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### Art

Marjorie Doggett's Singapore : A Photographic Record /  
Edward Stokes

Singapore: The Photographic Heritage Foundation & Ridge  
Books (NUS Press), 2019

xviii, 174p.

9789813250901

The Photographic Heritage Foundation Series No. 7

1. Singapore – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century – Pictorial works.
2. Singapore – Social life and customs – 20<sup>th</sup> century.
3. Architecture – Singapore – History – Pictorial works.
4. Singapore – Buildings, structures, etc. – Pictorial works.

\$ 70.00 / HB

1510gm.

*Marjorie Doggett's Singapore*, an evocative interplay of photos and texts, forms a tribute to a pioneer woman photographer, Marjorie Doggett. From 1954–57, camera in hand, she roamed Singapore's colonial precincts, its port and river, the characteristic ethnic areas and elsewhere. Mind and eye aligned, and aware of the increasing pace of development, Doggett captured for posterity the cityscape in images and with historical texts.

Her work appeared in *Characters of Light*, the first photo book to fully portray Singapore's urban setting and architecture.

Published in 1957, and reissued in 1985, the book was a pioneer: in its depiction of Singapore's city and as the first local photographic book by a woman. This work draws on those two publications, both long out of print. In this book, Marjorie Doggett's photos are enriched by Edward Stokes' historical and personal texts.

Born in England, Doggett was a self-taught photographer. She had arrived in Singapore in early 1947 with her future husband. In 1962 they became citizens of Singapore, their lifetime home.

The photos and narrative in *Marjorie Doggett's Singapore* offer an entirely new presentation. Half of the book's images are hitherto unpublished. The texts and photos portray Singapore the place, through the prism of Doggett's life, inspiration and methods. Marjorie Doggett had clear views concerning the preservation of buildings, and in later years her seminal book contributed significantly to the preservation of Singapore's historic architecture.

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Men, Mountains and the Sea / Alexander Supartono

(Photographer) Rony Zakaria

Singapore: Rony Zakaria & 6by6press, 2019

1v.

9789811411595

\$ 70.00 / PB

514gm.

Men, Mountains & The Sea is the second book by photographer Rony Zakaria. As Indonesia located at the ring of fire, it is home of more than 100 volcanoes and over 100,000 km of coastlines. Rony documented the relationship between people and nature in communities living on the mountains and near the sea. The photographs were taken during 10 year period from 2008-2017 and has been exhibited in photo festivals and galleries worldwide.

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Red Dot Design Concept Yearbook 2020 / 2021 / (Ed) Ken Koo  
Singapore: Red Dot Singapore Pte Ltd, 2020  
376p.  
9783899392296  
\$ 75.00 / HB  
2700gm.

The Red Dot Design Concept Yearbook shows what the future might hold. This publication presents all the 2020/2021 winners collection of design concepts, prototypes and product ideas that met with the approval of the Red Dot Award: Design Concept jury. By leafing through the book, the reader encounters exciting and fascinating ideas and concepts which could soon become part of the reality of daily life, for, by awarding a prize, the design experts also show they believe these designs can find practical application.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743039>

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Amek Gambar – Taking Pictures : Peranakans and  
Photography / (Ed) Peter Lee  
Singapore: Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM), 2020  
424p.  
9789811426254  
\$ 80.00 / HB  
2030gm.

Peranakans were quick to exploit the potential of photography when it arrived in Singapore. From ritual spaces to personal albums, from intimate lockets to social media, this book shows how the presence of the photographic image in Peranakan life reveals the typically diverse ways an old community has grappled with this visual medium in expressing identity, tradition, locality, modernity, nationality, and art. Amek Gambar also charts the early history of photography in Singapore, from European travellers Jules Itier, Fedor Jagor,

August Sachtler, G. R. Lambert, and John Thomson to pioneering Chinese and Japanese studios in the region. Informative essays and more than 400 photographs, ranging from the 1840s to 2009, make this book a valuable historical resource, and fascinating to flip through.

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New Forest, 1 : A History of Cows / Robert Zhao Renhui  
Singapore: The Institute of Critical Zoologists, 2020

1v.

99789811448775

\$ 45.00 / HB

238gm.

In 1935, a herd of feral cattle was spotted roaming Singapore. Since then, alleged sightings have been rare. Reports came mainly from Japanese soldiers in World War II and occasionally from local residents. If these reports are true, these cows were confined to the areas of Tampines, Punggol, Sembawang and Pulau Ubin. In 2016, a cow was discovered on Coney Island but died shortly after.

*Some believe that wild cows still roam Singapore.*

Conceived by The Institute of Critical Zoologists (ICZ) between 2014 and 2019, this book features images of cows in Singapore from the 1890s to 2016 from ICZ's archive.

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### **A/V Titles**

A Land Imagined / Yeow Siew Hua (Producer) Fran Borgia  
Singapore: Akanga Film Asia & MM2 Entertainment, 2020

Duration: 95 minutes

Chinese with English Subtitles

\$ 65.00 / DVD

158gm.

Set in industrial Singapore, police investigator Lok must find missing migrant worker Wang. Wang suffers a worksite accident and is anxious about repatriation. Unable to sleep, Wang starts frequenting a dreamy cybercafé in the dead of the night. Hoping to look for some form of human connection in this foreign land he feels alienated from, Wang forms a virtual friendship with a mysterious gamer that takes a sinister turn. When Wang suddenly disappears, Lok digs deep into the trail leading to a land-reclamation site, in order to uncover the truth beneath all that sand.

Winner of the prestigious Golden Leopard at the 71<sup>st</sup> Locarno Film Festival 2018 and Best Asian Feature at the 29<sup>th</sup> Singapore International Film Festival 2018, *A Land Imagined* by Yeo Siew Hua won Best Original Screenplay and Best Original Film Score at Taipei's 56<sup>th</sup> Golden Horse Awards 2019. The film is Singapore's entry to the 2020 Academy Awards' (Oscars) Best International Feature Film category. This limited-edition boxset DVD contains a specially designed booklet with never-before-seen images of the film and an exclusive director's interview, plus a free bonus download code to *A Land Imagined's* award-winning soundtrack.

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## **Biography**

President Battulga : Up Close and Personal / Turu Khan  
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA Pte Ltd), 2020  
xvi, 192p.  
9789814882019  
\$ 32.00 / HB  
420gm.

Biography of President Battulga (Mongolian president from 2017), on his philosophy, life experiences, successes and failures as businessman to successful politician. This is the authorised biography of the current President of Mongolia,

Khaltmaa Battulga. Battulga and the author studied together in college. At that time, Tulgaa, as his friends fondly called him, was sewing jeans, selling records and merchandizing. Then he went on to participate in sports and won the world championship in Sambo wrestling and became World Champion, while working at the branch of the city's Craftsmen's Committee. He went on to wear many hats of accomplishments in his life. He started a business that expanded into the Yellow Taxi Service, organised a lottery called Millionaire, opened a disco club and the first ever supermarket in Mongolia. With the advent of privatisation, he obtained big ventures like the Bread and Candy Factory, the Meat Company Impex and the Bayan Gol Hotel and matured into a major businessman known throughout the country. Since then, he was elected into the parliament three times, where he served as Minister for Road and Transportation as well as Minister for Industry and Agriculture, led the Mongolian Democratic Union and became President of the Mongolian Judo Wrestling Association. Under his leadership, a Mongolian judoka became the first ever Olympic champion born in Mongolia.

Despite his successful ventures, he has always been a secretive person. It is difficult to hear even a few words from his mouth. Who is Khaltmaa Battulga actually? He has numerous followers and just as many fierce critics and has always been in the attention of journalists who have sometimes turned him into a subject of controversy on mass media. What does he really want? What has he so consistently been fighting for? Based on exclusive interviews with the man himself, enriched by objective facts and events that the author has witnessed, read on as the author attempts to give the readers a better understanding of the character of the man who built the gigantic statue of Chinggis Khan on horseback and initiated an eco-town named Great Maitra, and shares what he has been up to recently.

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Together We Prosper : A Memoir of Daniel Teo / Bak Lim Kua  
(Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations, Singapore)  
and How Seng Lim  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021  
250p.  
9789811219061  
\$ 42.00 / HB

The book depicts the storied life of Daniel Teo Tong How, a second-generation Singapore real estate developer, by chronicling the major events that took place in his family.

In tracing the developments of a family, we trace the opportunities paved and traditions passed on from generation to generation, as seen in the rise of Tong Eng Group as well as the family's pride for Daniel's granduncle, World War II hero Lim Bo Seng, and Lim Loh, a well-known building contractor in the early 20th century. Through oral history accounts and research, the authors provide a unique look into life in Singapore and China from the 19th up to the 21st century through the lens of a family.

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### **Children Books**

Tiger Tales : Almost True Animal Stories from Old Singapore /  
Chloe Chang (Illus.), Joyceline See Tully  
Singapore: Pepper Dog Press LLP, 2020  
96p. ; 230x230mm.  
9789811483615  
\$ 25.00 / PB

Welcome to Tiger Tales, an exciting collection of seven almost true animal stories from old Singapore, brought to you by the same people behind The Little Singapore Book. This 96-page hardcover compendium is aimed at 4- to 8-year-olds, and comprises stories based on actual, documented events that

happened more than a century ago. Retold in gentle, storytelling narrative, they are accompanied by lusciously rendered illustrations to captivate little readers and fire their imagination.

