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Anthropology

A World between the Warps: Southeast Asia's Supplementary Warp Textiles / Michael C Howard
Bangkok: White Lotus Press Co Ltd, 2008
xxi. 206p,; 30cm
ISBN-13: 9789744801449
Studies in the Material Cultures of Southeast Asia No. 12
\$ 70.00

A World between the Warps is the first comprehensive study of Southeast Asia's supplementary warp and warp float patterned textiles. Such textiles have received relatively little attention in the past even though they are an important part of the textile legacy of the region, linking peoples to a common Bronze Age past associated with the Dong Son culture of northern Vietnam and southeastern China. This book discusses the weaving techniques and provides a survey of supplementary warp and warp float patterned textiles throughout Southeast Asia.

Architecture

Architectural Drawings of Historic Buildings & Places in Thailand / Li Zenn
Bangkok: Li Zenn Publishing Ltd, 2008
392p,; 30 by 46cm
ISBN-13: 9789744527516
\$ 175.00

"Interpretation: From Monument to Living Heritage" - Proceedings of International Symposium 2007 & ICOMOS Thailand General Assembly November 1-3, 2007, Bangkok
Bangkok: ICOMOS Thailand
499p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789744179371
ICOMOS Thailand General Assembly 2007
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 40.00

"ICOMOS and Cultural Heritage Conservation Network in Thailand" – Proceedings Scientific Seminar & ICOMOS Thailand Annual Meeting 2004 27-28 November 2004
Bangkok: ICOMOS Thailand
304p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789749985410
ICOMOS Thailand Annual Meeting 2004
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 30.00

"2 Decades of ICOMOS Thailand: Cultural Heritage Conservation Towards Thailand Charter on Conservation" -
Proceedings Scientific Seminar & ICOMOS Thailand Annual Meeting 2005
Bangkok: ICOMOS Thailand
313p.; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789749985403
ICOMOS Thailand Annual Meeting 2005
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 30.00

Competition 1991 – 2008: Architects 49 / Li-Zenn (Ed)
Bangkok: Li –Zenn Publishing Limited, 2008
172p.; 29cm
ISBN-13: 9789740505914 (HB)
\$ 60.00

Economics / Development Studies

Doing Business and investing in Thailand
Thailand: Pricewaterhousecoopers, 2008
174p.; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789743761164
\$ 29.95

People, Livelihoods, and Development in the Xekong River Basin, Laos / Ian G Baird & Bruce Shoemaker
Bangkok: White Lotus Press, 2008
xxvi. 435p.; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789744801142
\$ 35.00

People, Livelihoods, and Development in the Xekong River Basin of Laos is a wide-ranging study that provides an overview of the area's history and geography as well as the cultures and local livelihood systems of the multi-ethnic people living there. Central to the study is a detailed description of the acute social, cultural, economic and ecological challenges locals are facing as a result of the rapid changes now taking place in the region. While these changes are being made in the name of 'development', in reality they often involve conflicts between outsiders and local communities over the use of the area's natural resources. Taking a critical political ecology approach, the authors examine the complicated links between livelihoods and development. The book provides a sobering picture of the potential vulnerability of local cultures, livelihood systems and the natural environment to be negatively impacted, were uncontrolled globalization and outside market forces to continue to radically transform the Xekong River Basin.

Education

The Proceedings of Regional Seminar on Higher education in Southeast Asian Countries: A Current Update

Bangkok: SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development, 2005
126p,; 30cm
ISBN-10: 9749388119
\$ 20.00

International Seminar Report on University Admissions: Insights and Issues / Padoongchart Suwanawongse, Praphon Jearakul et al (Eds)
Bangkok: SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development, 2005
v. 190p,; 30cm
ISBN-10: 9749270819
\$ 24.00

Harmonisation of Higher Education: Lessons Learned from the Bologna Process Lecture Series No. 1, Feb 2008 / Supachai Yavaprabhas & Nopraenue S Dhirathiti
Bangkok: SEAMEO RIHED, 2008
149p,; 26cm
ISBN-13: 9789740453833
\$ 20.00

General Books

Buddhist Healing in Laos: Plants of the Fragrant Forest / Denise Tomecko
Bangkok: Orchid Press, 2009
xx. 124p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789745240780
\$ 35.00

In this beautifully illustrated book, the author, an aromatherapist and practicing Buddhist, shares with the reader the age-old secrets of spiritual renewal and physical healing in the Buddhist monasteries of Laos. The knowledge of the use of indigenous forest plants to provide holistic treatments in mainland South East Asia is rapidly being lost, as society modernizes, adopts consumer oriented practices and embraces Western pharmaceuticals.

