

Recent Books from Singapore – Aug 2024

Mary Martin Booksellers Pte Ltd
Blk 231, Bain Street
#03-05, Bras Basah Complex
Singapore 180231
Tel : +65-6883-2284/6883-2204
info@marymartin.com
www.marymartin.com

Anthropology

Pursuing Morality : Buddhism and Everyday Ethics in Southeastern Myanmar / Justine Chambers
ASAA Southeast Asia Publications Series

Singapore: NUS Press, 2024

xxx, 212p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789813252691

1. Ethics – Burma – Religious aspects – Buddhism.
2. Values – Burma – Religious aspects – Buddhism.

\$ 38.00 / PB

362gm.

This is the first ethnographic study of Myanmar to add to a growing body of anthropological scholarship that is referred to as the "moral turn." Each chapter examines the lives of Plong Buddhists from different vantage points, calling into question many assumptions about Southeast Asian values and the nature of Buddhist Theravada practice.

(Cultural & Social Anthropology/Buddhism).

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879048>

Architecture

The Airport as Urban Territory : The Spatial Effects of Singapore's Changi Airport / Anna Gasco

Singapore: NUS Press, 2024

30p. ; 235x185mm. ; 13 maps and 144 figures

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789813252141

1. Singapore Changi Airport.
2. Airports – Economic aspects – Singapore.
3. City Planning – Singapore.

\$ 60.00 / HB

1010gm

Architectural & Urban Designs/ Economics

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879049>

Art

Check-In 2024 / (Eds) Nadya Wang & Ian Tee

Singapore: Margins Print, 2024

314p.
9789819403400
Check-In Series No.4
\$ 55.00 / PB
530gm.

This limited print edition serves as a mid-year review of noteworthy developments in the regional art ecosystem. Featuring first-hand accounts, dialogues, observations and analyses, CHECK-IN 2024, the fourth in the series, is an inclusive anthology of voices from Southeast Asia and beyond.

In the fourth edition of CHECK-IN, you can look forward to stories about art and its publics, the evolution of art publications and media companies, transnational practices, the future of residencies, and other developments in the Southeast Asian art ecosystem.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879050>

Biography/Memoirs

Hawker Dreams : A Vietnamese American in Singapore / Oanh Ngo Usadi
New Jersey, USA: O&O Press, 2024
232p.
9780999882870
\$ 35.00 / PB
334gm.

Shining a brilliant light on expat life in Singapore, "Hawker Dreams" sweeps readers into the heart of the rule-abiding city-state where nearly a third of its six million inhabitants are foreigners, each with a story to tell.

The memoir is equal parts travelogue, family history, and cultural exploration. Oanh Usadi takes you on her journey of home and belonging through the prism of language, cuisine, and class. In the multi-cultural, multi-ethnic island where language plays a central role in shaping identities and forging connections "Hawker Dreams" is a celebration of the ties that bind us to a place, no matter where we call home.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874121>

Lowinsky's Diary : The Poetry and Prose of Patrick Low / Patrick Low
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd., 2024
342p. ; 210x145mm.
9789811898143
\$ 35.00 / PB
388gm.

Born Low Soh Chye, this irascible, irresistibly charming chap took on the name Patrick Low after shedding his youth. Patrick had a way with words, penning ditties and birthday notes to cherished friends and family members throughout his life. A tireless correspondent and loving critic, his restless, fertile mind delved into matters big and small, past and present, local and international, and he readily dispensed his thoughts to one and all. He would sign off with a variety of names, including his favoured nom de plume, Lowinsky. He wore on his sleeve his profound love for people and for his country.

Patrick passed on in 2023 at the age of 79. This collection of his poetry and prose is lovingly put together by his wife, Maggie Ong.

(Biography/Diary/Poetry & Prose)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879053>

History

Sabha Turns 100 : Looking Back, Moving Forward (1924-2024) / (Chief Ed) Uma Jayaraman
Singapore: The Singapore Dakshina Bharata Brahmana Sabha (SDBBS), 2024
217p.
9789819403523
\$ 50.00 / HB
1118gm.

The book chronicles contributions of the Sabha's members to the religious, cultural and social fabric of the island. Through the articles on "Sabha's men", "Contributions of Brahmin Women" and "Up Close with the Women of the Millennium", we present the founding and the evolution of the Sabha, looking at how the members supported each other, and intentionally created a sense of community by being there for one another through thick and thin.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879054>

Swiss Mercenaries in the Dutch East Indies: A Transimperial History of Military Labour, 1848-1914 / Philipp Krauer
Leiden, Netherlands: Leiden University Press, 2024
238p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789087284510
Series: Global Connections: Routes and Roots No. 9
\$ 135.00 / HB
530gm.

Between 1848 and 1914 around 5,800 Swiss Mercenaries enlisted in the Dutch Colonial Army (KNIL) to fight in the Dutch East Indies (present-day Indonesia). Following the traces of these mercenaries beyond the confines of the Dutch Empire, this book elucidates the complexities of the nineteenth-century military labour markets and provides an intricate examination of the mercenaries' socio-cultural backgrounds, their motives, and their engagement with local communities and authorities. In doing so, it reveals the profound effects of colonialism not only on the colonies themselves, but also on the social, economic and cultural landscape of the European hinterland.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874469>

Literature

Patient History : Collected Poems / Tricia Tan
Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd.), 2024
116p.
9789811888311
1. Singaporean poetry (English).
\$ 18.00 / PB
174gm.