With much of old Singapore still covered in jungle, encounters with animals were not uncommon for those who lived here. Tiger Tales brings to life some of these little-known episodes, from a crazy rain of fish and the discovery of a giant croc in the Rochor River, to a conundrum with tapirs and the delights of a zoo in our very own Botanic Gardens. Of course, no compendium of Singapore's animal stories can go without the legend of Sang Nila Utama—did he really see a lion, we wonder?—and the dramatic story of the tiger under the billiard room. Along the way, readers also meet a cast of colourful yet real people from the past—including Colonel William Farquhar, the First Resident of Singapore, the famous Ming Dynasty admiral Zheng He, and Charles Phillips, the former principal of the Raffles Institution who marches into these pages in his pyjamas.

The ultimate goal is to give our readers rollicking good stories that are perfect for bedtime reading or sharing aloud. Through these tales, they also discover a menagerie of animals—many native to our land—and learn to appreciate Singapore's amazing biodiversity past and present.

What's more, children are treated to a unique taste of life in old Singapore like never before, and hopefully have their curiosity piqued about our history. And just like *The Little Singapore Book*, all the illustrations here have been painstakingly researched and brought to life in captivating detail. All the animals and insects that appear in *Tiger Tales* can be accurately identified, thus offering another point of conversation and discovery for children.

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The House on Palmer Road / Si-Hoe S.S. & Sim Ee Waun  
(Illustrator) Lim Anling  
Singapore: Pepper Dog Press LLP, 2017

128p. ; 58 black-and-white illustrations.

9789811124761

\$ 14.00 / PB

It is 1930s Singapore and war is raging in China and Europe. But for eight-year-old Sing and her nine brothers and sisters, life is carefree and fun at their wooden house in Palmer Road where they live with Mother, Father and Ah Seem. Join them as they go frog hunting, escape fierce guard geese, visit a 'coolie room', and head off on other exciting adventures in pre-war colonial Singapore.

This playful, fun-filled children's book is based on the childhood experiences of 83-year-old first time author, Si-Hoe S.S. who is the 'real' Sing. In the House on Palmer Road, young readers will fall in love with the large but lovable family, and relive a magical though tumultuous time in Singapore's past. Within the series of charming short stories, children will also gently encounter aspects of Singapore's history through vividly-described landscapes, snatches of overheard conversations among the grown-ups, and the many people they 'meet', from itinerant hawkers to coolies and night soil men.

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The House on Silat Road / Si-Hoe S.S. & Sim Ee Waun

(Illustrator) Lim Anling

Singapore: Pepper Dog Press LLP, 2018

172p.

9789811192777

\$ 14.00 / PB

Adventure-loving Sing and her enormous family are back in this sequel to *The House on Palmer Road*.

Set in World War II Singapore, *The House on Silat Road* tells the adventures and experiences of nine-year-old Sing and her family during the Japanese Occupation. Barely have they moved into their big new house on a hill which Father built,

that the first Japanese bombs fall on Singapore and their idyllic life is turned upside down.

Through Sing's simple but vivid storytelling, readers witness some of the most iconic events in Singapore's history—the Battle for Singapore, the fall of the island, the Sook Ching and finally the return of the Allies. Follow Sing and her family as they do their best to survive the Japanese Occupation—buying groceries under ration, growing their own vegetables, outwitting the Japanese while having English lessons, and listen to rumours of the outside world from people with hidden radios. Then through Sing's eyes, witness historic events that are not often described—the first Allied bombings as they re-take Singapore, the incredible shower of leaflets that announced the end of war, the seaborne return of the Allied Fleet, amongst others.

Based on the childhood of 85-year-old author Si-Hoe S.S., the authors hope to bring readers into the life of an ordinary family in Singapore in these tumultuous times—from how unprepared people were for the reality of war to their tenacity and resilience when the worst actually happened.

This book also brings alive again the exceptional house built by Si-Hoe's father, a self-made man of particular foresight. Anticipating that the war would come, the contractor had bought land on a hill and expressly built the house as high as he could to gain a vantage point of the surroundings. In the house, he also built a secret hidden floor, and a garage strategically tucked into the hillside which turned into a bomb shelter.

All these and more are captured vividly in over 40 illustrations by Singaporean artist Lim An-ling who drew them using references from photos and models of the house which had long been torn down.

Above all, *The House on Silat Road* is a story about hope and strength of ordinary people who lived through extraordinary times, and indeed the triumph of the child. For even in the darkest times, Sing and her siblings found happy moments,

from the simple pleasure of getting scraps of candy, catching worms for chickens to sneaking a ride on a stubborn mule. In its happy ending, *The House on Silat Road* pays tribute to the brave Singaporeans and all others who endured the war here, and who emerged the finest generation of our times.

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The Little Singapore Books / Sim Ee Waun & Joyceline See Tully (Illus.) Diane Ng Rose  
Singapore: Pepper Dog Press LLP, 2015  
80p. ; 235x235mm.  
9789810976248  
\$ 25.00 / HB

*The Little Singapore Book* is a fresh take on the story of Singapore and its people, from the old kingdom of Temasek to the present day. Written for 5- to 10-year-olds. it introduces young readers to our history and culture through vibrant narrative and vivid illustrations packed with fascinating detail. Meet samsui women, coolies and cattle farmers, and discover how neighbourhoods like Chinatown and Kampong Glam came into being. Did you know that Serangoon used to have cattle farmland or that there was a real fort that once stood at Fort Road?

*The Little Singapore Book* also contains fun activities and projects to make this journey of discovery exciting for little book lovers. It is accompanied by a website [www.littlesingaporebook.com](http://www.littlesingaporebook.com) with more stories and activities to support parents, teachers and even the little bookworms themselves.

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Unicorn Adventures : The Dark Forest / Shriya Asha Sharma (Illus.) Rebecca Dore  
Singapore: Kitaab, 2021  
74p.

9789811494956

\$ 15.00 / PB

138gm.

This story is set in the magical land of Unitopia and follows an adventure of three unicorn friends – Miso, Milky & Mocha. The three friends each have a special skill: Miso – is the smart one; Mocha – is the kind & helpful one and Milky – is the brave one. The story starts at the entrance of the deep dark forest – that the three friends foray into looking for an adventure – and they certainly find one. In a castle in the forest, the unicorns discover the cursed evil queen and her two goblin servants who are trying to find ways to overcome the queen’s curse. The unicorns initially get scared and run away from the castle, but as the darkness falls they end up spending the night in the woods.

Do the unicorns succeed in helping lift the curse from the dark forest?

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Light of the Blood Moon / Naisha Gautam

Singapore: Kitaab, 2020

88p.

9789811449093

\$ 16.00 / PB

164gm.

A simple hunt was all it was supposed to be. A fictional ghost family was all it was supposed to be. But in the light of the blood moon, anything is possible. Crystal and Jade did not see that coming. When they picked up that message at the cemetery, no one would have thought that anything could happen. Four new friends, a haunted house, and a ghost combat later, Crystal and Jade seriously beg to differ. 12 year-old Naisha Gautam studies in Singapore and is passionate

about writing. She started working on her debut novella, *Light of the Blood Moon*, when she was 9 years old and completed it within a year.

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## **Cookbook**

*Hundred Daughters Hundred Patience Hundred Meals : Return of Hundred Daughters (Dual Books) / Kevin WY Lee*  
Singapore: Kevin WY Lee, 2019

1v.

9789811426018

\$ 90.00 / HB

546gm.

*Hundred Meals* [百女百耐百膳] is my second self-published title, made in memory of my father and in celebration of his life as a restaurateur. The publication features a uniquely designed photobook + cookbook duet.

The photobook comprises 60 B/W photographs of a family road trip in 2012. The cookbook features 100 recipes I conceived after the passing of my father in 2018. The photobook and the cookbook, the road and the kitchen, serve as a hundred metaphors for my father's life and our family's history of migration and diaspora – from the rice farms of Kaiping in South China, to the sugar cane fields of Fiji in the South Pacific, to the HDBs of Singapore in Southeast Asia.

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*When Cooking is a Crime : Masak in the Singapore Prisons, 1970s-80s / Sheere Ng (Photos) Don Wong*  
Singapore: In Plain Words, 2020

128p.

9789811482397

\$ 50.00 / PB

304gm.

In Malay, “*masak*” means “to cook”. In our childhood, “*masak-masak*” meant pretending to cook, but for many inmates in Singapore’s prisons and Drug Rehabilitation Centres (DRCs) during the ’70s and ’80s, “*masak*” was a favourite pastime, but also a criminal offence.

A new book, “When Cooking Was A Crime: Masak In The Singapore Prisons, 1970s-1980s”, offers a rare glimpse into prison life by exploring how food took on new meanings and tastes for those behind bars.

Writer and researcher Sheere Ng from the writing studio In Plain Words, which published the book, interviewed eight former inmates and documented their memories of cooking supper inside their cells and dormitories.

Former photojournalist Don Wong complements their stories with photographic recreations of 35 objects and dishes often used in the *masak* culture.

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## **Economics**

Housing the Nation : A Singapore Policy Story / Ho, Kim Hin & David

Singapore: Patridge Publishing, 2021

xxvi, 238p.

9781543762488

\$ 40.00 / PB

370gm.