Painstakingly recording the wisdom of an elderly Buddhist nun accumulated over a lifetime of holistic healing practice, the author introduces us to a wide variety of locally available plants, teas and herbs. The author details their application in sauna rooms, infusions, compresses, herbal water baths and massages, and describes the natural synergy of these treatments with the spiritual renewal experienced in meditation.

Hot Spots to Shop Bangkok / Wendy D. Johnson
2nd Rev. Ed.
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2009
208p,; 15cm
ISBN-13: 9789749511657
\$ 9.00

Khmer Cultural Route: Stone Sanctuaries in Lower Isan
Thailand: Tourism Authority of Thailand , 2004
27p,; 26cm
\$ 7.00

Thainess: Live & Learn the Thai Way of Life / Bob Tremayne (Ed)
Bangkok: Unseen Planet Co Ltd, 2008
209p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789743766886
30 Resort Destinations with the Souls of Thais
\$ 14.95

'Thainess – Live and Learn the Thai Way of Life' visits 30 resort destinations to show this heritage, beauty, and happiness that makes the magic of the traditional way of life. Feel Thai just a moment – these destinations will warm your hearts, inspire your thoughts, and fill your hopes.

Bangkok Guide for Kids by Kids / Andrea & Ines Dumont
Bangkok: Bangkokguideforkids.com, 2008
155p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789743036217
\$ 19.95

The Bangkok Guide for Kids by Kids is friendly, humorous and light. Aside from providing travels tips for sightseeing, shopping, eating and raising adrenaline levels, Andrea and Ines share valuable information for the junior jet set. With this simple guide, kids can actually play an active role in planning the family's Bangkok itinerary. After all, kids know best!

The Great Elephant Escape / Antoinette van de Water & Liesbeth Sluiter
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2009
iii. 154p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789749511640
\$ 18.50

The Great Elephant Escape describes the liberation of two elephants, and their journey with Antoinette and her Thai team to the Elephant Nature Park. It turned out to be a breathtaking adventure through the world of flirtatious elephant traders, poor villagers, well-wishing monks, and angry animal-rights advocates-towards Elephant Haven on the far horizon.

Thai Banknotes Catalogue – Complete & Updated Edition / Somchai Saeng – Ngern
Bangkok: Hobby, 2008
256p,; 30cm
ISBN-10: 9749280318 (HB)
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 35.00

The handbook of Thai Banknotes is the book which the writer intended to compose to provide details as complete as possible. This time is the second publishing which the writer obtained, in addition more details and various information, which is very beneficial from expert in this circle, as well as criticism from readers. Moreover, the writer had added more substance both in the history and events of Thai Banknotes, from past to present, expressed various evolution of Banknotes, general knowledge which will be much beneficial for collectors and interested people, as well as pictures of Banknotes which are very clear and sharp ever since available.

History

Samurai of Ayutthaya: Yamada Nagamasa, Japanese Warrior and Merchant in Early Seventeenth-Century Siam / Cesare Polenghi
Bangkok: White Lotus Press, 2009

xi. 80p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789744801470
\$ 30.00

Samurai of Ayutthaya: Yamada Nagamasa, narrates the life and the times of a unique historical character: a mysterious Japanese merchant-warrior who made his fame and fortune in the bustling city that was Ayutthaya in the early seventeenth century. His deeds – historical and fictional – have been narrated in Japan for more than three hundred years. This study is the first published in English to bring together all extant available material about Yamada Nagamasa to finally cast light on this intriguing character and the historical landscape that surrounded him during a unique period of Siamese and Japanese history.

