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### **Anthropology**

Haunted Houses and Ghostly Encounters : Ethnography and Animism in East Timor, 1860-1975 / Christopher J. Shepherd  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2019  
xxiv, 328p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

ASAA Southeast Asia Publications Series  
9789813250543

1. Ethnology – Timor Leste – History
2. Animism – Timor-Leste – History
3. Anthropologists – Timor-Leste - History

\$ 42.00 / PB

518gm.

This book presents a history of Western ethnography of animism in East Timor during the Portuguese period. It consists of ten chapters, each one a narrative of the work and experience of a particular ethnographer. Part 1 deals with colonial ethnography and Part 2 with professional anthropology. Covering a selection of seminal 19th- and 20th-century ethnographies, the author explores the relationship between spiritual beliefs, colonial administration, ethnographic interests and fieldwork experience. It is argued that the presence of outsiders precipitated a new "transformative animism" as colonial control over Portuguese Timor was consolidated. Bringing colonial and professional ethnography into the one frame of reference, it is shown that ethnographers of both types not only bore witness to these processes of transformative animism, they also exemplified them. The book presents an original synthesis of East Timor's history, culture and anthropology.

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Writing for Eternity : A Survey of Epigraphy in Southeast Asia / (Ed)

Daniel Perret

Paris: Ecole francaise d'Extreme-Orient, 2018

480p.

Includes Indexs ; Bibliography ; Illustration

Etudes Thematiques 30

ISSN: 1269-8067 ; 9782855391502

1. • Epigraphy – Southeast Asia – Sources – History –  
Archaeology – Palaeography.

\$ 80.00 / PB

1140gm.

This book provides a general survey of epigraphy in Southeast Asia. Epigraphy is an academic discipline for the scientific study of all kinds of inscriptions on durable media. Despite the fact that interest in inscriptional materials goes back more than two centuries in Southeast Asia, until now the field had never been the subject of a panorama, an introduction, or a general discussion. Thomas Stamford Raffles was the first in Southeast Asia, precisely in 1815, to emphasise the importance of inscriptions for linguistics, the study of religions and history in general. Until the middle of the second millennium CE, apart from a number of religious and literary texts, inscriptions in fact constituted unique local written sources providing detailed, accurate, and often well dated historical data for many aspects of ancient life in Southeast Asia. The concept underlining this volume is that of corpus, a set of documents brought together according to various criteria. In the field of epigraphy, these corpora are crucial tools informing multiple fields of analysis for historians. This volume gathers together eighteen contributions by renowned scholars of Southeast Asian epigraphy and history whose essays are focused on corpora of inscriptional materials written using Indian scripts and local variants, Chinese script, or Arabic script and local variants. Other corpora are discussed in the introduction to this volume, in order to try to provide the fullest possible overview.

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Southeast Asian Anthropologies: National Traditions and Transnational Practices / (Ed) Eric C. Thompson & Vineeta Sinha  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2019

xii, 336p.

Includes Index

9789814722964

1. Anthropology – Southeast Asia.
2. Anthropology – Southeast Asia – History.

\$ 36.00 / PB

508gm.

Anthropology is a flourishing discipline in Southeast Asia. This book renders visible the development of national traditions and transnational practices of anthropology across the region. Anthropology's self-criticism of the colonial, postcolonial and neo-colonial conditions of its own production remains relevant for SE Asia. There has been a vigorous debate and a wide range of suggestions on what might be done to de-center the Euro-, andro-, hetero- and other centrisms of the discipline from an emerging world anthropologies perspective. But actually transforming anthropology requires practice beyond mere critique. The chapters in this volume focus on practices and paradigms of anthropologists working from and within SE Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=617453>

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## Architecture

Future Cities Laboratory, Indicia 02 / (Eds) Stephen Cairns & Devisari Tunas  
Zurich, Switzerland/ Singapore: Lars Muller Publishers / ETH Centre,  
2019  
xxii, 258p.  
9783037785997  
\$ 45.00 / PB  
602gm.

What are the research methods appropriate to a world of smart cities? How do we bring the power of data to bear on complex, multidimensional problems? How do we combine insights from big data analysis, cheap digital sensors, drone photography and laser scanners with social processes of decision-making, mediation of stakeholder interests, citizen involvement, and insights from behavioural and complexity sciences? Given the complexity of urban systems, how do we identify and study emergent phenomena not visible to current analytical or documentary lenses? This second volume in the Future Cities Laboratory Indicia series focuses on the tools, methods, approaches needed for urban research. It considers the materials, methods, tools, techniques of urban research, and research approaches that support them. It shows how design thinking, creation of solution spaces, and stakeholder engagement can be brought to bear on wicked problems.

