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Anthropology

Melayu : The Politics, Poetics and Paradoxes of Malayness / Maznah Mohamad & Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (Editors)

Singapore: NUS Press, 2011

xxii. 370p. ; 23cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971695552

1. Malays (Asian people) – Ethnic identity

\$ 39.50 / PB

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Early Interactions Between South and Southeast Asia : Reflections on Cross-Cultural Exchange / Pierre-Yves Manguin, A. Mani & Geoff Wade (Editors)

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2011

xxxi. 514p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814345101

1. Southeast Asia – Civilization – Indic influences – Congresses
2. India – Relations – Southeast Asia – Congresses
3. Southeast Asia – Relations – India – Congresses

\$ 49.90 / PB

This book takes stock of the results of some two decades of intensive archaeological research carried out on both sides of the Bay of Bengal, in combination with renewed approaches to textual sources and to art history. To improve our understanding of the trans-cultural process commonly referred to as Indianisation, it brings together specialists of both India and Southeast Asia, in a fertile inter-disciplinary confrontation. Most of the essays reappraise the millennium-long historiographic no-man's land during which exchanges between the two shores of the Bay of Bengal led, among other processes, to the Indianisation of those parts of the region that straddled the main routes of exchange. Some essays follow up these processes into better known "classical" times or even into modern times, showing that the localisation process of Indian themes has long remained at work, allowing local societies to produce their own social space and express their own ethos.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134455>

Sikhs in Southeast Asia : Negotiating An Identity / Shamsul AB & Arunajeet Kaur (Edited)
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2011

xviii. 321p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814279659 (HB)

ISBN-13: 9789814279642 (PB)

1. Sikhs – Southeast Asia – Congresses

\$ 54.90 / HB

\$ 36.90 / PB

Sikhs arrived and settled in Southeast Asia during the arrival of Western colonial powers in the region. They came primarily as auxiliaries of the British and many took the opportunity to travel into and explore the region. As prospects for prosperity became clear to the early Sikh migrants they brought their families and encouraged relatives and friends to migrate to Southeast Asia. Sikhs in Southeast Asia are currently into their fifth generation; they settled into Southeast Asia much earlier than the Sikhs settled in Britain, Europe, or America, yet very little remains researched or written about them. This volume attempts to fill the niche and hopefully entice researchers to further explore possibilities of taking up research in the area of Sikh Studies in Southeast Asia. Historians, sociologists, anthropologists as well as economists have contributed to this volume, each attempting to highlight their fragment of understanding of Sikh communities in Southeast Asia spanning from the colonial to the contemporary era.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134524>

Art

Liu Kang : Colourful Modernist / Ong Zhen Min
Singapore : National Art Gallery, Singapore, 2011

295p. ; 28cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810886745

1. Liu, Kang, 1911-2004

2. Art, Asian – 20th century

3. Artists – 20th century

\$ 39.50 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134574>

Cookery

A is for Achar, L is for Love/ Tammy L. Wong
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2011

69p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810899769

1. Wong, Tammy L., 1970-

2. Dancers – Singapore – Biography

3. Peranakan (Asian people) - Food

\$ 16.00 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134577>

Economics/Development Studies

The U.S. – Singapore Free Trade Agreement : An American Perspective on Power, Trade, and Security in the Asia Pacific / Eul-Soo Pang

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2011

xx. 305p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311991

1. Free trade – United States
2. Free trade – Singapore
3. United States – Commerce – Singapore
4. Singapore – Commerce – United States
5. United States – Commercial policy
6. Regionalism – Asia

\$ 34.90 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=130756>

Improving Health Sector Performance : Institutions, Motivations and Incentives, The Cambodia Dialogue / Hossein Jalilian and Vicheth Sen (Edited)

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2011

xx. 430p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814345521 (HB)

ISBN-13: 9789814311847 (PB)