Merchants of Madness: The Methamphetamine Explosion in the Golden Triangle / Bertil Lintner & Michael Black
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2009
xii. 180p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789749511596
\$ 19.95

For decades, Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Burma intersect, has been infamous for its opium and heroin production. But in the 1990s, the drug gangs in the Golden Triangle began to produce methamphetamine, a synthetic narcotic that is not dependent on an unreliable crop like the opium poppy. The drug has become known as ya ba in Thailand – "madness medicine." Unlike heroin, which is a "downer," ya ba, or speed pills, are "uppers," which make users hyperactive and often aggressive. The drug has led to murders, stabbings, and the kidnappings of innocent people. It breaks down the users mentally as well as physically, and the Thai term "madness drug" is terribly apt.

This expose will lead to a better understanding of the Golden Triangle drug trade, how it all began, and how it has grown to become a multi-billion-dollar criminal enterprise.

The Visit of King Chulalongkorn to Europe in 1907: Reflecting on Siamese History / Pornsan Watanangura (Ed)
Bangkok: Centre for European Studies at Chulalongkorn University, 2008
132p,; 26cm
ISBN-13: 9789740323587

1. Chulalongkorn, King of Thailand, 1853-1910 – Journeys - - Europe
2. Germany - - Description and travel
3. Thailand - - Foreign relations - - Europe

\$ 15.00

The Enduring Sacred Landscape of the Naga / Mayoury & Pheuiphanh Ngaosrivathana
Chiang Mai: Mekong Press, 2009
xi. 96p,; 19cm
ISBN-13: 9789743031601
\$ 24.95

Capturing the vanishing memory of ancient rituals and recited texts, and places imbued with echoes of the past, The Enduring Sacred Landscape of the Naga recounts the lived texture of human experience in the Mekong River valley. The book reconstructs the history of those areas fused with legends and lore of the tutelary spirits of the region known as the ngu

(serpent), ngeuak (salt-water crocodile), and naga (supernatural beings with both snake and human attributes).

While naga iconography adorns Buddhist temples throughout Southeast Asia, particularly in Laos and northeastern Thailand, the naga's pervasive presence is slowly fading from collective memory. By recording extant oral traditions and relying on the fourteenth-century palm-leaf chronicle Urangkhatat, which many Western scholars have found to be undecipherable, the authors take the reader on the journey of the sacred sites and culture of the region, its reality and nether world, and the flesh bone, and soul of the naga. Richly illustrated with dozens of photographs, this book will serve as an evocative testament to the unique cultural traditions of the Mekong Basin.

As Mother Told Me: Biography of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarinda Boromarajonani the Princess Mother 1900 until 1938 / Galyani Vadhana
Bangkok: The Siam Society under Royal Patronage, 2008
ix. 183p,; 26cm
ISBN-13: 9789743576690
\$ 39.90

60 Stories of Royal Lineage / Jane Kanjanaphoomin, Jay Lamey et al
Thailand: Media Expertise International (Thailand) Co Ltd, 2008
212p,; 30cm
ISBN-13: 9789743835582(HB)
\$ 45.00

War and Peace @ Southern Border / Rung Kaewdang
Nonthaburi: King Prajadhipok's Institute, 2007
255p,; 21cm
ISBN-13:9789744493965
\$ 10.00

The Back Blocks of China / R Logan Jack
Bangkok: White Lotus Press, 2008
xx. 269p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789744801364
\$ 25.00

The Back Blocks of China, a narrative of experiences among the Chinese, Sifans, Lolos, Tibetans, Shans and Kachins, in the lands between Shanghai and the Irrawadi.

In 1990 a party of British citizens fleeing the Boxer Rebellion left China using the back-door. This unusual group of escapees, consisting of business people and engineers, saw the country they traversed from a different point of view than that of the usual travelers of the time. As they crossed parts of China previously unseen by Europeans, they observed and recorded their experiences. These records have produced a unique source book showing inner China and the borderlands with Burma of 100 years ago.

The text is enriched with two maps and by 28 photos taken by members of the group.