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Unforming/Forming / ASD (Ed) Erwin Viray  
Desing H55  
Singapore: ASD@SUTD Press, 2018  
304p.  
9789811182150  
\$ 50.00 / PB

This is the second in the series of books that present the students works that are created by Architecture and Sustainable Design (ASD) program students at Singapore University of Technology and Design. It presents a collection and documentation of the rich design studio work that emerges from the rather distinctive structure and focus that is adopted in ASD. The student works presented in this book are organized according to ASD's core and option studio structure. The themes of the studio explorations are motivated by a sustainable future. These explorations strive to leverage and improve the available technologies to create a more sustainable future.

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## **Art**

Rosihan Dahim : "Closer To Our Dream" = Dekat Dengan Impian / Chen Yaxin & Dennis Thung  
(Rosihan Dahim Solo Art Exhibition 2019)  
Singapore: TIDE Impression Gallery, 2019  
52p.  
\$ 30.00/ PB  
256gm.

*Rosihan Dahim Solo Art Exhibition – Closer to our Dreams* presents a special retrospective look into one of the pioneers of the surrealism art movement in Singapore – local artist Rosihan Dahim – and the many facets in which he draws upon his own subconscious thoughts to challenge preconceptions of art.

An exponent of the avant-garde movement, Rosihan's pieces draw from the artist's plethora of vast personal experiences and are a visual reflection of the inner workings of his mind. Some of his pieces reflect the social commentary around the over-indulgence of our modern society and the existence of spirituality that prompts viewers to rethink about the various preconceptions and norms that exist in our world today.

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## **Biography**

Sir Stamford Raffles and Some of His Friends and Contemporaries : A  
Memoir of the Founder of Singapore / John Bastin  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019  
x, 478p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

1. Raffles, Thomas Stamford, Sir, 1781-1826
2. Raffles, Thomas Stamford, Sir, 1781-1826 – Friends and associates
3. Raffles, Thomas Stamford, Sir, 1781-1826 – Contemporaries
4. Colonial administrators – Singapore – Biography
5. Colonial administrators – Great Britain – Biography
6. Singapore – History – 1819-1867.

9789813277663 (HB)

\$ 75.00 / HB

1140gm.

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5. Colonial administrators – Great Britain – Biography
6. Singapore – History – 1819-1867.

9789813278332

\$ 40.00 / PB

950gm.

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A Place for Us / Cassandra Chiu (Foreword) Professor Tommy Koh  
Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2019

216p.

9789811405587

1. Chiu, Cassandar
2. People with visual disabilities – Singapore – Biography
3. People with visual disabilities – Orientation and mobility – Singapore.

\$ 16.00 / PB

254gm.

Disability is neither strange nor distant. Part autobiography, part reflections of social advocate Cassandra Chiu's experiences as a person living with visual impairment, A Place For Us is the story of the first woman to be a guide dog handler in Singapore and the first Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum in Southeast Asia who happens to be blind. Cassandra's story starts with her growing-up years in 1980s Singapore, chronicling how her life unfolds with the onset of Stargardt disease, which causes progressive vision loss. From pursuing an education, navigating motherhood, to building a career as a psychotherapist, Cassandra openly discusses the attitudes towards disability and her journey towards true independence with her guide dog Esme.

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From Estate to Embassy: Memories of an Ambassador / K. Kesavapany  
with Anitha Devi Pillai  
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish, 2019  
192p.  
9789814841504  
\$ 24.00 / PB

This biography documents K. Kesavapany's journey from the Malayan estates in the late 1930s to his move to Singapore when he was headhunted to join the Singapore Civil Service in the 1970s, and from his entry into Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to his subsequent sojourns abroad, such as in Australia, Turkey, Geneva, Jordan, Indonesia, Russia, United Kingdom and Malaysia. After retiring from his last post with the MFA, he took on the position of Director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

This book also elaborates on the next phase of his journey where he holds several prominent portfolios in Singapore's social and academic scene, such as at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Dyslexia Association of Singapore, Singapore Indian Association, Inter-Religious Organization, as well as the Singapore International Foundation.

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### **Communication/Media Studies**

Wayang and Its Doubles: Javanese Puppet Theatre, Television and the Internet / Jan Mrazek  
Singapore: National University of Singapore, 2019  
xiv, 350p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814722957

1. Wayang
2. Shadow shows - Indonesia - Java
3. Puppets - Indonesia - Java

\$ 36.00 / PB

534gm.

