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**Anthropology**

**A New God in the Diaspora? : Muneeswaran Worship in Contemporary Singapore /**  
**Vineeta Sinha**  
Singapore : NUS Publishing (And) NIAS Press, Denmark, c2005  
xv, 339 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.  
Includes Bibliography and Index  
87-91114-95-0  
\$ 35.00

[A New God in the Diaspora explores the worship of a Hindu deity known as Muneeswaran in contemporary Singapore. The strong presence and veneration of this male deity on the island, and the innovative styles of religiosity now associated with him, justify calling muneeswaran a 'new god' in the Indian diaspora. In examining Muneeswaran, Vineeta Sinha documents a neglected aspect of local Hinduism and the ritual domain surrounding guardian deities (kaaval deivam). She also considers a broader question, asking why this deity, brought from Tamilnady to Malaya more than 170 years ago, has developed a powerful appeal for young Singaporean Hindus three and four generations removed from their Indian origins. Her discussion of these issues provides an ethnographic documentation of urban-based Hindu religiosity in contemporary Singapore, and makes an important contribution to the global study of diasporic religious experience.]

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**Ritual is Theatre, Theatre is Ritual : Tang-ki :Chinese Spirit Medium Worship /**  
**Margaret Chan**  
Singapore : SNP International Publishing Pte. Ltd., c2006  
184 p. ; 23 cm.  
Includes Bibliography and Index

981-248-115-X  
\$ 32.90

[Tang-ki worship is a signifying cultural performance of the Hokkien people, the largest community of the Chinese diaspora who live mainly in Taiwan and Southeast Asia, yet the worship has attracted scant scholarly attention, largely because it is perceived by the educated as a superstitious practice of illiterates.

There are no sacred texts, nor canons, nor dogmas in tang-ki worship. Margaret Chan's seminal investigation into tang-ki worship reveals aspects of it that hitherto have never been recorded. These include the drama and history of tang-ki worship; the costumes, make-up and props used in performance; the religious significance of tang-ki rituals; the notion of tang-ki training; and the performance scripts used by tang-kis. The social dynamics of tang-ki worship as communal theatre are also discussed and a provocative hypothesis as to the religious nature of traditional Chinese theatre forms is argued. It is held that the very act of theatre, the taking on of an image by an actor, is a transmogrifying ritual where a mortal transforms into a god.

The book richly documents the history and ritual background to spirit mediumship, but also its dramaturgical dimension, including music, movement, costumes, make-up, weapons, props and training. This book will be of interest to the general reader and the specialist alike.']

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## **Architecture**

Contesting Singapore's Urban Future / William Siew Wai Lim  
Singapore : Asian Urban Lab [Dist: Select Books Pte. Ltd., Singapore], c2006  
vii, 102 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.  
981-4022-31-4  
In English & Chinese  
\$ 12.00

[Contents:  
Preface  
Singapore's Future – Beyond the Entrapment of Eurocentric Modernity  
Success & Crisis – The Singapore Story  
The Making of a Creative City  
Pictures  
Footnotes.]

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New Landscape Architecture / Nicolette Baumeister  
Singapore : Page One Publishing Private Limited, c2006  
448 p. : ill. ; 34 cm.  
981-245-316-4  
\$ 110.00

[Landscape architecture mediates between nature and architecture – it links evolved and built-up environments. Landscape architecture runs the gamut of very different presentations of free spaces: sometimes strict, sometimes playful, powerful or reserved, provocative or almost unnoticeable. It comprises spacious natural and

cultural landscapes, peaceful, almost intimate inner courtyards, town squares and parks, and installations outside buildings where people live and work.

New Landscape Architecture reflects on the aesthetic and ecological effects of landscape architecture on public spaces. The publication provides an overview of more than one hundred ways of structuring free spaces from the German-speaking countries, such as the outdoor installations of the Allianz Arena in Munich, the Potsdamer Platz in Berlin, the Landesgartenschau 2006 (2006 Horticulture Show) in Wernigerode and the redesigned lake basin in Zurich. Detailed text, photographs, plans, and drawings provide insights into each project. The one thing of all these projects have in common is that they create and structure free spaces as spaces for people to live in.]

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Sketch-Plan-Build : World Class Architects Show How It's Done / Alejandro Bahamon  
Singapore : Page One Publishing Private Limited, c2006

495 p. : ill. ; 26 cm.

7-5381-4610-5

In Chinese and English

\$ 70.00

[This book brings together the drawings, sketches, and finished photographs of more than thirty prestigious international architects. With its 500 fully-illustrated pages, Sketch Plan

Build is a diverse graphic tour that starts with the sketch, extends to drawings, and concludes with finished photographs-providing the reader with a profound insight into the design process of today's most respected architects.]

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## **Art**

Painted Journey / Edited by Ben Munroe

Singapore : Gregory Burns, 2005

200 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.

