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**Anthropology**

Challenging the Limits : Indigenous Peoples of the Mekong Region  
/ (Eds) Don McCaskill, Prasit Leepreecha, and Kwanchewan Buadaeng  
Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, c2008  
390p.; 23cm.  
978-974-8418-20-9  
\$ 26.50

Except on tourist brochures, the indigenous peoples of Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and southern China (Yunnan) are the least visible, and most excluded, of citizens. All these countries have used similar strategies to classify, include, or exclude minority peoples from the project of nationalism. Understanding the cultural and economic trajectories of key minorities such as the Dai, Hmong, Lahu, Akha, and Karen is critical to apprehending the construction, workings, and future of each of these nation-states, indeed of the Mekong region as a whole.

Conversely, as vividly demonstrated here, the minority peoples—many spanning more than one country—have adapted and accommodated to, or actively resisted, majority culture and state policy alike. There continues to be undeniable impoverishment, cultural loss, and “social suffering” in some communities, particularly amongst ex-swidden based upland ones in Vietnam and Laos; the rearranging or reconstituting of trading and social networks; the over-commodification of aspects of culture, often for domestic tourism; and struggles to maintain language, rituals, and belief systems.

The studies here bring alive these communities in transformation, pointing out those in near dissolution, such as some Akha villages in Laos affected by overzealous opium-eradication programs, as well as those hopefully reclaiming and expanding their cultural space, such as the Dai in Sipsongpanna/Xishuangbanna engaged in a cross-border revival of Theravada Buddhism and Dai culture.

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Doing Thailand : The Anthropologist as a Young Dog in Bangkok in the 1960s / Niels Mulder  
Bangkok : White Lotus Press, c2008  
100p.; 21cm.

9789744800992  
\$ 19.50

This book is the often hilarious tale of an aspiring researcher struggling to find his footing in bewildering Bangkok.

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Imagining Communities in Thailand: Ethnographic Approaches / Shigeharu Tanabe (ed)

Chiang Mai : Mekong Press, 2008  
221p.; 24cm.  
Includes Index  
9789741339648  
\$ 21.75

This book explores newly emerging communities and the new practices, knowledge, and power relations that can no longer be explained adequately by the conventional conception of community. In the early 1980s, Benedict Anderson coined the term 'imagined communities' to examine the creation and global spread of the nation-state as a collective fiction constructed in the homogeneous and empty time of modernity. Set against this conceptual background, the present volume focuses on the processes of 'imagining communities' to explore how people imagine and create their own sense of knowledge, power, and identity. The essays in this volume consider the communal relations and properties of newly emerging or transforming communities, associations, and networks: the 'imagined family' in shaping the modern Thai nation-state, the Asoke community of a new Buddhist movement, a Karen millenarian Buddhist community on the Thai-Myanmar border, networks of producers and sellers in the Night Bazaar of Chiang Mai, female factory workers in Lamphun, and HIV/AIDS self-help groups of northern Thailand

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Living in A Globalized World: Ethnic Minorities in the Greater Mekong Subregion / (Eds) Don McCaskill, Prasit Leepreecha & He Shaoying(ed)

Chiang Mai : Mekong Press, 2008  
374p.; 24cm.  
Includes Index  
9789748276632  
\$ 30.00

To what degree and exactly how are groups such as the Mien, Dai, and Akha in various countries holding on to their traditions, rituals, and identities? What happens to these when they move into ethnically mixed lowland areas, convert to a world religion, or go to school? How are they adapting to their new circumstances? Are there common strategies emerging across the groups? Are new identities emerging, for instance, within the Hmong diaspora?

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Meet the Akhas / Jim Goodman

Bangkok : White Lotus Press, 2008  
134p.; 21cm.  
9789744801159  
\$ 20.00

A comprehensive introduction to the Akha hill tribals of Northern Thailand and their way of Life.

Includes a language section to enable you to talk to your hosts.

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Ban Chiang : A World Heritage in Thailand  
Bangkok : S.I. , 2006  
118p.; 21cm.  
9789744178312  
In Thai and English  
\$ 18.00

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Journal of Thai-Tai Studies  
Bangkok : Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University, 2005-  
Half-Yearly  
\$ 10.00 Per Issue

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Vol.1. No.1. Jan-June 2005 – ‘The States of Thai Studies : A Critical Survey - I’ –  
ISBN : 978-974-04-5732-9  
Vol.1. No.2. July-Dec 2005 – ‘The States of Thai Studies : a Critical Survey –II’ –  
ISBN : 978-974-04-5738-1  
Vol.2. No.1. – Jan-June 2006 – The States of Thai Studies : A Critical Survey –III;  
ISBN : 978-974-04-5741-1  
Vol.2. No.2 – July-Dec 2006 – The States of Thai Studies : A Critical Survey – IV’  
ISBN : 978-974-04-5746-6  
Vol.3. No.1 – Jan-June 2007 – Thai-Tai Literature  
978-974-04-5746-6

