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Young Mongols : Forging Democracy in the Wild, Wild East / Aubrey Menard
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420 gm.

In 1990, Mongolia's youth-led revolution threw off the Soviet yoke, ushering in multi-party democracy. Thirty years later, the country's youth are still leading Mongolia's democratic development.

This powerful, inclusive book introduces readers to modern Mongolia through the stories of young leaders fighting to make their country a better, more democratic place. Its intersectional perspective explores the complexity of Mongolia today: the urban planning and pollution issues that plague the capital city of Ulaanbaatar; the struggles of women, the LGBTQIA+ population, people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities to claim their equitable places in society; the challenge of providing education in the world's least densely populated country to prepare the workforce of tomorrow; and how to fairly divide the spoils of the country's vast mineral resource wealth.

This rising generation of Mongolians is already wielding real power and shaping their country's future. Their work will determine whether the country is able to overcome its development and democratization challenges, its relationship to the world, and who the winners (and losers) will be in Mongolian society.

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Clear Mandate : A Singapore Conversation / Juliana Tan and Justin Zhuang
KHOOGJ & Juliana Tan, Singapore 2020

1v.
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180 gm.

Clear Mandate is a visual conversation between photographers KHOOGJ and Juliana Tan during the Singapore General Election 2020. It was a project conceived on Instagram with the duo putting out diptychs of their images, one from each photographer, as a call and response to the campaigns and issues surrounding the election. -- Cover verso.

Detachable cover, with essay and imprint and author information.

Includes essay, "A Singapore conversation" by Justin Zhuang; and edited conversation between Khoogj and Juliana on Instagram Live.

"Edition of 300" -- Colophon.

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Journey in Blue : A Peek into the Workers' Party of Singapore / Yee Jenn Jong
(Ed) Lai Ann

World Scientific, Singapore 2020
xxii, 262p.

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550 gm.

After decades of overwhelming political domination by the People's Action Party (PAP), Singapore has entered a phase of political transition. It started with the loss of a group representation constituency (GRC) in the 2011 general election (GE2011). After a huge rebound in the fortunes of the PAP in the 2015 general election following the death of founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, the transition resumed in the 2020 general election with the loss of yet another GRC. This book looks at the Workers' Party, Singapore's leading opposition party, through the eyes of Yee Jenn Jong, former Non-Constituency Member of Parliament and Central Executive Committee member of the party.

Jenn Jong took an unexpected leap into opposition politics just weeks before GE2011 and came out with a narrow loss of just 1% of the popular votes. In this book, he recounts his three contests in the general elections from 2011–2020, parliamentary work, and other activities in opposition politics. This book hopes to let readers better understand the nature of the work by opposition politicians in Singapore, which has been dominated by the PAP's narrative since 1959. The author also shares his thoughts on the shape of Singapore's politics going forward.

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Our Eyes: Counter Terrorism Intelligence Network / Ryamizard Ryacudu
Learning Press Pte Ltd, Singapore 2020

254p.

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660 gm.

Today, terrorism presents a tier-one national security threat to governments and societies across the world. The threat of Al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, and their affiliates is growing stronger in Southeast Asia to contain isolate, and eliminate the terrorism treat, ASEAN's governments had to come together and act. We invested in joint aerial, land, and maritime forces, as well as an intelligence sharing and exchange network.

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Will Pakatan Harapan's Hold on Selangor Continue? / Tricia Yeoh
ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

56p.

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104 gm.

When the Pakatan Harapan (PH) federal government fell in February 2020, PH also lost control over the states of Johor, Malacca, Perak and Kedah. In Sabah, PH-aligned Warisan was replaced by the PN-aligned United Alliance of Sabah. PH maintained its hold on three states—Selangor, Penang and Negeri Sembilan. Selangor's position is of unique interest, given the largest share of PH assemblers comprising members from the People's Justice Party (Parti Keadilan Rakyat, or PKR), the party which has faced significant elite splits in 2020.

The present stability of PH's survival in Selangor can be accounted for by the sheer majority it possesses within the legislative assembly, comprising forty-one out of fifty-six state seats. Unless a significant share of assemblers were to defect, the change in state government would be highly unlikely.

PH built a strong base in Selangor during its time in power over more than a decade, securing performative legitimacy and rooting itself strongly within the community.

PH has benefited from the highly urbanized and educated demographic profile of Selangor. However, the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic has likely changed the landscape, which may in turn affect how constituents will now respond to goodies offered by the federal government.

Although PH in Selangor has survived the national storm, its future performance remains uncertain. This year's political realignment, public opinion towards PN and the 2018 redelineation exercise where the number of Malay-majority seats has grown may hamper PH's ability to maintain its strong margin.

The political fragmentation that continues to unfold will see further party and coalitional realignment, which will invariably impact PH's strength in Selangor.

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The Deer and the Dragon: Southeast Asia and China in the 21st Century / Donald K Emmerson

ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute / Shorenstein APARC, Singapore 2021

394p.

Includes Index

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542 gm.

"In The Deer and the Dragon, Emmerson, one of the most eminent thinkers on Southeast Asia, has rallied an army of top regional experts to examine the nature, dynamics and implications of the power asymmetries between China and the countries of Southeast Asia. In the region's folklore, the motif of the mouse-deer and dragon represents the triumph of brain over brawn. Drawing from that analogy, the book critically investigates the myths and realities of China's preponderance in the region to draw attention to how Southeast Asian countries have been adept at employing strategies such as hedging and balancing to counter China, while also leveraging regional organizations and mechanisms to maximise their strategic autonomy.

The Deer and the Dragon provides a sobering reality check on several key fronts. It examines regional perceptions of China and the United States while identifying their respective leadership deficiencies as Great Powers. It challenges the conventional wisdom that Southeast Asia is China's "strategic backyard", highlighting the differences between Chinese aspirations for the region and Southeast Asia's resistance to China's hegemonic vision.

In its discussion of China's bilateral relations with Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia and Laos, as well as on the Mekong, The Deer and the Dragon brings unprecedented new insights about the depths and dimensions of these countries' relationship with China. "

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=653063>

Parti Islam SeMalaysia (PAS): Unifier of the Ummah? / Wan Saiful Wan Jan

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68 gm.

The Islamic Party of Malaysia (PAS) is no stranger to coalition politics. It has a long history of working with others, both in government and in opposition. Up until 2018, it used the framework of *tahaluf siyasi* as the guide to forming coalitions.

Under the pretext of *tahaluf siyasi* or political coalition, PAS joined the Barisan Nasional (BN) government in 1974. It was also a key player in the Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU), Barisan Alternatif (BA) and Pakatan Rakyat (PR) opposition coalitions. But in the lead up to GE14, PAS decided to form the Gagasan Sejahtera coalition with much smaller parties—Berjasa and Ikatan. It dominated this coalition and the two partners were largely insignificant.

After GE14, PAS decided to partner with UMNO in Muafakat Nasional, under the pretext of a new strategy called *ta'awun siyasi* or political cooperation. This is a looser partnership arrangement, in which the partners are not strictly bound to each other.