981-05-2128-6

Works of Gregory Burns

\$ 70.00

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Living Colours : Works of Art from the Times Collection / Lindy Poh

Singapore : Marshall Cavendish International (Asia) Private Limited, c2005

80 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

Includes Index.

981-261-072-3

1. Painting, Singapore

2. Painters - Singapore - Biography

3. Singapore - In art

\$ 38.00

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[Living Colours, featuring 21 artists and nearly 100 works of art, many of which have never been seen in public previously, is published in conjunction with the donation of the Times Collection to the National Heritage Board.

The Times Collection was conceived in the years shortly after Singapore's independence in 1965 and enjoys a strong representation of art pieces produced in the 1970s to 1980s by some of the leading artists in Singapore. One unusual aspect of the collection was that a significant number of works were specially commissioned.

The rationale for the selection of works and the brief to the artists was to capture the rapidly changing landscape of a developing Singapore-selecting what were to them, vanishing trades, landmarks or scenes, locations that were marked with shared memories, or communities that appeared under threat of disappearing with urban development. The result were works full of the colour, character and flux of the 1970s. They not only capture the geographic or location specificities of that time (Which include buildings, roads and sites that have changed beyond immediate recognition), but also the spirit and sensibilities of that time.

Within this publication, the works are organised in three themes. The first looks at shared and lived experiences and mark a moment in time. The Second grouping showcases works that have engaged tradition in media and materials. Last but not least, the third group presents paintings that follow the artistic expressions and trends of the times.

For those of us who have lived through the 1970s, this book is a collector's item, capturing images of bygone days and unleashing an abundance of memories – scenes of [ portable cinemas, meat markets, alley hawkers and flea markets that have been mostly phased out of our cultural and lived landscape within a generation. This is the perfect keepsake to preserve the memories of yesteryear.]

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Russell Wong Photographs 1980-2005 / Russell Wong  
Singapore : Epigam Books, c2005  
160 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.  
981-05-2682-2  
\$ 60.00

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## **Business**

Asian Retailing : Trends, Challenges, Strategies / Edited by Thomas Tan Tsu Wee  
Singapore : Prentice Hall, Pearson Education South Asia Pte Ltd, c2006  
xvi, 256 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.  
Includes Bibliography  
981-244-958-2  
\$ 29.90

[Is Retailing more important than Marketing? This intriguing question is explored in the context of the plethora of unrecognizable brands, fragmentation of mass markets, failing promotions and the fact that as much as 70 percent of purchase decisions are made on the merchandising. This book attempts to restore retailing to its rightful place as the cornerstone for success in business. The book provides a comprehensive introduction to all aspects of retailing and merchandising including the fundamental elements of retail management and organizational activities in countries across Asia. It covers systematically four different aspects of retailing; namely an overview of retailing in Asia, country trends in the six countries of Singapore, China, Japan, India, Hong Kong and Thailand, strategies of specific retailers such as Wal-Mart in China, and a separate section on retail merchandising. In the exciting and ever evolving world of retailing and its growing importance in Asia, this book is essential reading for anyone who is even remotely associated with retailing – it is as relevant to business people as it is for consumers.]

Impediments to Cross-border Investments in Asian Bonds / Douglas Arner  
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2005  
xii, 58 p. ; 23 cm.  
981-230-361-8  
\$ 12.90

[Following the Asian financial crisis, the development of local currency bond markets in each of the APEC economies as well as regional bond markets has received the highest priority among financial markets policy-makers. Bond markets are considered as an alternative vehicle for domestic savings mobilization and also as a critical means of mitigating the dual mismatch problems of currency and maturity. However, tangible achievements have yet to materialize. The appeal of Asian bonds as evidenced by cross-border investments is dismally insignificant.

Given the limited level of market activities associated with foreign investment in Asian bonds and with the supply of local currency or foreign currency denominated bonds issued by foreign borrowers in Asia, this study is designed to identify the types of impediments to cross-border investment in Asian bonds and to propose policy recommendations.]

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India-Singapore CECA : Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, The Investor's Guide / Wong Partnership  
Singapore : LexisNexis, c2006  
xx, 445 p. ; 24 cm.  
Includes Index.  
981-236-473-0  
\$ 90.00

[Countries today are finding it effective to compete globally and drive domestic growth by reducing trade barriers and strengthening bilateral economic ties with neighbouring countries via free trade agreements. They have been effective in raising the level of commitment of countries with the mutually shared objective of advancing trade and promoting economic cooperation.

Singapore, in particular, has concluded a series of free trade agreements with neighbouring countries to increase investment flow in and out of the country.

One of the most recent and significant development for Singapore is the signing of the India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) on 29 June 2005.

The bilateral agreement, aimed at improving trade between the two countries, is also expected to open up investment opportunities in areas such as education, science, air services, media, e-commerce, intellectual property and advance flow of human resources.

