) facilitate information exchange among member states; and (4) establish joint strategic plans for management of resources, most of which are of inter-state interests. This book is aimed at policy planners, regulatory authorities, environmentalists, conservationists, research scientists, and other fisheries and aquaculture professionals.

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Economics/Development Studies

Readings in Bangladesh Development, Volume I and II / (Eds) K.A.S. Murshid, Minhaj Mahmud & Kazi Iqbal Dhaka: Bangladesh Institute of Developmenty Studies, 2021 1v. 9789849491729 (V.1) ; 9789849491712 (V.2) \$ 80.00 / HB 2826gm.

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Living Conditions : Tea Garden Workers of Bangladesh / Md. Afrazur Rahman Bangladesh: Palok Publishers, 2021 82p. 9789848143698

\$ 25.00 / HB

248gm.

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Securing Food For All in Bangladesh / (Ed) Akhter U. Ahmed, Nurul Islam & Mustafa K. Mujeri Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 xxvi, 598p. Includes Index 9789845063715 \$ 65.00 / HB 908gm.

The availability, access, and consumption of nutritious food is extremely important. Despite declining arable agricultural land, Bangladesh has made substantial progress in boosting domestic food production, improving access to food by increasing household income, and enhancing nutritional outcomes. Nevertheless, the challenges to food and nutrition security remain formidable. Future agricultural growth and food and nutrition security are threatened by population growth, worsening soil fertility, diminishing access to land and other scarce natural resources, increasing vulnerability of crop varieties to pests and diseases, and persistent poverty leading to poor access to food. In addition, the impacts of climate change—an increase in the incidence of natural disasters, sea intrusion, and salinity—will exacerbate food and nutrition insecurity in the coming decades if corrective measures are not taken.

In this context, this book presents an array of research that collectively focus on securing food for all in Bangladesh. Specifically, this book has 15 chapters that address four broad issues: (1) agricultural technology adoption; (2) input use and agricultural productivity; (3) food security and output market; and (4) poverty, food security, and women's empowerment. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782940

<u>Law</u>

Anti-Generic Learning and Rebellious Lawyering Reflections on Legal Education in Bangladesh / Mizanur Rahman Dhaka: Bijoy Prakash, 2018 208p. 9789849342564 \$ 22.50 / HB 394gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=502863

<u>Literature</u>

Indian Elements in the Works of W.B. Yeats, T.S. Eliot and Aldous Huxley / Khan Sarwar Murshid Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 xx, 236p. Includes Bibliography \$ 20.00/ HB 480gm.

The book deals with themes of eternal concern such as right conduct and moral responsibility, the relationship between the physical and the metaphysical, notions of time and infinity, and the search for truth, justice, enlightenment and inner harmony. At its core is embedded a quest for the values that must define human existence. Disillusioned by man's capacity for evil after the great wars, Western scholars began to look east in search of moral certitude. Vedanta as philosophy, its idea of the Absolute Principle represented by Brahman, concepts of renewal and continuity embedded in the knowledge that 'all that has been shall be again', along with Buddhist concepts of right conduct and worldly detachment, seemed to provide for an orderly vision. Yeats, Eliot and Huxley all sought solace in the philosophy and culture of India. Together, they represented 'a phase in the consciousness of Europe'. In their search for intellectual and moral certitude, each embarked on a personal journey determined by their connection to Christianity, the nature of society and relationships they valued. The colonised East thus exacted its revenge on the Western mind, ironically by opening up new frontiers of intellectual exploration.

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In The Name of Thy Father / Md. Fakrul Islam Chowdhury (Foreword) Kamal Chowdhury Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 xii, 180p. 9789845062909 \$ 24.00 / HB 592gm.

In the Name of Thy Father is a collection of 100 poems written as a tribute to the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to celebrate his centennial birth anniversary. Bangabandhu has always been a larger than life figure, who transcends, the mortal, the real, and the material. Bangabandhu remains, decades after his untimely death, the most influential and far reaching inspiration for each and every member of this nation till today. This collection of poems is a humble attempt to remember, reflect, and recapture both the essence of Bangabandhu and his legacy, and the way in which Bangabandhu remains relevant for us till today. The universe that the poems in this collection attempts to create is a fictional one, but at the same time not entirely ahistorical. Time is not linear here. The poems juxtapose multiple voices. The main theme that connects the dots is a conversation between a father and his daughter. The readers are taken through a journey to re-construct, reimagine and represent a reality that is not bound and limited by the time space, historical-geographic context, and attempts to explore alternative, parallel realities, worlds of what ifs and what could have been, as well as what were and what are! http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782942

Golden Bangladesh at 50 : Contemporary Poems and Stories / (Ed) Shazia Omar Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 viii, 156p. 9789845062985 \$ 20.00 / PB 324gm.

