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## Anthroplogy/Archaeology

Ancient Khmer Sites in North-eastern Thailand : Khorat, Buriram and the Angkor – Phimai route / Asger Mollerup
Bangkok: White Lotus, 2018
xiv, 274p. ; fully illus. in col., with CD, 150x215mm.
9789748434360

Temples, Khmer -- Thailand, Eastern.

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\$ 35.00 / PB 494gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461798

## Art

The Timeless Heritage of Thailand / Jim Wageman (Foreword) William Chapman Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2019 304p. Includes Index 9786162151514 \$ 60.00 / HB 1310gm.

From artifacts of ancient pre-Thai civilizations to achievements of the Thai kingdom in the early twentieth century, the enduring vestiges and persistent vitality of Thai heritage continue to entice visitors, residents, and researchers. Photographer and author Jim Wageman traveled to both well-known and little-visited sites throughout Thailand to capture images that convey the breadth and intricacy of the country's heritage. Wageman presents his images in a gorgeous layout that is matched by solid, well-researched captions

and explanations. Beautiful and incisive, *The Timeless Heritage of Thailand* is an outstanding compendium for anyone fascinated by the treasures of Thailand's cultural heritage.

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Thai Silver and Nielloware / Paul Bromberg (Photographer) Paisarn Piemmettawat (Ed) Narisa Chakrabongse Bangkok: River Books Co., Ltd., 2019 232p. ; 329 Photographs & 2 Maps. Includes Index ; Bibliography 9786164510142 \$ 60.00 / HB 896gm.

This lavishly illustrated guide to highly collectible Thai Silverware and Nielloware. With over 400 photographs this stunning guide is both essential for the collector as well as the newcomer to these beautiful objects Thai silver and Nielloware display exquisite craftmanship and design that rivals better-known genres of silver from Asia. However, there has to date been little written about this fascinating subject. Examining the history and scope of specified Thai silver and Nielloware production dating from the early 19th century to the present, as well as the various forms and designs utilized, long-term collector Paul Bromberg provides a single reference source for both newcomers and seasoned collectors alike.

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**Economics/Development Studies** 

Thai Multinationals and Global Value Chains/ Pavida Pananond Bangkok: Charernrath Printing, 2018 xviii, 228p. Includes Index 9786164741706 \$ 25.00 / PB 276gm.

Global value chains are reshaping how countries and firms are interconnected. The spread of global value chains in many industries makes it a powerful concept to explain the economic reality of the twenty-first century. This book examines the international expansion activities of Thai firms from a global value chain perspective. By examining firm-level details of Thai multinationals' overseas activities, this book sheds light on how Thai firms can use international expansion to navigate their participation in global industries and to turn it into a long-term growth strategy.

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## **History**

Siam-Myanmar Relations Through The Perspective of Ayedawbon Treatises / Soe Thuzar Myint, Ph.D Bangkok: Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, 2018 xii, 288p. 9786164073876 \$ 35.00 / PB 512gm.

Researchers into Myanmar history have found the Ayedawbon treatises to be a highly significant literary genre which provide a record of historical events next in importance to the Myanmar chronicles. The Myanmar term 'Ayedawbon' is synonymous with the Thai term, Chotmaihet or Kotmaihet and it deals with accounts or reports of particular events. Owing to circumstances, never before has anyone attempted to translate these famous works into the English language. Soe Thuzar Myint has translated the sections involving Siam-Myanmar relation from these Ayedawbons into English, thus making it available to scholars of both countries and of the rest of the world. She also provides a full account of 7 Ayedawbon treatises and highlights on comparative studies in the literature and history of Myanmar and Thailand. This book is a major contribution to the history of Southeast Asia from 16th to 19th century.

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News From the 90s : Bangkok 1890 – 1899 / Steve Van Beek Bangkok: Nomart Co., Ltd., 2018 168p. 9786169317104 \$ 80.00 / HB 1140gm.

The 1890s were a pivotal decade for Thailand and the world. With his new book, News from the 90s, Steve Van Beek takes us back 120 years to an era that played out each afternoon in the pages of the Bangkok Times newspaper. Revealed is a vivid city with a dynamic populace who displayed a profound engagement with events, a fascination with novelty, and a hope for the new century.

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#### <u>Law</u>

ASEAN and the Responsibility to Protect : Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar / Thu Anh Nguyen Bangkok: Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, 2018 xi, 184p. Includes Bibliography \$ 30.00 / PB 316gm. The Responsibility to Protect, commonly abbreviated as R2P, was first mentioned in the report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS) in 2001 and adopted in the World Summit Outcome Document by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005. Accordingly, states and the international community are obliged to be responsible for protecting its citizens from four crimes – genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity. The first R2P-related case in Southeast Asia can be found in the post-Cyclone Nargis situation. The book discusses the question why a natural disaster compelled the application of R2P even though it is initially not a R2P-type crime. In order to show the normative grounds for the evolution of R2P in ASEAN, the book adopts the theory of Norm Localization which points out the conditions for a new norm to be accepted and developed in the local context. The congruence between the external norm of R2P and the regional practice of human rights protection and promotion will be clearly shown.