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Ban Chiang Heritage  
Thailand : National Museum, 2007  
1v.; 29cm.  
978-974-417-832-9  
In Thai -English  
\$ 45.00

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Living on Both Sides of the Border: Transnational Migrants, Pop Music and Nation of  
the Shan in Thailand / Amporn Jirattikorn  
Chiang Mai : Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development  
Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, 2007  
38p.; 30cm.  
Includes Index  
978-974-672-229-2  
Working Paper Series No.7  
\$ 16.00

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## **Architecture**

Phra Thinang Viharn Somdet : The World Historic Site : Ayutthaya / Saner Nilandech  
Thailand: Faculty of Architecture Silpakorn University, 2007?  
77p.; 31cm.  
In Thai  
\$ 60.00

Mainly Architectural Drawings of the Site

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## **Art**

Thai Heritage : World Heritage  
Bangkok : PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited., 2007  
240p.; 29cm.  
9789747706338

1. World Heritage Areas – Thailand

\$ 80.00

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Guide to the National Museum of the Royal Barges  
Bangkok: Office of National Museums, The Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture, 2006  
63p.; 21cm.  
9744250542  
\$ 18.00

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Phra Racha Wang Derm Guide Book  
Thailand: The Phra Racha Wang Derm Restoration Foundation, 2006  
192p.; 23cm.  
Includes Index  
9747523833  
\$ 25.00

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Guide to the National Gallery, Bangkok  
Thailand: Office of National Museums Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture, 2007?  
100p.; 30cm.  
\$ 20.00

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Human and Divine: The Hindu and Buddhist Iconography of Southeast Asian Art from the Claire and Aziz Bassoul Collection / Aziz Bassoul  
Lebaon : Cedar of Lebanon Editions, 2006  
360p.; 31cm.  
9953-0-0793-4  
\$ 95.00

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## **Cookery**

Learn to Cook Thai with SITCA Favorites  
Koh Samui, Thailand : Samui Institute of Thai Culinary Arts, 2005  
3 DVD  
Video class in English with recipe cards  
\$ 35.00 (Per DVD)

A Step-by-Step video class series, Four dishes with recipe cards included per DVD  
Plus join us on a scenic and fascinating culinary tour

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## **Economics & Development Studies**

Thai Capital: After the 1997 Crisis / (eds.) Pasuk Phongpaichit & Chris Baker  
Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies & Silkworm Books, c2008  
309p. ; 21cm.

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9789812307767

1. Thailand – Economic conditions-1986
2. Thailand-Economic policy-1986

\$ 21.50

The 1997 crisis was not only a massive shock but also a major turning point for Asian economies. In Thailand, it marked the end of an era when the economy was powered by local entrepreneurship. Around a quarter of major business groups were wrecked. Foreign capital poured in. The engine of growth is now an export economy dominated by multinationals, while domestic capital is confined to service and rentier activities. This book, the product of a four-year project by a dozen researchers, provides a panorama of this jolting change. It examines the fate of major business groups, the changing role of family firms, the transformation of the automotive industry, the invasion of the megastores, the saga of the mobile phone, the success stories of the Crown Property Bureau and Charoen liquor empire, the impact on business and local politics in the provinces, the exploits of Thai multinationals overseas, and the changing interplay between business capital and political power.

This book also discusses the political consequences and policy implications of this major change, and questions whether domestic capital in countries like Thailand has any future in a globalized world economy.

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Sufficiency Economy : A New Philosophy in the Global World, 100 Interviews with Business professionals

Bangkok : The Thai Chamber of Commerce & Board of Trade of Thailand, 2007

259p.; 25cm.

9789746232104

\$ 40.00

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Socio-economics of the Fisheries of the Lower Songkhram River Basin, Northeast Thailand

Vientiane : Mekong River Commission, 2008

85p.; 30cm.

MRC Technical Paper No.17/ January 2008

ISSN: 1683-1489

\$ 16.00

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**Environment**

Democratizing Water Governance: In the Mekong Region / (Eds) Louis Lebel, John Dore, Rajesh Daniel, and Yang Saing Koma

Chiang Mai : Mekong Press, 2007

283p.; 23cm.

