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Herder-Farmer Conflict in Nigeria: Security Implications and Policy Options / Saleh Dauda

Tabith Publishers Ltd., Nigeria 2020
144p.
Includes Index; Select Bibliography
9789785480016
\$ 35.00 / null
190 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793927>

Project One Nigerian: Unlock Your Potential Through Your Identity / Bisayo Busari-Akinnadeju

Project One Productions, Nigeria 2021
xiv, 246p.
9789789935703
\$ 35.00 / null
330 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793928>

Issues in Local Government Administration in Nigeria / Yusufu Ali Zoaka & Saleh Dauda

Joyce Publishers, Nigeria 2010
131p.
9782104140; 9789784940115
\$ 30.00 / null
178 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793908>

Bridging Civil-Military Gap: Strategies for Robust Relationships and Successful Operations / Anthonia Egbujiobi

Purple Shelves Limited, Nigeria 2019
80p.
Includes Bibliography
9789789744985.
\$ 30.00 / null
132 gm.

In this timely and relevant book, Flight Lieutenant Anthonia Egbujiobi presents facts and figures from her detailed research on curbing insecurity and calls for co-operation between the military and civilians as the way to combating insecurity. The book also suggests how this collaboration can and should be achieved. She was inspired to author this book when she was nominated by the United Nations to serve in Congo as a military observer. Her experiences about the programmes and empowerment schemes she conducted in Congo - which earned her a recognition and award by the UN and Nigerian Air Force - with the peoples and communities where she served are documented in her first book titled, Building Castles With Pebbles.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793905>

The Urgency of Now: Why Nigeria Needs a Vision of Prosperity, Protection and Liberty / Seun Awogbenle

FiftyFifty Institute Limited, Nigeria 2021

xx, 204p.

Includes Index

9789789911400

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272 gm.

The book which has a foreword by The Founder/CEO of Cable Newspaper, Simon Kolawole, has 10 chapters that harped on the imperative of visioning, leadership, youth participation, and active citizenship.

In the book, it is my argument that Nigeria has struggled with development over the years because of the absence of a national vision, which I described as the minimal and irreducible promise of the government to its people. I have proposed three planks (prosperity, protection, and liberty), upon which to interrogate Nigeria's past, strategize in the present and launch forward into the future. Prosperity – investment in the productive capacities of the people, Protection – lives must matter, Liberty – government's commitment to guarantee all rights. It is my conviction that for Nigerians to have a connection with the country, beyond their certificate of birth, ancestry, and origin, it must first be about a promise that guarantees citizens prosperity, protection, and liberty. The book also goes further to locate the youth agenda, describing vision as the purview of young people.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793907>

Espionage (A Wilderness of Mirrors) / Saint Anthony Ajibade

Saint Anthony Ajibade, Nigeria 2020

48p.

9781734752304

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66 gm.

This book is an attempt to provide and furnish students of criminology and security studies a veritable material on the topic.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793901>

Women and Leadership in Igboland: Omoku, Ime Chi and Omugwo Institutions / T. Akachi Ezeigbo

Purple Shelves Publishers, Nigeria 2021

68p.

9789789878710

\$ 30.00 / null

92 gm.

In this monograph, the author examines women's leadership roles in three spheres of influence under women's control: Omoku, Ime Chi and Omugwo institutions and argues that there were a variety of leadership opportunities open to Igbo women in the past – some of them still exist today and will continue to exist in the years to come – through which they exerted and can still exert their influence to ensure the well-being of their families and communities.

With *Women and Leadership in Igboland: Omoku, Ime Chi and Omugwo Institutions*, the author empowers women with the knowledge that, like their foremothers, they have a right to hold leadership positions not only in the home but also in the workplace and public space.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793900>

Security and Society in Nigeria / Ifeanyi P. Onyeonoru & Adewole A. Atere (Eds)
Ibadan University Press, Nigeria 2019

352p.

Includes Index

9789788529781

\$ 55.00 / null

430 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793903>

Patriots and Traitors: Politics of Citizen/State Relations in Nigeria / Iroro S. Izu

Joyce Publishers, Nigeria 2021

vi, 218p.

Includes Index

9789789935253

\$ 40.00 / null

286 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793902>

Matrix and Praxis of Nigerian Political Economy / Iroro S. Izu

Joyce Publishers, Nigeria 2021

x, 186p.

Includes Index

9789789935246

\$ 35.00 / null

248 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793918>

Incompleteness: Donald Trump, Populism and Citizenship / Francis B. Nyamnjoh

Langaa RPCIG, Cameroon 2022

xx, 400p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789956552870

\$ 40.00 / null

648 gm.

