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Anthropology

Discovering The Identity Of Vietnamese Culture: A Systematic-Typological Study / Professor Tran Ngoc Them (Ed & Translation) Marc Young (et al.)
Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2022
968p.
Includes Bibliography
9786043657456
\$ 65.00 / PB
804gm.

This is the first systematic-typological study of Vietnamese culture by a Vietnamese scholar. Professor More uses his broad knowledge and detailed research into many related fields – such as anthropology, ethnology, archeology, Eastern and Western philosophy, history, linguistics, literature, and numerous other fields – to weave together comprehensive explanations of the origins, development, and modern forms of Vietnamese culture. The translation and its multiple rounds of editing involved both native-English and native-Vietnamese speakers cooperating to improve understanding and accuracy. Translator's notes have also been added extensively within the text and in footnotes to clarify meanings and further explain difficult concepts for the Western reader to understand. This work will be of great benefit to academic researchers, but its written and translation styles also make it very accessible to the “popular” audience interested to expand or deepen their understanding of the cultures of Vietnam and the surrounding region.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873117>

Viet Nam: Tradition and Change / Huu Ngoc; (Eds) Lady Borton & Elizabeth Collins
Third Edition
Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2022
xxviii, 360p.
Includes Index
9786043657463
Research in International Studies – South East Asia Series No. 128
\$ 35.00 / PB
436gm.

Viet Nam: Tradition and Change shimmers with Huu Ngoc’s thoughtful classes and for other readers interested in Viet Nam. We hope they will also fall in love with the rich cultural heritage of the people and nation that is Viet Nam.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873118>

Atlas/Maps

Picture Atlas of Vietnam: The Land of Charm = Dat Nuoc Gam Hoa / Vo Thi Mai Chi (Translator)
Nguyen Sy Khanh (Illustrator) Ho Quoc Cuong

Hanoi: NXB Kim Dong, 2023

170p. ; 31cm.

9786042333566

1. Country.
2. Human.
3. Vietnam.
4. Atlas.

\$ 65.00 / HB

1124gm.

Our Vietnam. Existing in harmony; a heroic history, beautiful nature, and endless creativity of its people. And now we have the land of charm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873119>

Ecology/Environment

Lost and Found: The History of Extermination, Discovery and Rediscovery of Mammals in Vietnam /
Tilo Nadler, James Morrison & Ulrike Streicher

2nd Edition (Revised)

Vietnam: Tilo Nadler (Self-Published), 2023

616p.

Includes Index

9786043809862

\$ 295.00 / HB

1734gm.

Vietnam is a special country with favourable geographical conditions that have led to the evolution of a large number of endemic species. The country is also unique in having suffered from several decades of wars that have strongly affected its biodiversity and prevented an accurate assessment of the biological situation. This book describes the history of 150 terrestrial mammal species and highlights their discovery, rediscovery, and in some cases, extinction. For species that were discovered or newly identified in the last 30 years, the history of their discovery is described briefly, including a short biography of the persons who were associated with it. The author has tried to track down people who are still alive though has not been successful on all occasions. For new discoveries of long-known species, original first descriptions from old scientific papers are usually included, while for newly discovered and redescribed species in the last 30 years, these are usually not included as such descriptions are often very extensive and easily accessed on the internet. For the orders Rodentia, Eulipotyphla, and Chiroptera maps are included that show the locations of records, though these do not represent distribution maps.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873120>

History

Exploring Saigon – Cho Lon : Vanishing Heritage of Ho Chi Minh City / Tim Doling

Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2019

688p. ; Illustration ; 24cm.

Includes Index

9786047761388

1. History.
2. Heritage.
3. Ho Chi Minh City.

\$ 50.00 / PB
940gm.

This is Tim's second guidebook to the built heritage of the southern metropolis, and takes the form of a much expanded and improved version of his 2014 book Exploring Hồ Chí Minh City. Now comprising over 680 pages, the book starts with an expanded overview of the historical development of Saigon-Chợ Lớn and a short section entitled "Saigon-Chợ Lớn built heritage under threat," which considers the systematic destruction of built heritage in recent years and ways in which this issue might be tackled.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873121>

The Vietnamese Dynasties: Historical Stories / The Gioi Publishers

Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2018

364p.

9786047740956

1. History.
2. Dynasty.
3. Vietnam.

\$ 35.00 / PB
396gm.

