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Nonthaburi: Alpha Research Co. Ltd., 2017

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History

Peninsular Siam and Its Neighborhoods : Essays in Memory of Dr. Preecha Noonsuk / Stanley O'Connor (et al.) (Ed) Dr. Wannasarn Noonsuk
Nakhon Si Thammarat: Cultural Council of Nakhon Si Thammarat Province,
2017

xxxvi, 180p.

9786165434881

\$ 65.00 / HB

772gm.

Peninsular Siam (Thailand) located between the Indian and Pacific Oceans has been a strategic region in the East-West trade and ancient globalization. This commemorative volume contains new scholarly essays that explore the landscape, seascape, complex history, and material culture of Peninsular Siam and its neighborhoods in Maritime Southeast Asia from the late prehistoric to contemporary periods.

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Confessions of a Eurasian Woman : A Destiny in 1920s Vietnam / Clothilde
Chivas-Baron (Translated) Waler E. J. Tips
Bangkok: White Lotus, 2017
xii, 164p. ; 150 x 210mm.
9789747534948
\$ 22.00 / PB
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Confessions of a Eurasian Woman. A Destiny in 1920s Vietnam is the story of the emotional life of a mixed-blood Franco-Vietnamese woman. The story is also a vehicle for the author, a long-time resident of French Indochina, who arrived there in 1909, to campaign on behalf of the better treatment of mixed-blood children. The intricate plot reads like a psychological thriller following the feelings of revenge for discrimination suffered and the inner struggles of a Eurasian woman. Children of mixed marriages were often the illegitimate offspring of Vietnamese mistresses and high officials, but also the children of Frenchmen who held less exalted positions in the colony, the so-called colons who sought a better future than they would have had in France. How were these mixed-race children educated? What could they expect after growing up? Did they all desire to get to Paris however they could? As a very early feminist the author did not fail to comment on the life of French colonial women too. In passing, she records impressions of official, business and social life, and of such places as Hue, Saigon and Angkor Wat, always worthy of a vacation, if not from work then from the daily struggles against discrimination.

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Three Women of Annam : Womanhood in 1920s Vietnam / Clothilde
Chivas-Baron (Translated) Waler E. J. Tips
Bangkok: White Lotus, 2017
xii, 208p.
9789748434858
\$ 18.00 / PB
292gm.

Book Details:

Three Women of Annam. Womanhood in 1920s Vietnam was written by a French feminist of the early hours. She tells the story of three local women, contrasting their destinies as they belonged to different social strata. They are the daughter of a high-placed official called against her will to the imperial palace, a peasant woman ending in a city sweatshop due to the usury of a Chinese shop-keeper, and a so-called congaie, an indigenous woman in consecutive relationships with French colonial officials. The last of these women lives the most precarious, although intermittently rich, life. In status barely beyond life on the streets as a prostitute, she often has mixed-breed offspring that suffer a discrimination that perpetuates the near-abhorrence of Asians for the foreign devils. The migrant to the city is tempted by the luxury associated with being a Frenchman's local wife. The noble woman's life, while in appearance the least difficult, has its own problems as a satisfactory emotional life escapes her in the face of absolute power. Prominent is the inner debate women have to conduct when confronted with the possibility of joining French wealth in the face of their own Annamese poverty. The destinies are plotted into timeless love-stories, happy-end included. In passing, the author offers glimpses of the daily life of French colonials, colonial delights such as opium, the pervasive role of Vietnamese ancestor worship, the stigma of a childless marriage, second wives, and the populace's fears and superstitions, in a Vietnam occupied by the French.

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The Economic Conditions of North-Eastern Siam (1929) : Ministry of
Commerce and Communications / (Introduction) Leedom Lefferts
Bangkok: White Lotus, 2018

xx, 172p.

9789748434995

\$ 18.00 / PB

262gm.

The Economic Conditions of North-Eastern Siam is the report of the first economic survey of Isan, conducted by Reginald Stuart Le May in 1929. Prior to 1929, not much was known of neglected Northeast Siam, previously called Laos. The population, almost 4 million, 1/3rd of the Kingdom's, was primarily ethnically Lao and Khmer. Le May's work, the result of provincial-level questionnaires, provides foundational knowledge of the contours of economic life in this neglected region just as Siam's 1932 constitutional revolution took place. Leedom Lefferts wrote the introduction and compares the work with Carle C. Zimmermann's Siam: Rural Economic Survey 1930-1931

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