Chapter 1 takes a close look at a unique and state-of-the-art dynamic, structural public housing macroeconomic model (DSPHM), based on an open economy for several key macroeconomic variables, actual and expected, as well as the demand for new HDB flats sold. This Chapter readily adopts the DSPHM for simulating two scenarios, namely a "no change" first scenario and a public housing "deregulation" second

scenario. Chapter 2 explores the relationship between several economic factors and the demand for public housing in Singapore and Hong Kong, deploying the innovative and versatile system dynamics model, to shed better understanding on the policy implications of assisted ownership housing. The Chapter assesses the demand for new flats of the Singapore and Hong Kong economies, under certain macroeconomic policy changes, suitable for their unique situations. Chapter 3 is concerned with the underlying structural relationships that affect Singapore's public housing policy to potentially privatize the HDB concessionary-rate mortgages for HDB homebuyers. Such a potential privatization infuses and sustains price competitiveness among the domestic private banks in Singapore, and lead to improved efficiency among them as well as the Singapore economy at large. Chapter 4 is concerned with the binomial option-pricing model, proposed by Cox, Ross and Rubinstein (1979), which is appropriate to represent the movement of the underlying HDB resale flat prices, subject to private market forces in HDB's large scale public housing secondary resale market. The HDB Main Upgrading Program (MUP) is a heavily subsidized and highly targeted public housing policy. Since its inception in 1992, the HDB has budgeted some S\$3 billion to finance the MUP policy. Chapter 5 recognizes housing affordability to be always an issue of concern to many Singaporean homebuyers because shelter forms one of the basic life necessities. The corresponding private residential market in Singapore offers quality and premium private residential accommodation for homebuyers, who prefer the private residential market. The appropriate affordability model is a multi-factor housing affordability index (HAI) model, which considers the ability to provide down payment and to service the mortgage taken up. Lastly, Chapter 6 offers the book's conclusion.

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The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership: Implications for Southeast Asia / (Eds)

Cassey Lee & Pritish Bhattacharya

Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020

318p.

Includes Index

9789814818872

\$ 34.00 / PB

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is a free trade agreement involving major countries across the Asia Pacific region. The trade pact, which entered into force on 30 December 2018, is considered by many to be the 'gold standard', given its ambitious scope and depth. This volume offers multi-dimensional insights into the CPTPP and its impact on Southeast Asia. It begins with broad analyses covering the historical, economic and geopolitical aspects of the CPTPP. Subsequent chapters focus on the nature and implications of three key path-breaking provisions in the trade agreement, namely investor-state dispute settlement, intellectual property rights and state-owned enterprises. The effect of the CPTPP on Southeast Asia in terms of regional production networks is also examined from the perspective of Japanese multinational enterprises. The potential economic impact of the agreement is analysed for member countries (Vietnam and Malaysia) as well as countries that aspire to join the CPTPP in the future (Indonesia and Thailand).

"The world trading system is in disarray: the World Trade Organization has been weakened, perhaps terminally; the world's two economic superpowers are locked in deep, politicized disputes; the forces of populism and nationalism are everywhere complicating the return to a more liberal, rules-based order. These trends are challenging one of the building blocks of ASEAN economic development, namely these countries' outward-looking trade and investment policies. With impeccable timing this important volume by a

group of eminent authors assesses these issues with reference to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. The CPTPP excludes the three largest traders—China, the EU and the US—but it is a welcome second-best initiative that may have broader, positive ripple effects.

This is the volume to read to gain a deeper understanding of the many complex issues at play." - *Hal Hill, H.W. Arndt Professor Emeritus of Southeast Asian Economies, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University*

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Urban Transition in Hanoi: Huge Challenges Ahead / Danielle Labbé,

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2021

26p.

9789814951357

Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 2, 2021

\$ 9.00 / PB

Vietnam is in the midst of one of the world's most rapid and intensive rural-to-urban transitions.

In Hanoi, heritage preservation has gained significant policy attention over the last decades, but efforts continue to focus on the Old Quarter and Colonial City to the exclusion of collective socialist housing complexes and former village areas, and natural features such as canals and urban lakes.

Parks and public spaces are urgently needed to offset the high residential densities and to improve the quality of life of residents.

Motor vehicles continue to fuel the growth in transportation. Significant efforts were recently made to establish a mass transit system, but progress there is slow. More attention should be paid to improving the existing transportation system and to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Investments in new housing estates have fuelled a speculative real estate market but failed to address adequately the needs of the vulnerable segments of the population.

Regional integration is a challenge as the city expands and swallows the peri-urban areas around the city.

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Asia's Transformation: From Economic Globalization to Regionalization : With and Epilogue on COVID-19 / Jørgen Ørstrøm Møller

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020

195p.

9789814881227

\$ 22.00 / PB

Book Details:

Moeller's book *The Veil of Circumstance*, published in 2016, discussed the impact of technology, dehumanization and values on politics and economics. In this book, he takes the analysis one step further.

The cocktail of capitalism, globalization and technology has turned toxic, causing disruptions and cracks in the global economy and societal structures. Economic globalization is being replaced by a mixture of globalization, regionalization and economic nationalism. Neither the United States nor China will in the mid-2030s possess the strength to be a global leader. Power will mainly rotate around a regional axis instead of globally. The existing political systems and institutions governing the global system see their primogeniture challenged. Social networks open the door to communication for literally everybody; while they link the world to a degree never seen before, they also divide people according to cultural norms and values. The large data companies possess enormous power that threatens both national governments and the global political and economic infrastructure.

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Shadows Across the Golden Land : Myanmar's Opening,  
Foreign Influence and Investment / Simon S C Tay (Singapore  
Institute of International Affairs, Singapore)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2020  
476p.  
9789813273542  
\$ 50.00 / HB

What are the political and economic challenges facing Myanmar as it opens to the world? And what are the opportunities and responsibilities for the international community to influence and also invest in the country?

This book aims to provide readers with an assessment that integrates analysis with on-the-ground experience and insights, drawn from closely engaging with Myanmar since the country began to move towards democracy and open to the world. In order for readers to appreciate emerging trends and developments, the book evaluates the efforts of the recent Thein Sein administration and current National League of Democracy government up to the present day. It also identifies key events from the colonial period through to the decades when the country was under military rule, cut off from much of the international community. The on-going crisis in Myanmar's Rakhine State and the controversial situation of the Rohingya are examined at length, with an effort to contextualise these events in wider challenges of geopolitics and national reforms to rehabilitate the government and the economy.

The book presents readers with a clear view of how the country might progress beyond current obstacles, and highlights the opportunities that remain for those willing to engage constructively for the longer term in the opening of this frontier economy and once-pariah state. As Myanmar moves ahead with its transition to democracy and with economic development, this book is recommended for both

those who watch the country with interest and those who consider the ways in which the international community interacts with the region and Myanmar.

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Impact of COVID-19 on Asian Economies and Policy Responses  
/ Edited By: Sumit Agarwal (National University of Singapore, Singapore), Zhiguo He (University of Chicago, USA) and Bernard Yeung (National University of Singapore, Singapore)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021

192p.

9789811229374

\$ 32.00 / HB

On March 12th 2020, World Health Organization (WHO) declared the spreading of the new virus, 2019-nCoV, a pandemic. In Asia, the virus, more commonly referred to as COVID-19, has been spreading since the end of December. To contain the public health threat, almost all countries enforced a variety of measures, including lockdowns, to minimize face-to-face human interactions between the infected and the susceptible.

While these vigilant measures save lives, they also generate a substantial negative economic shock that immediately halts demand and significantly disrupts supply, global production value chain and trade. The consequences are dire — considerable decline in output, massive surge in unemployment, countless bankruptcy cases, and unrelentless worries over financial stability. The result, a worldwide economic setback, is more severe than that experienced during the Great Financial Crisis of 2008–2009.

Asia's experiences with COVID-19 precede that in the West. This fortuitous timing allows Asia to share its learnings drawn from experiences to benefit the world.

The Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research's (ABFER) community has gathered a collection of insights to inform the public. Besides providing access to research on the pandemic conducted in Asia, these commentaries offer comprehensive information on the effects of the pandemic, the effectiveness of measures employed to contain it and the subsequent economic impacts from such implementation. With granular analyses of government policies and their associated economic rescue packages, these commentaries elucidate the hard trade-offs between public health protection and economic security. Finally, the commentaries address the broader impact of the pandemic on international trade, global value chains and society.

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Key Challenges and Opportunities for Quality, Sustainability and Innovation in the Fourth Industrial Revolution : Quality and Service Management in the Fourth Industrial Revolution — Sustainability and Value Co-creation / Edited By: Su Mi Dahlgaard-Park (Lund University, Sweden) and Jens J Dahlgaard (Linköping University, Sweden)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021  
536p.  
9789811230349  
\$ 200.00 / HB

How can companies survive and prosper in the new economic age of the 4th Industrial Revolution? This book collects a variety of cases and quality management strategies for companies to put in place in the face of Industry 4.0. It argues that organizations that practice good quality management throughout the whole organization, and focus on satisfying their customers, employees and other stakeholders better than their competitors, are well equipped with the necessary capabilities to survive. It is a must read book for academicians, practitioners, managers and students interested in learning about the quality management philosophy, principles, tools

and methods to be used in building a sustainable future where the challenges of the 4th Industrial Revolution — Industry 4.0 — are regarded and used as opportunities for survival and further growth.

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Post-COVID Asia : Deglobalization, Fourth Industrial Revolution, and Sustainable Development / Hyun-Hoon Lee (Kangwon National University, South Korea) and Donghyun Park (Asian Development Bank, Philippines)

Singapore : World Scientific, 2020

324p.

9789811228971

\$ 85.00 / HB

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Post-COVID Asia : Deglobalization, Fourth Industrial Revolution, and Sustainable Development / Hyun-Hoon Lee (Kangwon National University, South Korea) and Donghyun Park (Asian Development Bank, Philippines)

Singapore : World Scientific, 2020

324p.

9789811230233

\$ 22.00 / PB

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been an unprecedented, once-in-a-century gamechanger for the world. The central focus of Post-COVID Asia is the new world that will emerge after the coronavirus. In particular, this book explores how deglobalization will proceed in the post-COVID world and what kind of impact deglobalization will have on Asian economies. After all, in the last few decades, Asia has leveraged globalization to become the world's fastest-growing, most dynamic region. Therefore, an urgent challenge facing Asian economies is to figure out how to survive and thrive when the globalization which served them so well is giving way to deglobalization.