Japan's Economic Relations with Thailand: The Rise to "Top Trader" 1875-1942 / William L. Swan
Bangkok: White Lotus Press, 2009
xxv. 416p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789744801258
\$ 40.00

Japan's Economic Relations with Thailand: The Rise to "Top Trader" 1875-1942 traces the course of Japan's rising trade relations with Thailand that grew in three decades from insignificance before World War I to making Japan the single biggest exporter to Thailand by the mid-1930s. Trade between the two countries grew even more important as Japan's increasing political and military interest in Thailand and in Southeast Asia as a whole led to growing confrontation with Britain and the United States in 1941. This confrontation brought about a fundamental change in Japan's trade relations with Southeast Asia, one that turned Thailand into Japan's leading trading partner in the region. Following the outbreak of the Pacific war, Japan turned its attention to making Thailand a suitable rear base for sustaining its war effort in mainland Southeast Asia, and to formulating new economic policy toward Thailand that would make Japan the paramount player in the Thai economy, and which was intended to incorporate Thailand into Japan's Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

Mekong Diaries: Drawing & Stories from the American-Vietnam War 1964 - 1975 / Sherry Buchanan-Spurgin
London: Asia link, 2008
260p,; 25cm
ISBN-13: 9780953783915 (HB)
\$ 46.50

Mekong Diaries presents never-before-published drawings, poems, letters, and oral histories by ten of the most celebrated Vietnamese war artists, drawn from their collections and from the collection of the Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum.

The guerrilla artists – some military officers and some civilians – lived clandestinely with the fighters, moving camp alongside them, going on reconnaissance missions, and carrying their sketchbooks, ink, and watercolors into combat. Artists from the Hanoi College of Fine Arts and the Saigon College of Applied Arts journeyed down the perilous Ho Chi Minh Trail to ensure a pictorial history of the American-Vietnam War (1964-1975) in the Mekong Delta. They sketched as the spirit moved them, rendering elegant portraits, breathtaking landscapes, poetic hut and bunker interiors, activities at base camps, troops on the move, and the unimaginable devastation that the conflict left in its wake.

Their collective record is an extraordinary historical and artistic document of a people at war, living for peace.

Literature

The Dreams of an Idealist: A Victim of Two Political Purges and The Emerald's Cleavage / M R Nimitmongkol Navarat
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2009
xii. 359p,; 20cm
ISBN-13: 9789749511619
\$ 18.50

M R Nimitmongkol Navarat is one of the tragic figures of modern Thai literature. He spent almost half of his adult life in prison for allegedly plotting to overthrow the government, and died prematurely, just before his fortieth birthday.

It was as a political prisoner in the late 1930s that M R Nimitmongkol wrote The Dreams of an Idealist. The manuscript originally written in English, was seized by prison guards and the author dispatched to the notorious penal colony on Ko Tao. On his release, he rewrote the book in Thai and published it in 1946.

There are many close parallels between the experiences of Rung, the hero of The Dreams of an Idealist, and M R Nimitmongkol. Rung, too, was arrested after the Bowonder Rebellion (1933) and while in prison, became familiar with the works of Western

philosophers, economists, psychologists, and early twentieth-century intellectuals, all of which influenced his thinking on how Siamese society in the future should be moulded. And like the author, Rung's refusal to bow before the military authorities leads to his demise. Later editions of the novel were complemented by the author's short autobiography memoir. A victim of the Political Purges (1946), which provides further chilling insight into the working of the Phibun regime, and in particular the "Special Courts" set up to deal with political opponents.

This volume also includes the short drama, *The Emerald's Cleavage*, written in English in the late 1930s, which satirizes the morally flawed and opportunistic political elite that ruled Siam.

Visa Run: A Novel / Peter Jaggs
Bangkok: Bangkok Book House, 2008
204p,; 20cm
ISBN-13: 9789741641710
\$ 19.95

Visa Run is written with humour and feeling and insight into the steamy worlds of Pattaya and Sihanoukville. The book is also filled with information of the sort that you certainly will not find in conventional travel guides.