The formation of Muafakat Nasional is a historic development, as it brings together the two biggest and oldest Malay political parties for the time in an exclusive manner. Bersatu joined the pact in 2020, making Muafakat Nasional the biggest Malay political force in Malaysia today.

PAS sees its role as a unifier of the Muslim ummah, holding and keeping the peace between UMNO and Bersatu. For PAS, creating Malay Muslim unity is not just an effective political strategy but also a religious obligation.

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Infiltrating Society: The Thai Military's Internal Security Affairs / Puangthong Pawakapan

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

182p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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300 gm.

"Thai politics is driven by actors and actions of paradox such as anti-election movements for accountability or independent, partisan organizations. This lucidly written book uncovers the 'military-led civil affairs' that earn the armed forces the omnipotent role in Thai society. It enriches our understanding of the Thai military in both empirical and theoretical ways. Empirically, the book illuminates how the soldiers have been intensively involved in supposedly civic activities ranging from forest land management to poverty reduction. Such long-lasting and extensive involvement means the military could mobilize the organized mass of over 500,000 strong when necessary. Theoretically, readers will learn how an ideological discourse ('threats to national security') has been continuously redefined to serve the military's evolving political and rent-seeking missions from the Cold War era to the twenty-first century. It also traces the persistence and mutation of this highly adaptable organization, the one that knows when to roar and when to camouflage. Still waters run deep; Thai military operations run deeper and wider." –

Veerayooth Kanchoochat, Associate Professor of Political Economy, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo

"A truly monumental work about Thailand's military from the 1960s until today, this solid study focuses upon the armed forces' internal security role across Thai society, how the military has succeeded in legitimizing itself and boosting its power as a counterinsurgency force, guardian of monarchy and engine of development. The book also valuably looks at the military's establishment of mass organizations beginning during the Cold War and mobilization of royalists since 2006. The book thus illustrates how the military has been able to enhance and sustain its overwhelming influence and is thus a valuable study for anyone wanting to understand key power-brokers in Thailand." – Dr Paul Chambers, Center of ASEAN Community Studies, Naresuan University, Thailand

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Non-State Chinese Actors and Their Impact on Relations between China and Mainland Southeast Asia / Enze Han

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62 gm.

International relations scholarship and the popular media tend to portray China as a great power with hegemonic designs for Southeast Asia. Moreover, studies on Chinese influence in Southeast Asia predominantly focus on the Chinese state. This paper argues that Chinese non-state actors and their daily encounters with local communities in Southeast Asia deserve equal attention as these interactions evidently produce friction at both the society-to-state and state-to-state levels.

The influence of Chinese non-state actors in Southeast Asia can be illustrated with three examples, namely, Chinese tourism operations in Thailand, Chinese market demand and agricultural transformations in Myanmar, and Chinese gangs within the casino economy in Cambodia.

Thailand has recently become a top tourist destination for Chinese nationals. This has cultural implications as those involved in the tourism industry need to have Chinese language skills. The economic implications include increased competition and decreased accountability as Chinese tour companies have set up in Thailand using Thai locals as nominees. Bilateral relations also soured after a boat carrying Chinese tourists capsized in Thailand.

As global prices of corn rose in 2011 and 2012, areas in Myanmar close to the Chinese border have increased corn cultivation to meet Chinese demands for that crop. This has led to deforestation in these areas.

Chinese gangsters fleeing their government's crackdown in China have settled down to operate in the casino economy in Cambodia. Consequentially, there has been a rise in crime rate involving online scams and deteriorating public security. Despite the Chinese government encouraging the Cambodian government to enforce a ban on online gambling, the actions of non-state actors from China continue to be associated with the Chinese state as a whole and there is rising resentment towards the Chinese in Cambodia.

The COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily halted cross-border trade between China and mainland Southeast Asia. This has negatively affected local farmers who are dependent on the Chinese market.

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The Making of Anwar Ibrahim's "Humane Economy" / Khoo Boo Teik

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Anwar Ibrahim, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, 1993–98, and Opposition Leader, 2008–15 and since March 2020, is associated with two lasting, seemingly contradictory images. Those were of the young Anwar as a radical Islamist for whom economics seemed not to matter, and as a pro-market reformer during the 1997 East Asian financial crisis for whom Islam no longer mattered.

Yet there was economics in the young Anwar's Islam and, conversely, Islam in the mature man's economics. Between them lay certain "moral ambivalences" that occupied Anwar during the pre-crisis period when economic growth, prosperity and ambitions were dogged by rent-seeking, corruption and institutional degradation.

Anwar had expressed various thoughts on "Islam and economics", notably when he was President of Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM, or Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement), Minister of Finance (1991–98), and leader of the post-Reformasi opposition. His thoughts formed the core of a "humane economy" that he envisioned and advocated upon his return to active politics from 2006 onwards.

The vision of a "humane economy" holds personal, ideological and political significance at a specific political juncture in Malaysian history.

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Praetorians, Profiteers or Professionals? : Studies on the Militaries of Myanmar and Thailand / (Eds) Michael J Montesano, Terence Chong & Prajak Kongkirati

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250 gm.

Praetorians, Profiteers or Professionals? contributes to the ongoing renaissance in scholarship on Southeast Asia's armed forces and their political, social and economic roles. This renaissance comes in an era in which the states of the region, and the societies and economies that they govern, have grown complex beyond all recognition. Nevertheless, understanding those states' armies remains crucial.

Emphasizing the ideologies and economic activities of the militaries of two large Mainland Southeast Asian neighbours, this volume transcends clichés about coups, coercion, caudillos and kings. Its findings will challenge the thinking of even long-time observers of the region, not least through its comparative perspective and the fresh understanding of the roles and orientations of the armed

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Malay Politics : Parlous Condition, Continuing Problems / Khoo Boo Teik
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62 gm.

In late February 2020, the Mahathir Mohamad-led Pakatan Harapan (Harapan, or Pact of Hope) government ended abruptly. Amidst ensuing confusion, Muhyiddin Yassin led defecting Harapan Members of Parliament, joined by UMNO and PAS, in an ad hoc Perikatan Nasional (PN, or National Alliance) coalition to form a "backdoor government".

The PN protagonists cast themselves as a "Malay-Muslim front" for preserving Malay dominance. Yet they unwittingly exposed the parlous state of their "Malay politics", as shown by an absence of "Malay unity", strongly contested claims to represent the Malays, intense party factionalism, and subverted leadership transitions.

The parlousness of Malay politics emerged from the failure of the Malay political class to meet many challenges between 1997 and 2018. As the New Economic Policy and Vision 2020 political orders shed their combined twenty-five-year hegemony, Malay politics could not recover its declining popular support and legitimacy, or craft a fresh, broadly supported settlement.

The present is an unsettled conjuncture: the old order is passing while Harapan's experimental regime has been subverted. Yet Malay politics is unable to reform or tackle current issues authoritatively. Instead Malay politics has turned inwards and precipitated a disorder of the political system.

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Minding the Grassroots : Celebrating 70 Years of Sino-Indonesia Relations amid the Coronavirus Pandemic / Ardhitya Eduard Yeremia and Klaus Heinrich Raditio
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86 gm.

The 70th anniversary of Sino-Indonesia bilateral relations is marked by issues alongside the coronavirus pandemic, such as medical cooperation, the import of Chinese workers, and confrontation in the Natuna waters.