Investors seeking to exploit the advantages of this agreement will be able to use this publication as an essential reference guide to facilitate their decision making process about investing and opportunities available in both India and Singapore.]

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The Investor's Guide to Singapore – 2005 edition  
Singapore : Singapore International Chamber of Commerce, 2005

xvi, 178 p. : ill. ; 26 cm.  
ISSN : 0129-5276  
\$ 18.00

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### **Communication & Journalism**

Struck by Lightning : Singaporean Voices Post – 1965 / Azhar Ghani  
Singapore : SNP International Publishing Pte Ltd., c2006  
135 p. ; 21 cm.  
Includes Index  
981-248-118-4  
\$ 14.70

[Singaporeans born after 1965 define themselves differently – not having known the deprivations of war or experienced the conditions that led to Independence, they have grown up enjoying the benefits of rapid development under unbroken one-party rule. It's singular position that has brought its share of issues for young Singaporeans, foremost amongst them the question of identity.

The 'Post-'65ers' column of The Straits Times gives a space to 'younger voices, younger opinions, younger perspectives'. Struck by Lightning provides a snapshot of the many challenges – political, cultural and social – that Singapore faces today. These are voices that acknowledge the good in Singapore but ask what else we can do to make things better.]

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Contentious Journalism and the Internet : Towards Democratic Discourse in Malaysia and Singapore / Cherian George  
Singapore : Singapore University Press, NUS Publishing, c2006  
ix, 278 p. ; 23 cm.  
Includes Bibliography and Index  
9971-69-325-9  
\$ 29.40

[The Internet has been used to democratize public discourse in Malaysia and Singapore, two countries in the zone between liberal democracies and authoritarian states. Websites that have emerged on the margins of the political system engage in a contentious style of journalism challenging the consensus that prevails throughout mainstream media in Asia.

Cherian George, a well-known Singaporean public intellectual and journalist before he embarked on an academic career, provides detailed case-studies of online alternative media sites in both countries, and examines arguments that explain their development in terms of technology and of differing norms of journalism and democracy.

This outstanding work draws on social movement studies and media studies to challenge current understandings of the relationship between media and the Internet. The book's lively style will make it relevant for anyone interested in politics and media in Malaysia and Singapore.]

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## **Economics**

Economic and non-traditional security cooperation in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) / Edited by Jorn Dosch, Colin Durkop  
Singapore : Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Singapore, c2005  
vii, 159 p.: ill.; 27cm.  
981-05-2723-3  
\$ 22.00

[The Greater Mekong Subregion(GMS), comprising china Burma/Myanmar , Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam, is among the most dynamic subregional cooperation schemes in the world. Most Observers tend to stress economic incentives as the Mekong States' main motivation in intensifying subregional co-operation. However it must be acknowledged that non-traditional security(i.e. the broad area of comprehensive security covering non-military areas such as human security, economic security and environmental security) has been an equally if not more important dimension. This book deals with these manifold aspects of cooperation in the GMS from the Perspectives of both academics and practitioners.]

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## **Education**

Asia-Europe Colloquy on Universities of Tomorrow : Luxembourg 16 – 19 February 2005 / Edited by Ramon Molina  
Singapore : Asia-Europe Foundation, 2006  
v, 111 p. ; 21 cm.  
981-05-5308-0  
Asia-Europe Colloquy on University Co-operation Series  
\$ 10.00

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## **Environment**

Technology Partnerships for Renewables: Key to Energy Security – 3<sup>rd</sup> Roundtable : Stockholm, Sweden, 26 – 28 August 2004 / Edited by Bertrand Fort  
Singapore : Asia-Europe Foundation, c2005  
vi, 272 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.  
981-05-4099-X  
\$ 20.00

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1. Summary and Synthesis of Discussion
2. Technology : What Kind of Energy is Sustainable for Various Consumption Needs?
3. From an Idea to a Market : Sustaining the Technology Innovation Process
4. Asia-Europe Platform: From Technology Transfer to Technology Exchange
5. Conclusions  
Appendices.]

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Challenging Sustainability : Urban Development and Change in Southeast Asia /  
Edited by Kim-chuan Goh [et. al.]  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish International (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd., c2006  
xxiv, 389 p. ; 24 cm.  
Includes Index  
10:981-210-307-4  
\$ 44.00

[This book in its multi-dimensional perspectives on some critical issues of urban development and change in Southeast Asia provides not only useful empirical information on how its cities are faring at present but also on the prognosis for the future. Yet this path to the future and the increased well-being of the people hinges on how its cities position themselves and what policies they will adopt.

This book provides an important exploration of the theme of urban sustainability which combines a considered and thought-provoking reflection on its environmental, economic and political dimensions together with a series of valuable and appropriate case studies from across Southeast Asia.

Presented in three parts – the first deals with physical environments including infrastructure issues, the second with broadly economic and cultural concerns, and the last with social and political perspectives – Challenging Sustainability features contributions made by a distinguished group of expert academic geographers, each documenting recent research findings that identify the complexity of problems facing the region's largest cities and highlight the various ways in which the challenges of sustainability are being met.]