This is a study of how Donald J. Trump, his populist credentials notwithstanding, borrows without acknowledgment and stubbornly refuses to come to terms with his indebtedness. Taken together with mobility and conviviality, the principle of incompleteness enables us to distinguish between inclusionary and exclusionary forms of populism, and when it is fuelled by ambitions of superiority and zero-sum games of conquest.

Nyamnjoh challenges the reader to reflect on how stifling frameworks of citizenship and belonging predicated upon hierarchies of humanity and mobility, and driven by a burning but elusive quest for completeness, can be constructively transcended by humility and conviviality inspired by taking incompleteness seriously. Nyamnjoh argues that the logic and practice of incompleteness is a healthy antidote to name-calling and scapegoating others as undesirable outsiders, depending on the brand of populism at play.

Recognising incompleteness also helps to question sterile and problematic binaries such as those between elites and the impoverished masses among whom populists go to fish for political visibility, prominence and success.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789124>

Patrolling Epistemic Borders in a World of Borderless Pandemics: Epistemological Policemen in COVID-19 Afflicted 21st Century Africa / Artwell Nhemachena, Rewai Makamani, Munyaradzi Mukesi (ed)

Langaa RPCIG, Cameroun 2021

xxx, 408p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789956552634

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626 gm.

The global epistemological gendarmerie do not only police epistemologies but they also infect the world with infectious epidemics of laughter targeted at those people whose epistemologies are offhandedly condemned as sterile and useless in controlling and containing pandemics. Patrolling epistemic borders in ways that demobilise indigenous epistemologies, the global epistemological policemen have ironically managed to prevent "transgressive" epistemologies from crossing borders but they have fatally failed to prevent the transgressive COVID-19 from recurrently crossing borders, be they bodily, national or continental. Brandishing fetishised degree and diploma certificates, African comprador academics, who are more interested in fetishised ranks and titles than in creativity and innovation, have also fatally failed to help African communities by producing vaccines for Africans by Africans. Arguing that Eurocentric epistemologies have become sterile fetishes, the book contends that such epistemologies have disabled African scholars from actively producing vaccines on a continent where there are paradoxically more epidemics of mimetic laughter than there are efforts at creativity and innovation. The book is useful for scholars in sociology, anthropology, development studies, languages and communication, natural sciences, historical studies and social work.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789125>

Security and Intelligence Reviews: Journal of Contemporary Security and Intelligence Studies: Vol.4, No.2, January 2021 / NA

Institute of Security, Lagos, Nigeria 2020

viii, 252p.

ISSN: 2550-7826

\$ 60.00 / null

640 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800025>

Endsars Protests : The Politics and Economic Implications / Ohilebo Alexander Ojo
Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., Benin City, Nigeria 2021

xx, 68p.

Includes Bibliography

9789788548553

\$ 30.00 / null

150 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800028>

Nigerian Political Culture and Security Challenges / Clement Mosindi

The Blessing Publishers Limited, Ibadan, Nigeria 2020

xiv, 262p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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\$ 65.00 / null

480 gm.

Nigerian Political culture and security challenges is a magnificent book based on characteristically intensive research. It presents an evaluation and analysis of the Myriad of Security Challenges that has plagued Nigeria as a nation since Independence.

It takes a critical and analytical look at the Defense and Security establishments, including the very peculiar but dynamic political culture and character of the Nigerian people. It lucidly delineates the innate characteristics of the Nigerian psyche and ardently reveals the factors that drive Nigerian exceptionalism and Rugged Individualism.

The book also diligently underscores the geopolitical significance of Nigeria as an atypical nation in the West African Sub-region, with an adept illustration of its uncompromising Afro-centric foreign policy. It is no doubt a devastating indictment of the insensitive political class, an exposition of the plight of ordinary Nigerians, and the ultimate tragedy of unfettered power.

Audaciously written like no other literature on Nigeria's political history, Mosindi's book is a classic devoid of political correctness and therefore a compelling read.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800026>

Communicating COVID-19 Effectively in Malaysia: Challenges and Recommendations / Serina Rahman.

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2022

52p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789815011319

\$ 9.00 / null

96 gm.

Malaysia was initially lauded for its ability to combat the first few waves of COVID -19 but infection spikes since the Sabah state elections in September 2020 and subsequent exponential increases in both infections and deaths in 2021 left the nation reeling. Nationwide vaccination is seen as the only way out of the pandemic.

Malaysia's COVID-19 communication strategy was hampered by political machinations and myriad changes in government. The need to shore up favour among the electorate resulted in inconsistent messaging and regular U-turns whenever there was public outrage at arbitrary restrictions. This resulted in confusion on the ground, preventing successful COVID-19 management and containment.