Includes Index

9789749511251

\$ 27.50

This book, the first in a three-volume series, brings together the work of researchers, scholars, activists, and leaders in the Mekong region to provide a baseline, state-of-knowledge review of the contemporary politics and discourses of water use, sharing, and management, and their implications for local livelihoods.

The chapters critically analyze contested discourses on such topics as regional hydropower development, floods, and irrigation, along with the broader yet interrelated issues of gender, media, dialogue, and impact assessment. The writers explore the interplay of power relationships between actors such as state planners, regional institutions, the private sector, and various water users, in particular, politically marginalized groups including women, urban and rural poor, and ethnic peoples. The diverse array of topics and perspectives provides a sound basis for engaging in policy-related action

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The Birds of the Bangkok Area / Philip Round; Illustrations by Dana Gardner  
Bangkok : White Lotus Press, c2008  
226p.; 30cm.  
Includes Index  
9789744801098  
\$ 45.00

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Consumption and the yield of fish and other aquatic animals from the lower Mekong Basin  
Vientiane : Mekong River Commission, 2007  
83p.; 30cm.  
Includes Index  
ISSN : 1684-1489  
MRC Technical Paper No.16/ October 2007  
\$ 15.00

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An Introduction to the Mekong Fisheries of Thailand  
Vientiane : Mekong River Commission, 2007  
49p. 30cm.  
Includes Index  
Mekong Development Series No.5/May 2007  
ISSN: 1680-4023  
\$ 15.00

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### **General**

2008 BEST Thailand's BEDS : The Travelers: Most complete directory of Thailand's Hotels & resorts plus travel Information  
Bangkok: Tropic Art Culture & Travel. 2007  
301p.; 21cm.  
9789740957171  
\$ 12.00

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Breathtaking Coastal Hideaways in Thailand  
Bangkok : Tropic of Cancer, c2006  
248p.; 25cm.  
9749386132  
\$ 32.00

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Muang Sukhothai / Dhida Saraya  
Bangkok: Seed Press, 2000

60p.; 17 cm

1. Sukhothai – Antiquities
2. Sukhothai – Description and Travels

974-7727-38-2

\$ 4.00

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Prasat Hin Phimai / Dhida Saraya

Bangkok: Seeda Press, 1999

60p.17 cm,

1. Prasat Hin Phimai – Antiquities
2. Prasat Hin Phimai – Description and Travels

974-7727-27-7

\$ 4.00

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Dhida Saraya, Ph.D.

Si Satchanalai / Dhida Saraya

Bangkok : Seeda Press, 2000

60p.

1. Si Satchanalai – History
2. Si Satchanalai – Description and Travels

\$ 4.00

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Apiwan Adulyapichet

Prasat Phnom Rung / Apiwan Adulyapichet

Bangkok: Seeda Press, 2000

60p.

1. Prasat Phnom Rung
2. Buri Ram – Antiquities

\$ 4.00

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Samui

Thailand: The Five Islands Publishing Co. Ltd., c2008

157p.; 31cm.

Includes 1 Folded Map

\$ 75.00

'History and Guidebook for Samui'

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## **History**

Bangkok: The Story of a City / Alec Waugh

London: Eland Publishing Limited, 2007

First Published by W.H. Allen in 1970

201p.,25cm

9780955010521

\$ 24.00

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Thailand and World War II / Direk Jayanama; Edited by Jane Keyes

Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2008

566p., 24 cm.

9789749511336

\$ 34.50

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Contents

Part I: From the Beginning of the War in Europe to the Beginning of the war in Asia

Part II: During the War

Part III: After the War: Between August 1945 and June 1948

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Annotated Bibliography on the Mekong / (Eds) Charnvit Kasetsiri, Chris Baker  
Chiang Mai : Mekong Press, 2008  
318p.; 23cm.  
9789748276304  
\$ 22.50

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A Traveler in Siam in the year 1655: Extracts from the Journal of GIJSBERT HEECK (16 November 1654 and 12 August-18 October 1655)/ Translated and introduced by Barend Jan Terwiel  
Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2008  
124p.; 23cm.  
Includes Index  
9789749511350  
\$ 20.00

Contents:

1. Introduction
  - 1) The manuscript
  - 2) The journal and Thai history
  - 3) The author
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    - a. Aftermath of the battle with the Portuguese
    - b. Additions to the Thai historical record
    - c. Historical geography of the lower Chao Phraya
    - d. Gender studies
    - e. The lodge, the warehouse, and technology transfer
    - f. Ayutthaya in 1655
    - g. Reminiscences
2. Cultural clashes in Heeck's account
3. Technical information on the translation
4. Abbreviations

