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Anthropology

On Centrism and Dualism : House Societies in Southeast Asia
Reconsidered / Benjamin Baumann
Glienicke, Germany: Galda Verlag, 2020
xii, 114p.

Includes Bibliography
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Insights from Southeast Asia, Multiple Approaches towards the Region,
Volume 1
\$ 53.30 / PB
220gm.

This book provides an overview of the anthropological debate on house societies, pertaining particularly to Southeast Asian social formations. The book's point of departure is a comparative model of social formations in Southeast Asia outlined by Shelly Errington. Although this model features prominently in anthropological discussions of the region, no detailed analysis of this comparative approach exists. This might be attributed to the fact that Errington's model is theoretically dense, alluding to the rather complicated anthropological field of kinship studies. Errington's model combines premises of Lévi-Strauss' Structural Anthropology with Clifford Geertz' symbolic or interpretative paradigm and situates the synthesis in the anthropology of insular Southeast Asia. This book traces the genealogy of this model and provides detailed explications of its basic theoretical premises before it explores the concept of house societies and how it is applied by Errington to approach and compare Southeast Asian social formations. The book reveals the structuralism that speaks through Errington's comparative approach by discussing the concept of transformation and indicates the potentials and

limitations a typology of different house societies has for the anthropology of Southeast Asia.

ABOUT THE SERIES Developments in the field of area studies - goaded by the analytical deconstruction of world regions from their geopolitical sense - have deeply affected the knowledge production from societies and cultures located in the politicized compartmentalization of the globe. With this series, the editors and authors wish to contribute to a reformulation of sensibilities in area studies which emphasizes the epistemic value of contextualized knowledge production. Starting with the notion of Southeast Asia, books published in this series will contribute to a more nuanced understanding of regionality based on a multidisciplinary approach.

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Cinema/Film Studies

Thai Cinema Uncensored / Matthew Hunt

Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2020

xii, 300p. ; 14 x 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography & Filmography

9786162151699

\$ 35.00 / PB

364gm.

Thai Cinema Uncensored is the first full-length study of Thai film censorship. Informed by access to rare and controversial films, the author provides a history of film censorship in Thailand from its beginnings when films were censored by the police for ideological reasons, to the present when issues such as politics, religion and sex are the main reasons for Thai films being banned. Although a rating system was finally introduced in 2008, film censorship remains bureaucratic, opaque, and conservative. The book also examines how Thai filmmakers approach culturally sensitive subjects, and how their films have been censored as a result. It contains interviews with ten leading directors, including candid and extended conversations with Thai New Wave veterans Apichatpong Weerasethakul and Pen-ek Ratanaruang. The directors all discuss their most controversial films, which range from mainstream studio movies to independent arthouse releases, and explain their responses to censorship: some took the censors to court, while others withdrew their films from Thailand altogether.

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History

A History of Cambodia – Thailand Diplomatic Relations, 1950-2020 / Sok Udom Deth

Glienicke, Germany: Galda Verlag, 2020

Insights from Southeast Asia, Multiple Approaches towards the Region, Volume 3

254p.

9783962031299

\$ 80.00 / PB

432gm.

This book aims to provide an analysis of Cambodia-Thailand diplomatic relations over the past seven decades, specifically from 1950 to 2020. While other academic publications have focused on particular aspects of Cambodian-Thai relations (e.g. border conflicts or cultural ties), this book is the first to cover a comprehensive history of diplomatic relations between the two countries starting from the establishment of official diplomatic ties in 1950 to the present. In addition to empirical discussion, it seeks to explain why Cambodian-Thai relationships have fluctuated and what primary factors caused the shifts during the period discussed. In doing so, it employs the “social conflict” analysis, which views states not as unitary actors, but within which are comprised of different societal forces competing with one another and pursues foreign policies in accordance with their own ideology, interest, and strategy. As such, it is postulated that Cambodia-Thailand diplomatic relations should not be seen simply as relations between two unitary states cooperating with or securitizing against one another, but rather as a matrix of intertwining relationships between various social and political groups in both states harboring competing ideologies and/or interests to advance their power positions at home.

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Bangkok: Social Statistics Division, National Statistical Office, 2020

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Bangkok: National Statistical Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and
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National Statistical Office, 2019

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