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### Anthropology

Ancient Harbours in Southeast Asia : The Archaeology of Early Harbours and Evidence of Inter-Regional Trade / John N. Miksic and Goh Geok Yian (Editors)  
Bangkok: SEAMEO SPAFA, 2013

176p. ; 24cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9786169004158

1. Archaeology and history

\$ 22.00 / PB

392 gm.

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### Art

Thai Transience

Singapore: Singapore Art Museum, 2013

143p. ; 29cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810748500

\$ 24.00 / PB

778 gm.

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## Economics/Development Studies

Challenges and Responses to a World in Crisis / Walden Bello  
Chiang Mai: The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable  
Development (RCSD), 2013  
33p. ; 25cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789746727815  
Bilingual English and Thai language  
\$ 10.00 / PB  
116 gm.

Keynote speech delivered at the International Conference on International  
Relations and Development “Towards ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) :  
Prospects, Challenges and Human Security” Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 26-27,  
2012

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## General

Thai Massage and Thai Healing Arts : Practice, Culture and Spirituality  
/ Bob Haddad  
Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2013  
336p.; 25cm.  
130 color illustrations  
ISBN: 9786162150715  
\$ 40.00 / HB  
1000gm

This fascinating anthology presents a much wider scope than other books on  
Thai massage, and uncovers a wealth of previously unavailable information on  
the  
historical, spiritual, and cultural connections to this powerful healing art.

Topics include ways to refine and maintain a healthy practice, breathwork and  
body mechanics, self-protection techniques, reading body language,  
acupressure concepts,  
Thai medicine theory, and Thai herbal compress therapy. The spiritual and  
cultural section offers modern translations of ancient texts, Indian and  
Buddhist influences, magic amulets and sacred tattoos, and accessory  
modalities such as reusi dat ton (stretching) and tok sen (hammering therapy).

The final section features essays about practice with clients written by therapists and teachers from around the world.

In addition to the author's work, other contributions in this anthology are from well known Thai massage professionals, including the following authors: Kira Balaskas, Michael Reed Gach, Ph.D, Noam Tyroler, C. Pierce Salguero, Ph.D, and Enrico Corsi.

The extensive experience and information provided in this reference book is invaluable to students or practitioners who wish to deepen their personal and professional understanding of traditional Thai healing arts.

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## History

A Civilized Woman : M.L. Boonlua Debyasuvarn and the Thai Twentieth Century  
/ Susan Fulop Kepner

Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2013

440p.; 21cm.

20 illus., notes, bibliog., index

9786162150616

\$ 30.00

Boonlua Debyasuvarn was born into a noble Siamese family in 1911 and not only witnessed, but participated in, the great events of her century. She was talented, intelligent, and determined to make her own place in the world beyond Thewet Palace, her family home.

After the 1932 overthrow of the absolute monarchy, M.L. Boonlua became one of the first Thai women to earn a university degree. As an official in the Ministry of Education, she worked tirelessly to improve education within the kingdom and represent Thailand at international education conferences. She was a greatly respected teacher of literature and was much cherished for her charm, wit, and eminently quotable remarks. Her essays on literature became the foundation of modern Thai literary criticism and her novels are now recognized as unique social histories of the times in which she lived.

Lucid and sensitive, this engaging biography documents Boonlua's life within the context of her society and the enormous changes her country was going through in her lifetime.

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A German Surgeon's Siamese Army Diary (1909 – 1911) / Friedrich Schaefer ;  
Translated and with an Introduction by Walter E.J. Tips

Bangkok: White Lotus Co. Ltd., 2013

xlii. 394p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789748434292

\$ 25.00 / PB

578 gm.

Originally Published in German in 1991

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=156365>

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Around Southeast Asia in 1897 : A Frenchwoman's Observations in Vietnam,  
Cambodia, Thailand, Burma, and Laos / Isabelle Massieu

Bangkok: White Lotus Co. Ltd., 2013

xxiii. 311p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789744801050

\$ 30.00 / PB

502 gm.