Since the first case of coronavirus was identified in Wuhan in late December 2019, Indonesia has been generously assisting China in coping with the pandemic. In return, when the outbreak occurred in Indonesia, China also rendered support to its strategic partner.

The collaboration occurred at government-to-government (G-to-G) level (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence), business-to-business (B-to-B) level (state-owned companies and private companies), and people-to-people (P-to-P) level (ethnic Chinese associations, philanthropic institution). However, both Indonesia and China have not optimized on the P-to-P or grassroots interaction.

China's "vaccine diplomacy" is not unconditional, and Beijing may use its vaccine donations to advance its regional agenda, particularly on sensitive issues such as its claims in the South China Sea.

The import of Chinese workers into certain Indonesian regions has met with local opposition. This has been resolved with the central and the regional governments reaching an understanding that the Chinese projects will eventually benefit the local economy.

In the Natuna waters, Jakarta shows a shift in tone from confrontation (during Jokowi's first term) to moderation. Although Chinese fishing vessels are likely to continue fishing there, the Jokowi administration is likely to deliver business-as-usual responses in order to maintain cordial relations with China while not compromising on its own territorial claims.

Overall, bilateral relations on the G-to-G level are amicable and even facilitate B-to-B contacts. However, on the P-to-P level, Indonesians remain suspicious of China. Both governments need to make the common Indonesians key beneficiaries of bilateral cooperation, for example, by providing reliable vaccines to them.

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Challenges in Tackling Extremism in the Indonesian Civil Service / A'an Suryana
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72 gm.

In his second term (2019–24), President Joko Widodo remains committed in combating radicalism. Anti-radicalism measures such as the banning of radical organization Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia (HTI), anti-radicalism policies at schools and universities and the deradicalization of terrorists have been expanded to include the Indonesian civil service that currently employs over 4.2 million people across the archipelago.

In November 2019, a joint decree was signed by eleven government and state institutions to formalize the new anti-radicalism policy.

This paper argues that some challenges arose during the process of implementing the policy including the lack of cooperation from Personnel Development Officers (PPK) in imposing disciplinary actions recommended by the task force.

The spread of COVID-19 further impedes policy coordination and has hampered efforts to effectively implement the policy.

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Returning Southeast Asia's Past : Objects, Museums, and Restitution / (Eds)
Louise Tythacott and Panggah Ardiyansyah

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1100 gm.

For the past century and a half, extensive looting and illicit trafficking of Southeast Asia's cultural heritage have scattered art objects from the region to museums and private collections around the world. Today, however, power relations are shifting, a new awareness is growing, and new questions are emerging about the representation and ownership of Southeast Asian cultural material located in the West. This book offers a timely consideration of object restitution and related issues across Southeast Asia, bringing together a range of viewpoints, including those of museum professionals and scholars in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia, as well as Europe, North America, and Australia. The contributors address legal, cultural, political and diplomatic issues involved in the restitution process, and they also look at the ways object restitution is integral to evolving narratives of national identity. Ultimately, the book's editors conclude, restitution processes can transform narratives of loss into opportunities for gain, building knowledge and reconstructing relationships across national borders.

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ASEAN-EU Partnership : The Untold Story / Tommy Koh

World Scientific, Singapore 2020

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ASEAN-EU Partnership : The Untold Story / Tommy Koh

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The European Union is the most successful regional organisation in the world. ASEAN is the most successful regional organisation in Asia. The story of the important and multi-faceted relationship between these two organisations has seldom been told. This is the first book about the relationship, written from the ASEAN perspective. It contains essays from all the ten ASEAN countries. The book describes the many areas in which ASEAN and the EU have convergent interests and, the few areas in which they have divergent views. The book also looks to the future and suggests some possible areas of cooperation. The Foreword is written by Singapore's Foreign Minister, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan.

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Unmasking Singapore's 2020 General Elections : COVID-19 and the Evolving Political Landscape / Bilveer Singh , Walid Jumblatt Abdullah

World Scientific, Singapore 2020

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Unmasking Singapore's 2020 General Elections : COVID-19 and the Evolving Political Landscape / Bilveer Singh , Walid Jumblatt Abdullah

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On 10 July 2020, Singapore held its 18th general elections in history and the 13th since independence in 1965. The ruling People's Action Party (PAP) once again retained its supermajority by capturing 83 out of the 93 seats, controlling 89.2 percent of parliamentary seats. In spite of a changing social, political and economic landscape, Singapore is still very much identified as an illiberal democracy that has somehow thrived over the years.

As the general elections was held during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were expectations that Singaporeans would overwhelmingly vote for the PAP government as the country was facing a serious crisis of a generation. The 'flight-to-safety' mode that some had expected in an election during a crisis, however, did not materialise. In the end, Singaporean voters decided to send a strong warning to the PAP that not all was well, with the opposition achieving its strongest gains since 1965, capturing 10 seats and an additional two Non-constituency Member of Parliament seats. The PAP's total votes dropped from 69.9 percent in 2015 to 61.2 percent in 2020. The rise of a credible opposition has also further strengthened Singaporeans' resolve to ensure that a fair-playing field exists in the political realm. With the highest voter turnout since independence, many have made it known that their voices mattered. The PAP also saw some cracks in its ranks, with some former cadre members and supporters being critical of the new fourth-generation team.

Against this backdrop, this book hopes to address the following questions. What were the key issues in the general elections? Who were the main contenders in the polls? What accounted for the PAP's continued hold on power in Singapore? Why did the opposition perform much better than in the previous general elections? What are the main implications of the 2020 general elections results for the PAP, opposition and the broader society at large? How far have electoral issues shifted from 'bread and butter' concerns to much broader topics of social injustices and diversity of voices in parliament? What were some of the crucial talking points during this election? Last, but not least, how far did social media and internet campaigning determine the outcome of this election?

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Servants of the Devil : The Facilitators of the Criminal and Terrorist Networks /
Norman Bailey, and Bernard Touboul

World Scientific, Singapore 2020

112p.

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\$ 60.00 / HB

Since the end of the Cold War, liberal capitalism has spread worldwide without any significant ideological rivalry, characterized by the frenetic search for an ever-increasing return on capital and constantly-increasing profits, a generalized unconcern for the moral values of liberalism, and for social inequalities and human misery.

The book, *Servants of the Devil: The Facilitators of the Criminal and Terrorist Networks*, shows that this evolution has been possible, thanks to legitimate actors equipped with the legal, financial, technical, and influential means to facilitate the legitimization of criminals and the justification of such a criminal economy — the "Servants of the Devil" acting as the "legitimate" facilitators of the criminal and terrorist economies.

The book aims to alert security authorities, government officials, business, professional and financial leaders, and the media that criminal and terrorist networks have thoroughly penetrated the political, economic, and social structures of the contemporary world, and they could not operate without the extensive and willing cooperation of these facilitators.

Recommendations are made in this book to alter the targets of law-enforcement forces and the justice system, by putting more emphasis on the facilitators by naming, shaming, and prosecuting them to seriously disable the criminals and terrorists. The legal structure needs to be altered, detailing procedures to be used by critical institutions, as well as the intelligence and analytic techniques to be developed to stay ahead of the criminals' own constantly altered techniques.