Opportunities have emerged for Asian economies amid the winding down of the third wave of globalization. In fact, the next wave of globalization is already beginning to take shape, in tandem with the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which is full of exciting new technologies. This book offers insights that would help governments, companies and people in Asia to ride the next wave of globalization to power their prosperity.

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Policy Analysis and Modeling of the Global Economy : A Festschrift Celebrating Thomas Hertel / Edited By: Peter Dixon (Victoria University, Australia), Joseph Francois (University of Bern, Switzerland) and Dominique van der Mensbrugge (Purdue University, USA)

Singapore : World Scientific, 2021

596p.

9789811233623

World Scientific Studies in International Economics: Volume 76

\$ 240.00 / HB

This volume honors the extraordinary career of Thomas Hertel. It also celebrates the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) by Prof. Hertel. All of those contributing to this volume, including Prof. Hertel's students and colleagues, have benefitted in some ways from the selfless professional generosity and dedication to scientific public goods that have been hallmarks of his career.

The book examines the history of the GTAP project, the scientific contributions of Prof. Hertel, and the general application of computational modeling to global economic policy analysis. The applications in the volume, reflecting the broad contributions made by the GTAP community to global policy analysis, range from the impact of globalization on

employment to the sustainability impacts of economic integration.

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Conceptual Economics : The Liaising Role in Politics and Social Sciences / Kui-Wai Li (The Kui-Wai consultancy for Economic Development, Canada)

Singapore : World Scientific, 2021

308p.

9789811222184

\$ 125.00 / HB

Given that there is no shortage of economic theories while economic problems are growing periodically, Conceptual Economics boldly attempts to initiate a new approach by employing conceptual and intuitive tools to examine the intra-relationship between microeconomics and macroeconomics as well as the inter-relationship between economic analysis and other social science studies, especially the relationship with political science. The few intuitive ideas include the separation between ex-ante situations and ex-post outcomes, the difference between endowment differences and unequal outcomes, and the role of economics as a vehicle in the delivery of numerous social and political activities. The discussion extends to cover an analysis on human values and concludes with a recommendation on the functionality of civic capitalism. With intuition and analytical reasoning within economics and with other social sciences, Conceptual Economics can become a new branch in economic study where scholars, analysts and intellectuals could "think outside the box" by liaising a wider economic perspective and/or amalgamating non-economic aspects into their analysis. This shall provide a new dimension to solving human economic problems and possibly area of intellectuality.

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Living the Corporate Purpose : Insights from Companies in Asia / Mark Chong (Singapore Management University, Singapore) and Flocy Joseph (Singapore Management University, Singapore)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021  
192p.  
9789811221217  
\$ 39.50 / HB

Corporate purpose has become a global phenomenon in recent years. Increasingly, businesses are expected to "produce profitable solutions to the problems of people and planet, and not to profit from producing problems for people or planet" (World Economic Forum). However, the literature on how companies can build purpose into their corporate DNA is still very nascent.

This book, first of its kind, focuses on how companies in Asia are building purpose into their journey. It contains case studies of companies and their current journey to become more purpose driven, why they do it, and how they did it.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747497>

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Economic Effects of Antidumping / Thomas J Prusa (Rutgers University, USA) (Ed)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021  
312p.  
9789811225246  
World Scientific Studies in International Economics: Volume 77  
\$ 190.00 / HB

Economic Effects of Antidumping is an invaluable book that reviews many of the key developments in the economic analysis of antidumping law over the past 25 years. Thomas Prusa was one of the earliest economists to examine the

economics of antidumping and its consequences, and this volume contains many of his contributions to the field.

This book provides a broad overview of the author's works, which include many significant findings, including the propensity and effects of settled cases, trade diversion, the effect of legal provisions such as cumulation and zeroing, pricing distortions, tit-for-tat use of the law, and contingent protection as insurance. This book is appropriate for both students in economics, public policy and law, and for policymakers in the field.

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Government in Business : Leading or Lagging? / Lim Hwee Hua  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021

352p.

9789811232367

\$ 50.00 / HB

The evergreen debate over government's involvement in business continues in earnest. Participants straddle all stakeholder groups, from the state itself to the private sector to the public at large. Add to that debate increasing globalisation, and now de-globalisation, and the advent of technological advances. Criticism is often levelled at a government that is slow to act or one that belatedly introduces damning regulations. Many governments are already saddled with demands spanning mega infrastructural development to bulging fiscal deficits to evening out growth across the population. The politics of the day are however synonymous with short-termism. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased the bailout burden even more. The author attempts to provide a fair assessment of the potentially complementary roles that the public and private sectors can play in a fast-changing global economy, amidst the shifting expectations of society.

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Government in Business : Leading or Lagging? / Lim Hwee Hua  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021

352p.

9789811232473

\$ 25.00 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747500>

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Asian Family Businesses : Succession, Governance and  
Innovation / Annie Koh

Singapore : World Scientific, 2021

216p.

9789811228612

\$ 39.50 / HB

The global economy is predominantly driven by family businesses that provide the largest source of long-term employment in most countries. In Asia, family members amongst 60% of large corporations own a significant share of the equity and can influence key decisions. This phenomenon presents family enterprises with challenges and opportunities as any other non-family-run enterprise but in a more complex dimension.

This book presents a collection of cases that address three key challenges faced by many of the family enterprises in Asia — Succession, Governance and Innovation. The narration of the cases also offers the reader tips about good practices among the Asian families, such as effective family governance mechanism, development of innovation and entrepreneurial mindsets across generations, and importance of family culture.

This case book is essential reading for anyone interested in addressing the needs of business families in the region.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747503>

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## **History**

Abdullah Bin Abdul Kadir Munshi, Vol 1 & 2 / Hadijah Rahmat  
Singapore: World Scientific, 2021

2v.

Vol 1: His Voyages, Legacies and Modernity  
xxviii, 528p.

Vol 2: His Voyages, Legacies and Colonial History  
xxx, 690p.

9789811207204 (Set)

1. Abdullah, Munshi, 1796-1854.
2. Abdullah, Munshi, 1796-1854 – Travel.
3. Abdullah, Munshi, 1796-1854 – Writing.
4. Malay Peninsula – History
5. Malaya – History.

\$ 90.00 (Set) / PB

2000gm.

This book, Abdullah bin Abdul Kadir Munshi: His Voyages, Legacie and Modernity, is the most comprehensive, multi-disciplinary studies on Abdullah bin Abdul Kadir, widely known as Munshi Abdullah (1796–1854). He was a prominent literary figure and thinker in the Malay world in the 19th century and was also an early 'pioneer' of Singapore.

The book consists of numerous academic papers presented at the regional and international seminars, and also published in international journals and as chapters of books. Besides academic papers, the excerpt of play titled "Munsi", sketches, poetry, and song, and interviews by the national media are also included.

This book provides new insight into Abdullah's life, backgrounds, writings, his influences and legacies, and the reactions and thought provoking views of the western and eastern scholars on Abdullah. The book is indeed the key reference for studies on Munshi Abdullah, Malay literature, and the history of Singapore, Malaysia, and colonialism in

Southeast Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745611>

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Home, Truly : Growing Up with Singapore, 1950s to the Present / (Curator) Wong Hong Suen (Ed) Stephanie Yeo  
Singapore: National Museum of Singapore, 2020  
116p.

9789811484414

1. Singapore – History – Exhibitions.
2. Singapore – Social life and customs – Exhibitions.
3. Singapore – Social conditions – Exhibitions.

\$ 40.00 / HB

556gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745612>

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Singapore Culinary History / Vincent A. Gabriel

Singapore: Vincent A. Gabriel, 2020

204p.

9798582111993

\$ 35.00 / PB

314gm.

Much has been written about the geography, the politics, the economics and the cosmopolitan aspects of the Singapore island and Singapore society. However, the history of food in Singapore, its origins, its varieties of preparation, its socio-political-economic importance has not been historically recorded. Singapore: Culinary History tries to cover some of the gaps identified above. As a port city, Singapore has been open to all kinds of culinary influences that have been embedded into the local culture. The basic has been the traditions of the Malay, the Indian, the Chinese and the British. Later contributions have come with the people who have come to work (initially) in Singapore and have grown to love the place, settle down and add their culinary practices. The economic wealth of Singapore has allowed consumers to imitate the food of other mega cities in Asia, America, Australia,

and Europe. But rounds of buffets and large meals have led to health problems (like diabetes). Customers have got used to ordering food through their cell phones and this led to the social disease of 'lazy-roo' (over dependence on food delivery). Singapore: Culinary History places the focus on food security – Singapore imports all the food and drinks needed and is affected when African swine fever or mad cow disease affects supply sources. The covid-19 crisis of December 2019 saw waves of panic buying as shoppers cleared shelves of food making it clear that food security has to be taken seriously by importers and food vendors. Singapore: Culinary History explains how a young nation of only 50 years has been able to use food as a unifier of ethnicities, of gaps in wealth and differences in expectations. The marginalised have been able to get a simple meal of rice or noodles from \$1, yet there are places where a meal for a couple will cost \$2,000 for the omakase.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745613>

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With Freedom to Singapore : Social and Administrative  
Assessment of Post-War Singapore 1945-1950 / Oswald W.  
Gilmour

New York, USA: Patrick Gilmour, 2020

300p.

9781734769159

\$ 40.00 / PB

320gm.