Under the current regime, claims to more accessible data have been disputed and doubts have surfaced over data transparency and accuracy. There is an urgent need to ensure convincingly reliable information, as well as to use more engaging messaging on more suitable media.

A holistic and effective COVID-19 communication strategy should adopt principles from several communication approaches, resulting in messages that are clear, simple and accessible as well as consistent and credible. Audiences should be segmented so that messages can be better tailored to their needs, with adequate information on the necessary steps to prevent infection and spread. Fake news, misinformation, and disinformation should be constantly tackled and debunked. The Gerai OA and OA Lindungi Komuniti Facebook pages are outstanding examples of grassroots information dissemination channels that effectively provide fact-checked, coherent and accessible information to local communities in languages and on media best-suited to their audiences.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=788697>

Hashtag Campaigns during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Malaysia : Escalating from Online to Offline / Pauline Pooi Yin Leong & Amirul Adli Rosli

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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100 gm.

Hashtag campaigns on social media enable users to express their sentiments on various issues and mobilize people to be part of a movement or cause; they have been used effectively by disenfranchised members of society against powerful elites.

While some are of the opinion that online campaigns are ineffective due to “slacktivism”, such campaigns can spill over to offline protests, especially if there are strong emotions such as anger, or a sense of injustice or social deprivation, spurring people on.

The earlier hashtag campaigns in Malaysia—#AntaraDuaDarjat (#BetweenTwoStatus) and #DengkiKe (#AreYouJealous)—were expressions of unhappiness over perceived double standards in the enforcement of COVID-19 public safety protocols.

Later hashtag campaigns such as #KerajaanGagal (#FailedGovernment), #KerajaanZalim (#CruelGovernment) and #KerajaanPembunuh (#MurdererGovernment) became increasingly negative as public disenchantment grew due to the government’s weak handling of the pandemic and the consequent economic fallout.

Public frustration that manifested itself in the #BenderaHitam (#BlackFlag) and #Lawan (#Protest) movements soon transitioned into offline campaigns and protests against the government.

Apart from political hashtag campaigns, there were also welfare movements such as #KitaJagaKita (#WeTakeCareOfOurselves), #BenderaPutih (#WhiteFlag) and #RakyatJagaRakyat (#CitizensTakeCareOfCitizens), which enabled Malaysians to help the less fortunate affected financially by the COVID-19 lockdowns, by rendering food aid and other assistance.

A key conclusion of this study is that online hashtag campaigns have served as early warning of trending public sentiment. They also have the potential to hype up emotions online and subsequently galvanize support for offline campaigns and protests. As #Lawan and #BenderaHitam showed, these can have direct political outcomes.

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COVID-19 and the Structural Crises of Our Time / Lim Mah-Hui & Michael Heng Siam-Henge

ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2022

202p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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\$ 25.40 / null

286 gm.

"We live in paradoxical times. Traditionally, the West has led the world in theory and practice. Yet, recent developments, from COVID-19 to the storming of the US Capitol, show how lost the West has become. This loss of direction has deep roots. In their usual thoughtful and incisive fashion, Lim Mah-Hui and Michael Heng Siam-Heng, draw out the deeper origins of our current crises and show us a new way forward. A must-read for anyone who wants to understand our strange times." - Kishore Mahbubani, founding Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, is the author of *Has China Won?*

"A powerful and compelling critique of neoliberal globalization and its potentially devastating, but long underestimated, consequences for financial stability, the environment, social equity and democracy. COVID-19 has laid bare these dysfunctions and stresses. But this is not a pessimistic book. The authors argue, correctly, that we may be on the cusp of another Great Transformation. The choices we make today to make markets more resilient, improve social protection, and preserve our freedoms could lay the foundations for a sustainable globalization that works for future generations." - Donald Low, Professor of Practice in Public Policy and Director of the Institute for Emerging Market Studies, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

"This fascinating book highlights the interplay between financial and health crises that the COVID-19 pandemic exposed. Financialized capitalism is bad for the planet, bad for human health, and creates more unequal and insecure societies. The authors make a strong and convincing case for re-embedding markets into society and finance into the real economy." - Jayati Ghosh, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA

"Lim and Heng's ambitious volume argues that 2020 was the year of the global 'perfect storm' of multiple crises, with the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbating financial, economic, socio-political and environmental breakdowns. They extend Karl Polanyi's original insights to appeal for a sustainable global New Deal. While the reader may not agree with all their theses, the scope of their coverage and ambition will set the stage for debates over the annus horribilis." - Jomo K.S., Founder-chair, IDEAS www.network.ideas; former United Nations Assistant Secretary General

"This book provides plenty of food for thought for many pondering if the COVID-19 crisis could lead to a major transformation of the global economic system shaped by unfettered market forces and policies of governments in their service."
- Yilmaz Akyuz, former Director, UNCTAD, Geneva.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=788698>

The National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN): A New Arrangement for Research in Indonesia / Ahmad Najib Burhani, Lilis Mulyani & Cahyo Pamungkas
ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

36p.