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Myanmar Media in Transition: Legacies, Challenges and Change / Lisa Brooten, Jane Madlyn McElhone, Gayathry Venkiteswaran, editors  
Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2019  
407p.  
9789814843096  
\$ 35.00 / PB

Myanmar Media in Transition: Legacies, Challenges and Change is the first volume to overview the country's contemporary media landscape, providing a critical assessment of the sector during the complex and controversial political transition. Moving beyond the focus on journalism and freedom of the press that characterizes many media-focused volumes, Myanmar Media in Transition also explores developments in fiction, filmmaking, social movement media and social media. Documenting changes from both academic and practitioner perspectives, the twenty-one chapters reinforce the volume's theoretical arguments by providing on-the-ground, factual and experiential data intended to open useful dialogue between key stakeholders in the media, government and civil society sectors. Providing an overview of media studies in the country, Myanmar Media in Transition addresses current challenges, such as the use of social media in spreading hate speech and the shifting boundaries of free expression, by placing them within Myanmar's broader historic social, political and economic context.

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## **Cookery**

Milkier Pigs and Violet Gold : Philippine Food Stories / Bryan Koh (Ed)  
Michaela Fenix  
Singapore: Xochipilli, 2016  
509p.  
Includes Index  
9789811102165  
\$ 100.00 / HB  
1610gm.

Recipes tell stories. They make excellent carriages for folklore and history and as they make their way from cook to cook, from generation to generation, they evolve to suit new tastes and times. To explore the stories behind recipes is to attempt to understand their provenances. Bryan Koh set out to do just that, and to more fully understand the culinary tapestry of one of the most underrated and least explored cuisines of Southeast Asia.

Originally published in 2014 as Milk Pigs & Violet Gold, this revised and expanded edition is equally lavish with photographs and more recipes from the different regions of the Philippines, including Batanes, Cavite, pagudpud, South Cotabato, Samar and the predominantly Muslim Zamboanga.

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Shiok, Sia! : Sketching Singapore's Favourite Street Food / Anita Ryanto  
Singapore: Kucinta Books, 2016  
96p.  
9789810978259

1. Drawing – Singapore
2. Food in Art.
3. Street food - Singapore

\$ 16.00 / PB  
158gm.

An artist sketches her way through all her favourite Singaporean hawkers favourites, from orh luak, hae mee and bak kut teh, to laksa, mee rebus, and murtabak, right through to the all famous chilli crab. Taste the colours and feel the textures of Singapore's popular street food as you feast on the delectable illustrations between these pages.

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Shiok, Sia! : Sketching Singapore's Favourite Desserts / Anita Ryanto  
Singapore: Kucinta Books, 2017

96p.

9789811149047

1. Drawing – Singapore
2. Food in art
3. Desserts – Singapore.

\$ 16.00 / PB

154gm.

An artist sketches her way through all her favourite Singaporean hawkers favourites, from orh luak, hae mee and bak kut teh, to laksa, mee rebus, and murtabak, right through to the all famous chilli crab. Taste the colours and feel the textures of Singapore's popular street food as you feast on the delectable illustrations between these pages.

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## **Economics**

Singapore and Hong Kong Comparative Perspectives: On the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Hong Kong's Handover to China / (Ed) Institute of  
Advance Studies

Singapore: World Scientific, 2019

viii, 132p.

9789813237926

1. Hong Kong (China) – Economic conditions – 21<sup>st</sup> century
2. Hong Kong (China) – Politics and government – 1997-
3. Singapore – Economic conditions – 21<sup>st</sup> century
4. Singapore – Politics and government – 1990-
5. Singapore – Social conditions – 21<sup>st</sup> century

\$ 48.00 / HB

388gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=368174>

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The Indonesian Economy in Transition: Policy Challenges in the Jokowi Era and Beyond / Hal Hill, Siwage Dharma Negara, editors  
Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2019  
452p.  
9789814843065  
\$ 32.00 / PB

By any indicator, Indonesia, the fourth most populous nation on earth, is a development success story. Yet 20 years after a deep economic and political crisis, it is still in some respects an economy in transition. The country recovered from the 1997–98 crisis and navigated the path from authoritarian to democratic rule surprisingly quickly and smoothly. It survived the 2008–09 global financial crisis and the end of the China-driven commodity super boom in 2014 with little difficulty. It is now embarking on its fifth round of credible national elections in the democratic era. It is in the process of graduating to the upper middle-income ranks. But, as the 25 contributors to this comprehensive and compelling volume document, Indonesia also faces many daunting challenges — how to achieve faster economic growth along with more attention to environment sustainability, how to achieve more equitable development outcomes, how to develop and nurture stronger institutional foundations, and much else.