An in-depth, on-the-ground study of Singapore in the post-war years 1945-50, providing invaluable insights into the civil, political and social situation on the island during the reconstruction years after the Japanese were defeated. *With Freedom to Singapore* (1950) is a very different book to its predecessor, *Singapore to Freedom* (1943). The earlier work, which detailed the author's flight before the Japanese troops invading Singapore in 1942, was promoted by the publisher as,

“The vivid record of a great escape”. *With Freedom to Singapore*, released seven years later, is another genre of text, the publisher this time stressing its value to anyone seeking an understanding of the post-war situation in the rapidly diminishing British colonies:

*"Recent events show that the disturbing effects of the last war have been as serious in Malaya as in any country in the Far East. This book will prove of exceptional value to anyone who wishes to form an estimate of the present position in a country terrorised by bandits and torn by factions groping after some new political formula. It forms a backdrop to the day-to-day news from Singapore."* As such, *With Freedom to Singapore* will find its place as an invaluable source document for any serious student of Singapore's past from World War Two through to the beginning of the 1950s.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=744474>

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Raffles Renounced : Towards A Merdeka History / (Eds) Alfian Sa'at, Faris Joraimi & Sai Siew Min  
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2021  
280p.

Includes Index

9789811420382

1. Singapore – Historiography.
2. Singapore – History.

\$ 24.00 / PB

404gm.

Why did independent Singapore celebrate two hundred years of its founding as a British colony in 2019? Why did it do so with a history dating from 1299? And what are the possibilities of doing decolonial history in Singapore? *Raffles Renounced: Towards a Merdeka History* presents essays by historians, literary scholars and artists which grapple with these questions. The volume also reproduces some of the source material used in the play *Merdeka / 獨立 /*

சுதந்திரம் (Wild Rice, 2019). Taken together, the book shows how the contradictions of independent nationhood haunt Singaporeans' collective and personal stories about Merdeka. It points to the need for a Merdeka history: an open and fearless culture of historical reckoning that not only untangles us from colonial narratives, but proposes emancipatory possibilities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747506>

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Eu Chooi Yip : Inside the Malayan Communist Party : An Oral History Interview / (Ed) C. C. Chin (Foreword) Kwa Chong Guan

Singapore: Learning Press Pte Ltd, 2020

viii, 240p.

9789811482984

\$ 35.00 / PB

330gm.

Born Dec 1918 in Kuantan. Brief information about parents. Studied in Chinese school in Kuantan and then at Yang Zheng School (YZS) in Singapore. Consciousness about affairs in China. Personality of father. Activities at YZS. Student union activities in early 1930s. Arrested by police for demonstrating and detained until he was bailed out. Returned to Standard 5 and 7 at Kuantan. Entered Raffles College in 1937. Teachers at YZS. Books with political influence that he was introduced to in 1937. Newspapers read. Malayan Communist Party (MCP).

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=744701>

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## **Law**

Human Rights and ASEAN : Indonesian and International Perspectives / Kevin YL Tan (S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore & National University of Singapore, Singapore),

David Cohen (Stanford University, USA) and Aviva Nabahan  
(Human Rights Resource Centre, Indonesia)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021  
296p.  
9789811229497  
\$ 50.00 / HB

Human Rights in ASEAN: Indonesian and International Perspectives is a collection of 13 essays that not only offers fresh new insights on the different facets of human rights and their protection in ASEAN, but also 'insider' accounts of the development of the ASEAN Inter-Governmental Commission for Human Rights. These valuable perspectives have never been shared publicly, and offer a view from both the state and non-governmental organisations' (NGO) perspectives. In addition to these valuable perspectives, this book offers a number of significant case studies of how human rights has been implemented, and the challenges it faces in ASEAN in general, and in Indonesia particularly.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747508>

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## **Literature**

Prisna, Volume 1 / Princess Vibhavadi Rangsit (Changcham Bunnag) (Translator) Tulachandra  
Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
viii, 256p.  
9789814914154  
Southeast Asian Classics  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
354gm.

The story of a young modern Siamese girl and her quest for true love. Prisna takes place in 1938 in Phra Nakhon, Thailand, during a time when men and women were not equals.

Marriage for women meant security, not love. Prissana is the youngest daughter among four girls and was the only one raised in America by their uncle. She is outgoing, cheerful, and pretty, but at the same time, she is also headstrong, intelligent, and opinionated. She returns to Thailand after living in America for 12 years and is once again reunited with her family. Prissana, whose name means “mystery, a puzzle/riddle,” causes quite a stir in Thailand with her open, American behavior and refreshing beauty. She develops a dislike toward Taan Chai Puthpreecha, whom she has never met, because everyone puts him on a pedestal. Over the course of time, both end up having to reevaluate their presumptions of each other as they get to know one another better.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=730688>

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Prisna, Volume 2 / Princess Vibhavadi Rangsit (Translator)

Tulachandra

Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
312p.

9789814914161

Southeast Asian Classics

\$ 30.00 / PB

412gm.

The story of a young modern Siamese girl and her quest for true love. Prisna takes place in 1938 in Phra Nakhon, Thailand, during a time when men and women were not equals.

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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=730687>

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Who Killed the King of Bagan / James Dibiasio

Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
xvi, 208p.

9789814882965

\$ 22.00 / PB

218gm.

Book Details:

Who Killed the King of Bagan? tells the story of Bagan (and thus the founding of Myanmar) through the device of a murder mystery. Bagan’s most important king was Anawrahta. According to the Myanmarese chronicles, he died under suspicious circumstances, and contemporary Burmese writers surmise he was assassinated. But why, and by whom? The answers are tepid and unconvincing. The book teases out a possible culprit who is overlooked today for long standing cultural and religious reasons. The process of examining the evidence involves two journeys. One is through time—a rough chronology of the important kings and the racey gossip the chronicles tell about them. The second is physical—walking through ten different temples, each representing a theme in Bagan’s history, and using this to unpack what the legacy of Anawrahta was.

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The Margins / John Wigglesworth

Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
252p.  
9789814882989  
\$ 22.00 / PB  
342gm.

Only Ethan Hicks knows what happened up on the mountain, for everyone else is dead. Hundreds of them, hundreds of westerners, their bodies yet to be recovered from the devastated commune that sits high above the Kullu Valley. It's an unfolding tragedy that has caught the attention of the world's media, and pressure is rapidly growing on the Indian authorities to provide answers. For them, of course, Ethan—found barely alive at the foot of the mountain—is the key to everything.

And the account he gives to investigators will prove extraordinary: of a remote commune that grew beyond recognition through a simple quirk of fate. Of a harmonious society that became driven by greed. Of a paradise befouled by its own inhabitants.

Yet, for all of Ethan's candour, there were some events that took place on the mountain of which he cannot speak—dark, terrible secrets that he intends to take to his grave.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745618>

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The Rosales House : A Novel / Mignon Bravo Dutt  
Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
208p.  
9789814882125  
\$ 22.00 / PB  
286gm.

The Rosales House is a contemporary novel about Claire Rosales, a twenty-eight year old advertising executive in Singapore, who hails from a powerful political clan in the

Philippines. Claire's orderly life in Singapore is disrupted by the death of her influential grandmother Gloria, her constant support and her strongest pillar especially after her broken wedding engagement. Moreover, the Rosales estate is now divided and the clan will have to rely more on Claire's uncle, Ric, a congressman, for their public face. Claire knows only too well, though, that Ric is not the charismatic family man he pretends to be.

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And Softly Go The Crossings : A Collection of Short Stories /  
Danielle Lim

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
220p.

9789814882194

\$ 21.00 / PB

216gm.

The silent interplay between beauty and darkness, pain and healing. In this collection of short stories, Singapore Literature Prize-winner Danielle Lim probes the unseen changes which take place in the human psyche and their impact on the textures of life. Weaving through pain and healing, beauty and darkness, these silent crossings of the human heart and mind are deep and formidable. Yet they often go unnoticed due to their quiet, subtle nature. From a man struggling to bridge the distance between him and his father as his father dies, to the changes in the human psyche when people are pitted competitively against one another, these stories seek to draw out the emotional and psychological threads which form the tapestry of lived experience. With its portraits of love and loss, loneliness and heartache, hope and healing, *And Softly Go the Crossings* challenges the reader to encounter human connectedness through soft, yet powerful, inner rhythms.

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Virtual Center and Other Science Fiction Stories / Raissa Claire R. Falgui  
Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
168p.  
9789814882972  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
168gm.

A collection of science fiction that borders on science possible, Virtual Center and Other stories brings to you some brilliant, adventurous possibilities of our tech-dominant lives. Virtual Center is the first in this collection and is the 2002 Palanca Awards first-prize winner for Futuristic Fiction. It tells the story of rich people who have chosen to live the rest of their lives virtually while poor people care for them—until a young anarchist attempts to disrupt the system. Hatchling refers to the monster tiyanak of Philippine supernatural lore. The Creator Defends His Creation is the testimony of a man standing trial for fraud for building an android and getting him elected as president. By the Light of the Moon introduces an alien figure from Venus who revels in being hailed as the goddess Haliya, protector of the timid moon god. The Sincerest Form of Flattery is the story of a girl who maintains a lifelong resentment against her younger sister, a clone of her grandmother. The Beautiful and the Whole is a post-apocalyptic story in which a nation, in an attempt to rejuvenate its population after a devastating world war, has instituted restrictive laws regarding marriage and reproduction.

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Riverrun : A Novel / Danton Remoto  
Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
xvi, 200p.  
9789814882866  
\$ 22.00 / PB

214gm.

Riverrun is a rite-of-passage novel on the life of Danilo Cruz, a young gay man who grows up in a colourful and chaotic military dictatorship in the Philippines. Shaped like a memoir, it glides from childhood to young adulthood in chapters written like flash fiction and vignettes, along with a recipe for shark meat, a feature article, extracts from a poem and vivid songs. It can be classified as literary fiction, that is nevertheless accessible to the general reader.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745622>

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Taiping Tales of Terror / Julya Oui

Singapore: Penguin Books(Penguin Random House SEA), 2020  
xvi, 256p.

9789814882170

\$ 18.00 / PB

266gm.