Cocktail: A Play about the life and HIV drug development work of Dr Krisana Kraisintu / Vince LiCata & Ping Chong
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2009
xxx. 82p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789749511688
\$ 15.00

Cocktail is a play about one woman's audacious crusade to fight the AIDS epidemic and the pharmaceutical industry's unyielding control over lifesaving drugs. Scientist activist Dr Krisna Kraisintu, a Thai national, defied politicians, patents, and restrictions to give the world its first generic "cocktail" pill for the treatment of HIV/AIDS. Her generic drugs changed the course of HIV in her native Thailand and Later in Africa, but brought her into direct conflict with some of the world's leading drug manufacturers.

Sex Talk: Your Personal Guide to Thai Sexuality / Kaewmala
Thailand: Heaven Lake Press, 2009
vii. 315p,; 20cm
ISBN-13: 9789749478837
\$ 15.95

Sextalk: In Search of Love and Romance reveals the mystery – unlocks the secret of love, foreplay and male-female attitudes towards sex in Thai society

Kaewmla explains from a Thai-female perspective the vocabulary of love and romance – from attraction at first sight and flirtation to courtship and marriage, and break-ups – with wit and humor and examples from every day Thai life. Sextalk is your companion, the only friend you will need to master the language of romance.

Blue Falcon / Bryce A Miles
Bangkok: Bangkok Book House, 2008
294p,; 20cm

ISBN-13: 9789743129919

Novel

\$ 15.00

The S.E.A. Write Anthology of Asean Short Stories & Poems: The 30th Anniversary / Nitaya

Masavisut & Ellen Boccuzzi (Eds)

Bangkok: Silkroad Agency, 2008

xi. 291p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789742577346

\$ 16.95

"Since 1979 the S.E.A. Write Awards has played a significant role in promoting and recognizing contemporary writers, dramatists, and poets of the ASEAN countries. It has also encouraged literary exchange and cooperation amongst ASEAN writers.

To commemorate the 30th anniversary, the Organising Committee deems it appropriate that after three decades of continued success, some of the award-winning works should be translated, compiled and published as an anthology. With the publication of such an anthology, international readers would be able to appreciate these ASEAN masterpieces."

Paying Back Jack: A Vincent Calvino P. I. novel / Christopher G Moore

Thailand: Heaven Lake Press, 2009

332p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789743129209

\$ 20.00

In the 10th Vincent Calvino novel, Calvino follows the mistress of an aspiring politician. Calvino's assignment takes him deep into the lives of those working inside secret prisons and private contractors. When Jack is paid back a body is left behind. This time the pay back is in Bangkok.

On Their Own: A Story of Street Children in Thailand / Colin C Bell

Bangkok: Bangkok Book House, 2008

274p,; 20cm

ISBN-13: 9789745197220

Based on True Events

\$ 15.95

Life was tough enough for Nok and his sister Ning after their father walked out, leaving their mother to raise them alone in a Bangkok slum, yet they made ends meet. But when she suddenly falls sick and dies, the children have no option but to find their own way in this world. When they fail to find their mother's estranged sister far away from Bangkok, the two siblings end up on the streets of Bangkok.

While fending for themselves and resisting the momentary temptations of vice and drugs and the trap of child prostitution, their unlikely dream is to find a new home. Life is an ongoing daily struggle and the children try their best to survive, while desperately hoping for a way out.

Is there a place for them where they can escape the street and the seemingly inevitable slide into crime, vice, and a wasted life?

Tales from the Pacific Rim: The man who wanted to buy a wife and other stories / Harold Stephens

California: Wolfenden Publishers, 2007

ix. 243p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9780978695101
\$ 17.95

"Truth can be told best in fiction," says author Harold Stephens. In this collection of short stories, the author does just that. He reveals, through fiction, the social habits and traditions of the people of the Pacific Rim, from Tahiti across the vast Pacific to Southeast Asia. What happens when a man wants to buy an Asian wife, and when an American woman wants to impose her ideas of liberation on an Asian woman? Educate and Asian servant girl and what are the results? What are the consequences when a top gun fighter pilot changes his mind about the war in Vietnam? Can a schoolteacher impose foreign concepts on kids of a different faith, and can a beachcomber find true love in Tahiti? And what do you do when your good friend confesses he has three wives, and when a treasure diver robs you of your fortune? The answers can be found here in this compelling book of short stories by an author who has lived most of his adult life in Asia and the Pacific, and who knows the people and area well.