The book provides a detailed account of the problem and how it is corrupting the Western society, enhancing the need for a new economic paradigm that displays a real and actual economic understanding of the world and of any individual country's economic activity, and shifting the ways of economic analysis to bring out the actual strength and role of criminal and terrorist activities in local, regional, and international governance from the shadows.

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Liberalism Unveiled : Forging a New Third Way in Singapore / Bryan Cheang and Donovan Choy

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

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Since 1965, Singapore has been propelled to the dizzying heights of first-world prosperity. Yet, the People's Action Party's signature style of technocratic elitism has come under increasing criticism by a new generation of left-leaning progressive scholars and activists condemning the excesses of neoliberalism. The PAP's mode of governance that prioritizes economic growth is criticised in favour of a vaguely European-style welfare state and greater state intervention.

Bryan Cheang and Donovan Choy break this traditional pro-PAP versus anti-PAP dichotomy by providing a fresh classical liberal perspective. The authors contend that both sides discern only parts of the political puzzle correctly. This book envisions a new path forward for Singapore's policy-making, one characterised by greater competition & freedom. It critiques the conservative-right through a fresh take on the philosophical underpinnings of the "Singapore Consensus": communitarianism, meritocracy and technocracy. The authors also engage with the new social democratic orthodoxy, demonstrating the dangers of egalitarian interventions & state-based environmentalism.

Applying the interdisciplinary insights of political philosophy and political economy, this novel account recommends epistemic liberalism, a system of governance based on intellectual humility, limited government, and decentralisation.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747556>

Protector? : An Analysis of the Concept and Practice of Loyalty in Leader-Led Relationships Within Malay Society / Chandra Muzaffar

SIRD, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2020

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300 gm.

"It is granted that there is political control and the expectation of political obedience where the loyal are rewarded and the disloyal punished. It is granted that criticism is frowned upon even in non-feudal societies. . . . But that does not mean that the attitude towards political control itself – in fact the whole attitude of leaders towards their followers and followers towards their leaders – is not the product of a certain history, of a certain tradition.

In the republication of Chandra Muzaffars modern classic, he breaks down the idea of being a "protector in both traditional and contemporary Malay society, analysing the dimensions of symbolic and substantive protectors. Examining the various forms of power held by the Sultans and the class of late-colonial era "administrators that replaced them in the post-independence period, as well as the economic and political consequences for broader Malaysian society. First published in 1979, and building on the pioneering work of Syed Hussein Alatas, this short volume remains essential reading today.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750499>

De Lisboa A Pequim : Portugal na Faixa e Rota Chinesa / Paulo Duarte

Instituto Internacional de Macau, Macau 2020

100p.

Includes Bibliography

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300 gm.

Portugal na Faixa e Rota é uma questão actual e premente. O autor deste livro que se debruça sobre Portugal, a China e a denominada iniciativa "Uma Faixa, Uma Rota", Paulo Duarte, investigador que viveu de um e outro lado do Estreito do Mar do Sul da China, faz uma análise crítica de factos constatados com uma linguagem límpida e directa, com detalhes necessários para a interpretação complexa do fenómeno. Uma vez que o tema da iniciativa "Uma Faixa, Uma Rota" é pouco divulgado na língua portuguesa, esta publicação do Instituto Internacional de Macau surge assim como um manual rico no detalhe e um trabalho cuja leitura é muito recomendada a todos aqueles que estudam relações internacionais e em particular os que lidam directamente com estudos chineses.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=713755>

Executive President Vs. Parliamentary Premier : The Dilemma Continues ... / Vijaya Niranjana Perera

Vijaya Niranjana Perera, Badulla, Sri Lanka 2020

xi, 208p.

9789559690955

\$ 20.00 / null

300 gm.

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The Conflict in Yemen and Its Shadow on the Horn of Africa / Desta Kahsay

Shama Books, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2020

172p.

9789994463565

\$ 35.00 / null

220 gm.

This book explores the changes and continuities of dynamics in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa region based on lessons learnt from the conflict in Yemen. The author asserts that the conflict in Yemen is non sectarian manifestation of political rivalry among states, and that genuine And all-inclusive dialogue is the only way out to bring peace and stability in the region. He also points out multiple reasons why it is important to be seriously considered by all stake holders, including Ethiopia.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749899>

2018 – 2020 Two Years of Democracy in Pakistan : Scholarly View on Pakistan's Democracy : Two Years Democratic Journey : Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan : Pak-U.S. Relations / Muhammad Ali Ehsan

Peace Publication, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

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Non-Governmental Organizations and Democratization in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan / Gokhan Alper Ataser

Çizgi Kitabevi Yayinlari, Istanbul, Turkey 2020

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What is the relationship between civil society and democracy? How can civil society develop in societies with an authoritarian past? What are the implications of foreign assistance to civil society? These are some of the questions addressed in this book which puts Kyrgyzstan into the broader literature on civil society, democratization and post-communist transformations. Democracy promotion through civil society development was a highly popular trend in the 1990s and early 2000s as a result of the so-called "ultimate victory of capitalism." However, hopes of establishing a democratic society in many Soviet successor states are long abandoned. What can we learn from the experience of civil society support for democratic transformation? This book puts these questions in the context of triple transition, and attempts to demonstrate the fragile nature of civil society in the absence of a well-functioning state and economy. The lessons from the Kyrgyz example can help us rethink about the weakening of civil society and possible courses of action to establish a sustainable relationship between state and society today.

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Transformation of Political Elite in Azerbaijan / Gokhan Alper Ataser

Çizgi Kitabevi Yayinlari, Istanbul, Turkey 2020

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Contrary to the expectations in the early independence era, Azerbaijan has moved away from establishing a Western-type liberal democratic regime. Yet, the political processes in the country cannot be understood using the old conceptual frameworks on twentieth century authoritarianism. Demonstrating some characteristics of the "hybrid regimes", Azerbaijan still possesses strong social and political dynamics, which may reemerge in unexpected ways. Against such a background, this book attempts to answer some questions about the political transformation in the post independence era. The first question entails the establishment of the authoritarian regime, while partly remaining in the gray-zone of political regimes. Secondly, this book seeks to answer how and why authoritarianism has been durable for such a long time in Azerbaijan. This study argues that the answer for both questions might be found by developing a framework of analysis that places political elite at the center of the country's historical legacy. The interaction between the political elite and the peculiar historical experiences of the country, in other words, can be a fruitful way to study the political transformation in Azerbaijan. This book can be useful for those who want to familiarize with the Azerbaijani politics, post-Soviet state-society relations, and contemporary implications of elite theory.

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Turkey and China : Political, Economic, and Strategic Aspects of the Relationship / Selçuk Çolakoğlu

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

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Jugalbandi: The BJP before Modi / Vinay Sitapati

Penguin Random House, Gurgaon, Haryana 2020

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Narendra Modi has been a hundred years in the making. Vinay Sitapati's Jugalbandi provides this backstory to his current dominance in Indian politics. It begins with the creation of Hindu nationalism as a response to British-induced elections in the 1920s, moves on to the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 1980, and ends with its first national government, from 1998 to 2004. And it follows this journey through the entangled lives of its founding jugalbandi: Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani.