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Strategic Choice for China's Prosperity / Li Yining (et al.) (Translators)  
Shi Guangjun & Jiang Hongxing  
Singapore: South Ocean Publishing House, 2018  
284p.  
9789811181504

1. Economic development -- 20th century. -- China
2. China -- Economic policy -- 1976-2000.

\$ 45.00 / HB

622gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=617533>

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Chinese Entrepreneurship in Singapore: History, Faith and Culture / Dr  
Clive Lim  
Singapore: Leap Foundation Ltd., 2019  
142p.  
9789811406232  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
202gm.

Capitalism only reached the Far East in the last hundred years or so. Since then, a model of successful Chinese capitalism has prevailed over 50 million ethnic Chinese in the economies of East and Southeast Asia. 1. What cultural factors lie behind Chinese entrepreneurship, especially among the Singaporean Chinese community? 2. What is the place of the Chinese work ethic in the light of biblical Christian values? Do these ideologies clash, or, what common ground do they share? Clive Lim's book aims to tackle these questions with a close look at Chinese history and culture, as well as the theological basis of entrepreneurship. Case studies of 12 contemporary Singaporean Chinese entrepreneurs provide hands-on perspectives of the challenges of taking the entrepreneurial plunge.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614690>

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Unravelling Modern China / Haico Ebbers  
Singapore: World Scientific, 2018  
xxxviii, 546p.  
Includes Index ; Bibliographical references  
9789813200272

1. Economic development – China
2. China – economic policy – 2000
3. China –Economic conditions – 2000-

\$ 115.00 / HB  
814gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=368129>

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Whither Myanmar's Garment Sector? / Nick J. Freeman  
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2019  
28p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814843621

Trends in Southeast Asia No. 7, 2019

1. Clothing trade – Myanmar
2. Myanmar – Foreign economic relations – Europe
3. Clothing trade – Exports – Myanmar
4. Tariff preferences – Europe
5. Myanmar – Economic policy.

\$ 9.00 / PB

60gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=617534>

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SMEs and Economic Integration in Southeast Asia / Cassey Lee, Dionisius  
Ardiyanto Narjoko, Sothea Oum, editors

Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2019

635p.

9789814818780

\$ 42.00 / PB

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) account for about 97–99 per cent of total enterprises and 60–80 per cent of total employment in ASEAN countries. The participation of SMEs is thus crucial for achieving greater regional economic integration amongst ASEAN countries. SMEs are, however, often constrained by many disadvantages that limit their abilities to become importers and exporters. This is well documented in the research literature on trade and firm size. This volume contains selected ASEAN country studies on the participation of SMEs in regional economic integration based on primary microdata. This is supplemented by empirical studies on the role played by East Asian multinational enterprises in the region.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=582297>

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## **History**

My Maternal Roots: A Story of Family, Faith and Freedom / Cyprian Lim  
(Ed) Suzanne Ooi  
Singapore: Genealogy Society Singapore & World Scientific Publishing Co.  
Pte. Ltd., 2019  
300p.

1. Genealogy
2. Families – Singapore – History
3. Catholics – Singapore – History.

9789811401824

\$ 80.00 / HB

1210gm.

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My Maternal Roots : A Story of Family, Faith and Freedom / Cyprian Lim  
(Ed) Suzanne Ooi

Singapore: Genealogy Society Singapore & World Scientific Publishing Co.  
Pte. Ltd., 2019

300p.

1. Genealogy
2. Families – Singapore – History
3. Catholics – Singapore – History.

9789811401831

\$ 30.00 / PB

994gm.

Were your ancestors migrants?

If they were, you have a unique story to tell about your roots.

For many Chinese Singaporean families, why and how their forefathers took to the South Seas is nothing short of intriguing. Driven by the prospect of a better life or seeking refuge from turmoil at home, many Chinese came to settle in Singapore.

In this book, Cyprian Lim chronicles the ups and downs of his family, capturing 20 generations of the Lee Clan from the first person who established the lineage in the late Yuan dynasty to the present day. He has painstakingly pieced together his lineage from a collection of historical documents, supplemented by interviews with eye witnesses and protagonists to present a fascinating personal history.