Linguistics

Speaking Thai: The Fastest Way to Speak Thai / Dhirapol Polsawasdi & Chanchai Boonhao
Bangkok: (s.n.), 2008
217p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789749178935
\$ 10.00

This is the book specially designed for the foreigners who need to communicate in the Thai language. It is compiled in order to meet the general needs of tourist, business travelers and other interested people in general. The book starts with General Expressions, Sample Conversation, Useful Words and Phrases and Practical Conversations.

Official Publications

Statistical Yearbook Thailand 2008
Bangkok: National Statistical Office, 2008
579p,; 27cm
Includes 1 CD-ROM
ISSN: 1906-005X
\$ 100.00

The Mass Media Survey 2008 (Radio and Television)
Bangkok: National Statistic Office, 2008
176p,; 30cm
ISBN-13: 9789741130078
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 20.00

The 2007 Household Socio – Economic Survey : Southern Region
Bangkok: National Statistical Office, 2008
xxi. 86p,; 30cm
ISSN: 1905 – 6397
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 18.00

The 2007 Household Socio – Economic Survey : Northeastern Region

Bangkok: National Statistical Office, 2008
xxi. 86p,; 30cm
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 18.00

The 2007 Household Socio – Economic Survey : Central Region
Bangkok: National Statistical Office, 2008
xxi. 86p,; 30cm
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 18.00

The 2007 Household Socio – Economic Survey : Northern Region
Bangkok: National Statistical Office, 2008
xxi. 86p,; 30cm
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 18.00

The 2007 Commodity Flow Survey
Bangkok: National Statistical Office, 2008
xv. 366p,; 29cm
ISBN-13: 9789741130085
\$ 35.00

Thailand in Figures 2008-2009 / Alpha Research Co. Ltd
Nonthaburi: Alpha Research Co Ltd, 13th Edition, 2008
938p,; 30cm
ISBN-13: 9789741645527
\$ 120.00
ID: 105296

The 2007 Household Socio – Economic Survey Whole Kingdom
Bangkok: Statistical Forecasting Bureau, National Statistical Office, 2008
xxi. 88p,; 30cm
ISSN: 1905-6397
Bilingual Thai & English
\$ 35.00
ID: 105297

Thailand Public Health 2008-2009
Nonthaburi: Alpha Research Co Ltd, 10th Edition, 2008
540p,; 29cm
ISBN-13: 9789743792434
\$ 110.00
ID: 105298

Politics/International Relations

Southern Thailand: The Dynamics of Conflict / John Funston
(East-West Center Washington policy studies; PS 50)
Washington: East-West Center , 2008
xiv. 81p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9789812308870

1. Insurgency – Thailand, Southern
2. Thailand, Southern – History –Autonomy and independence movements
3. Islam and politics – Thailand
4. Conflict management - Thailand

\$ 11.00

Jungle Book: Thailand's Politics, Moral Panic, and Plunder, 1996-2008 / Chang Noi
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2009

vii. 247p.; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789749511633

\$ 18.50

The coup leader who believed he was the incarnation of an eighteenth-century king. The godfather slashed to death by a machete on the orders of his son. The party boss who taught his followers how to negotiate corruption with hand signals. The general whose political career chart the destruction of Burmese forests.

Thai politics often seem wild. For a dozen years, Chang Noi (the pseudonym means Little Elephant) has been stomping around this jungle, kicking up leaves, overturning rotten wood, and trumpeting in distress.

This selection from the widely read column in the Nation newspaper provides lively, readable commentary on twelve years of change in Thailand's politics, society, culture, and environment.

The sixty-four articles delve into the crisis over naked nipples, fascination with rape in TV dramas, moral panic over teenage clothing, police involvement in casinos, wrangles over damned dams, varieties of corruption, fantasies of culture bureaucrats, and fifty years of scandal behind Bangkok's new airport. This collection is a rich and fascinating kaleidoscope of the political and social jungle that is Thailand.