The stories in this collection are works of personal gratification, nostalgia, and reverence and they serve as an homage to the author's hometown and her favorite horror writers. They take place in various timelines and are written as stories within stories ranging from a headless ghost that returns as a grim reaper, a bird-like creature on the loose, a were-tiger out to seek vengeance, a vampire that decimated an entire village and other restless paranormal entities that walk among us.

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After You / Cyril Wong

Second Edition

Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2020

120p.

9789811473722

\$ 24.00 / HB  
234gm.

In a lasting marriage, one could still outlive the other. A poet gazes upon his older partner, pondering the inevitable. Panic, heartache, and a surprising sense of acceptance, interwoven with instances of joyful resilience, punctuate the ordinariness of their everyday lives and occupy these poems about same-sex love, death, and the fragile art of testimony.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745626>

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The Alphabet of Life / Mibarzo  
Singapore: Naga Creative Ark, 2020  
x, 174p.

Includes Bibliographic references

1. Life – Poetry.
2. Love – Poetry.

9789811474736

\$ 75.00 / HB

730gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743206>

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Redshift : Poetry / Neil Daswani

Singapore: Kitaab, 2020

viii, 48p.

9789811458248

\$ 18.00 / PB

90gm.

The poems in this book were written over three decades and needed to be shared, before they moved away into redshift. Many of these poems are about love, both lost and found. This eclectic volume has something for every reader: verses about the balm and beauty of nature, high school physics, humour and occasionally the surreal. More recent poems explore the

emptiness around Covid-19 or grieving and the hope that lies beyond. Neil Daswani is a Singaporean author with an international background. He is a banker by day and a poet by night who now writes poetry prolifically and often in tandem with artists.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745629>

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Dreams in Moonless Nights / Hussain Ul Haque (Translator)

Syed Sarwar Hussain

Singapore: Kitaab, 2020

xiv, 448p.

9789811476129

\$ 25.00 / PB

500gm.

This much-appreciated multilayered novel spans the traumatic years of the aftermath of Indian Independence to the current apocalyptic state of affairs. It tells the story of Ismael Merchant who even after losing his whole family in a communal carnage represents the intrinsic Indian passion for love and brotherhood.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745633>

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The Best Asian Crime Stories 2020 / (Ed) Richard Lord (Series Ed) Zafar Anjum

Singapore: Kitaab, 2020

The Best Asian Series

x, 264p.

9789811187223

\$ 25.00 / PB

302gm.

Fittingly for a crime collection, this debut anthology offers thirteen stories, stretching from India to Japan, with key stops

along the way in Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines. Some of the authors whose work is being showcased in this anthology are Priya Sood, Carol Pang, Timothy Yam, Lee Ee Leen, Wendy Jones Nakanishi, Ricardo Albay, and Aaron Ang, among others.

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The Best Asian Short Stories 2020 / (Ed) Zafar Anjum

(Foreword) Tabish Khair

Singapore: Kitaab, 2020

The Best Asian Series

xvi, 250p

9789811480423

\$ 25.00 / PB

300gm.

From the mountains of Uttrakhand in India to the Rocky Mountain in Canada, the stories in this volume represent the multitude of Asian voices that capture the wishes, aspirations, dreams and conflicts of people inhabiting a vast region of our planet. While some contributions deal with the themes of migration, pandemics and climate change, others give us a peek into the inner workings of the human heart through the prism of these well-wrought stories. This volume is the expression of a community, "a community of Asian writing that stands on its own two – no, its own million – feet!", as novelist and critic Tabish Khair says in his 'Foreword'.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745635>

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We Make Spaces Divine : Poems / Pooja Nansi

Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2021

155p.

9789811491450

\$ 25.00 / HB

272gm.

These poems walk through cities in bodies that don't belong. They speak through moments in migration, music, film and pop culture. These are poems as acts of resistance, renewal and reclamation. Poems that make shrines of grimy corners. They are dancing till the sun comes up and laughing in the face of anyone who says they cannot take up space.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745636>

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Caves / Clara Chow

Singapore: Hermit Press, 2020

104p. ; 127x203mm.

9789811489013

\$ 15.00 / PB

114gm.

On her last trip abroad before the COVID-19 pandemic, Clara Chow visited Ipoh. Over three days, she explored cave temples, bank vaults and a supposedly-haunted castle in the Malaysian state of Perak. Part-travelogue, part-meditation on the nature of caves and why we are drawn to them, the book is a quiet manifesto of independence from a solo traveller.

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### **Politics**

Young Mongols : Forging Democracy in the Wild, Wild East /  
Aubrey Menard

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA Pte  
Ltd), 2020

xxxiv, 306p.

9789814882262

\$ 32.00 / PB

372gm.

In 1990, Mongolia's youth-led revolution threw off the Soviet yoke, ushering in multi-party democracy. Thirty years later, the country's youth are still leading Mongolia's democratic development.

This powerful, inclusive book introduces readers to modern Mongolia through the stories of young leaders fighting to make their country a better, more democratic place. Its intersectional perspective explores the complexity of Mongolia today: the urban planning and pollution issues that plague the capital city of Ulaanbaatar; the struggles of women, the LGBTQIA+ population, people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities to claim their equitable places in society; the challenge of providing education in the world's least densely populated country to prepare the workforce of tomorrow; and how to fairly divide the spoils of the country's vast mineral resource wealth.

This rising generation of Mongolians is already wielding real power and shaping their country's future. Their work will determine whether the country is able to overcome its development and democratization challenges, its relationship to the world, and who the winners (and losers) will be in Mongolian society.

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Clear Mandate : A Singapore Conversation / KHOOGJ, Juliana Tan & Justin Zhuang

Singapore: KHOOGJ & Juliana Tan, 2020

1v.

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1. Elections -- Singapore -- Pictorial works.
2. Political parties -- Singapore -- Pictorial works.
3. Opposition (Political science) -- Singapore -- Pictorial works.
4. Singapore -- Politics and government -- 21st century -- Pictorial works.

\$ 25.00 / PB

124gm.

Clear Mandate is a visual conversation between photographers KHOOGJ and Juliana Tan during the Singapore General Election 2020. It was a project conceived on Instagram with the duo

putting out diptychs of their images, one from each photographer, as a call and response to the campaigns and issues surrounding the election. -- Cover verso.

Detachable cover, with essay and imprint and author information.

Includes essay, "A Singapore conversation" by Justin Zhuang; and edited conversation between Khoogj and Juliana on Instagram Live.

"Edition of 300" -- Colophon.

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Journey in Blue : A Peek into the Workers' Party of Singapore /  
Yee Jenn Jong (Ed) Lai Ann

Singapore: World Scientific, 2020

xxii, 262p.

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1. Worker's Party (Singapore)
2. Political parties – Singapore – History.
3. Singapore – Politics and government.
4. Yee, Jenn Jong.

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#### Book Details:

After decades of overwhelming political domination by the People's Action Party (PAP), Singapore has entered a phase of political transition. It started with the loss of a group representation constituency (GRC) in the 2011 general election (GE2011). After a huge rebound in the fortunes of the PAP in the 2015 general election following the death of founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, the transition resumed in the 2020 general election with the loss of yet another GRC. This book looks at the Workers' Party, Singapore's leading opposition party, through the eyes of Yee Jenn Jong, former Non-Constituency Member of Parliament and Central Executive Committee member of the party.

Jenn Jong took an unexpected leap into opposition politics just weeks before GE2011 and came out with a narrow loss of just 1% of the popular votes. In this book, he recounts his three contests in the general elections from 2011–2020, parliamentary work, and other activities in opposition politics. This book hopes to let readers better understand the nature of the work by opposition politicians in Singapore, which has been dominated by the PAP's narrative since 1959. The author also shares his thoughts on the shape of Singapore's politics going forward.

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Our Eyes : Counter Terrorism Intelligence Network / General  
(Ret.) Ryamizard Ryacudu

Singapore : Learning Press Pte Ltd, 2020

254p.

9789811482977

\$ 25.00 / PB

612gm.

Book Details:

Today, terrorism presents a tier-one national security threat to governments and societies across the world. The threat of Al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, and their affiliates is growing stronger in Southeast Asia to contain isolate, and eliminate the terrorism treat, ASEAN's governments had to come together and act. We invested in joint aerial, land, and maritime forces, as well as an intelligence sharing and exchange network.

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Will Pakatan Harapan's Hold on Selangor Continue? / Tricia  
Yeoh

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2021

47p.

9789814951432

Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 3, 2021

\$ 9.00 / PB

When the Pakatan Harapan (PH) federal government fell in February 2020, PH also lost control over the states of Johor, Malacca, Perak and Kedah. In Sabah, PH-aligned Warisan was replaced by the PN-aligned United Alliance of Sabah.

PH maintained its hold on three states—Selangor, Penang and Negeri Sembilan. Selangor's position is of unique interest, given the largest share of PH assemblypersons comprising members from the People's Justice Party (Parti Keadilan Rakyat, or PKR), the party which has faced significant elite splits in 2020.

The present stability of PH's survival in Selangor can be accounted for by the sheer majority it possesses within the legislative assembly, comprising forty-one out of fifty-six state seats. Unless a significant share of assemblypersons were to defect, the change in state government would be highly unlikely.

PH built a strong base in Selangor during its time in power over more than a decade, securing performative legitimacy and rooting itself strongly within the community.

PH has benefited from the highly urbanized and educated demographic profile of Selangor. However, the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic has likely changed the landscape, which may in turn affect how constituents will now respond to goodies offered by the federal government.

Although PH in Selangor has survived the national storm, its future performance remains uncertain. This year's political realignment, public opinion towards PN and the 2018 redelineation exercise where the number of Malay-majority seats has grown may hamper PH's ability to maintain its strong margin.

The political fragmentation that continues to unfold will see further party and coalitional realignment, which will invariably impact PH's strength in Selangor.