Over their six-decade-long relationship, Vajpayee and Advani worked as a team despite differences in personality and beliefs. What kept them together was fraternal love and professional synergy, of course, but also, above all, an ideology that stressed on unity. Their partnership explains what the BJP before Modi was, and why it won.

In supporting roles are a cast of characters—from the warden's wife who made room for Vajpayee in her family to the billionaire grandson of Pakistan's founder who happened to be a major early funder of the BJP. Based on private papers, party documents, newspapers and over two hundred interviews, this is a must-read for those interested in the ideology that now rules India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743016>

Despite the State: Why India Lets Its People Down and How They Cope / M. Rajshekhar (Author)

Context(an Imprint of Westland Publications) Chennai 2020

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The story of democratic failure is usually read at the level of the nation, while the primary bulwarks of democratic functioning—the states—get overlooked. This is a tale of India's states, of why they build schools but do not staff them with teachers; favour a handful of companies so much that others slip into losses; wage water wars with their neighbours while allowing rampant sand mining and groundwater extraction; harness citizens' right to vote but brutally crack down on their right to dissent. Reporting from six states over thirty-three months, award-winning investigative journalist M. Rajshekhar delivers a necessary account of a deep crisis that has gone largely unexamined.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745755>

India in global Nuclear Governance / Reshmi Kazi, Ashild Kolas(Editors)

KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2019

xxiv,152p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

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In the prevailing international security situation, the world community, including India believes nuclear security must be conferred high priority for global peace and security. As a responsible member of this community, India finds itself prioritizing this aspect more than ever before. In its more than five decades of its nuclear weapons programme, there has not been a single nuclear incident in India. Despite so, India has not allowed any complacency in its efforts to combat the threat of nuclear terrorism. India believes that in the twenty-first century nuclear terrorism is a significant threat that poses catastrophic consequences to world peace and security. It is this understanding that makes India to reject a potent argument that nuclear terrorism as an overrated threat.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642392>

Interpreting Politics: Situated Knowledge, India and the Rudolph Legacy / John Echeverri-Gent, Kamal Sidiq(Editors)

Oxford University Press, New Delhi 2020

xxxii, 381p.; 22cm

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In careers that spanned six decades, Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph's rigorous and remarkably empathetic scholarship produced seminal insights about India's politics. With a profound grasp of social science theory and Indian politics, they developed an interpretive mode of political analysis centred on the complex processes by which people construct meaning and motivation for political action. This volume's eminent authors pay tribute to the Rudolphs' scholarship by examining its contribution to their own cutting-edge research as they advance the frontiers of the study of Indian politics and social science writ large. Their engaging essays analyse how 'situated knowledge' shapes discourse, moral imagination, political strategies, and institutional change. They illuminate how the interaction of caste, class, gender, and religion structures political mobilization; how changing social and political relations affect education policy and civil-military relations; and how political leadership is forging the future of politics in India.

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A Matter of Trust: India-US Relations From Truman To Trump / Meenakshi Ahamed

Harper Collins Publishers India, Noida, U.P. 2021

545p; 24cm

Includes Bibliography, Index

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'I thought India was pretty jammed with poor people and cows wandering around the streets, witch doctors and people sitting on hot coals and bathing in the Ganges, but I did not realize that anybody thought it was important.' - PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO AMBASSADOR CHESTER BOWLES, 1951

From Truman's remark to now, it has been a long journey. India and the US, which share common values and should have been friends, found themselves caught in a dysfunctional cycle of resentment and mistrust for the first few decades following Indian independence. In A Matter of Trust, author Meenakshi Ahamed reveals the personal prejudices and insecurities of the leaders, and the political imperatives, that so often cast a shadow over their relationship.

The cycle began with India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who viewed Americans as naive and insular, but it was under Indira Gandhi that India entered the darkest phase of its relations with the US. President Truman decided Nehru was a communist, and the White House tapes reveal Nixon's hatred towards Mrs Gandhi and Indians. It was only after India undertook major economic reforms in the 1990s that the relationship improved. The transformation occurred when President George W. Bush signed the historic nuclear deal in 2008 with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=746099>

E-Governance of Commercial Taxes Department in India / Shaji Maram Veettil and Anil Kumar K

Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi 2020

288pp

9789388865425

\$ 26.50 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747013>

A Handbook of e-Governance in India / Dr. M. Sumathy
Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi 2020
272pp
9789388865579
\$ 29.00 / HB

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Emergence of Political Awakening in Kashmir : A Study in Political Cum Socio
Economic Background to 1931 Upsurge / Upinder K.Zutshi
Manohar Publishers, New Delhi 2020
271p
9788185054124
\$ 24.00 / HB

In 1931, Kashmir witnessed the dawn of a political awakening in the form of a popular upsurge against the ruler, which was unprecedented both in magnitude and the far-reaching consequences that it had for the whole state. This work is an in-depth study of the character and raison d'etre of the upsurge and its consequences and makes an attempt to provide a well-decorated and systematic analysis of the issues involved. The author shows how various political forces that had been in operation in this region for a long time appeared in conjunction in the fateful year resulting in the upsurge.

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Red Fear: The China Threat / Iqbal Chand Malhotra; Introduction by Maroof Raza
Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt.Ltd., New Delhi 2021

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What was the reason for the first real armed encounter between Indian and Chinese troops on Chinese soil in the town of Dinghai on Chusan Island in July 1840?

Were the orders for the invasion of Aksai Chin issued by Mao from Moscow in December 1949, at Stalin's behest?

Was the pluck and raw courage of Lt. Gen. Sagat Singh to hold Nathu La first in 1965 and then again in 1967 the basis for General K. Sundarji's bold moves at Sumdorong Chu in 1986 and 1987?

Red Fear: The China Threat catalogues, evaluates and infers the consequences of the political and military confrontations between India and China from the 15th to the 21st century.

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China's Road of Green Development / Xie Zhenhua and Pan Jiahua
Foreign Language Press Co. Ltd. Beijing, China 2018

viii, 304p.
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820 gm.

Xie Zhenhua and Pan Jiahua's "China's Road to Green Development (English Edition) (Finished)" closely focuses on the theme of "green development", with eleven chapters in the scale from "development pain" to "ecological civilization construction" "-Such a work spanning a large time span and covering a wide range of fields to showcase China's green development and achievements. At various stages of China's development, natural resources have changed from the value of "man will conquer the sky" to today's "green water and green mountains are golden mountains and silver mountains". The gradual change in this view also symbolizes my country's transformation from an industrial country to an ecological country. This book uses condensed language, rigorous expressions, and vivid true stories to show readers at home and abroad a changing image of China.