1. Public health – Asia – Congresses
2. Public health – Pacific Area – Congresses
3. Public health – Cambodia – Case studies – Congresses
4. Community health services – Asia – Congresses
5. Community health services – Pacific Area – Congresses
6. Community health services – Cambodia – Case studies – Congresses

GMS Development Series 1

\$ 54.90 / HB

\$ 29.90 / PB

706 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134542>

Harnessing Production Networks : Impacts and Policy Implications from Thailand's Manufacturing Industries / Aekapol Chongvilaivan

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2011

x. 135p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311267

1. Manufacturing industries – Thailand
2. Industrial productivity – Thailand
3. Labour productivity – Thailand
4. Skilled labour – Thailand
5. Contracting out – Thailand

\$ 32.90 / PB

This book provides complete, yet non-technical, analyses of production fragmentation effects and thus targets a wide range of readers -- including academics, researchers, policymakers, students, entrepreneurs, and anyone who is interested in this subject. It investigates the economic impacts of production fragmentation in Southeast Asia with a focus on Thailand's experience as an emerging global hub of fragmentation and outsourcing. This elucidates new evidence in connection with production, industrial organizations and

labour economics theories, providing interesting insights for formulating industrialization and labour development policies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134590>

Minorities at Large : New Approaches to Minority Ethnicity in Vietnam / Philip Taylor (Edited)
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2011

vi. 295p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814345415

1. Minorities – Vietnam – Congresses
2. Ethnicity – Vietnam – Congresses
3. Vietnam – Politics and government – 1975 – Congresses
4. Vietnam – Economic policy – 1975 – Congresses

Vietnam Update Series

\$ 29.90 / PB

This collection represents a new approach to minority ethnicity in Vietnam. Drawing on ethnographic and historical research in the highlands and lowlands, eight essays provide rich descriptions of a wide variety of ethnic minority experiences. They offer provocative analyses that challenge stereotypes about minority groups in scholarship and official development policy. While powerful forces such as warring armies, the socialist state, or the market economy often are said to have undermined the livelihoods and identities of once-autonomous peoples, these studies reveal how peoples at the periphery of the modern nation state nonetheless have been active in the transformation and redefinition of their worlds. The chapters situate contemporary minority transnational networks in the context of older translocal affiliations, identities, and livelihood strategies. In contrast with the attention devoted in previous studies to the state ethnic classification project, the studies shed light on popular identifications in circulation, and transition, among ethnic minorities themselves.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134593>

Environment

Singapore Biodiversity : An Encyclopedia of the Natural Environment and Sustainable Development / Peter K. L., Richard T. Corlett & Hugh T. W. Tan (General Editors)

Singapore: Editions Didier Millet & Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, 2011

552p. ; 29cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814260084

\$ 55.00/ HB

3020 gm.

The first comprehensive guide to nature in Singapore – Singapore Biodiversity: An Encyclopedia of the Natural Environment and Sustainable Development – sums up almost 200 years of natural history study in Singapore, charts the rise of the nature movement in the nation and gives suggestions for sustaining the rich biodiversity into the future. The spectacular diversity of life found in Singapore is described in over 1,500 alphabetical entries for virtually every known group of the more than 40,000 species of flora and fauna found here, and is illustrated with more than 2,000 photographs, maps, tables and charts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134613>

Trees of the Istana : Treasures in the Domain / Wong Tuan Wah, Koh Soon Kiong, Dr Duncan Sutherland & Aileen T. Lau
Singapore : Suntree Media Pte Ltd., 2011
136p. ; 25 x 29cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810874810
\$ 45.00/ HB
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134604>

History

Memali : A Policeman Remembers / Tunku Muszaffar Shah Bin Tunku Ibrahim
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2011
158p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814351379

1. Riots – Malaysia – Kampung Memali (Kedah)
2. Islam and politics – Malaysia – Kampung Memali (Kedah)
3. Kampung Memali (Kedah) – Politics and governance

