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Art

We Love Toa Payoh : Urban Sketchers Singapore

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

96p. ; 18cm.

ISBN-13:9789810736231

1. Toa Payoh – (Singapore) – In art
2. Singapore – in art

\$12.90 / PB

124 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146638>

Little Flower : Singapore Wild Flowers Up Close Through the Lens of Jon Boon / Kaw Jon Boon

Singapore: Secondmouse Books, 2012

159p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810726409

\$ 45.00 / PB

642 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146639>

Seeker of Hope : Works by Jia Aili

Singapore: Singapore Art Museum, 2012

92p. ; 26cm.

Includes bibliographical references

ISBN-13: 9789810726911

\$ 32.00 / PB

614 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146640>

Cooking

Only the Best! : The eat, shoot, post Guide to Singapore's Shiokest Hawker Food / Leslie Tay
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

293p. ; 18cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810737801

1. Cooking, Singaporean
2. Peddlers - Singapore

\$15.90 / PB

370 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146641>

Economics/Development Studies

ASEAN-China Free Trade Area : Challenges, Opportunities and the Road Ahead / Keith E. Flick & Kalyan M. Kemburi (Editors)

Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 2012

132p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810718503

RSIS Monograph No. 22

\$ 40.00 / PB

214 gm.

The full implementation of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area in January of 2010 marked a major milestone in relations between China and Southeast Asian states. This monograph aims to help the reader better understand the path to the creation of what has become the world's largest free trade area by population, as well as explore its impacts on individual member countries and the region as a whole. Through in-depth analyses by some of the region's most knowledgeable scholars and practitioners, this monograph also reveals important details about the challenges and opportunities faced by the FTA going forward.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146642>

EU-Asia and the Re-Polarization of the Global Economic Arena / Lars Oxelheim (Editor)

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

xxiii. 588p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814366526

Advanced Research on Asian Economy and Economies of Other Continents - Vol.7.

\$ 178.00 / HB

988 gm.

At the end of the 1980s, a tri-polar world comprising the US, EU and Japan emerged. However, the economic turbulence of the early 21st century has destabilized this order, and the rise of other Asian powers has implications for the formation of a new economic configuration.

This book discusses the probability of the different tentative global economic power balances to emerge, as well as the different contestants: the EU, China and Japan, among others.

Organized into three sections, the first part addresses general and trend-wise developments with relevance to the outcome of the re-polarization process. Subsequently, three chapters focus on developments in China, India and Japan. Finally, special issues such as climate policies, corporate governance, social reforms and cross-border economic alliances are considered in greater detail, in relation to their implications for the outcome of the re-polarization process.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146643>

South Asia in the New Decade : Challenges and Prospects / Amitendu Palit & Gloria Spittel (Editors)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013

xxii. 258p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814401067

\$ 84.00 / HB

548 gm.

At the beginning of the second decade of the new millennium, South Asia has emerged as a key regional variable in the contemporary global order. The last decade saw the region experiencing a robust phase of economic growth and development. Over time, South Asia's economic progress is expected to accelerate, given its favourable demography and strategic location. The prospects of faster economic growth and development, however, will materialize depending upon the region's success in handling various challenges including security, climate change, political instability and ethnic strife. It is in this context that the Sixth International Conference on South Asia brought together academics and policy specialists to provide insights and contribute to an understanding of the challenges and prospects facing the region in the new decade. This volume is a collection of the papers presented at the Conference and assembles a large and diverse set of viewpoints and perceptions on the region.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146644>

Studies on the Singapore Economy / Keen Meng Choy
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012

xv. 324p. ; 26cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814374095

\$ 45.00 / HB

726 gm.

Though there are several books on the Singapore economy, none have focused on the time series-based investigations. This book tries to address that gap and attempts to add to what we know from studies in the descriptive tradition. It is a compendium of twenty of the author's academic studies on the Singapore economy which have appeared previously as journal papers, book chapters, and feature articles. The papers share a common methodology of social scientific enquiry viz., time series econometrics, and are divided into three parts: macroeconomy, business cycles and forecasting. Each part brings together empirical essays that deal with particular aspects of these related fields. The book will be of interest to economists, policy-makers and students seeking a quantitatively informed understanding of the Singapore economy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146645>

Singapore Perspectives 2012 : Singapore Inclusive : Bridging Divides / Kang Soon Hock & Leong Chan-Hoong (Editors)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013
xiii. 188p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814407854
\$ 29.00 / PB
376 gm.