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China : Modernizing State Governance / Yu Keping
Foreign Language Press Co. Ltd., Beijing, China 2018
vi, 266p
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This book illustrates China's path to modernization of national governance after reform and opening-up from both the institutional and procedural angles, interprets "the mystery of China's development", and answers the major questions such as "why China's reform can succeed", "how China is governed", "what features China's governance model has" and "what China's governance reform focus is for the future". The book includes four parts: "Introduction", "Basic Systems", "Governance Strategies", and "Conclusion". For "Basic Systems", it outlines the party system, People's Congress system, the political consultation system and the legislative system that China's national governance is based on, and analyzes the institutional advantages and characteristics of China's governance model. In "Governance Strategies", it gives a detailed introduction and analysis of democratic election, the rule of law, political participation, policy making, government's responsibilities, public services, political transparency and power supervision. The "Introduction" and "Conclusion" echo with each other, the former analyzing China's governance model features and the significance of these governance reform strategies to China's peaceful rise, and the latter focusing on the main challenges China faces toward national governance modernization as well as the future governance reform priorities.

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Xi Jinping : The Governance of China III / Xi Jinping
Foreign Languages Press Co Ltd, Beijing, China 2020
670p.
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The first and second volumes of Xi Jinping: The Governance of China have received an enthusiastic response from China and other parts of the world. Since the 19th CPC National Congress, Xi Jinping has put forward many original ideas drawn from his experiences in state governance in the new era, charting the course in line with the times and further enriching the theoretical base of the Party. To help officials and the public understand and apply Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, to strengthen their commitment to the Four Consciousnesses, the Four-sphere Confidence and the Two Upholds, and also to help the international community gain a full appreciation of the thought and the reasons for the success of the CPC, Marxism and Chinese socialism, the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council Information Office, with the support of the Research Institute of Party History and Literature of the CPC Central Committee and China International Publishing Group, have compiled a third volume of Xi Jinping: The Governance of China. This volume contains a compilation of 92 of Xi Jinping's spoken and written works from October 18, 2017 to January 13, 2020, along with 41 photographs. It is divided into 19 sections by topic, with the articles in each section arranged in chronological order. For ease of reading, notes are to be found at the end of relevant articles.

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World Scientific, Singapore 2021

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Taiwan's Politics in Action : Struggling to Win at the Ballot Box / John F Copper

World Scientific, Singapore 2020

236p.

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Taiwan's Politics in Action: Struggling to Win at the Ballot Box is about the most interesting and exciting aspects of Taiwan's politics: political competition in the form of electioneering, campaigns and voting. The author first analyzes the theories, constructs or simply ideas about elections, especially who wins them and why.

The most discussed by the pundits and the scholars are the watermelon and the pendulum theory: voting as before or not. The economic, or pocketbook, theory is also popular — although whether this means economic growth or greater equity has changed. Which party or candidate has the most money is also predictive. Other constructs or simply ideas are also commonplace. Divide and conquer is another approach. Another is the best campaign agenda; so too picking the most attractive candidates. Professionalism in campaigning and the use of social media are also favorite ideas. So is the appeal to voters' ethnicity, espousing liberal or conservative ideas, using protest, focusing on constant concerns such as peace and corruption and finally, the appeals of populism and progressivism.

The author then examines Taiwan's two most recent elections, the 2018 mid-term (or collection of local elections) and the 2020 national presidential and legislative election to apply the theories. The Nationalist Party or Kuomintang (KMT) won the former; the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) won the latter, giving the observer a choice of evidence about how to win.

The author concludes that Taiwan's democracy is being challenged, but is still popular in spite of strong external forces and other worries.

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Hong Kong's 2019–2020 Social Unrest : The Trigger, History and Lessons /
Bernard Yeung

World Scientific, Singapore 2020

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\$ 70.00 / HB

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Hong Kong's 2019–2020 Social Unrest : The Trigger, History and Lessons /
Bernard Yeung

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This book provides an anatomy of Hong Kong's 2019–2020 social unrest, which has significantly damaged its economy and image. A coalition of Opposition to the Communist Party of China (CPC) emerged in Hong Kong after the 1989 Tiananmen Square Incident. The Basic Law, Hong Kong's mini-constitution which took effect in 1997, defined "one country, two systems" in Hong Kong but inadvertently installed an "opposition politics" system that the city was unfamiliar with. Fresh out of a colonial system, Hong Kong did not have the socio-ecological system to hold politicians accountable for their policies. For more than two decades, the tug of war between the Opposition and all other politicians has been delivering inconsistent public policies raising the costs of living and income disparity while hollowing out job opportunities. As a result, the younger generations have been immensely hurt. Meanwhile, the Opposition Camp has been promoting the blame narrative that the CPC is chipping away at Hong Kong's democracy and freedom. While the narrative's empirical evidence is weak and its linkage to Hong Kong's economic grievances is absent, the Opposition Camp has fallen captive to the narrative in the sense that its legitimacy is now tied to the narrative.

For more than twenty years, rallies built on the blame narrative have profoundly influenced the development of people who grew up after 1997. Furthermore, the year-long unrest has socialised many more to adopt the narrative. The younger generations have been hurt by inconsistent public policies, and on top of that, the blame narrative has robbed them of any coherent social identity; and finally, the unrest has further dimmed their future. Hong Kong is now facing the problem of how to reincorporate a significant portion among its younger generations into mainstream society. This book offers in-depth analyses of the journey, identifies government and societal failures, and suggests long- and short-term policy directions.

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India and China : Beyond the Binary of Friendship and Enmity / Deepak, B. R.
Springer, Singapore 2021

9789811595004

\$ 110.00 / HB

This book examines the changing dynamics of the issues between India and China in the wake of extensive globalisation, economic slowdown, the trade wars, Covid 19, Galwan and the undercurrents in the emerging new global order. Providing a comprehensive overview of India–China relationship and the role of the USA in the context of India's economic and security cooperation in the region, it argues that India–China relations are too complex to be defined through the binary of friendship and enmity, since it includes an element of cooperation, competition, coordination and as well as conflict and confrontation. The book also opens new avenues for research. As such it is of interest to researchers and students of Asian studies, Asian history, China studies, peace and conflict studies and international relations.

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Italy-China Trade Relations = A Historical Perspective / Donatella Strangio
Springer, Switzerland 2021

139 p,XII, 139 p.

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This book examines the political connections and trade relations between Italy and China, with particular emphasis on the second half of the 19th century and the period following the Second World War. In recent years, economic relations between the two countries have intensified as a result of increasing exchange and trade agreements, with positive impacts on their political and diplomatic relations. By studying original public sources such as the Archives of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Bank of Italy and the Central State Archives in Rome, the author offers a historical perspective on the evolution of the two countries' economic and political ties. The respective chapters address e.g. the role of international governmental authorities, the role of the Italian Bank of China, the impact of trade agreements and foreign investment projects, etc. Given its scope, the book will appeal to scholars of economic history and international economics, as well as political scientists and legal scholars with an interest in international diplomacy and trade agreements.