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Asia-Europe Co-operation on the Environment: Towards Sustainable Forest Management [12<sup>th</sup> ASEF University, 9 – 22 July 2005 Brunei Darussalam] / Edited by Ramon Molina  
Singapore : Asia-Europe Foundation, 2005  
iii, 243 p. ; 22 cm.  
ISBN : N.M.  
ASEF University Series  
\$ 18.00

[Contents:

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1. Overview on ASEM Co-operation in the Field of the Environment and Introduction to the Asia-Europe Environment Forum
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3. Maintaining Biodiversity in the ASEAN : A Critical Evaluation
4. ASEAN and Transboundary Haze Pollution in Southeast Asia
5. European Approaches Towards Transnational Air Pollution Policies
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7. The Politics of Logging in Finland
8. Creating Sustainable Urban Development Planning Strategies and their Potential Implications for Brunei Darussalam
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Birds of Taman Negara / Illustrated Guide & Checklist by Morten Strange  
Singapore. : Draco Publishing and Distribution Pte Ltd, c2006  
120 p. : ill. ; 18 cm.  
981-05-4441-3  
\$ 15.00

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Winged Invaders : Pest Birds of the Asia Pacific : with Information on Bird Flu and  
other Diseases / Navjot S. Sodhi  
Singapore : SNP International Publishing Pte. Ltd., c2006  
184 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.  
Includes Bibliography and Index  
981-248-065-X  
\$ 39.50

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[This book focuses primarily on bird species that have invaded Southeast Asian countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and the Philippines. It includes information from elsewhere in Asia and Australasia, and also from some other newly urbanizing regions such as East Africa.

The authors give a snapshot of these feisty species, including their place in history, and their biology and life cycles. They explore questions such as: What is the reality of the role these birds play in Southeast Asian urban ecology? What are the factors promoting their increase and spread in distribution? Do they need to be managed, and if so, how? Is part of the desired management actually management of ourselves, of human lifestyles and environments?

Or should these so-called 'pests' be accepted and tolerated as part of nature? Perhaps admired for their skill in adapting to human-dominated environments and their ability to survive? Can we learn any lessons for the future from their stories? Importantly, what role do they really play in the spread of disease?

This book will be of practical use to disease specialists, scientists, government agencies, environmental managers, town council managers, town planners and architects, students, and concerned and enquiring laymen of the general public in the Asia-Pacific region.]

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Orchid Hybrids of Singapore 1893-2003 / John Elliott  
Singapore : Orchid Society of Southeast Asia, c2005  
303 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.  
Includes Bibliography and Index  
981-05-1752-1  
\$ 99.00

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[This book provides a comprehensive and readable account of all orchid hybrids originating in Singapore. It is intended for everyone with an interest in Singapore orchids, whether professional or amateur. Those who grow orchids will find it an indispensable resource. Those who admire but do not grow, will equally find interesting and informative material. The book is lavishly illustrated in colour and contains a mass of interesting historical and anecdotal information about both the

flowers and the activities of breeders in Singapore over the years.]

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## History

The Japanese : When I Was Ten / Arthur Lim  
Singapore : PG Lim Pte Ltd., 2005  
ix, 78 p. ; 22 cm.  
981-05-4649-1  
\$ 12.00

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Rock Solid : The Corporate Career of Tan Chin Tuan / Lee Su Yin  
Singapore : Landmark Books Pte Ltd., c2006  
251 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.  
Includes Bibliography  
981-4189-03-0  
\$ 30.00

[Tan Chin Tuan began his career at the Chinese Commercial Bank Ltd in 1925, aged 17. When he attained the age of maturity, he was appointed Secretary of the bank; and on the eve of its merger with Ho Hong Bank Ltd and Oversea-Chinese Bank Ltd to form the Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd in 1932, Tan had assumed the post of Assistant Manager of the Exchange Department.

In OCBC, Tan rapidly rose to become Manager of OCBC's Property Department and Manager of the bank's first subsidiary, Eastern Realty Company Ltd.

Concurrent with his rise in the banking world was his entry into public service, starting with his appointment as Municipal Commissioner in 1939. With the approach of war, he served on the Passive Defence Council and was the Divisional Commander of the Air Raid Precaution Unit.

This book details all these aspects of Tan Chin Tuan's corporate life and draws from exclusive interviews with Tan, his family and his numerous business associates, as well as his private papers.

It is an insider's account that gives not only insight into the mind of Tan Chin Tuan, the corporate giant, but also into his heart.]

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Kranji : The Commonwealth War Cemetery and the Politics of the Dead / Romen Bose  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish International, c2006  
xi, 140 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.  
Includes Bibliography and Index  
10:981-261-275-0  
\$ 13.00

[Kranji is the final resting place of the Commonwealth war dead who fought and died during the Second World War in Singapore. Although Kranji is a picture of serenity today, the cemetery's construction and the decision to relocate all war graves to Kranji was a very controversial issue in a country that had just seen the ravages of the Japanese Occupation.