The Singapore Perspectives series is a yearly publication that provides critical analysis of emerging trends and issues Singapore faces in terms of social, economic and political development. It is a quick and essential reference for understanding the broad policy discussions that animate thought leaders, policy-makers and the public in the country during the immediate period or that are likely to do so in the short and medium term.

This edited volume brings together papers presented at the Singapore Perspectives 2012 Conference. The Conference came in the wake of Singapore's General Elections held on May 7, 2011, whose outcome resulted in Singapore's political leaders taking a fresh look at Singapore's public policy. More importantly, the government has pledged to reconnect with all segments of society, as it grapples with the issues that have arisen.

Some of the major issues discussed in the book include the widening income gap, the affordability of housing and healthcare, as well as the re-examination of the processes of citizen participation in policy-making. The book also includes the speech made by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, that outlines his views on the model of governance and policies that would help the country bridge the divides.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146646>

Ranking the Liveability of the World's Major Cities : The Global Liveable Cities Index (GLCI) / Tan Khee Giap, Woo Wing Thye ... [et al]
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
xix. 112p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814417303
\$ 32.00 / HB
394 gm.

This unique volume aims to provide a first comprehensive assessment on attributes, conditions and characters which constitute a liveable city. The book posits that the degree of liveability depends on five themes: satisfaction with the freedom from want; satisfaction with the state of the natural environment and its management; satisfaction with freedom from fear; satisfaction with the socio-cultural conditions; and satisfaction with public governance.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146647>

Water Issues in Southeast Asia : Present Trends and Future Directions / Lee Poh Onn (Editor)
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2012

xiv. 341p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789812309839

1. Water resources development – Southeast Asia – Congresses
2. Water utilities – Southeast Asia – Congresses
3. Water supply – Southeast Asia – Congresses

\$ 52.00 / PB

456 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146648>

Environment

The Palm Oil Controversy in Southeast Asia : A Transnational Perspective / Oliver Pye & Jayati
Bhattacharya (Editor)

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2013

xxi. 283p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311441

1. Palm oil industry – Southeast Asia – Congresses
2. Oil palm – Southeast Asia – Congresses

\$ 39.90 / PB

396 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=142321>

History

Wang Gungwu : Educator & Scholar / Zheng Yongnian & Phua Kok Khoo (Editors)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013

xiv. 411p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814436625

\$ 68.00 / HB

740 gm.

This book focuses on Wang Gungwu as an educator and scholar. The volume is organised into three parts. The first section highlights the writings of Wang in the field of higher education. There are 24 selected articles in this collection, many of which were previously published in prominent journals. Several essays originated as keynote speeches at conferences. Spanning over a period of more than three decades from 1971 (when he was with the Australian National University) to 2008 (when he was with the East Asian Institute), Wang shares in the essays his perspectives on a broad range of topics – the relationship between the university and community (both of which are not monolithic); the role of universities in Asia as global institutions; the benchmark of excellence in education in the Asia-Pacific region; the state of social science study in Asia; the shifting paradigms and their impact on research and writing; and the role of university in shaping modernity in Asia, etc. Despite the publication dates of yore, the issues discussed are not passé and are in fact of significant relevance to universities today.

The second section contains a selection of over 50 books written and edited by Wang as well as those written in honour of him. The selection is not exhaustive but it serves as a quick reference

guide for general readers to access the trove of Wang's works on Chinese diaspora and overseas Chinese; Chinese culture, history and civilisation; Chinese trade; maritime China; China's ideological battles; the Chinese Communist Party; China's political economy; China's reform; China's external relations; China and the new international order; Chinese world order; migration; nation-building; Hong Kong; Malaya; Malaysia; and, the Iraq War, etc.