\$ 16.00 / PB
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134607>

That's How It Goes : The Way of the 90-Year Life Journey of a Singapore Eurasian (CD included) / F.A.C. "Jock" Oehlers
2nd Edition
Singapore: Select Publishing, 2011
xvi. 243p. ; 21cm.
Includes bibliography references
ISBN-13: 9789814022828

1. Oehlers, Jock, 1921-
2. Oral surgeons – Singapore – Biography
3. Eurasians – Singapore – Biography
4. Singapore – History – Japanese occupation, 1942-1945 – Biography
5. Malaya – History – Japanese occupation, 1942-1945 – Biography
6. Australia – Biography

\$ 20.00 / PB
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134609>

The Accidental Entrepreneur : Life and Reflections of Choo Heng Thong
Singapore : Ethos Books, 2011
296p. ; 22cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810892685

1. Choo, Heng Thong, 1954-
2. Businessmen – Singapore – Biography
3. Machine parts industry - Singapore

\$ 32.00 / PB
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134612>

An Unexpected Journey : Path to the Presidency / S R Nathan & Timothy Auger
Singapore : Editions Didier Millet Pte. Ltd., 2011
672p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814260732
\$ 39.50 / HB

Once a Teenage Runaway, living rough in a colonial port city, S R Nathan rose to become two-term president of prosperous, independent Singapore. In this exceptional book, he shares the story of his personal journey, set against the backdrop of modern Singapore history.

He tells his own story, simply and vividly. Accused of theft at the age of 16, he ran away from home. Living by his wits through war and occupation, he found new self-belief in unexpected sources, and experienced the political awakening that shaped so many of his generation.

Rejected for years by the family of the girl he was to marry, Nathan worked hard to better himself, serving as a junior clerk in the Johore civil service and joining the pioneer batch of Singaporeans to study social work at the University of Malaya in 1952.

The story of the struggle between the left and right wings of the student and labour movements comes alive in Nathan's retelling of his experiences as an activist, social worker and unionist. In 1965, with Singapore's unexpected separation from Malaysia, S R Nathan joined the fledgling Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and came to hold a number of senior civil service positions, including a term as director of intelligence ...

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The Heritage of Hospitality: A History of the Singapore Hotel Industry / Roberto Pregarz ... [et al]

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2011

167p. ; 30cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814346436

1. Hotels – Singapore - History

\$ 50.00 / HB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134615>

Southeast Asian Regionalism : New Zealand Perspectives / Nicholas Tarling

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2011

107p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311496

1. Southeast Asia – History – 1945-
2. Regionalism – Southeast Asia – History
3. Southeast Asia – Foreign relations

\$ 24.90 / PB

With the disappearance of the imperial structures that had dominated Southeast Asia, newly independent states had to develop foreign policies of their own. But so far few if any of these states have been willing to allow the public to explore any documentation of their activities. Building on his earlier work that drew on U.K. records, the author incorporates material from New Zealand archives -- which also contain reports from Australian and Canadian diplomats -- to provide a historical analysis of the foreign policies of Southeast Asian nations from a New Zealand perspective.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134616>

In the Name of Pauk-Phaw : Myanmar's China Policy Since 1948 / Maung Aung Myoe
Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2011