Highlighting some of the lesser-known facts in the creation of this memorial, Kranji looks at how the war cemetery in Singapore was constructed and the struggles faced by the authorities in building a civilian war memorial during the tumultuous period of independence.

The book also explores British policy and attitudes towards the Japanese war dead through intriguing secret documents. Finally, Kranji discusses the opening of the war cemetery in 1957, the creation of a military cemetery and the establishment of the Singapore state cemetery.

The first book to cover the history of Kranji and remember the men and women buried on its slopes, this publication also examines the tradition of remembrance for the various groups that went through the war. A must-read for those seeking knowledge of this aspect of Singapore's history.]

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The Singapore Foreign Service : the first 40 years / Gretchen Liu  
Singapore : Editions Didier Millet, 2005  
220 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.  
Includes Bibliography and Index.  
981-4155-38-1  
\$ 49.90

[The work of the Foreign Service is largely invisible to the general public. An early Foreign Service recruitment brochure summed it up as 'to ensure that the security, prosperity and international prestige and influence of Singapore are safeguarded and promoted'. That definition still holds true. Diplomats today are involved in a wide range of activities. From the more highly visible ambassadors and political officers to those whose work is in the background – the administrative and support staff – each Foreign Service Officer plays a significant role, building on a foundation laid by the generation that learned on their feet.

This anecdotal history of Singapore's Foreign Service from the perspective of an outsider is filled with personal recollections and a fascinating collection of over 500 photographs.]

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Eternal Vigilance : The Price of Freedom / Edited by Foong Choon Hon  
Singapore : ASIAPAC Books Pte. Ltd., c2006  
279 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.  
981-229-395-7  
\$ 39.50

[The 'Tanaka Memorial', a document that mapped out Japan's imperial expansion, shocked the world when it was exposed. But Britain, the United States and other major Western powers apparently disregarded it, let alone took any precautionary and defensive measures.

In 1941, the Japanese military launched its attacks southwards from China and took over Malaya from the British colonial government who had been entrenched there for more than a century.

And so began a time of darkness and despair that would last three years and eight months. Innocent lives were lost and blood ran freely. Life was hard – an English Language teacher became a street vendor, students deprived of education became

coconut oil sellers – and those who succumbed to the invasion found solace in drinking and fumbling. But amidst the first and ruins, sparks of resilience and courage flew. Upright youths joined anti-Japanese armies in the fight for peace and freedom.

Featuring 300 wartime pictures interspersed with essays, interviews and excerpts from wartime documents, *Eternal vigilance* provides a vivid portrayal of life in Singapore before and after the Japanese Occupation. Through heartrending accounts of survivors such as Professor Maurice Baker, Justice of the Peace Lun Yue Sheong and artist Liu Kang, who witnessed many bloody massacres, the world will yet again be stirred by memories of atrocities that are deeply embedded in the history of the region.

For readers today, this book is a grim reminder to remain eternally vigilant, to guard our heritage and nationhood.]

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Transforming Lives : NUS Celebrates 100 Years of University Education in Singapore  
Singapore : Ridge Books an imprint of NUS Publishing, c2005  
96 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.  
9971-69-327-5  
\$ 35.00

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### **General**

Biblio Asia - Vol.1, Issue 2, February 2006  
Singapore : National Library Board, 2006  
38 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.  
0219-8126  
\$ 10.00

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### **Law**

The Law of Copyright in Singapore – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition / George Wei  
Singapore : SNP Editions Pte Ltd., c2000  
lxxv, 1991 p. ; 25 cm.  
Includes Index  
981-4032-93-X  
\$ 225.00

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Introduction to Business Law in Singapore – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition / Ravi Chandran  
Singapore : McGraw-Hill Education (Asia), c2006  
xxix, 352 p. ; 23 cm.  
Includes Index  
007-124965-6  
\$ 29.90

[Introduction to Business Law in Singapore provides readers with the fundamentals of business law as applied in Singapore. This book is essentially written for students who intend to take business law as a subject. It addresses students' difficulties in understanding the law and provides clear examples. Non-law students without prior legal training will find that this book makes the law accessible to them.]

Features:

Covers major topics discussed in business law courses.

Provides clear examples and simplified cases.

Contains many practical points such as matters to look out for when drafting contracts.

Provides cross references to relevant websites.

Contains an appendix on how to find out more about the law.]