The book also attempts to explain the impacts of R2P concept on ASEAN in dealing with the human insecurity after the Cyclone Nargis happened in Myanmar in 2008. Under international pressure of possible military intervention in the name of R2P, the norm entrepreneur played a vital role in negotiating to bridge the junta and the international community and facilitate humanitarian assistance.

The successful localization of R2P by ASEAN in its effort to handle this man-made catastrophe has implications on ASEAN's institutional changes when it comes to human rights protection in future.

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#### **Linguistics**

100 Thai Words That Make You Sound Thai / Stephen Saad (Ed) Kru Yuki Second Edition Bangkok: Arun Press, 2018 172p. 9781911079149 \$ 30.00 / PB 226gm.

#### For Intermediate Learners

Stephen Saad has spent over ten years working, living and traveling in Thailand. He never found a book that is neither a beginner's basic book nor a weighty academic tome but a book that explains the Thai you hear every day in Thailand. So he wrote one! A book that is aimed at those foreigners who can already speak Thai to a basic level but struggle to form longer sentences or speak naturally using everyday Thai as they do in English. '100 Thai words that make you sound Thai' gives the learner the key connecting words, time context words, comparison words, exclamations and other words that are key to forming whole sentences and describing thoughts and situations beyond basic level. Crucially, this book delivers all of this in a non-stuffy way with plenty of tips and insight as if Steve is talking to you and sharing what he has learnt over the years, rather than giving you a course in Thai grammar. Finally, Steve has used a totally new concept involving assigning indicator icons and a scale of 1 to 5 to words to indicate the feel of the word and therefore, the appropriate context in which it should be used. For example, many words in Thai are used more by women than men and while men using these words is not against any rule whatsoever, they can sound a little strange doing so. The 'female' indicator icon highlights these words and the rating between 1 to 5 gives some indication of how feminine the word is. No other book gives learners of Thai this type of insight into the Thai language.

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• Extensive advice on not just what to learn but how to learn Thai! http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461812

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## <u>Literature</u>

Creative Folklore in Thailand Today / Siraporn Nathalang Bangkok: The Chulalongkorn University Press, 2018 176p. 9789740338260 1. Folklore – Thailand 2. Creativity in literature \$ 24.00 / PB

\$24.00 / 220gm.

Creative folklore means folklore that is currently reconstructed and redefined in contemporary society. Creative folklore includes the transmission and application of traditional folklore social contexts with new purposes; the re-interpretation of the meaning of folklore; the use of folklore in order to add value to a local product and / or the use of folklore to the ethnic identity in contemporary social contexts. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461814

The Blind Earthworm in the Labyrinth : A Novel / Veeraporn Nitiprapha (Translated) Kong Rithdee Bangkok: River Books, 2018 208p. 9786164510135 \$ 25.00 / PB 226gm.

On the day Chareeya is born, her mother discovers her father having an affair with a traditional Thai dancer. From then on, Chareeya's life is fated to carry the weight of her parents' disappointments. She and her sister grow up in a lush riverside town near the Thai capital, Bangkok, captivated by trashy romance novels, classical music and games of make-

believe. When the laconic orphan, Pran, enters their world, he unwittingly lures the sisters into a labyrinth of their own making as they each try to escape their intertwined fates. The original Thai language edition of The Blind Earthworm in the Labyrinthwon the prestigious South East Asian Writers ("S.E.A. Write") Award for fiction and was a best-seller in Thailand. It is translated into English by Thai film critic and recipient of France's Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Kong Rithdee. Attuned to the addictive rhythms of a Thai soap opera and written with the consuming intensity of a fever dream, this novel opens an insightful and truly compelling window onto the Thai heart. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461817

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### **Official Publications**

The Smoking and Drinking Behaviour Survey 2017 Bangkok: Social Statistics Division, National Statistical Office, 2018 xvi, 290p. ISSN: 1906-2354 \$ 35.00 / PB 848gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461819

ISSN: 1905-7628 \$ 30.00 / PB

342gm.

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# **Politics**

Asian Review, Vol. 31, No. 1, 2018 : Migration and the Challenges of Social Inclusion and Integration / (Ed) Supaporn Phokaew Bangkok: Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, 2018 96p. ISSN: 0857-3662 ; 9778880000397 \$ 25.00 / PB 136gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461827

#### **Religion-Buddhism**

Beauty of Buddhism : Writings of Bhikkuni Dhammananda / Bikkhuni Dhammananda (Dr. Chatsumarn Kabilsingh) (Ed) Dr. Shanker Thapa Bangkok: Thai Tibet Center, 2018 174p. 9789742602994 \$ 20.00 / PB 226gm.

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