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Sultans, Shamans & Saints: Islam and Muslims in Southeast Asia / Howard M. Federspiel  
Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2007  
Originally Published by University of Hawaii Press, 2007  
297p.; 21cm.  
Includes Index  
9789749511411  
\$ 21.00

Contents:



1. Muslim Wayfarers(600 A.D.-1300)
2. The Emergence of a Hybrid Muslim Culture (1300-2800)
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4. Nation-States and Civil Values (1945-2000)
5. Themes of Southeast Asian Islam

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Life is a Long Journey: Braving through the Treacherous Ups and Downs / Likhit Dhiravegin  
Bangkok : Mac Press Co., Ltd., 2007  
556p.; 23 cm.  
Includes Index  
978744122742  
\$ 25.00

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Ancient Sukhothai - Thailand's Cultural Heritage / Dawn F Rooney  
Bangkok : River Books, 2008  
247p.; 24cm.  
Includes Index  
9789749863428  
\$ 30.00

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The Moon Princess- Memories of the Shan States / Sao Sanda  
Includes Index  
9789749863374  
\$ 20.00

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### **Law**

Thai Law for Foreigners / Benjawan Poomsan Becker,Roengsak Thongkaew  
Bangkok : Paiboon Publishing, c2008  
444p.; 21cm.  
978-1-887521-57-4  
\$ 30.00

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Doyle's Practical Guide to Thailand Business Law/ Michael Doyle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
Bangkok: Seri Manop & Doyle Ltd., 2006  
235p.; 24cm.  
9749431227  
\$ 18.00

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Doyle's Practical Guide to Thailand Intellectual Property Law / Michael Doyle  
Bangkok: Seri Manop & Doyle Ltd., 2007  
162p.; 24cm.  
978-974-13-6192-2  
\$ 19.50

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### **Literature**

In Search of Liberation Buddhism and the Beat writers  
Bangkok : Chulalongkorn University, 2007

192p.; 22cm.  
Includes Index  
978-974-03-2024-1  
\$ 15.00

This is a literary analysis of the poetry of three Beat writers who were intrigued with Buddhism : Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and Gary Snyder.

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Rice without Rain / Minfong Ho  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, c2008  
208p. ; 20cm.  
9789812615718  
9812615717  
1. Thailand – History – 1945 - Fiction  
\$ 12.00

Out of a silent harvest, a scorched Maekung valley, come the stirring story of Jinda, a courageous young Thai girl. Her village, like others in rural Thailand, suffers from the exorbitant land rent, leaving the farmers poverty-stricken and landless.

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The revenge of Axel Trink / Mitch Vladimir  
Bangkok : Bangkok Book House, 2008  
236p.; 20cm.  
9789741381593  
\$ 18.00

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Miss Bangkok: Memoirs of a Thai Prostitute / Bua Boonmee with Nicola Pierce  
Bangkok : Maverick House, 2007  
243p.; 20 cm.  
9781905379439  
\$ 18.00

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Bangkok : Bangkok Books House, 2007  
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\$ 18.00

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S.P.Somtow: Opus 50  
Bangkok: Diplodocus Press, 2008  
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The General's Daughter Plus the Sequels Heading North & Love Lost-Love Found:  
The new Travel-Romance Trilogy / Micky Vann  
Bangkok : Bangkok Books House, 2007  
302p.; 20cm.  
9789748460703  
\$ 20.00

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Sean Bunzick  
Genuine Thai Copies  
Thailand: Bangkok books house  
287p.,19.8cm  
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Illicit Islands / John Daysh  
Bangkok : Bangkok books house, 2007  
164p.; 21cm.  
9789740988663  
\$ 22.00

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The Butterfly Circus: A balanced look at partner-seeking in Thailand / Tony Crossley  
Thailand: Tighe Books, 2007  
164p.; 21cm.  
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\$ 21.00

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Diary of a Thai Escort  
Bangkok : Heaven Lake Press, 2008  
277p.; 18cm.  
9789741379484  
\$ 19.50

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East River - New York / Derrick "John" Jeffrey  
Bangkok : Three Pagoda Press, 2007  
422p.; 18cm.  
9788744801206  
\$ 18.00

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### **Official Publications**

The 2007 Industrial Census (Basic Information) : Whole Kingdom  
Bangkok : National Statistical Office, 2007  
177p.; 30cm.  
978-974-1129-386  
\$ 30.00

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The 2006 Private Pay Survey  
Bangkok : National Statistical Office, 2007  
124p.; 30cm.  
ISSN : 1905-9248  
\$ 30.00

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The 2006 Information and Communication Technology Survey(Establishment) :  
Whole Kingdom