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### **Linguistics**

A Baba Malay Dictionary : The First Comprehensive Compendium of Straits Chinese Terms and Expressions / William Gwee Thian Hock  
Singapore : Tuttle Publishing, an imprint of Periplus Editions (HK) Ltd., c2006  
222 p. ; 17 cm.  
10:0-8048-3778-3  
\$ 15.00

[The Peranakan or Baba Chinese of Southeast Asia have a fascinating history and culture, and a uniquely colourful language. The Baba Malay vocabulary is a mixture of common Malay terms and Hokkien Chinese words, with added loanwords from Portuguese, Dutch and English. It is distinct from the original Malay or Chinese (Hokkien) languages that influenced it.]

This dictionary documents the vast storehouse of unusual words, phrases, idioms and expressions used by Baba Chinese communities in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and elsewhere. It aims to help younger Babas learn and maintain this unique language. An introduction to the language, a glossary and notes on cherki (a popular Baba game) are also included.]

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English in Singapore : Phonetic Research on a Corpus – With CD-ROM / Edited by David Deterding

Singapore : McGraw-Hill Education (Asia), c2005  
viii, 207 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

007-124727-0

\$ 35.00

[This book is a collection of works on research into the pronunciation of Singapore English by scholars from Singapore, Asia (Japan, Taiwan), Europe (the United Kingdom, Germany), Australia and the United States of America.

The book focuses on two broad areas:

Specific features of Singapore English pronunciation : vowels, consonants, stress and intonation

The intelligibility of Singapore English to listeners from around the world

The second area is of great interest to Singaporeans as it is important to ascertain how intelligible this prominent and vibrant Asian variety of English is internationally and not just intra-nationally.

The common feature of all the chapters is that they make use of data from the NIE Corpus of Spoken Singapore English, which consists of high-quality recordings that are ideally suited to detailed phonetic research. Therefore, even though the researchers are investigating a wide range of different topics connected with pronunciation, all the studies maintain a focus on the same corpus of data. The book is accompanied by a CD-ROM containing the whole corpus and extracts used in the chapters. The CD-ROM will be useful to any reader who wishes to listen to the actual speech samples used by the researchers.

The final chapter of the book is a bibliography of over 250 references on research into the pronunciation of Singapore English.]

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An Introduction To A Systemic – Functional, Linguistic – Oriented Discourse Analysis / Tengku Silvana Sinar

Singapore : Deezed Consult Singapore, c2002

x, 153 p.; 21cm

981-04-7328

\$ 18.00

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## **Literature**

Life's So Like Dat / David Leo

Singapore : Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd., c2005

133 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.  
981-05-4813-3  
\$ 9.90

[What makes us uniquely Singaporean? Is it the way we speak, dress, work, play, spend our money and time? Or is there more? In *Life's So Like Dat*, David Leo takes a dig at not just the Singaporean manner of speech but also the recognizable traits of the Singaporean life. Together with David Liew's illustrations, this light-hearted collection of observations and thoughts is simply a celebration of a nation emerging with an identity of its own.]

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*Kinda Hot : The Making of Saint Jack in Singapore* / Ben Slater  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, c2006  
981-261-069-3  
229 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.  
\$ 14.00

[*Kinda Hot* reveals, for the first time, the extraordinary story behind the making of *Saint Jack* (1979), the only American film to be entirely shot on location in Singapore. Filmed in secret, it was subsequently banned by the authorities.

Adapting Paul Theroux's celebrated novel about pimps and prostitutes in the Lion City, a local amateur cast and crew worked right alongside brilliant film-making talents gathered from all over the world.

The director was Peter Bogdanovich, one-time Hollywood golden-boy whose career was in decline. The star was Ben Gazzara, a charismatic method actor. They immersed themselves in the world of brothels in the name of 'research'. The film was made on the run, with the cast and crew improvising wildly, chaotically capturing the last vestiges of Singapore's famous colonial and seedy past, all the time telling the authorities they were shooting a romance called *Jack of Hearts*.]

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*The Devil to Pay* / C M Woon  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, c2005  
324 p. ; 20 cm.  
981-261-235-1  
\$ 11.80

[Set in the period just before the Fall of Singapore, this story unfolds in a time of great uncertainty, as news of an impending Japanese invasion looms. Dennis Chiang returns as the young and eager lawyer at d'Almeida's law firm. But little does he know that his life would soon become a lot more exciting – and dangerous. Roped in by the British Special Branch as an undercover operative to weed out Japanese agents subverting and undermining the morale of an Indian Army garrison sent to defend Malaya, Dennis finds himself going from criminal lawyer in a courtroom to an adept and rugged spy in the jungles of Malaya. This fast-paced and absorbing tale of adventure and espionage will get you hooked from the get-go.]

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*Ghosts : A Christian's Encounter* [One Christian's shocking true-life experience and his ultimate victory – in Jesus' name!] / Ravi Pillai  
Singapore : Angsana Books is an imprint of Flame of the Forest Publishing Pte Ltd, c2005  
148 p. ; 18 cm.

981-3056-99-1  
\$ 8.00

[This book, Ghosts A Christian's Encounter, is an eye opener for those who are skeptical about the supernatural. There are some who may not believe in demonic activities on our planet. May this book bring awareness.