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The Deer and the Dragon: Southeast Asia and China in the 21st Century / (Ed) Donald K Emmerson  
Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute / Shorenstein APARC,  
2020  
394p.  
9789814951166  
\$ 32.00 / PB

"In *The Deer and the Dragon*, Emmerson, one of the most eminent thinkers on Southeast Asia, has rallied an army of top regional experts to examine the nature, dynamics and implications of the power asymmetries between China and the countries of Southeast Asia. In the region's folklore, the motif of the mouse-deer and dragon represents the triumph of brain over brawn. Drawing from that analogy, the book critically investigates the myths and realities of China's preponderance in the region to draw attention to how Southeast Asian countries have been adept at employing strategies such as hedging and balancing to counter China, while also leveraging regional organizations and mechanisms to maximise their strategic autonomy.

*The Deer and the Dragon* provides a sobering reality check on several key fronts. It examines regional perceptions of China and the United States while identifying their respective leadership deficiencies as Great Powers. It challenges the conventional wisdom that Southeast Asia is China's "strategic backyard", highlighting the differences between Chinese aspirations for the region and Southeast Asia's resistance to China's hegemonic vision.

In its discussion of China's bilateral relations with Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia and Laos, as well as on the Mekong, *The Deer and the Dragon* brings unprecedented new insights about the depths and dimensions of these countries' relationship with China. "

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Parti Islam SeMalaysia (PAS): Unifier of the Ummah? / Wan Saiful Wan Jan

Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 14, 2020

Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020

23p.

9789814951258

\$ 9.00 / PB

The Islamic Party of Malaysia (PAS) is no stranger to coalition politics. It has a long history of working with others, both in government and in opposition. Up until 2018, it used the framework of *tahaluf siyasi* as the guide to forming coalitions. Under the pretext of *tahaluf siyasi* or political coalition, PAS joined the Barisan Nasional (BN) government in 1974. It was also a key player in the Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU), Barisan Alternatif (BA) and Pakatan Rakyat (PR) opposition coalitions. But in the lead up to GE14, PAS decided to form the Gagasan Sejahtera coalition with much smaller parties—Berjasa and Ikatan. It dominated this coalition and the two partners were largely insignificant.

After GE14, PAS decided to partner with UMNO in Muafakat Nasional, under the pretext of a new strategy called *ta'awun siyasi* or political cooperation. This is a looser partnership arrangement, in which the partners are not strictly bound to each other.

The formation of Muafakat Nasional is a historic development, as it brings together the two biggest and oldest Malay political parties for the time in an exclusive manner. Bersatu joined the pact in 2020, making Muafakat Nasional the biggest Malay political force in Malaysia today.

PAS sees its role as a unifier of the Muslim *ummah*, holding and keeping the peace between UMNO and Bersatu. For PAS, creating Malay Muslim unity is not just an effective political strategy but also a religious obligation.

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Infiltrating Society: The Thai Military's Internal Security  
Affairs / Puangthong Pawakapan

Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2021

182p.

9789814881715

\$ 28.00 / PB

"Thai politics is driven by actors and actions of paradox such as anti-election movements for accountability or independent, partisan organizations. This lucidly written book uncovers the 'military-led civil affairs' that earn the armed forces the omnipotent role in Thai society. It enriches our understanding of the Thai military in both empirical and theoretical ways. Empirically, the book illuminates how the soldiers have been intensively involved in supposedly civic activities ranging from forest land management to poverty reduction. Such long-lasting and extensive involvement means the military could mobilize the organized mass of over 500,000 strong when necessary. Theoretically, readers will learn how an ideological discourse ('threats to national security') has been continuously redefined to serve the military's evolving political and rent-seeking missions from the Cold War era to the twenty-first century. It also traces the persistence and mutation of this highly adaptable organization, the one that knows when to roar and when to camouflage. Still waters run deep; Thai military operations run deeper and wider." – Veerayooth Kanchoochat, Associate Professor of Political Economy, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo

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"A truly monumental work about Thailand's military from the 1960s until today, this solid study focuses upon the armed forces' internal security role across Thai society, how the military has succeeded in legitimizing itself and boosting its power as a counterinsurgency force, guardian of monarchy and engine of development. The book also valuably looks at the military's establishment of mass organizations beginning

during the Cold War and mobilization of royalists since 2006. The book thus illustrates how the military has been able to enhance and sustain its overwhelming influence and is thus a valuable study for anyone wanting to understand key power-brokers in Thailand.” – Dr Paul Chambers, Center of ASEAN Community Studies, Naresuan University, Thailand  
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Non-State Chinese Actors and Their Impact on Relations between China and Mainland Southeast Asia / Enze Han  
Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 1, 2021  
Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2021  
19p.  
9789814951333  
\$ 9.00 / PB

International relations scholarship and the popular media tend to portray China as a great power with hegemonic designs for Southeast Asia. Moreover, studies on Chinese influence in Southeast Asia predominantly focus on the Chinese state. This paper argues that Chinese non-state actors and their daily encounters with local communities in Southeast Asia deserve equal attention as these interactions evidently produce friction at both the society-to-state and state-to-state levels.

The influence of Chinese non-state actors in Southeast Asia can be illustrated with three examples, namely, Chinese tourism operations in Thailand, Chinese market demand and agricultural transformations in Myanmar, and Chinese gangs within the casino economy in Cambodia.

Thailand has recently become a top tourist destination for Chinese nationals. This has cultural implications as those involved in the tourism industry need to have Chinese language skills. The economic implications include increased competition and decreased accountability as Chinese tour companies have set up in Thailand using Thai locals as

nominees. Bilateral relations also soured after a boat carrying Chinese tourists capsized in Thailand.

As global prices of corn rose in 2011 and 2012, areas in Myanmar close to the Chinese border have increased corn cultivation to meet Chinese demands for that crop. This has led to deforestation in these areas.

Chinese gangsters fleeing their government's crackdown in China have settled down to operate in the casino economy in Cambodia. Consequentially, there has been a rise in crime rate involving online scams and deteriorating public security.

Despite the Chinese government encouraging the Cambodian government to enforce a ban on online gambling, the actions of non-state actors from China continue to be associated with the Chinese state as a whole and there is rising resentment towards the Chinese in Cambodia.

The COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily halted cross-border trade between China and mainland Southeast Asia. This has negatively affected local farmers who are dependent on the Chinese market.

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The Making of Anwar Ibrahim's "Humane Economy" / Khoo Boo Teik

Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020

25p.

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Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 18, 2020

\$ 9.00 / PB

Anwar Ibrahim, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, 1993–98, and Opposition Leader, 2008–15 and since March 2020, is associated with two lasting, seemingly contradictory images. Those were of the young Anwar as a radical Islamist for whom economics seemed not to matter, and as a pro-market reformer during the 1997 East Asian financial crisis for whom Islam no longer mattered.

Yet there was economics in the young Anwar's Islam and, conversely, Islam in the mature man's economics. Between them lay certain "moral ambivalences" that occupied Anwar during the pre-crisis period when economic growth, prosperity and ambitions were dogged by rent-seeking, corruption and institutional degradation.

Anwar had expressed various thoughts on "Islam and economics", notably when he was President of Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM, or Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement), Minister of Finance (1991-98), and leader of the post-Reformasi opposition. His thoughts formed the core of a "humane economy" that he envisioned and advocated upon his return to active politics from 2006 onwards.

The vision of a "humane economy" holds personal, ideological and political significance at a specific political juncture in Malaysian history.

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*Praetorians, Profiteers or Professionals? : Studies on the Militaries of Myanmar and Thailand / (Eds) Michael J Montesano, Terence Chong & Prajak Kongkirati*  
Singapore: Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020  
177p.

Includes Index

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\$ 22.00 / PB

*Praetorians, Profiteers or Professionals?* Contributes to the ongoing renaissance in scholarship on Southeast Asia's armed forces and their political, social and economic roles. This renaissance comes in an era in which the states of the region, and the societies and economies that they govern, have grown complex beyond all recognition. Nevertheless, understanding those states' armies remains crucial.

Emphasizing the ideologies and economic activities of the militaries of two large Mainland Southeast Asian neighbours,

this volume transcends clichés about coups, coercion, *caudillos* and kings. Its findings will challenge the thinking of even long-time observers of the region, not least through its comparative perspective and the fresh understanding of the roles and orientations of the armed forces of Myanmar and Thailand that that perspective suggests. <http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745739>

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Malay Politics : Parlous Condition, Continuing Problems /  
Khoo Boo Teik

Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020

19p.

9789814951296

Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 17, 2020

\$ 9.00 / PB

In late February 2020, the Mahathir Mohamad-led Pakatan Harapan (Harapan, or Pact of Hope) government ended abruptly. Amidst ensuing confusion, Muhyiddin Yassin led defecting Harapan Members of Parliament, joined by UMNO and PAS, in an ad hoc Perikatan Nasional (PN, or National Alliance) coalition to form a “backdoor government”.

The PN protagonists cast themselves as a “Malay-Muslim front” for preserving Malay dominance. Yet they unwittingly exposed the parlous state of their “Malay politics”, as shown by an absence of “Malay unity”, strongly contested claims to represent the Malays, intense party factionalism, and subverted leadership transitions.

The parlousness of Malay politics emerged from the failure of the Malay political class to meet many challenges between 1997 and 2018. As the New Economic Policy and Vision 2020 political orders shed their combined twenty-five-year hegemony, Malay politics could not recover its declining popular support and legitimacy, or craft a fresh, broadly supported settlement.

The present is an unsettled conjuncture: the old order is passing while Harapan’s experimental regime has been

subverted. Yet Malay politics is unable to reform or tackle current issues authoritatively. Instead Malay politics has turned inwards and precipitated a disorder of the political system.