xv. 238p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814345170

1. Burma – Foreign relations – China

2. China – Foreign relations – Burma

\$ 45.90 / PB

Since its independence in January 1948, Myanmar has tried to find a way to deal with (at one time) ideologically hostile and traditionally chauvinistic China which has pursued a foreign policy aimed at restoring its perceived influence in Myanmar. To counter China's attempts to influence Myanmar's foreign policy options has always been a challenge for the Myanmar government. Since the 1950s, successive Myanmar governments have realized that Myanmar's bilateral relations with the Peoples Republic of China should best be conducted in the context of promoting the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, the Bandung spirit and the Pauk-Phaw (kinsfolk) friendship. The term Pauk-Phaw is exclusively devoted to denote the special nature of the Sino-Myanmar relationship. This work argues that Myanmar's relationship with China is asymmetric but Myanmar skilfully plays the "China Card" and it enjoys considerable space in its conduct of foreign relations. So long as both sides fulfill the obligations that come under "Pauk-Phaw" friendship, the relationship will remain smooth. Myanmar has constantly repositioned her relations with China to her best advantage. Myanmar's China policy has always been placed somewhere in between balancing and bandwagoning, and the juxtaposition of accommodating China's regional strategic interests and resisting Chinese influence and interference in Myanmar's internal affairs has been a hallmark of Myanmar's China policy. This is likely to remain unchanged.

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Law

SAL Conference 2011: Developments in Singapore Law between 2006 and 2010: Trends and Perspectives / Yeo Tiong Min, Hans Tjio & Tang Hang Wu (General Editors)

Singapore : Singapore Academy of Law, 2011

lxx. 837p. ; 25cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810886707

\$ 135.00 / HB

This book comprises the papers that were delivered at the SAL Conference 2011, which critically examined and evaluated significant local case law and legislation over the five-year period from 2006 to 2010 and were revised for publication to provide a concise yet comprehensive review with detailed references.

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Literature

Polite Fiction / Colin Cheong

Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2011

238p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814351546

\$ 16.00 / PB

Polite Fiction is about the rude reality behind the stories we tell about ourselves. Colin Cheong's latest work weaves a central story through the lives and issues of a cast of

characters hiding behind their own polite fictions. Each chapter sends sanitized fairy tales back to the realm of shadows where they lie in wait – to remind us of just how much we lie.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134618>

Aporia : A Novella / Clive En-Kai
Singapore : Ethos Books, 2011
123p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810898090
\$ 19.50 / PB

Aporia is the story of two characters journeying into contingent worlds.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134155>

A Gentle Journey : A Personal Poetry Collection / Tan Jing Quee
Singapore : May Publishing, 2011
vi. 121p. ; 21cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810893521
\$ 16.00 / PB
180 gm.

A Gentle Journey is a private and thoughtful collection of poems by Singapore-born poet Tan Jing Quee (1039-2011). A lawyer and former political detainee with a strong interest in politics, history and literature, his poems tell a story of his gentle life and reflections at each turn.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134619>

The Short Stories and Radio Plays of S. Rajaratnam / Irene Ng (Edited)
Singapore: Epigram, 2011
xlii. 241p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810878481
\$ 16.00

Fourteen stimulating literary works that shine a new light on one of Singapore's founding leaders-the late S. Rajaratnam. The seven short stories, written in London, were previously published in various collections alongside some of the best writers in the world. Impressed by his talent, George Orwell, who then worked for the BBC Eastern Service, recruited Rajaratnam to write scripts for the network. Later, he wrote scripts for Radio Malaya. This anthology collects seven scripts which have never been published.

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Official Publications

The Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for the Financial Year 2011/2012 [Singapore]
Singapore: Ministry of Finance, 2011
xxiv. 415p. ; 30cm.
ISSN: 0129-4679
\$ 150.00
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134295>

Yearbook of Statistics Singapore 2011
Singapore: Department of Statistics Singapore, 2011
xvi. 305p. ; 30cm.
ISSN: 0583-3655
\$ 20.00 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134290>

Politics

Strategic Currents: Issues in Human Security in Asia Volume 3 / Yang Razali Kassim (Editor)
Singapore : S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), 2011
xii. 232p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814345484

1. Climate change – Asia
2. Natural disasters – Asia
3. Emergency management – Asia
4. Nuclear energy – Asia
5. Nuclear energy – Southeast Asia
6. Asia – Politics and government – 1945-
7. Terrorism – Asia
8. Piracy – Asia
9. South China Sea
10. Asia – Foreign relations – 1945-