Tearing Apart the Land: Islam and Legitimacy in Southern Thailand / Duncan McCargo

Singapore: NUS Press, 2009

xxv. 235p., 24cm

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971694753

1. Thailand Southern – Politics and government
2. Legitimacy of governments – Thailand, Southern
3. Islam and politics – Thailand, Southern
4. Political violence – Thailand Southern
5. Muslims – Thailand, Southern – Political activity
6. Malays (Asian people) – Thailand, Southern – Politics and government
7. Insurgency – Thailand, Southern
8. Thailand – Politics and government – 1988-

\$ 26.00

Thailand: Elections to the House of Representatives 23rd December 2007 / Adam Cooper

Bangkok: The Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL), 2008

91p.; 26cm

ISBN-13: 9789740547068

'Restoring Democracy'

\$ 15.00

Religion – Buddhism

An Essay Concerning Buddhist Ethics / Somparn Promta

Bangkok: Chulalongkorn University Press, 2008

iii. 139p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789740323280

1. Buddhist Ethics

2. Ethics

\$ 11.00

There are many ways to explore Buddhist ethics. The way used by the author in this book is to analyze and critically examine the basic concepts in Buddhist ethics such as the ideas of good action, good life and good community. As a philosophical study of Buddhist ethics, the book is devoted partly to examine the possible questions to be found in the study of Buddhist ethics from the viewpoint of philosophy. For example, how Buddhist ethics responds to the question if goodness can be derived from the fact about things; is it true that Buddhist ethics, especially the one of Theravada tradition, is altruist, how Buddhist ethics thinks about genetic determination given by modern biologist and philosopher. The author does not claim that these questions can be easily answered. However, one of his fundamental beliefs concerning the nature of Buddhist ethics is that as Buddhism is a religion allowing much freedom to explore and interpret its teaching; this rational tendency seems to make it not difficult for Buddhism ethics to deal with ethical issues confronted by the modern world.

Sociology

Confessions of a Serial Letter – Writer / John Arnone

Bangkok: John Arnone, 2008

352p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789743687679

1. Social change – Thailand

2. Thailand – Social conditions

\$ 16.95

The irreverent author of one of last year's best sellers; "Why I Left America," returns to blow the lid off the world of newspaper letter writers.

After nine years of writing letters to the English language Thai newspapers, the author reveals what goes on behind the scenes. With over 300 letters published, he gives us a review of what happened with the published letters, as well as some of his best that were rejected and offers his insights as to why. Sometimes serious, sometimes funny, but never dull, this journey through the world of newspaper publishing, where amateur writers struggle to be heard, offers an entertaining analysis of those people you read about daily, but never see.

Thailand Policies towards Migrant Workers from Myanmar / Supang Chantavanich, Premjai Vungsiriphisal & Samarn Laodumrongchai

Bangkok: Asian Research Centre for Migration (ARCM), 2007

i. 82p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789749897898

\$ 15.00

Only 13: The true story of Lon / Julia Manzanares & Derek Kent

Bangkok: Bamboo Sinfonia Publication, 2006

xxiv. 331p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789748418018
\$ 19.95

From a child runaway, to a top earner in Thailand's prolific sex industry, comes the story of a little girl in an impoverished land where girls aren't valuable enough to educate, yet are expected to become the primary income earners – responsible for the basic needs and welfare of their families.

By the time Lon was 18, she had been responsible for the sole support of her family for five years. After suffering a childhood filled with beatings, blamed for her father's death, and denied further education at the age of 12, she ran away and soon sold the only item of value she possesses—her young and supple body. The more she earned by agreeing to the most perverted and degrading acts demanded by her foreign customers, the more money her mother demanded. An abortion at 15, followed by a suicide attempt hundreds upon hundreds of clients, and the discovery and loss of her first love – all before she was 18 – are only a part of her story. Her relentless determination to save her sisters from the same fate gave her the strength to endure, and to tell an unknowing world how the "Daughters of Isaan" must honor their family obligations, regardless of the cost to themselves.

Mainstreaming Health into Public Policies 28 - 30 January 2009
Bangkok: Mahidol University, 2009
274p,; 29cm
Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2009
\$ 35.00

Travel Writing

Destination: Asia – Coming to Thailand & Asian adventures / Carleton Cole
Bangkok: Bangkok Book House, 2008
200p,; 18cm
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