From the liberation of the nation to the loneliness of the pandemic, these stories and poems, by writers at home and abroad, celebrate 50 years of Bangladesh. Through train rides and birthday cakes, triumphs and betrayals, love and loss and magic, they offer us a glimpse into the vastness of what it means to be Bangladeshi. Featuring authors Mahmud Rahman, Nadeem Zaman, Sabrina Ahmad, Zeeshan Khan, MK Aaref, Kaiser Haq, Neeman Sobhan, Arif Anwar, Sabahat Jahan, Lubna Mariam, Pracheta Alam, Nahyan Ameen, Nadia Kabir Barb, Abeer Y. Hoque, Shabnam Nadiya, Maria Chaudhuri, Salahdin Imam, Namira Hossain, Farah Ghuznavi, Munize Manzur and Iffat Nawaz, edited by Shazia Omar.

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Official Publications

1v. \$ 70.00 / PB 1454gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=781462

<u>Politics</u>

Genocide and Mass Violence : Politics of Singularity / (Ed) Imtiaz Ahmed Dhaka: Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS), 2019 xxviii, 284p. **Includes** Index 9789843463210 \$50.00 / HB 554gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749014 Ensuring Life Without Terror : Responses to Terrorism in Bangladesh, Volume 1 and 2 / (Ed) Imtiaz Ahmed & Monirul Islam Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 2v. 9789845063753; 9789845063760 \$82.00 (Set) / HB 1074gm.

A terror-free Bangladesh would require an objective, nonpartisan research and analysis on the state of terrorism, albeit not on an *ad hoc* basis but a protracted, institutional basis, with as many viewpoints as possible. However, any objective research and analysis on terrorism would require a thorough combination of theory and practice. This is where Bangladesh remains far behind some of the countries (Norway, UK, Singapore) that have made an impact when it comes to devising policies in preventing and countering terrorism. Bangladesh is not a latecomer in terrorism (we had our share of left-wing terrorism in the 1970s and religio-centric terrorism since the late 1980s), yet no institutional mechanism developed thus far for combining theory and practice of terrorism. In this context, the CTTC-CGS collaboration is an exception, particularly in the quest of the two institutions to combine theory and practice. However, there is no guarantee that the CTTC-CGS collaboration will find all the answers to the task of preventing terrorism. The hope

lies in the fact that the collaboration would help not only in overcoming the pitfalls of colonial policing, the legacy of which still exists but also in providing space to social and civil entities to engage in policing and preventing terrorism actively. This would certainly go a long way in organizing and reproducing a life without terror in Bangladesh. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782944

Narratives of Bangladesh : Culture History and Politics / Mubashar Hasan Dhaka: Prothoma Prokashan, 2020 183p. Includes Bibliography 9789849436195 \$ 35.00 / HB 338gm.

This book offers narratives of Bangladeshi politics, history, society and culture. Within the current political climate where narratives of the country are at the forefront of establishing hegemony and countering hegemony, this book takes a nuanced approach to decipher what Bangladesh means. How does a researcher make sense of an evolving Bangladesh bypassing pressures and challenges of depicting the "right narrative?" Against this backdrop, in search of a neutral ground, the author have penned these articles over the period of five years. The objective is purely academic. Therefore the writings are open for interpretation and discussion. As a writer who grew up in the Dhaka city in the Cold War period, went to the university during the global expansion of capital in Bangladesh, Mubashar Hasan captures a changing Bangladesh through multifaceted narratives on mainstream politics, religious politics, history, secularism, free speech, violent extremism, blogging, liberal arts education, human trafficking, Rohingya crisis, Indo-Bangladesh enclave exchange and hip hop and rap music. This is a book that paints an overview of the country that is exciting, dynamic and constantly changing.

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Covid-19 and Bangladesh : Response, Rights and Resilience / (Eds) Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Nichole Georgeou & Anis Chowdhury Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 xvi, 138p. **Includes** Index 9789845062961 \$30.00 / HB 340gm.

This compilation aims to provide readers with an insight into the diversity of Bangladesh's experience in the first 25 weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. The sixteen analytical snapshots examine how different populations adapted to the public health crisis. They highlight why an understanding of the socio-political and economic impacts of COVID-19 is necessary to inform and determine strategies for sustainable economic recovery, resilience and inclusive social development, and that for Bangladesh to thrive, universal public health and social protection systems must be the central focus of reforms and policy initiatives. This cross-institutional publication promotes a policy approach of active restraint to enable the presence of public goods provision, redistributive actions, macro-financial interventions and structural policy reforms. By capturing the country's initial response, this book provides a useful reference for policy makers, academics and students interested in the intersection of social policy and disaster response in South Asian societies. nttp://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782946

An Internal Matter : The U.S., Grassroots Activism and the Creation of Bangladesh / Samuel Jaffe Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021 xii, 326p. Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789845062978 \$ 25.00 / HB 562gm.

An Internal Matter tells the story of the many activists in America who supported the campaign for Bangladesh's independence in 1971. Shifting attention away from diplomatic figures, this work draws upon new evidence and interviews with participants to highlight the ordinary people who challenged the Nixon administration's pro-Pakistan stance. From the shores of Manpura and the streets of Dhaka to American living rooms and the halls of Congress, this book injects a valuable dose of social history into international conversations about the war's legacies. In doing so, it offers a powerful new vision for international and global studies of the Liberation War: a people's history of the mukti sangram abroad.

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