\$ 34.90 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134621>

Politicized Society : The Long Shadow of Taiwan's One-Party Legacy / Mikael Mattlin
Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2011
xv. 303p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9788776940621

1. Taiwan – Politics and government – 1975
2. Democracy – Taiwan

Governance in Asia, No. 1

\$ 32.90 / PB

This book explores a relatively uncharted area of democratic transitions: the empirical study of intensely politicized transitional societies. In particular, it addresses the problems of prolonged democratic transitions that occur when a one-party state has been incompletely dismantled. Taiwan's gradual process of democratization has been celebrated as one of the most successful cases of political transformation. However, the process was not completed after political liberalization, the advent of multi-party politics and peaceful handover of power. Since 2000, when the first non-Kuomintang president was elected, Taiwan has been marked by protracted political struggles together with an intense politicization of society. In Taiwan, many of the political practices associated with representative democracy could even undermine the future sustainability of democratic politics because of the ways in which they are pursued. Election campaigning, referenda, street demonstrations, vote mobilization, opinion polls and political debate have all been distorted in the hands of intensely partisan politicians.

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Religion – Buddhism

Hardships and Downfall of Buddhism in India / Giovanni Verardi
New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors in association with ISEAS, Singapore, 2011
523p. ; 22cm.
ISBN-13: 9788173049286
\$ 34.00 / HB

Buddhism originated as an antinomial system, facing the opposition of both vaidika and theistic Brahmins, who socially identified themselves with the agrarian world. The two models of society generated in early historical India never merged, and Buddhism was gradually and often violently reduced to impotence. It was Gupta rule that first checkmated the antinomial model of the Buddhists. Whereas in the open society traders, landowners and tribals coexisted, from Gupta times onwards pressure on kings and direct Brahmanical rule led to the requisition of land and the imposition of a varna state society. Doctrinal debates, which soon turned into ordeals, were instrumental in the suppression of the Buddhist elite, mainly formed by intellectuals of Brahmanical descent, this being proof of a dramatic rift in the brahmanavarna. The Vajrayana, which was the Buddhist response to this state of affairs, originated and grew under Pala rule and expansionism, and was characterized by a decisive opening towards the outcast and the theorization of violence. This set off a conflict whose scope and significance are still poorly understood. It was eventually the compromise between the orthodox powers and the Muslims that caused the final downfall of Buddhism. The former were obliged to transfer political power to the latter but had a free hand in social repression. The book draws mainly on Brahmanical sources, both literary and iconographic, which are abundant and insufficiently exploited, as well as on archaeological evidence, hardly ever resorted to.

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Religion – Christianity

From Darkness to Glorious Light : The Amazing True Story of a Myanmese Spirit Worshipper Turned Evangelist / Tam Ki and Lim Min
Singapore : Genesis Books, 2011
xxxviii. 216p. ; 23cm.
Includes bibliographical references and index
ISBN-13: 9789814305358

1. Tam, Ki, 1953-
2. Evangelists – Burma – Biography
3. Evangelistic work - Burma

\$ 20.00 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134624>

Sociology

The Path to Remittance : Tales of Pains and Gains of Overseas Filipino Workers / Papias Generale Banados
Singapore : Global Eye Media, 2011
vi. 122p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810889562
\$ 14.00 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134625>

Labour In Vietnam / Anita Chan (Editor)

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2011

xv. 346p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311946

1. Labour – Vietnam

Vietnam Update Series

\$ 34.90 / PB

Two decades after Vietnam introduced a programme of economic renovation commonly known as Doi Moi, the country today allows market competition in industry, and a new working class has been created. This is the first book to focus on the role and conditions of workers in the new economic regime. The authors of the book trace Vietnam's labour history, explore the impact of the socialist legacy and examine the reasons for the large number of recent strikes. The book provides insights into the workforce of one of Asia's most rapidly developing industrial economies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=130752>