Key personalities are fleshed out as far as records allow. Cyprian focuses particularly on his great, great grandfather, a Qing scholar who brought the family to the Catholic faith and his great grandfather, Paul Lee Kheng Guan, a well-known Catholic towkay in Singapore.

Of particular interest is the family's links to the Catholic faith. Paul's contribution as a respected towkay to the development of Singapore's Catholic community is chronicled, as is the legacy of his son and grandsons who have served the Catholic population in Malaysia and Singapore as Catholic priests.

By giving the historical context of various family developments, such as the political unrest in China in the early 1900s and the rise of Singapore, Cyprian captures the family's fortunes as a microcosm of the world order.

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Aristocracy of Armed Talent: The Military Elite in Singapore / Samuel  
Ling Wei Chan

Singapore: NUS Press, 2019

xxviii, 496p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

1. Singapore – Armed Forces.
2. Scholars – Singapore.

\$ 42.00 / PB

762gm.

When Singapore declared independence in 1965, it faced the monumental task of building a military from scratch. This book tells the story of the development of the Singapore Armed Forces through a collective portrait of its leaders. It is based on interviews with twenty-eight flag officers, offering a firsthand look at Singapore's military from the very leaders who helped shape it. It addresses the challenges Singapore faced in building its officer core and encouraging individuals to stay and make a career out of military service. As former flag officers are often recruited into senior civil service and political roles, understating the military elite culture is central to understanding Singapore's politics. This book provides a rare window on an exceptional and globally influential institution.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=464773>

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Islam, Humanity, And Indonesian Identity : Reflections on History /  
Ahmad Syafii Maarif (Translated) George A. Fowler  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2018  
288p.

Includes Index ; Selected Bibliography

9789813250796

1. Islam – Indonesia – 21<sup>st</sup> century
2. Islam and state Indonesia – History
3. Islam and politics – Indonesia – History.
4. Islam and social problems – Indonesia – History.

\$ 36.00 / PB

440gm.

Islam exists in global history with its richly variegated cultural and social realities. When these specific cultural contexts are marginalized, Islam is reduced to an ahistorical religion without the ability to contribute to humanity. This limited understanding of Islam has been a contributing factor in many of the violent conflicts in the present day. Reflecting on Islam in Indonesia, the world's third largest democracy, supporting the largest Muslim population, Ahmad Syafii Maarif argues for an understanding that is both faithful to Islam's essential teachings and open to constantly changing social and cultural contexts. Building on this, he then addresses critical contemporary issues such as democracy, human rights, religious freedom, the status of women, and the future of Islam. Syafii Maarif's insights offer inspiration to Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

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Tales of Southeast Asia's Jazz Age : Filipinos, Indonesians and Popular Culture, 1920-1936 / Peter Keppy

Singapore: NUS Press, 2019

Includes Index ; Bibliography

xiv, 270p.

9789813250512

1. Popular culture – Philippines – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century

2. Popular culture – Indonesia – History 20<sup>th</sup> century.

\$ 36..00 / PB

422gm.

The exciting adventures of Filipino entertainer Luis Borrromeo and the Javanese Miss Riboet, in vaudeville and Malay opera respectively, tell an important story of Southeast Asia's 1920s Jazz Age. During a time of political turmoil, Borrromeo and Riboet were leading figures in the development of a localised hybrid urban popular culture. Exemplary of the pioneering cultural brokers of the time, these two artists were among the first of the region's local pop culture celebrities. Audiences seized on this popular culture—situated somewhere between high art and banal entertainment—to engage with the modern, to channel emancipatory activities, to articulate social critique and to propagate an inclusive nationalism with a distinct cosmopolitan flavour, without being radically anti-colonial.

Leaning on cultural studies and fandom studies, popular culture is critically examined here as a social phenomenon of Southeast Asia's emerging urban multi-ethnic middle-classes. This book opens up a critical history of a contradictory popular culture and the people and forces behind it, highlighting the profound societal transformations in early twentieth-century Southeast Asia.

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Thailand: History, Politics and the Rule of Law / James Wise  
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish, 2019  
320p.  
9789814841542  
\$ 32.00 / PB

This introductory book on Thai politics and the rule of law explains why chronically unstable Thailand struggles to mediate and adjudicate its political disputes. It focuses on the continuities between the pre-1932 and post-1932 periods. Since the shift to constitutional monarchy in 1932, the power of the monarch and military has endured; the legislature, electorate and, until recently, judiciary have been comparatively powerless; and constitutions and laws have been comparatively unimportant. Historical continuities are also evident in the persistence of hierarchical thinking and ethno-nationalism, both of which have inhibited open debates about governance, and in the emergence of a distinctively Thai legal culture.