There are many books out there about spirits, ghosts or strange phenomenon. But this work stands in a class of its own. That it is a ghost story is indelible. The gripping drama that unfolds as you turn the pages grows gradually more and more terrifying in crescendo and climaxes in a daring duel between the writer and an impersonating poltergeist. It is not a tale of the writer's imagination but an account of a series of real face-to-face encounters with demons that result in victory in and through the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

The work is more than a spine-tingling tale or personal diary. It is an eclectic mix of historical experience and balanced biblical theology.

May this book prove to you that Christ Jesus is above all spiritual wickedness in high places.]

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Unseen Occupants and other Chilling tales / Othman Wok  
Singapore : Horizon Books Pte Ltd., c2006  
vi, 201 p. ; 19 cm.  
981-05-3700-X  
\$ 12.00

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Gone Troppo / Stu Lloyd  
Singapore : Monsoon Books Pte Ltd, c2006  
304 p. ; 20 cm.  
981-05-4833-8  
\$ 18.00

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Acknowledgements  
Surfing Safari - Durban, South Africa  
Red Eagle or White Elephant? - Langkawi, Malaysia  
Monkey Business - Koh Samui, Thailand  
Living in Lah-Lah Land - Singapore  
A Real-life Soap Opera - Luzon and Bohol, The Philippines  
The Raj, Tha Taj and a Whole Lot of Argy-Bhaji - Delhi and Goa, India  
Jumping Fleas, Green Flashes and Spam Balls - Oahu, Hawaii, USA  
Shakin' All Over - Tijuana, Mexico  
Clouds in my coffee - San Jose and Costa Rica  
A Lovely Bunch of Coconuts - Rarotonga, Cook Islands.]

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Sister Swing / Shirley Geok-lin Lim  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish International, c2006  
230 p. ; 21 cm.  
981-261-227-0  
\$ 15.00

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Singapore Urban Legends : Myths and Mysteries / Edited by tee Hun Ching [et. al.]



Singapore : SPH Magazines Pte Ltd., 2005  
92 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.  
981-05-4731-5  
\$ 10.50

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Between Gods and Ghosts / Jonathan Lim  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Times Education, c2005.  
167 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.  
Includes Bibliography  
981-261-2041  
Our Supernatural Skyline :  
1. Ghosts  
2. Gods  
3. Supernatural  
4. Ghost Stories, English-Singapore  
\$ 15.90

[In this book traces some of the more prominent threads running through this island's complex tapestry of faith, superstition, and fear. More than just a book about spooks, it is a cultural study of our relationship with the spiritual realm and a tribute to Singapore's colourful supernatural beliefs-how they came about. In this book, we explore the gods and ghosts brought to our shores by Chinese immigrants. Join us in a journey through the Chinese supernatural heritage-from immortals and fox spirits to restless ghosts and the Chinese undead. Along the way, gain insights into the nature of Chinese ghosts and the working of the wider supernatural realm.]

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### **Official Publications**

APEC Energy Overview 2005  
Singapore : Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, [The Energy data and modelling center , The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan], c2006  
190 p. ; 30 cm.  
ISSN : 0219-788x  
\$ 35.00

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Economic Survey of Singapore 2005  
Singapore : Ministry of Trade and Industry, Republic of Singapore, c2006  
194 p. ; 30 cm.  
ISSN : 0376-8791  
\$ 20.00

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Singapore Standard Industrial Classification 2005  
Singapore : SNP Corporation Ltd., 2005  
vi, 212 p. ; 29 cm.  
981-05-3110-9  
\$ 7.75

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Report on the Census of Manufacturing Activities 2004  
Singapore : SNP Corporation Ltd., c2005  
37 p. ; 30 cm.  
ISSN : 0219-6255  
\$ 10.00

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## **Performing Arts**

Between Tongues : Translation and/of/in Performance in Asia / Edited by Jennifer Lindsay

Singapore : NUS Publishing (And) NIAS Press, Denmark, c2006

xv, 302 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9971-69-339-9

\$ 39.90

[Between Tongues takes the subject of performance translation in a completely new direction. While the topic is often discussed in relation to the translation of dramatic texts, Between Tongues discusses the translation of performance itself, and as an inherent part of performance. The authors in this collection examine the presentation of performances given in their original languages to audiences who do not share that language, and translation as a phenomenon intrinsic to much traditional and contemporary performance in Asia, particularly in multilingual settings.]

Combining academic essays and the voices of practitioners in India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, the book provides new insights to scholars of translation studies and performance studies. It is also relevant to event organizers, directors and producers working in multinational and multicultural environments.]

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## **Politics**

Evolution of ASEAN-Japan relations /edited by Sueo Sudo

Singapore : ISEAS,2005

66p.

9812302816

\$ 9.90

This book charts the progress of ASEAN-Japan relations from their difficult wartime legacy to postwar moves at diplomatic and economic rapprochement through successive governments.