Poetry/Poems

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879055>

Itinerary 旅程 : Poems / Yeo Whee Jim

Singapore: Dakota Books (World Image Pte Ltd), 2024
94p.
9789811898709
\$ 35.00 / PB
114gm.

Poems/Poetry

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=875643>

Religion-Buddhism

Worldmaking in East Asian Buddhism / (Eds) Ru Zhan, Jinhua Chen & Eugene Wang
Singapore: World Scholastics, 2022
xviii, 438p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
English & Chinese
Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies V
9789811728167
\$ 80.00 / PB
734gm.

Buddhism serves as a unifying spiritual force in East Asia bridging diverse range of interconnected beliefs and cosmologies, and providing spiritual guidance in the development of both secular and religious aspects of East Asian societies. The scholarly discourse surrounding East Asian Buddhism and its influence on the making of the world has long been a recurring theme, prompting generations of academics to revisit the global impact and contributions of these traditions. Through this platform, our aim is to not only elucidate and enhance the entire knowledge of this Buddhist-secular framework, but also provide a historical perspective that aids in comprehending the modern world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879056>

A Forest of Knowledge: A Collection of Essays on Texts and Images in Celebration of Professor Koichi Shinohara's Eightieth Birthday / (Eds) Ru Zhan & Jinhua Chen
Singapore: World Scholastics, 2022
lxiii, 650p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
English & Chinese
Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies VI
9789811728204
\$ 80.00 / PB
1138gm.

With its primary focus on the text and image interaction in the study of Medieval Asian Buddhism, this volume collects some of the English essays presented at a conference in celebration of Professor Shinohara's eightieth birthday in 2021. It honours Prof. Koichi Shinohara and his impact upon the fields of Chinese Buddhist studies, East Asian Buddhist studies, Religious studies, and those who specialize in cross-cultural research about sacred biographies or hagiographies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879057>

From Jetavana to Jerusalem : Sacred Biography in Asian Perspectives and Beyond, Essays in Honour of Professor Phyllis Granoff , Vol. 1 & 2 (2Vol.) / (Eds) Ru Zhan & Jinhua Chen
Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies VII

Singapore: World Scholastics, 2022

2v.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

English & Chinese

9789811728198

\$ 180.00 (Set) / PB

1542gm.

Exploring sacred biographies produced and circulated within and well beyond Asia, the "From Jetavana to Jerusalem" conference volume aims to build on this path-breaking scholarship to further explore how transcultural and cross border approaches to the study of hagio-biography, in particular, strengthen our understandings of monastic figures, as well as the communities who celebrate their legacies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879058>

Whose Stories : Interdisciplinary and Multisourced Approaches to Buddhist Narratives / (Eds) Ru Zhan & Jinhua Chen

Singapore: World Scholastics, 2023

xiv, 562p.

Includes Bibliography

English & Chinese

Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies VIII

9789811728242

\$ 120.00 / HB

1128gm.

Buddhist narratives have their own inherent logics. Buddhist logics (Skt. *hetuvidyā*; Ch. *yinming* 因明), with their origins in India, serve deductive and dialectical purposes. They also relate to uniquely Buddhist epistemology, phenomenology, and hermeneutics. Buddhist logics grapple with doctrinal issues at the heart of Buddhism, both as a tool for philosophical queries and as a guiding principle for progressing through the stages of Buddhist praxis. These multivalent functions of Buddhist logics also mean that they have profoundly influenced Buddhist narrative literature.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879059>

Religions and Local Society in the Historical, Comparative, and Theoretical Perspectives : A Festschrift in Honour of Timothy Brook / (Eds) Ru Zhan, Jinhua Chen & Dewei Zhang

Singapore: World Scholastics, 2023

xlii, 658p.

Includes Bibliography

English & Chinese

Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies IX

9789811728259

\$ 135.00 / HB

1344gm.

The sixteen remarkable essays included in these proceedings were written by renowned academics from a variety of countries. The intellectual energy of these authors is reflected in the diversity, distinctiveness, and richness of their themes, all of which are in line with Professor Brook's academic goals throughout his career. This collection may hopefully act as a valuable reminder to prioritize specific areas of concentration in future research.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879060>

Sociology

We Are Not The Enemy : The Practice of Advocacy in Singapore / (Eds) Constance Singam & Margaret Thomas

Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd.), 2024

294p. ; 150x210mm.

9789811885402

1. Activism – Singapore.
2. Political participation – Singapore.
3. Civil society – Singapore.

\$ 35.00/ PB

360gm.

This collection of essays and interviews is a candid reflection on the intentions, beliefs and strategies behind the practice of advocacy across a spectrum of causes. The contributors come from varying backgrounds and include academics, artists, lawyers, journalists, non-profit and advocacy organisations, student and community organisers. They share practical insights into their aims and community-building work, and the tactics they employ to overcome obstacles, shedding light on how to navigate a city-state with shifting socio-political fault lines and out-of-bound markers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=879061>