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China and the USA : Globalisation and the Decline of America's Supremacy /
Vassilis K. Fouskas, Shampa Roy-Mukherjee,
Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore 2021

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\$ 60.00 / HB

This book examines the political economy of conflict between China, a rising power, and the USA, a declining one. It provides an informed analysis as to why China is the main beneficiary of neo-liberal globalisation, a project launched in the wake of the collapse of the Bretton Woods system in the late 1960s under the aegis of the USA. Why are Huawei and other Chinese high-tech giants targeted by the USA and its allies? What is the role of the state and the Chinese political system in the development of China's political economy, as well as its globalisation? Does China's global rise provide a viable and sustainable alternative to neo-liberal globalisation? Since American leaders view increasingly the rise of China as a threat, how likely is an armed conflict between China and the USA? This book answers these questions by using a wealth of empirical material and debating with many theoretical schools of thought, Marxist or otherwise.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747711>

South Africa-China Relations : A Partnership of Paradoxes / Alden, Chris, Wu, Yu-Shan

Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore 2021

9783030547677

\$ 120.00 / HB

With the pace of trade and investment picking up, coupled with closer international cooperation with Beijing through the G20, FOCAC and BRICS grouping, South Africa-China ties are assuming a significant position in continental and even global affairs. At the same time, it is a relationship of paradoxes, breaking with many of the assumptions that underpin contemporary analyses of 'China-Africa' ties. This edited volume examines the South Africa-China relationship through a survey of its diplomatic partnership, economic ties, and broader community relations. These important aspects that are often conflated as a single relationship, yet what is important to explore are how these components reflect different China-South Africa relationship(s), and how they intersect.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747712>

2050 China : Becoming a Great Modern Socialist Country / Hu, A., Yan, Y., Tang, X., Liu, S.

Springer, Singapore 2021

9789811598326

\$ 60.00 / HB

This book is arranged and developed around the theme of "2050 China," it analyzes the factors and advantages of the Chinese road to socialist modernization, explores and summarizes the development goal and the basic logic of the socialist modernization of China, and further shows the general basis of the primary stage of socialism. According to the report delivered at the 19th Party Congress, and according to the "two-stage" strategic plan, this book looks ahead in detail to the overarching objective and sub-objectives of essentially achieving socialist modernization by 2035, discusses the building of a great modern socialist country in all respects from the perspective of the Party's six-sphere integrated plan of economic, political, cultural, social, ecological civilization, and national defense construction, and provides policy proposals. This book also analyzes the influence and the effect of the socialist modernization with Chinese characteristics on the world and it further presents the third centenary goal.

In conclusion, this book is an elaboration of the work of the Institute for Contemporary China Studies, Tsinghua University. It reflects the intellectual innovation in the authors' research on contemporary China, as well as the authors' foresight and predictions about China's future development.

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The Political Economy of Hydropower in Southwest China and Beyond / Rousseau, Jean-Francois, Habich-Sobiegalla, Sabrina

Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore 2021

9783030593605

\$ 120.00 / HB

This book conceptualises the ongoing hydropower expansion in Southwest China as a socio-political and transnational project transcending the construction of dams. Chapters in this volume are organised around three sections spanning hydropower and resettlement governance, rural livelihoods, and international relations connected to China's hydropower expansion. Dam projects of various scales are analysed as infrastructure projects that shape peoples' livelihoods, the environment, and China's relations with Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747714>

South African Foreign Policy Review, Volume 3: Foreign Policy, Change and the Zuma Years. / Lesley Master and Jo-Ansie van Wyk (Ed)

Africa Institute of South Africa, South Africa 2019

xiv, 292p.

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600 gm.

The third volume in a series on South Africa's post-apartheid foreign policy. This edition covers the presidency of Jacob Zuma.

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Promised Land : Exploring South Africa's Land Conflict / Karl Kemp (Ed) Alice Inggs

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House South Africa (Pty) Ltd), Cape Town, South Africa 2020

xviii, 350p.

Includes Index

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Land reform and the possibility of expropriation without compensation are among the most hotly debated topics in South Africa today, met with trepidation and fervour in equal measure. But these broader issues tend to obscure a more immediate reality: a severe housing crisis and a sharp increase in urban land occupations.

In *Promised Land*, Karl Kemp travels the country documenting the fallout of failing land reform, from the under-siege Philippi Horticultural Area deep in the heart of Cape Town's ganglands to the burning mango groves of Tzaneen, from Johannesburg's lawless Deep South to rural KwaZulu-Natal, where chiefs own vast tracts of land on behalf of their subjects. He visits farming communities beset by violent crime, and provides gripping, on-the-ground reporting of recent land invasions, with perspectives from all sides, including land activists, property owners and government officials. Kemp also looks at burning issues surrounding the land debate in South Africa – corruption, farm murders, illegal foreign labour, mechanisation and eviction – and reveals the views of those affected.

Touching on the history of land conflict and conquest in each area, as well as detailing the current situation on the ground, *Promised Land* provides startling insights into the story of land conflict in South Africa.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747340>

BRICS and the New American Imperialism : Global Rivalry and Resistance / Vishwas Satgar

Wits University Press, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

xiv, 242p.

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500 gm.

Social scientist Archie Mafeje, who was born in the Eastern Cape but lived most of his scholarly life in exile, was one of Africa's most prominent intellectuals. This ground-breaking book is the first to consider the entire body of Mafeje's oeuvre and offers much-needed engagement with his ideas. The most inclusive and critical treatment to date of Mafeje as a thinker and researcher, it does not aim to be a biography, but rather offers an analysis of his overall scholarship and his role as a theoretician of liberation and revolution in Africa. Bongani Nyoka argues that Mafeje's superb scholarship developed out of both his experience as an oppressed black person and his early political education. These, merged with his university training, turned him into a formidable cutting-edge intellectual force. Nyoka begins with an evaluation of Mafeje's critique of the social sciences; his focus then shifts to Mafeje's work on land and agrarian issues in sub-Saharan Africa, before finally dealing with his work on revolutionary theory and politics. By bringing Mafeje's work to the fore, Nyoka engages in an act of knowledge decolonisation, thus making a unique contribution to South studies in sociology, history and politics.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747341>

Nukes? No Thanks! : Five Arguments Against Nuclear Power in South Africa / Mike Kantey

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2017

24p.

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\$ 32.00 / null

240 gm.

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- 1.The Health Hazards of Nuclear Power Stations;
- 2.The Risks of a Nuclear Accident;
- 3.The Insoluble Problem of Long-Lived Nuclear Waste;
- 4.The High Cost of Building a Nuclear Power Station; and
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Ethnic Continuities and a State of Exception : Goodwill Zwelithini, Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Jacob Zuma / Gerhard Mare , John Higgins, Kole Omotoso and Peter Vale

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As we enter the third decade of the twenty-first century, South Africa continues to function under the oppressive burden - felt directly as such by all but the elite - of three continuities from apartheid: race thinking, capitalism and the politics of tradition. It is the last of this triad that is the focus of this book. Yet, as Gerhard Mare argues, continuities in the politics of tradition cannot be understood as separable from the other two, nor from the intimate metapolitics of patriarchy. Building on his previous research into how apartheid templates of ethnic separatism, and its popular mobilisations, played out in calamitous violence in Natal and Zululand, Mare now takes the story into post-1994 South Africa. He sets as his focus three powerful men - Goodwill Zwelithini, Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Jacob Zuma - to illustrate how, from different social locations, each has relied on claims to Zulu tradition to occupy powerful and financially rewarding positions. This book alerts readers to the dangers of tradition as a formal, structured politics, which enriches a narrowly elite minority while overriding democratic rights, effecting a 'state of exception' for the governance of millions who are rendered as 'subjects'. At the same time, tradition in this form leaves intact another divide, at a time when health disasters, inequality and climate catastrophe can be addressed only through shared and collective human engagement.