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Liberty, Security and the New Global Order – 11<sup>th</sup> ASEF University, 12-26 February 2005, Paris, France / Edited by Ramon Molina

Singapore : Asia-Europe Foundation, 2005

vii, 182 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliographical References

\$ 20.00

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ASEAN – Russia Relations / Edited by Gennady Chufirin

Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2006

xxii, 93 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Index

981-230-359-6

\$ 19.90

[With the rise of India and China, the rest of Asia is feeling the great impact of socio-economic changes and challenges created by these twin engines of progress and cooperation. The question on the minds of regional analysts is: Where is Russia in the midst of these vast changes? What is its role? How and why is a great power like Russia adopting such a low profile in the region? In What ways can ASEAN engage Russia?

Currently, Russia's interaction with ASEAN is limited to dialogue between both parties; trade between both sides is categorized by Russian arms sales and ASEAN raw materials. This books sets out to help explain these anomalies and puzzles, by examining the state of relations between Russia and selected individual ASEAN countries. Several interesting ideas are offered, such as a proposal for a Russia-ASEAN FTA; building tourism/business bridges through budget airlines; and proposals to strengthen and energize the ASEAN-Russia dialogue.]

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You Have a Choice : Manifesto  
Singapore : The Workers' Party, 2006  
52p.  
981-05-4990-3  
\$ 5.00

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Pragmatism and Public Policy in East Asia: Origins, Adaptations and Developments / Ian Austin  
Singapore : Fairmount International Pvt Ltd, 2001  
xiv, 339 p.; 22 cm.  
981-04-3395-6  
\$ 30.00

[A dense and referenced study of the origins and course of East Asian political and economic institutional development. Aspects of development in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore and Indonesia are related to the ideas of some Western theorists. Consideration of the contemporary scene includes discussion of the damaging rigidity of the Japanese politico-economic system, made evident in the 1990s and of the effective pragmatism already demonstrated in earlier years in other East Asian countries.]

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### **Religion – Islam**

Facing One Qiblah : Legal and Doctrinal Aspects of Sunni and Shi'ah Muslims / Edited by Karim D. Crow  
Singapore : Pustaka Nasional Pte Ltd., 2005  
xviii, 245 p. ; 24 cm.  
Includes Bibliography  
9771-77-552-2  
Contemporary Islamic Scholars Series  
\$ 35.00

[Underlying realities unite Muslims who all direct their prayers towards the same point on earth:the qiblah oriented towards the sacred Ka'bah in Makkah. Both Sunni and Shi'ah Muslims share Islam's fundamental commitment to freedom of faith, political justice and social equity ('adl and qist) in order to establish good governance, promote humane values, and construct an ethical social order through opposing injustice, corruption and repression.

The chief obstacle against real convergence remains the burden of crystallized attitudes inherited from the past. The effort of the authors in this book is to train the light of critical scholarship on controversies over the past, to indicate in what manner both Shi'ah and Sunnis have used and abused the past, and to ask: Are Muslims fated to be prisoners of their past? Only by focusing upon injustices and iniquities within and without the Ummah shall Muslim leaders and thinkers overcome internal schisms and forge true solidarity.

For Islam to play a vital part in any future world order as a coherent viable entity speaking in unison to address regional and global concerns of security and peace, Muslims must find ways to wisely address their divergence with pragmatism and above all with sincerity. This work written by two impartial Muslim scholars is a humble step towards realizing this worthy goal.]

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## **Sociology**

Dignity Overdue / Edited by John Gee  
Singapore : Select Publishing, c2006  
vii, 202 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.  
981-05-5271-8  
\$ 15.95

Over 150,000 women from neighbouring countries are employed in Singapore as domestic workers. This book begins by examining their status and experiences and also considers the impact of their employment is having on the host society's values and outlook

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Asian Migrations : Sojourning, Displacement, Homecoming and Other Travels – Asia Trends 3 / Edited by Nicola Piper [et. al.]  
Singapore : National University of Singapore, c2005  
xi, 228 p. ; 22 cm.  
981-05-3914-2  
\$ 35.90

[The migration and mobility of people in and out of Asia no longer take the form of permanent ruptures like uprooting and settlement. Today, they are more likely to be transient and compr 15lex, ridden with disruptions and detours, and based on translocal interconnections between places and multiple chains of movement.

This collection of essays from a variety of perspectives explores the experiences of the migration of a wide spectrum of people, from professional and managerial elites to contract workers and refugees. By addressing the nature of these Asian migrations, the essays demonstrate how contemporary mobility has transformed our notions of citizenship, identity, displacement and home.]

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## **Women's Studies**

A Many-Splendoured Woman : A Memoir of Han Suyin / G.M. Glaskin  
Singapore : Graham Brash (Pte) Ltd., c1995  
xv, 139 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.  
981-218-045-1  
\$ 15.00