The third section provides a detailed chronology of Wang Gungwu's life and his illustrious academic career. Born in Java, brought up in what was then British Malaya, and having lived under Dutch and British colonial administration, the Japanese occupation, the Chinese revolution and the newly independent countries of Malaysia and Singapore, Wang's extraordinary set of experiences have enriched his writings as one of the leading historians of China and the doyen of scholarship on the Chinese communities of Southeast Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146649>

Wang Gungwu : Educator & Scholar / Zheng Yongnian & Phua Kok Khoo (Editors)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013

xiv. 411p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814439930

\$ 38.00 / PB

540gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146005>

The University Socialist Club and The Contest For Malaya : Tangled Strands of Modernity / Loh Kah Seng ... [et al]

Singapore: NUS Press, 2013

347p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789971696924

1. University Socialist Club (Singapore) – History
2. Students – Political activity – Singapore – History
3. Singapore – Politics and government – 1945

\$ 32.00 / PB

504 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146650>

OB Markers : My Straits Times Story / Cheong Yip Seng

Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2013

452p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814342339

1. Straits times – History
2. Government and the press – Singapore
3. Journalism – Political aspects – Singapore
4. Journalism – Singapore

\$ 30.00 / HB

824 gm.

Cheong Yip Seng's memoir is much more than just a "deep-background -off- the-record" of Lee Kuan Yew's years as Singapore's no. 1 newsmaker. It is a chronological and sensitive explanation of how the Republic's newspaper of record was shaped by Mr Lee - and, more important, why he took

it upon himself to do so. This memoir could not come at a more appropriate time, when Singapore's third generation leaders find themselves in headwinds of public opinion the first Prime Minister dealt with with a firm hand. Whether times have changed and Singapore's current leadership can no longer deal with The Straits Times the way Mr Lee dealt with Cheong Yip Seng and his predecessors is a question this book throws up. The answer is a subject worthy of debate among the myriad self-appointed and untrained citizen journalists, who really should read this book for their own much-needed enlightenment. It is also for anyone interested in the future of Singapore, for its accounts of what constituted "out of bounds" up until 2006 show how such areas could possibly be navigated now. As Cheong's memoir of The Straits Times for more than four decades reveals, the rationale for the Singapore media model may be hard to accept for many liberals. But this model has been sufficiently successful to keep Singapore's newspaper of record one of the most successful in the world.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=144857>

The Liberation : Resisting the Rising Sun and A New Beginning
Singapore: National Archives of Singapore, 2012
288p. ; 27cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810878108
Reflections & Memories of War Vol. 3
\$ 55.00 / PB
1050 gm.

Volume 3 marks the 70th anniversary of the Fall of Singapore and covers the development of the Indian National Army under the Japanese Military Administration in Singapore, the resistance to Japanese Occupation, the defeat of Japan in 1945, the restoration of British control of Singapore, war crime trials, the issue of the blood debt and how Singapore has strived to transmit the lessons of the Japanese Occupation to the younger generations.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146651>

The Governor - General : An account of the 1927 tour of Singapore and Malaya by the Cricket XI of Charles George Macartney, the Australian Test player who inspired the cricket career of Sir Donald Bradman
Singapore: The Singapore Cricket Club, 2012
22p. ; 21 x 30cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810713027
\$30.00 / PB
192 gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146652>

Southeast Asian Personalities of Chinese Descent : A Biographical Dictionary Volume 1 & 2 / Leo Suryadinata (Editor)

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2012

2 Volumes.

Vol. 1 ISBN-13: 9789814345217

Vol. 2 ISBN-13: 9789814414135

1. Chinese – Southeast Asia – Biography – Dictionaries

2. Chinese – Southeast Asia – Biography

\$180.00 (Set) / HB

3200 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=140973>

Literature

Voices Clear and True : New Singapore Plays Volume 1 / Huzir Sulaiman, Lucas Ho & Laremy Lee (Editors)

Singapore: Checkpoint Theatre, 2012

317p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810724139

1. Singaporean drama (English)

\$ 30.00 / PB

416 gm.