Thailand's governance was re-cast ambitiously in the 1890s, 1932 and 1997. Since 1997, governing Thailand and developing Thailand's economy have become harder. So political disputes have become more acute and the absence of a national consensus on dispute settlement mechanisms more obvious. Until governance is again re-cast, Thailand's political instability and cycle of coups will continue.

This volume offers contemporary insights and historical context to the general reader, newcomers to Thailand, and students of Thai history, politics and law.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583283>

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Jalan Singapura: 700 Years of Movement in Singapore /  
Eisen Teo  
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish, 2019  
336p.  
9789814828741  
\$ 28.00 / PB

Discover the history of Singapore through land transport, traffic and urbanisation.

A history of a city-state can cover its political leaders or military past. Historian Eisen Teo is fascinated by something else: its land transport networks, and urban and traffic patterns. He dubs it the History of Movement: an intimate history driven by human nature, the age-old need to move from Point A to Point B for the everyday conduct of life. As the world urbanises, the history of movement will only grow in relevance. Jalan Singapura sheds new light on Singapore history through 700 years of movement. From horse carriages to subway trains, dirt tracks to million-dollar expressways, ancient attap villages to glass-and-steel waterfronts, the movement of a people has shaped Singapore's present—and illuminates its future.

This book gives readers a new perspective on Singapore history through topics very close to everyday life—land transport, urban experiences and traffic. It also draws lessons from history to provide bold solutions for present-day urban and land transport issues in Singapore.

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## **Literature**

At A Moment's Notice : Indonesian Maids Write on Their Lives Abroad /  
(Ed) Jafar Suryomenggolo

Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS-Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, 2019  
x, 220p.

9788776942700

NIAS Voices of Asia Series, No. 1

\$ 85.00 / HB

464gm.

### Book Details:

Life abroad for Indonesian women hired as domestic workers is more than the job. In their spare time, some will plan a better life back home when their work contract ends. Others will venture out to experience the cities (like Singapore, Hong Kong and Taipei) where they now work, even posing as locals and living life to the fullest. And some of these women can write. Recently, a new genre of Indonesian women's literature has developed, one in which - often in short stories - authors reimagine their experiences as domestic workers in foreign lands. Now, for the first time, a selection of these stories has been collected and translated into English. Collectively, these stories provide an honest description of the complex and multifaceted reasons for working abroad, the maids' living and working conditions, and their hopes and dreams for a better life. The stories are also a delightful read.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=435446>

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A Gathering of Themes / Edwin Thumboo

Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2018  
280p.

9789811198090

1. Thumboo, Edwin, 1993 - Poetry
2. Singaporean poetry (English).

\$ 24.00 / PB

422gm.

This collection contains Prof Thumboo's latest works. Especially interesting are the poems based on biblical characters, something very close to his heart in recent years. Some evergreens of his works are included, such as "A poet reading", to make this a most collectible set of his published works. The sections are named: Chin (for his wife), Tribes, Togetherness, Cultures, I to i, By Quiet Waters and Words.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=617537>

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RoadKill For Beginners: Poems / Stephanie Chan (Ed) Ruth Tang  
Singapore: Math Paper Press (Book Actually), 2019  
116p.  
9789811404757  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
130gm.

Roadkill for Beginners is Stephanie Chan's first collection of poetry. It's part scrapbook of love letters to places, part field guide to the people in them. It's a messy celebration of open mics, bonfires, and poetry stages around the world, the connections that grow up around them and the adventures that happen after. It explores desire, moving, belonging, and everything in between. It's got apocalyptic hawker centres, magical night bus rides, and hungry turkey vultures. It's about growing up, and not. For you, it hopes to feel like the lyrical equivalent of spooning in strange buildings then flying at full speed down a steep empty road on a bike at two in the morning.

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In These Curved Spaces : Poems / Andrea Yew (Ed) Ruth Tang  
Singapore: Math Paper Press (Book Actually), 2019  
68p.  
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\$ 15.00 / PB  
84gm.