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Anatomy of the ANC in Power = Insights from Port Elizabeth, 1990-2019 / Mcebisi Ndletyana

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Endorsement In this study on the evolution of the ANC in Nelson Mandela Bay (centred around the city of Port Elizabeth), Mcebisi Ndletyana presents a cogent analysis of how a liberation movement is impacted upon by transition into political office. The reader is taken into the interplay among issues such as pedestrian efforts to meet popular aspirations, organisational inertia and the impact of personalities. Beyond 'the what' and 'the how', this book uniquely delves into the reasons behind the ignominious decline of the ANC in a region historically endowed with an excellent corps of cadres. If 'sins of incumbency' may sound cliched, this book brings it to life through an analysis of the greed of a political leadership without scruples and the rapacious impact of procurement-based capitalist class formation. The rot originates in ANC structures - akin to suicidal conduct, even after electoral defeat. Ndletyana's canvass may be local; but the lessons are universal. The book is as much about the past as it is about future. -Joel Netshitenzhe, Executive Director and Board Vice-Chairperson of the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA) South Africa's governing party, the African National Congress (ANC), has undergone dramatic changes over the last thirty years. Historically a hotbed of political activism, Port Elizabeth is an illuminating site. In 2016, observers greeted with shock the ANC's loss of the city, one of its crown jewels and a party stronghold. Yet, as this book shows through its analysis of power and politics in Port Elizabeth, the party's political decline was authored by its own hand. This book studies the ANC at a local level over a 28-year period and informs what is now playing out at a national level. The book traces four stages that characterise the party's post-1990 life in Port Elizabeth: rebuilding; ascension to political office; political decline; and adaptation to new contexts where its power was lost or is under threat. Ironically, the efforts to rebuild the ANC post-unbanning lie at the root of the decline, because they were misdirected. Buoyed to office by their party's heroic stature, the book shows how some party leaders in Port Elizabeth abused power for financial gain. A generally weak regulatory environment allowed abuse to become endemic. Service delivery failed, and corrosion of moral leadership set in. As the party failed to stem the morass, internal democracy gave way to a strongman syndrome and the party deteriorated into an instrument that provided access to, and dispensed, patronage. Stunningly, electoral loss did not trigger reforms. As the ANC battled to re-make itself outside of government, some leaders even recruited the underworld to settle contests and secure access to patronage. Port Elizabeth did not see a 'new dawn'. This evidence-based book is an enthralling account of how the ANC rebuilt itself into a governing organisation, but failed to cohere into an institution of democracy, becoming instead an amalgam of competing factions for patronage. Readers will judge how much Port Elizabeth is a microcosm of the entire ANC.

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"Whether the issue of the fusion of people's war and peaceful movement integrate, and forging the 12-point agreement, all had been possible through a national consensus. The 19 days long people's movement in Nepal was unique in nature. Nepal witnessed an unprecedented incident of armed rebellion and peaceful movement walking together. All that had been possible on the ground of national consensus as all political parties were against autocracy and with the consensus of all the country could go towards peace agreement and constituent assembly. We all know that to build a constitution from the constituent assembly was a herculean task which was very difficult and challenging. We all know the obstacles and disturbances that came before us and I do not prefer to go towards that. However, with the consensus of all major political parties existing in this house we succeed to declare the constitution of federal democratic republic with the provision of inclusion and proportional representation from the constituent assembly."

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This book emerged from a conference organized by ICES in August 2017 which brought together a broad range of scholars and practitioners who have been researching and working on the area with an aim to enhance understanding of the issues and challenges on the subject and generate recommendations for law, policy and practice. The book addresses the many problems that Up-country Tamils face in contemporary Sri Lanka, politically, economically and socially, as well as the historical origins and structural determinants of their current predicament. The individual chapter authors pay particular attention to the changes that have taken place for Up-country Tamils since 2009 and their implications for the future of the community.

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Good governance is an index of human development. What constitutes good governance is holistic and gender issues are key components in the formation and practice of governance. In pre-colonial Africa, governance is inclusive of men and women. In the pre-colonial era, it could be argued that women had spheres of power and powerlessness. In most post-colonial societies of Africa, it is a rarity to accord women positions in government. Yet, the United Nations Conferences held in Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985), Beijing (1995) and New York (2000), all had drafts and resolutions to change inequalities and vulnerabilities women encounter in public and private spaces. What are the issues to understand in the inclusion or exclusion of women in governance of African states and societies?

This book explicates the experiential issues in gender, politics and governance. The 'known' are the stereotypes accorded to women as weak and unfit to take strategic roles in public life. Scholars across disciplines have debunked this perception. The known constantly linger in perpetuity because the development plans of African states fail to understand what it takes to have women empowered in all ramifications.

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The vote in favour of multi-party politics at the National Referendum of 1993, and the subsequent General Election of 1994, heralded the advent of a democratic system of government in Malawi. It soon became apparent, however, that there remained many obstacles to overcome before Malawi would be a truly democratic country. In this volume, a multi-disciplinary approach has been employed to examine both the progress and the pitfalls of the democratization process. Political scientists, lawyers, historians, theologians, literary critics, linguists, economists, and educationalists apply the tools of their respective disciplines to take stock of democratization in Malawi. This book is an indispensable guide to anyone seeking to understand the social and political situation in Malawi in the early years of the Second Republic.

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The Nigerian federal character principle was first introduced in the 1979 Constitution (and retained in the 1999 Constitution) as practical solution of Nigeria's perennial ethnic conflict. Unfortunately, the good intentions of the makers of the 1979 Constitution regarding the provision of federal character were misunderstood, abused and thwarted over the years by military regimes and largely also by their democratic successors since 1999. The principle has been left to take different interpretations and to be applied arbitrarily by any government in power. In fact, both to the policy-makers and many Nigerian scholars, the principle should be applied as "affirmative action" and "quota system". Some scholars even confuse it with the principle of federalism. Nigeria's federal character in none of these. The distinction of federal character from the other principles, but especially from affirmative action (in the case, the American version, from where the concept of affirmative action originated), constitutes the central thrust of this work. A critical re-examination of its original constitutional intentions and meaning as a principle of "ethnic engineering" on the one hand, and as a version of "consociational democracy", on the other hand, has been carried out so as to redirect and otherwise laudable principle from being a divisive factor to a unifying one from which it was intended

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Nigerians, since political independence, have been governed by mostly circumstantial/accidental leaders whose knowledge of governance and visions for a great country were substantially limited and often tangential to aspirations for corporate progress. Having desired a fundamental departure from then subsisting, perhaps even impugned, system, or so it seemed, Nigerians in their millions saw in the 2015 elections, the opportunity to change a 'fantastically corrupt' government and the party that had ruled for sixteen years! This book is a collection of the author's essays in the first three years of this administration, trying to address several critical questions concerning the present democratic dispensation of President Muhammadu Buhari, and the emerging challenges for his party's 'change' mantra. Simultaneously, the work inexorably also seeks to contribute to the study of democratisation and to shed light on the politics of transition (particularly within the African context of the transfer of power in a democratic setting.)

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