In 1802, after defeating the Tay Son Dynasty, King Gia Long founded the Nguyen Dynasty and established a unified government for the whole country. In 1804, he named the country Vietnam. In 1838, King Minh Mang renamed it Dai Nam. After the August Revolution and National Independence Day in 1945, the country was named the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. On April 30, 1975, the South was liberated and the country was unified. Since 1976, its official name has been the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873122>

Old Citadels of Việt Nam / The Gioi Publishers

Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2018

132p.

9786047740949

\$ 30.00/ PB
170gm.

This book aims to help readers learn about these unique and creative structures. In addition to well-known citadels recognized by UNESCO, such as the Imperial Citadel of Thăng Long, the Citadels of Hoa Lư, Huế and Hồ Dynasty, this books seeks to introduce many others. These were not only significant fortresses in the struggles against aggressors but they are also valuable from a cultural and architectural perspective. Moreover, the ruins of old citadels are evidence of cultural exchange and development of human civilizations. Therefore, they greatly contribute to our learning about the history of mankind.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873123>

Between War and The State: Civil Society in South Vietnam, 1954-1975 / Van Nguyen-Marshall (Ed) Mahinder Kingra (et al.)

Ithaca, New York, USA: Southeast Asia Program Publications – an Imprint of Cornell University Press, 2023

xvi, 224p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781501770586

1. Civil society – Vietnam (Republic).
2. Association, Institutions, etc. – Vietnam (Republic).
3. Political participation – Vietnam (Republic).
4. Vietnam (Republic) – Social conditions.

\$ 37.95 / PB

330gm.

In *Between War and the State*, Van Nguyen-Marshall examines an array of voluntary activities, including mutual-help, professional, charitable, community development, student, women's, and rights organizations active in South Vietnam from 1954 to 1975. By bringing focus to the public lives of South Vietnamese people, *Between War and the State* challenges persistent stereotypes of South Vietnam as a place without society or agency. Such robust associational life underscores how an active civil society survived despite difficulties imposed by the war, government restrictions, economic hardship, and external political forces. These competing political forces, which included the United States, Western aid agencies, and Vietnamese communist agents, created a highly competitive arena wherein the South Vietnamese state did not have a monopoly on persuasive or coercive power. To maintain its influence, the state sometimes needed to accommodate groups and limit its use of violence. Civil society participants in South Vietnam leveraged their social connections, made alliances, appealed to the domestic and international public, and used street protests to voice their concerns, secure their interests, and carry out their activities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873124>

Duong Xuan Residence Under the Nguyen Lords : The Former Dan Duong Palace, and the Tomb of Emperor Quang Trung in Hue / Nguyen Dac Xuan; (Translator) Le Lan Khanh

Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2019

276p. ; 24cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786047766673

1. Historical sites.
2. Duong Xuan residence.
3. Nguyen Dynasty.
4. Vietnam.

\$ 35.00 / PB

400gm.

"...After many years of waiting, facing challenges, and passing through arduous experiences, I have come to the realization that: My research project involves a complex combination of disciplines and social knowledge, and requires a lengthy and complex process of vindication, so as to "turn nothing into something". Only highly patient and devoted readers will be able to follow all the stages of this research with understanding. If this project later obtains official recognition, the majority of readers will benefit only from the final results—there is little hope that many people will take the time to go back through all the stages of discovery and thus come to understand the harsh journey I have undergone.

I have composed this retrospective account of my research as I enter my early 80s. This book can thus be considered my last book on the Đan Dương Palace research project. Therefore, in addition to the main section on the research, I have included a section containing photos of original documents, including references, opinions, and debates concerning the research, and writings on the tomb of Emperor Quang Trung that have become available before, during, and after the completion of my work on the research project, Đan Dương Palace – The Tomb of Emperor Quang Trung. In addition to describing the research itself, I have also recorded interviews in which I

replied to queries and concerns related to the project. In this book, I also address issues I have thought of but have been unable to implement – issues that are beyond my capacity, due to my limitations as a historical researcher not belonging to any state -sponsored organization devoted to social and scientific study.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873125>

Law

Religion And Rule Of Law In Vietnam And Southeast Asia / W. Cole Durham JR, Brett G. Scharffs & Do Quang Hurng

Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2023

768p.

9786047773596

\$ 75.00 / PB

1064gm.

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