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Bangkok : National Statistical Office, 2007  
332p.; 30cm.  
974-1122-41-1  
\$ 40.00

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The 2007 Home Work Survey  
Bangkok : National Statistical Office, 2007  
92p.; 30cm.  
ISSN : 1906-084x  
\$ 15.00

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The 2007 Industrial Census (Basic Information : Municipal Area) : Whole Kingdom  
Bangkok : National Statistical Office, 2007  
177p.; 30cm.  
978-974-1129-29-4  
\$ 35.00

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The 2006 Household Energy Consumption Survey  
Bangkok : National Statistical Office, 2007  
Xviii, 46p.; 30cm.  
ISSN : 1905-9914  
\$ 30.00

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### **Politics & International Relations**

Journal of Social Science  
Bangkok: Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University  
v.; 21cm.  
ISSN : 0125-0590  
Half-Yearly  
\$ 15.00 Per Issue (Subscriptions Handled)

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The Modern Police State of the Government of Thaksin 2001-2006  
Agenda Setting and Policy Formulation : A Case of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards Policy in Thailand  
Plato and Nietzsche : On Good and Bad Political Regimes  
A Comparative Study of Representative and Alternative Democracies on Power and Interest

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Performing Political Identity: The Democrat party in Southern Thailand / Marc Askew  
Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, c2008  
391p.; 21cm.  
9789749511381  
\$ 24.00

Performing Political Identity is an anthropological account of the multi-level dynamics that underlie the continuing electoral dominance of the Democrat Party in southern Thailand, a conspicuous anomaly in Thailand's political landscape. Based on extensive participant observation and interviews, the book presents a detailed study of candidates, support groups, and election campaigns in the province of Songkhla in the eventful years 2004 to 2005, highlighting the intimate links between local and national politics. Marc Askew argues that the Democrat ascendancy is based on a careful balance between "pragmatics" and poetics." "Pragmatics" comprises the management of the ambitions and need of key supporters in tightly knit informal political groups, or phuak. "Poetics" involves the cultivation of powerful myths connecting ordinary voters to an idea of the Democrat Party as an embodiment of the idealized qualities of southern Thainess and guardian of "southern Thai political culture."

In the dramatic setting of political rallies, southern Democrat voters and politicians alike "perform" their loyalty and identity as a moral community against political enemies who are demonized as their evil opposites bent on buying votes and "eating the country." From 2001, Thaksin Shinawatra's Thai Rak Thai Party, although triumphant elsewhere in Thailand, faced stubborn opposition in the south. Again in 2005, against all national trends, southern voters stubbornly reaffirmed their loyalty to the Democrats. This book, the first detailed treatment of the southern Democrat Party in action, explores the symbolic and organizational strategies that the party employs to reproduce and sustain its regional political ascendancy.

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Monitoring the Pulse of the Nation: Indicators of Democratization and Good Governance

In Thailand 2005-2007

Bangkok : Research and Development Office, King Prajadhipok's Institute, c2007

325p. ; 30cm.

9789744493361

\$ 45.00

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**Religion – Buddhism**

Past Lives of the Buddha: Wat Si Chum-Art, Architecture and Inscriptions / Peter Skilling

Bangkok : River Books, c2008

296p.; 24cm.

9789749863459

\$ 75.00

Past Lives of the Buddha presents the latest evidence and propose new interpretations. The book offers the first-ever English translation of the inscriptions, photographs of the reliefs supplemented by 19th century jataka paintings from Wat Khrua Wan, Bangkok, essays on all aspects of the temple, as well as a discussion of the significance of jatakas in international Buddhist literature, art and ideology.

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Mongolian Buddhism: The Rise and fall of the Sangha / Michael K. Jerryson

Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2007

240p.; 21cm.

Includes Index

978-974-9511-26-8

\$ 24.00

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The Discovery of Buddhism / Sunthorn Plamintr  
Thailand : Write & Read Publishing Co. Ltd., 2007  
213p.; 22cm.  
9789747178326  
\$ 17.50

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**Women Studies**

Women Migrant Workers under the Chinese Social Apartheid / Au Loong-yu, Nan Shan, Zhang Ping  
Bangkok : Committee for Asian Women, 2007  
44p.; 21cm.  
\$ 6.00

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Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) and its implication on women workers in the garment sector and domestic industrial policy : A comparative study of women workers in the garment industry in China, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, The Philippines and Indonesia  
Bangkok: Monitoring Sustainability of Globalisation(MSN), Committee of Asian Women, 2007  
155p.; 21cm.  
\$ 10.00

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