This volume comprises eight plays that were written under the mentorship of acclaimed dramatist Huzir Sulaiman and produced by Singapore theatre companies. They are by turns lyrical and hilarious, and are marked by their intellectual rigour, emotional honesty, and refined technique. These plays are evidence of the burgeoning renaissance in Singapore playwriting.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146653>

Teaching Cats to Jump Hoops / You Jin ; translated from the Chinese by Howard Goldblatt & Sylvia Li-chun Lin

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

Originally published in 2004 by Lingzi Media

155p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810736576

1. Stories

Winner of the Cultural Medallion

\$ 16.00 / PB

260 gm.

A chain-smoking student with a violent past. A girl with a weakness for rare turtles. A boy who sees a raging fire each time he opens his exam booklet. In this collection of funny and heartwarming stories by You Jin, a teacher finds herself confronted with misfits and loners, rebellious dropouts and overbearing, even abusive parents. Yet she remains determined to reach out to her students. Combining an assured style with sensitive portrayals, Teaching Cats to Jump Hoops is the first translation into English of a popular voice in Chinese literature.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=144861>

The Earnest Mask / Xi Ni Er ; translated from the Chinese by Howard Goldblatt & Sylvia Li-chun Lin
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

196p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 97898107365590

1. Stories

Winner of the Cultural Medallion

\$ 16.00 / PB

318 gm.

In this Singapore Literature Prize-winning collection of stories, an aging Japanese ex-soldier, ignorant about the horrors of the Japanese Occupation, returns to Singapore for a nostalgic visit; a young boy's sole contact with his father consists of a weekly meeting at McDonald's; and a hopeful employee tries to win over his tumour-stricken boss with traditional Chinese medicine. Set against the backdrop of Singapore's rapid development from the 1980s to the early 2000s, the poignant and witty stories in The Earnest Mask peel back the veneer of official history, revealing flashes of the personal stories buried beneath.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=144858>

Under the Bed, Confusion / Wong Meng Voon ; translated from the Chinese by Howard Goldblatt
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

151p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810736613

1. Stories

Winner of the Cultural Medallion

\$ 16.00 / PB

250 gm.

The stories in Under the Bed, Confusion sketch a vast array of characters: from an aging coffee shop assistant struggling on her first day at work to a multimillionaire obsessed with crossing the fourth hurdle; from a dissident doctor exiled on the island of Pulau Tekong to a pampered, carefree mutt. Using elements of the fantastical and the satirical, this collection of mini-fiction probes Singapore's underbelly with sarcastic wit, revealing darkly humorous and philosophical insights into the many facets of her people's collective psyche.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=144862>

Flowers at Dawn : A Novel / Singai Ma Elangkannan ; translated by A.R. Venkatachalapathy
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

178p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810735364

1. Stories

Winner of the Cultural Medallion

\$ 16.00 / PB

282 gm.

War is looming when Anbarasan arrives in Singapore from Tamil Nadu in the 1940s. Stirred by charismatic Indian National Army leader Subhas Chandra Bose to take up the struggle for India's

independence, he fights alongside the Japanese against the British in Southeast Asia. In this moving novel of an early immigrant's political and sexual awakening during World War II, *Flowers at Dawn* uncovers a little-known period of Singapore's history with drama and realism.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=144859>

Three Sisters of Sze / Tan Kok Seng

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

First published by Heineman Asia in 1979.

xii. 212p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810726881

1. Families – Fiction
2. Pinang – Fiction

Singapore Classics

\$ 16.00 / PB

268 gm.

Set in Penang, the well-heeled Sze family, initially loving, disintegrates as the parents become increasingly absorbed in their own pursuits. Their three children—two of whom are Western educated and one Chinese educated—are, increasingly, forced to think for themselves as they grow up without parental guidance or love. The novel portrays the conflict between different systems of education as well as different value systems, particularly as they all occur within one family.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146654>

Ricky Star / Lim Thean Soo

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

First published in 1978 by Pan Pacific Book Distributors

xiii. 308p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810726867

Singapore Classics

\$ 16.00 / PB

368 gm.