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Minding the Grassroots : Celebrating 70 Years of Sino-Indonesia Relations amid the Coronavirus Pandemic / Ardhyta Eduard Yeremia & Klaus Heinrich Raditio  
Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020

36p.

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Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 16, 2020

\$ 9.00 / PB

The 70th anniversary of Sino-Indonesia bilateral relations is marked by issues alongside the coronavirus pandemic, such as medical cooperation, the import of Chinese workers, and confrontation in the Natuna waters.

Since the first case of coronavirus was identified in Wuhan in late December 2019, Indonesia has been generously assisting China in coping with the pandemic. In return, when the outbreak occurred in Indonesia, China also rendered support to its strategic partner.

The collaboration occurred at government-to-government (G-to-G) level (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence), business-to-business (B-to-B) level (state-owned companies and private companies), and people-to-people (P-to-P) level (ethnic Chinese associations, philanthropic institution).

However, both Indonesia and China have not optimized on the P-to-P or grassroots interaction.

China's "vaccine diplomacy" is not unconditional, and Beijing may use its vaccine donations to advance its regional agenda, particularly on sensitive issues such as its claims in the South China Sea.

The import of Chinese workers into certain Indonesian regions has met with local opposition. This has been resolved with the

central and the regional governments reaching an understanding that the Chinese projects will eventually benefit the local economy.

In the Natuna waters, Jakarta shows a shift in tone from confrontation (during Jokowi's first term) to moderation. Although Chinese fishing vessels are likely to continue fishing there, the Jokowi administration is likely to deliver business-as-usual responses in order to maintain cordial relations with China while not compromising on its own territorial claims. Overall, bilateral relations on the G-to-G level are amicable and even facilitate B-to-B contacts. However, on the P-to-P level, Indonesians remain suspicious of China. Both governments need to make the common Indonesians key beneficiaries of bilateral cooperation, for example, by providing reliable vaccines to them.

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Challenges in Tackling Extremism in the Indonesian Civil Service / A'an Suryana

Singapore: ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 2020

25p.

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Trends in Southeast Asia Issue No. 15, 2020

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In his second term (2019–24), President Joko Widodo remains committed in combating radicalism. Anti-radicalism measures such as the banning of radical organization Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia (HTI), anti-radicalism policies at schools and universities and the deradicalization of terrorists have been expanded to include the Indonesian civil service that currently employs over 4.2 million people across the archipelago. In November 2019, a joint decree was signed by eleven government and state institutions to formalize the new anti-radicalism policy.

This paper argues that some challenges arose during the process of implementing the policy including the lack of

cooperation from Personnel Development Officers (PPK) in imposing disciplinary actions recommended by the task force. The spread of COVID-19 further impedes policy coordination and has hampered efforts to effectively implement the policy.

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Returning Southeast Asia's Past : Objects, Museums, and Restitution / (Eds) Louise Tythacott & Panggah Ardiyansyah  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2021

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Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

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1. Cultural property – Southeast Asia.
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3. Cultural property – Political aspects – Southeast Asia.
4. Southeast Asia – Antiquities.

\$ 42.00 / HB

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For the past century and a half, extensive looting and illicit trafficking of Southeast Asia's cultural heritage have scattered art objects from the region to museums and private collections around the world. Today, however, power relations are shifting, a new awareness is growing, and new questions are emerging about the representation and ownership of Southeast Asian cultural material located in the West. This book offers a timely consideration of object restitution and related issues across Southeast Asia, bringing together a range of viewpoints, including those of museum professionals and scholars in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia, as well as Europe, North America, and Australia. The contributors address legal, cultural, political and diplomatic issues involved in the restitution process, and they also look at the ways object restitution is integral to evolving narratives of national identity. Ultimately, the book's editors conclude, restitution

processes can transform narratives of loss into opportunities for gain, building knowledge and reconstructing relationships across national borders.

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ASEAN-EU Partnership : The Untold Story / Edited By: Tommy Koh

Singapore : World Scientific, 2020

216p.

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ASEAN-EU Partnership : The Untold Story / Edited By: Tommy Koh

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The European Union is the most successful regional organisation in the world. ASEAN is the most successful regional organisation in Asia. The story of the important and multi-faceted relationship between these two organisations has seldom been told. This is the first book about the relationship, written from the ASEAN perspective. It contains essays from all the ten ASEAN countries. The book describes the many areas in which ASEAN and the EU have convergent interests and, the few areas in which they have divergent views. The book also looks to the future and suggests some possible areas of cooperation. The Foreword is written by Singapore's Foreign Minister, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan.

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Unmasking Singapore's 2020 General Elections : COVID-19 and the Evolving Political Landscape / Bilveer Singh (National University of Singapore, Singapore), Walid Jumblatt Abdullah

(Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and Felix Tan  
(SIM Global Education, Singapore)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2020  
388p.  
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Unmasking Singapore's 2020 General Elections : COVID-19  
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University of Singapore, Singapore), Walid Jumblatt Abdullah  
(Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and Felix Tan  
(SIM Global Education, Singapore)  
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388p.  
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On 10 July 2020, Singapore held its 18th general elections in history and the 13th since independence in 1965. The ruling People's Action Party (PAP) once again retained its supermajority by capturing 83 out of the 93 seats, controlling 89.2 percent of parliamentary seats. In spite of a changing social, political and economic landscape, Singapore is still very much identified as an illiberal democracy that has somehow thrived over the years.

As the general elections was held during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were expectations that Singaporeans would overwhelmingly vote for the PAP government as the country was facing a serious crisis of a generation. The 'flight-to-safety' mode that some had expected in an election during a crisis, however, did not materialise. In the end, Singaporean voters decided to send a strong warning to the PAP that not all was well, with the opposition achieving its strongest gains since 1965, capturing 10 seats and an additional two Non-constituency Member of Parliament seats. The PAP's total

votes dropped from 69.9 percent in 2015 to 61.2 percent in 2020. The rise of a credible opposition has also further strengthened Singaporeans' resolve to ensure that a fair-playing field exists in the political realm. With the highest voter turnout since independence, many have made it known that their voices mattered. The PAP also saw some cracks in its ranks, with some former cadre members and supporters being critical of the new fourth-generation team.

Against this backdrop, this book hopes to address the following questions. What were the key issues in the general elections? Who were the main contenders in the polls? What accounted for the PAP's continued hold on power in Singapore? Why did the opposition perform much better than in the previous general elections? What are the main implications of the 2020 general elections results for the PAP, opposition and the broader society at large? How far have electoral issues shifted from 'bread and butter' concerns to much broader topics of social injustices and diversity of voices in parliament? What were some of the crucial talking points during this election? Last, but not least, how far did social media and internet campaigning determine the outcome of this election?  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747554>

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Servants of the Devil : The Facilitators of the Criminal and Terrorist Networks / Norman Bailey (The Institute of World Politics, USA) and Bernard Touboul (Taccit, Israel)  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2021  
112p.  
9789811229121  
\$ 60.00 / HB

Since the end of the Cold War, liberal capitalism has spread worldwide without any significant ideological rivalry, characterized by the frenetic search for an ever-increasing return on capital and constantly-increasing profits, a

generalized un-concern for the moral values of liberalism, and for social inequalities and human misery.

The book, *Servants of the Devil: The Facilitators of the Criminal and Terrorist Networks*, shows that this evolution has been possible, thanks to legitimate actors equipped with the legal, financial, technical, and influential means to facilitate the legitimization of criminals and the justification of such a criminal economy — the "Servants of the Devil" acting as the "legitimate" facilitators of the criminal and terrorist economies.

The book aims to alert security authorities, government officials, business, professional and financial leaders, and the media that criminal and terrorist networks have thoroughly penetrated the political, economic, and social structures of the contemporary world, and they could not operate without the extensive and willing cooperation of these facilitators.

Recommendations are made in this book to alter the targets of law-enforcement forces and the justice system, by putting more emphasis on the facilitators by naming, shaming, and prosecuting them to seriously disable the criminals and terrorists. The legal structure needs to be altered, detailing procedures to be used by critical institutions, as well as the intelligence and analytic techniques to be developed to stay ahead of the criminals' own constantly altered techniques.

The book provides a detailed account of the problem and how it is corrupting the Western society, enhancing the need for a new economic paradigm that displays a real and actual economic understanding of the world and of any individual country's economic activity, and shifting the ways of economic analysis to bring out the actual strength and role of criminal and terrorist activities in local, regional, and international governance from the shadows.

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Liberalism Unveiled : Forging a New Third Way in Singapore /  
Bryan Cheang (King's College London, UK & Adam Smith  
Centre, Singapore) and Donovan Choy (Adam Smith Centre,  
Singapore)

Singapore : World Scientific, 2021

252p.

9789811220746

\$ 35.00 / HB

Since 1965, Singapore has been propelled to the dizzying heights of first-world prosperity. Yet, the People's Action Party's signature style of technocratic elitism has come under increasing criticism by a new generation of left-leaning progressive scholars and activists condemning the excesses of neoliberalism. The PAP's mode of governance that prioritizes economic growth is criticised in favour of a vaguely European-style welfare state and greater state intervention.

Bryan Cheang and Donovan Choy break this traditional pro-PAP versus anti-PAP dichotomy by providing a fresh classical liberal perspective. The authors contend that both sides discern only parts of the political puzzle correctly. This book envisions a new path forward for Singapore's policy-making, one characterised by greater competition & freedom. It critiques the conservative-right through a fresh take on the philosophical underpinnings of the "Singapore Consensus": communitarianism, meritocracy and technocracy. The authors also engage with the new social democratic orthodoxy, demonstrating the dangers of egalitarian interventions & state-based environmentalism.

Applying the interdisciplinary insights of political philosophy and political economy, this novel account recommends epistemic liberalism, a system of governance based on intellectual humility, limited government, and decentralisation.

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