Originally published in 1901 as Comment j'ai parcouru l'Indo-Chine : Birmanie,  
Etats Shan, Siam, Tonkin, Laos

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## Politics/International Relations

Preah Vihear : A Guide to the Thai-Cambodian Conflict and Its Solutions /  
Charnvit Kasetsiri, Pou Sothirak & Pavin Chachavalpongpun

Bangkok: White Lotus Co. Ltd., 2013

xiv. 104p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789744801081

\$ 17.50 / PB

202 gm.

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Les Chemises Rouges de Thaïlande / Eugénie Merieau

Bangkok: IRASEC, 2013

168p. ; 19cm.

ISBN-13: 9786167571164

French language

Occasional Paper no° 23

\$ 15.00 / PB

202 gm.

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State and uncivil society in Thailand at the Temple of Preah Vihear /

Puangthong R. Pawakapan

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2013

Xiv, 124p.

9789814459907

1. Prasat Preah Vihear (Cambodia) – International Status
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3. Thailand – Foreign Relations – Cambodia
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5. Civil Society – Thailand
6. Thailand – Politics and Government – 1988-

\$ 22.00 / PB

200gm.

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## Religion - Buddhism

Self & Society : Essays on Pali Literature and Social Theory 1988-2010 /

Steven Collins

Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2013

vii. 320p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9786162150678

\$ 30.00 / PB

378 gm.

This selection of essays, originally published between 1988 and 2010, demonstrates that in the study of Buddhism a concern with detailed accuracy in philological and textual specifics can be combined with an attempt to deal with wider (and difficult) philosophical and sociological issues. The first part, Pali Literature, deals with the historical formation of the Pali Canon, with the continuing oral aspects of Pali texts, and, looking at the entire range of Pali

texts, with the question “What is Literature in Pali?” The second part, The theory and Practice of Not-self, looks at the Buddhist denial of self as both a philosophical position and as a form of practice, one in which a process of self-transformative behavioral and psychological training is seen to culminate in the realization that there is no self underlying the ever-changing moments of experience. The third part, Buddhism and Society, has two essays reflecting on and extending Louis Dumont’s comparative theorizing about the individual and society in East and West, and a final contemporary treatment of Buddhist “nuns” (*mae chi*) in Thervāda Buddhism, both in general and specifically as active in higher education in Bangkok. The three essays attempt to build on but go beyond the work of Dumont, and behind him Max Weber, in thinking about what they would call “world-renunciation” as a phenomenon of society and culture.

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## Sociology

Human Trafficking in Thailand : Current Issues, Trends, and the Role of the Thai Government / Siroj Sorajjakool

Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2013

235p.; 21cm.

tables, notes, bibliog., index

978-616-215-060-9

\$ 25.00

300gm.

Few subjects elicit greater moral outrage than human trafficking. Media reports of dehumanizing practices such as slavery, abduction, child prostitution, and torture, along with shocking statistics, form the basis of public knowledge. Those who work closely with victims acknowledge the complexity of the issue, and it is this complexity, rather than loose statistics and conjecture, that deserves our attention.

With sensitivity and candor, this book addresses the reality of human trafficking in Thailand, dissecting studies, presenting facts, and dismissing stereotypes. It focuses on the areas of fishing, agriculture, domestic work, sex work, and the trafficking of children, weaving individual narratives and official studies into the wider history of Thailand’s changing economy and labor situation. It also details how the Thai government has addressed the issue, reflects on the roots of human exploitation, and suggests a way forward.

This book raises much-needed awareness of commonly held misconceptions and clarifies what we know and what we have yet to discover about the trafficking of persons to and from Thailand.

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Stateless Rohingya ... Running on Empty / Sophie Ansel, Tin Soe ... [et al]  
Chiang Mai: Burma Concern, Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development, 2013

94p. ; 21cm.

\$ 18.00 / PB

210 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=156381>

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## Women Studies

Negotiating Women's Veiling : Politics & Sexuality in Contemporary Indonesia /  
Dewi Candraningrum

Bangkok: IRASEC, 2013

89p. ; 19cm.

ISBN-13: 9786167571157

Occasional Paper n° 22

\$ 12.00 / PB

118 gm.

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