Ricky Star is about a man who strives for career and financial success at the expense of everyone else around him, including even his wife and daughter. At first successful in his endeavour to climb a series of corporate ladders and becoming very rich, Ricky is, in the end, forced to reckon with his past misdeeds and indiscretions

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146655>

Spider Boys / Ming Cher
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012
First published by Penguin, New Zealand, in 1995
xiii. 248p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810726874

1. Gangs – Singapore – Fiction
2. Boys – Singapore – Fiction
3. Street children – Singapore - Fiction

Singapore Classics
\$ 16.00 / PB
308 gm.

In the 1950s, the street boys of Singapore caught and bet on their wrestling spiders, gaining not only money but also power and prestige as they won. Backgrounded against age-old vices, superstitions, urban legends, as well as a dangerous world of youth gangs and a tumultuous period in Singapore's history, Spider Boys is a moving and sensual story that draws the reader into turning its pages as if by a beguiling, hypnotic force, alternating arousing and repelling him.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146656>

Green is the Colour / Lloyd Fernando
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012
First published by Landmark Books in 1993
xxiv. 235p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810726850

1. Malaysia – Race relations – Fiction

Singapore Classics
\$ 16.00 / PB
302 gm.

Green is the Colour explores how people of different races face the challenges of living together. The story centres on Yun Ming and Siti Sara falling in love with each other in the post-13 May 1969 period in Malaysia. Both characters are not only from different racial backgrounds and faiths but are also married to different people. In addition, Siti Sara's father is a respected religious figure. How do the protagonists resolve their excruciatingly different circumstances in their fight to stay together?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146657>

Vanishing Point / Felix Cheong
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2012
152p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810733865

1. Missing persons – Fiction

\$ 20.00 / PB
162 gm.

3,000 people go missing every year in Singapore. Why do they go missing? What do they leave behind?

In his first collection of short stories, award-winning poet Felix Cheong explores disappearance, both physical and psychological. Weaving the lyrical cadences of his poetry with an intriguing study of characters, he peels our psyche open and offers a glimpse of our frailty.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=145341>

Penghulu : A Novel / Suratman Markasan ; translated by Solehan Ishak

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2012

243p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810735357

1. Stories – Fiction

Winner of the Cultural Medallion

\$ 25.00 / PB

388 gm.

Pak Suleh was the penghulu of Pulau Sebidang, one of the influential village headmen of the islands of the South. Forced to relocate to a small high-rise flat on mainland Singapore, he worries for the future of his family and yearns for his beloved island. A powerful meditation on loss, Penghulu is a portrait of a man struggling to return to his old way of life. But can Pak Suleh thwart the plans of his son-in-law, a newly elected member of parliament from the ruling party? Will the penghulu return to his island?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=144860>

The Undone Years / Shamini Flint

Singapore: Heliconia Press, 2012

347p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810720612

1. Stories – fiction

\$ 25.00 / PB

392 gm.

On a rubber plantation in Malaya, on the eve of the Second World War, three teenagers enjoy their last summer of freedom and innocence. Matthew is the son of the English planter who runs the estate and his best friend, Rajan, is the son of his father's clerk - but despite their parents' disapproval of their friendship, they feel like equals. When beautiful, strong-willed Mei Ling arrives, both boys' heads are turned. But before any romance can blossom, the Japanese invade. Against a backdrop of the fall of Singapore, the communist insurgency and the eventual Japanese surrender, *The Undone Years* is a very human story of love and betrayal in a time of war.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146658>

My Burning Hill / Rosaly Puthuchearly

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2012

60p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810741426

1. Poems

\$ 13.00 / PB

70 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146659>

The Never Mind Girl and Other Stories / Rosemarie Somaiah

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2012

98p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810733889

1. Teenage girls – Fiction
2. Schools – Fiction
3. Home – Fiction

\$ 12.00 /PB

100gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146660>

Politics/ International Relations

Perspectives on South Asian Security / Shanthie Mariet D'Souza & Rajshree Jetly (Editors)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013

xxiv. 206p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814407359

\$ 99.00 / HB

564 gm.

This book is a collection of speeches and lectures delivered by political luminaries, practitioners and noted scholars on South Asian security at the Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.