Our memories are not entirely ours, each is a patch handed to us, shaped with hands that are both ours and not. Together, they form a patchwork quilt we drape to give us the shape of who we are. But what about the memories that have been lost through time, circumstance? If memories anchor who we are, what do we do with these gaps? Do we make up our own stories in its wake? Plug the gaps from the scraps of a memory? What does that say about us? In These Curved Spaces explores the relationship between memory, time and identity. It is about memory. It is about questions. It is the most important ten-year series of your life but the answer key is lost in a cardboard box of things you thought you no longer needed. What do we do when time is a hard, cold wall and we have left pieces of ourselves on the other side? It is about how to write your own answers.

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Somewhere Else, Another You / Tania De Rozario (Ed) Ruth Tang  
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False starts, chance encounters, careless mistakes, strokes of luck: Are we the sum of our actions, or of our possibilities? Somewhere Else, Another You is a literary game-book inspired by theories of the multiverse: Each time the reader makes a choice, the universe of the narrative splits, creating a story in which all outcomes exist at the same time but cannot be experienced concurrently. A cross between a Pick Your Own Path novel and an existential crisis, this book invites you to meander through its paths, and towards your own conclusions.

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The Nomad Principle: Poems / Crispin Rodrigues (Ed) Ruth Tang  
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The Nomad Principle is a collection of poems based on comings and goings and considers how physical and emotional distances map themselves on the geography of the human heart. In between history, culture, art and disease, these poems grapple with heartbreak and loss while scavenging for a concession with one's mortality.

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Move Over, Bird : Poems / Miho Kinnas (Ed) Ruth Tang  
Singapore: Math Paper Press (Book Actually), 2019  
96p.  
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98gm.

Miho entertains you with various forms of poetry she follows or invents. In seven poems from the first section, the poet breaks an ordinary day into pieces and rebuilds them in fourteen sentences. She also writes a song-like poem - a style she learned from reading a vast range of haiku. In this collection, she also translated her own Japanese haiku and tanka into English. She delights in connecting with readers through her delicate and transcendental artistry of her ongoing poetic musings.

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Signs of Life / O Thiam Chi (Ed) Ruth Tang  
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A mysterious terrorising force hounding a group of schoolgirls at a campfire. A couple trying to conceive in a post-apocalyptic world. Two gay men, the last of their kind, getting acquainted in a laboratory for the purpose of scientific observation. A Christ-like figure raising the dead in the heartlands. Strange and suspenseful, these stories offer a whole other world of voices, plot and imagery that opens up new terrain in what is possible and imaginable. With wit, sensitivity and dexterity, O's characters slip from their ever-present reality into the surreal and unknown, and find in the process their hungers, desires and pains coming fully awake, thrumming with exultant life. To read these stories is to enter a new universe where nothing is taken for granted and everything is truly, readily possible.

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The Messiah Virus / Mezhan Boey (Ed) Ruth Tang  
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The Empress has guided the expansion of the colonised universe for millennia - the operating system of a vast civilisation, a shepherd whose overriding priority is the survival and prosperity of her sheep - the entire human race. But not everyone follows Her light. When the Messiah virus descends, disabling the Empress' influence, a powerful little Psion girl is humanity's only hope. Fatima, however, has chosen strange companions.  
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Last Days of the Morning Calm / Tina Jimin Walton  
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish, 2019  
216p.  
9789814841306  
\$ 16.00 / PB

Korea, 1895: Court intrigue and foreign powers threaten the centuries-old hermit kingdom. In a prominent manor, Ji-nah, the young, sheltered ward of the master, and Han, the servant she sees as an older brother, are left in the iron grip of Tutor Lim's power when Master Yi is called away. When Ji-nah and Han uncover the tutor's broader conspiracy with the Japanese to overthrow Queen Min, they resolve to save the queen, whose fate seems tied to their master. In the last days of their fallen kingdom, they struggle to rebuild their lives and nation, and find hope in a new world order.

Steeped in the forms and rhythms of Korea at the turn of the century, Last Days of the Morning Calm is a dramatic coming-of-age tale whose tenor captures the spirit of the times.  
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## **Politics**

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From Aquino II to Duterte (2010–2018): Change, Continuity—and Rupture / Imelda Deinla, Björn Dressel, editors  
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The Duterte administration is often considered a rupture in Philippines' politics. Yet, how different is Duterte's programme of change from the past governments, particularly from its predecessor, the Aquino II administration? Is there a shift in regime orientation and policy preferences from Aquino II to Duterte? What will this mean to the future direction of Philippine democracy, its economic development, peace and security, and relations with other countries?