It offers interesting insights on the emerging security dynamics of South Asia. The issues covered are highly topical and include analyses of the conflict in Afghanistan, counter-terrorism in Pakistan, conflict management in Kashmir, post-conflict restructuring in Nepal and militarization in Asia. Some of the chapters provide in-depth analyses of the regional power politics and competing foreign policy priorities, with particular emphasis on India, the major regional power. India's foreign policy and defense relations with Southeast Asia, China and Russia are covered in detail in individual chapters.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146661>

The Making of Southeast Asia : International Relations of a Region / Amitav Acharya

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2012

First published in Singapore in 2000 by Oxford University Press

xvii. 350p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311212 (PB)

1. Regionalism – Southeast Asia
2. Regionalism – Southeast Asia
3. ASEAN
4. Southeast Asia – Foreign relations
5. Southeast Asia – Politics and government – 1945-

\$ 52.00 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146662>

The Making of Southeast Asia : International Relations of a Region / Amitav Acharya
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2012

First published in Singapore in 2000 by Oxford University Press
xvii. 350p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311229 (HB)

1. Regionalism – Southeast Asia
2. Regionalism – Southeast Asia
3. ASEAN
4. Southeast Asia – Foreign relations
5. Southeast Asia – Politics and government – 1945-

\$ 62.00 / HB

662gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146663>

Encountering Islam : The Politics of Religious Identities in Southeast Asia / Hui Yew-Foong (Editor)
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2013

x. 401p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814379922

1. Islam and politics – Southeast Asia
2. Religion and politics – Southeast Asia
3. Islam and secularism – Southeast Asia
4. Muslims – Southeast Asia

\$ 32.90 / PB

528 gm.

This volume seeks to introduce and deepen the understanding of Islam and its role in politics as encountered in different national and transnational contexts in Southeast Asia, eschewing the neo-orientalist approach that has informed public discourse in recent years. In *Encountering Islam*, the book lingers beyond the summary moment and reflects on the multiple impressions, suppressions and repressions, whether coherent or incoherent, associated with Islam as a socio-political force in public life. To this end, it is not adequate simply to represent the divergent identities associated with Islam in Southeast Asia, whether embedded in state-endorsed orthodoxy or Islamic movements that contest such orthodoxy. It is also important to examine religious minorities in political contexts where Islam is dominant and Muslim communities in national contexts where they are minorities. By situating these religious identities within their larger socio-political contexts, this volume seeks to provide a more holistic understanding of what is encountered as Islam in Southeast Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146228>

India – Japan Relations : Drivers, Trends and Prospects / Arpita Mathur
Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 2012
130p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810728038
RSIS Monograph No. 23
\$ 40.00 / PB
206 gm.

India's relationship with Japan has grown rapidly in the post-Cold War era. Though China's rise is the primary factor, the warmth of the historical relationship and current expectations of mutual gain are also key drivers. The author analyses the strategic, economic and other dimensions of the relationship and shows how its full potential can be realised.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146664>

Climate Change, Migration and Human Security in Southeast Asia / Lorraine Elliot (Editor)
Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 2012
viii. 124p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810728021
RSIS Monograph No. 24
\$ 50.00 / PB
200 gm.

The proposition that migration as a result of climate change has consequences for regional and global security has become prominent in public discourse over the last few years. Yet much of that debate in the Southeast Asian context is not sufficiently well informed by current knowledge on the demographics of migration and the kinds of choices that people and communities make about mobility; nor does it pay adequate attention to the human insecurities that result from climate change in general and climate change-induced migration in particular. This volume seeks to overcome some of those limitations, drawing on insights from international relations, international law, demography, public policy, geography, environmental studies and climate science. It shows how a human security approach can sustain the tactical attractions of a security discourse in bringing urgent attention to a problem such as climate change and migration, while also redirecting security policy to protecting and empowering those who are most vulnerable to the threats of climate change.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146665>

Sociology/ Culture Studies

Queer Singapore : Illiberal Citizenship and Mediated Cultures / Audrey Yue and Jun Zubillaga-Pow (Editors)
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012
ix. 254p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 97898888139347
Queer Asia Series
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