This volume focuses on four critical areas—politics and governance; economic governance; Mindanao peace process; and international relations—to illustrate continuities or discontinuities in policies and governance of institutions to explain the dynamics of change in the Philippines. It pays particular attention to the crucial period between Aquino II and the early years of Duterte. The reason is that Aquino II represents an important period for rebuilding and consolidating institutions of governance and accountability after two previous tumultuous administrations. Yet Aquino II also demonstrates the inherent flaws of Philippine democracy and unravels the contradictory forces vying for state power that sets the scene for Duterte's rise. Reflecting on the crucial transition period between the two presidencies, while also providing a much-needed update on the most noteworthy policy changes since Duterte's inauguration, the book fills an important scholarly gap in understanding Asia's oldest and most puzzling democracy.

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Contentious Belonging: The Place of Minorities in Indonesia / Greg Fealy,  
Ronit Ricci, editors  
Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2019  
282p.  
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attention has surrounded the status of minorities throughout Indonesian history. Two broad polarities are evident: one inclusive of minorities, regarding them as part of the nation's rich complexity and a manifestation of its "Unity in Diversity" motto; the other exclusive, viewing with suspicion or disdain those communities or groups that differ from the perceived majority. State and community attitudes towards minorities have fluctuated over time. Some periods have been notable for the acceptance of minorities and protection of their rights, while others have been marked by anti-minority discrimination, marginalisation and sometimes violence.

This book explores the complex historical and contemporary dimensions of Indonesia's religious, ethnic, LGBT and disability minorities from a range of perspectives, including historical, legal, political, cultural, discursive and social. It addresses fundamental questions about Indonesia's tolerance and acceptance of difference, and examines the extent to which diversity is embraced or suppressed.

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Interreligious Conflict and the Politics of Interfaith Dialogue in Myanmar  
/ Nyi Nyi Kyaw

Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2019

29p.

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Amidst successive episodes of interreligious violence in Myanmar between 2012 and 2014, interfaith dialogue emerged as a crucial conflict resolution and prevention mechanism.

The 2011–16 Union Solidarity and Development Party administration often indirectly promoted the use of interfaith dialogue to defuse interreligious tensions and conflicts, though its political will was questionable. Various governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental actors have engaged in interfaith dialogue, peace, and harmony initiatives in the past seven years.

The present National League for Democracy administration has more actively sought to engage in intrafaith promotion of Buddhism and in interfaith peace and harmony initiatives. Intergovernmental, international and local interfaith actors also work in the interfaith dialogue field, but their impact is relatively weak because the government remains the most important actor in Myanmar in transition.

Although the National League for Democracy has largely eliminated Buddhist nationalist groups such as Ma Ba Tha, Buddhist identity politics remains influential after the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army's attacks in Rakhine State in 2016 and 2017 and the consequent refugee crisis.

Although extreme anti-Muslim Buddhist identity politics may not see a resurgence in the approach to the 2020 general elections, it may come back in more nuanced forms. Interfaith dialogue and other training and activities for interreligious peace and harmony will thus remain relevant to the political scene

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The Significance of Everyday Access to Justice in Myanmar's Transition to Democracy / Helene Maria Kyed, Ardeth Maung Thawngmung, Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2019

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Legal pluralism in Myanmar is a reality that is not sufficiently recognized.

A lack of recognition of and clear mandates for the informal justice providers, along with the absence of coordination between these providers and the judiciary, present critical challenges to local dispute resolution and informal legal systems.

This results in a high level of unpredictability and insecurity concerning the justice outcomes and in the underreporting of cases. The lack of jurisdictional clarity represents an even greater challenge in areas of mixed control and where numerous armed actors are present.

Discussion of reform of the justice sector in Myanmar and debates surrounding peace negotiations and the role of the ethnic armed groups in service provision are separated. This situation reinforces the divide between ceasefire areas and the rest of the country and raises concern that the improvement of justice systems will leave conflict-affected populations behind.

Recognition of and support for community-based dispute resolution are crucial to reducing the escalation of conflict at the local level. Justice systems like those of ethnic armed groups can contribute significantly to stability and order at times when the official system has limited territorial reach and is mistrusted by civilians.

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## **Religion**

Stories on The Blessing of Giving / (Ed) Bernice Lee  
Singapore: Graceworks Private Limited, 2019

xxvi, 24p.

9789811166594

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70gm.

Book Details:

Using money to advance the Kingdom of God — that is precisely what Tiang Siew has done with his money, and a key way he has done this is by investing in the lives of people. This book is a collection of stories of people who have benefited from Tiang Siew's investment. They illustrate how one person's choices have blessed people who have in turn gone on to bless others.

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Thai Village / Patcharin Lapanun

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