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74 gm.

On 28 April 2021, the Indonesian government, under President Joko Widodo, dissolved the Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education (Kemenristek-Dikti). Since then, the management of higher education has been taken over by the Ministry of Education and Culture, while research and innovation are now the responsibility of the National Research and Innovation Agency (Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional, or BRIN).

Based on Presidential Regulation (Perpres) Nos. 33 and 78 of 2021, various research institutes, such as LIPI, BATAN, LAPAN and BPPT, and research agencies in some ministries have been or will be merged into BRIN, making it a "super-government agency" with an "overarching" role.

With a Rp26 trillion budget allocated by the government for research per year and with a large number of researchers, BRIN is expected to boost national research and innovation, and help the country catch up with countries such as Singapore and South Korea.

BRIN, however, faces some serious challenges. It is not related to budget, infrastructure or human resources, but to the research ecosystem and research culture of Indonesia. Technocratism, which has been restricting research in the country, will be its first challenge. Politicization of research institutions as indicated by the involvement of political parties in research supervision is another issue. Achieving an environment that makes good and healthy research possible built around an effective system of funding, academic rewards, and a vibrant academic community, will be the third challenge.

If BRIN manages to overcome these challenges sufficiently, it will be in a good position to enhance the capacity and competence of Indonesian researchers as the foundation for an advanced Indonesia by 2045.

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Public Perceptions of the Election Commission, Election Management and Democracy in Malaysia / Helen Ting Mu Hung & Andrew Kam Jia Yi

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

72p.

Includes Bibliographical References

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128 gm.

This report presents findings from a nationwide face-to-face survey of 2,627 Malaysians between March and April 2021 regarding public perceptions on the Election Commission (EC) and on election management.

Malaysians by and large hold a cautious, moderate affirmation of the state of democracy in Malaysia, and of it having made notable progress over the past decade.

A quarter of respondents regard the 2018 general election to be very free or/and fair, while 43 per cent think that it was free/fair though not without problems. This perception appears to have been influenced by the fact that there was a change of federal government.

Public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the election management process and the EC is weakly affirmative, as revealed by a majority expressing a lack of confidence in an eventual online voting system being handled transparently.

Urban residents generally have greater distrust in state institutions.

Some notable contrasts in regional trends:

-- Sarawakians have a high level of trust in state institutions.

-- Sabahans have the lowest appreciation for the progress made in the state of democracy in the country, the lowest satisfaction with civil liberty, or the lowest trust in state institutions except for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the EC.

-- West Malaysians have the lowest level of trust in the MACC and EC but express the highest level of appreciation for the progress that have made in the state of democracy.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=788700>

Inequality and Exclusion in Southeast Asia: Old Fractures, New Frontiers / Lee Hwok-Aun & Christopher Choong (Eds)

ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

xx, 344p.

Includes Index.

9789814951203

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462 gm.

Inequality is a defining global issue of our times. Southeast Asia stands out in some ways; the 2010s have seen most countries in the region reduce income gaps. Nonetheless, inequality levels remain high, especially in the middle-income to high-income countries, and popular disaffection and economic anxiety prevail, even while official statistics may paint more buoyant scenarios. The age-old problem of group-based exclusion in the development process manifests in new ways. This book provides up-to-date overviews of inequality levels and trends, primarily related to income, but also wealth and other socio-economic variables pertaining to education and health. The country chapters also examine salient themes of inequality, especially structural changes and public policies to redress inequality and exclusion, labour market developments, population groups, regional dynamics, and informal economies. We gain an appreciation for the unique conditions and diverse experiences of each country, and draw comparative insights across the region.

"This is an impressive collection of papers written by scholars from Southeast Asia and addressing an important set of issues which deserve serious attention from policymakers. Inequality and social exclusion are problems which never seem to go away, even in the high-income countries, and this collection will be valuable for all those seeking to understand how serious the situation is in eight Southeast Asian states. The editors are to be congratulated on bringing together such a timely book." - Anne Booth, Emeritus Professor of Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=788703>

The Democratic Action Party in Johor: Assailing the Barisan Nasional Fortress / Kevin Zhang, John Choo & Fong Sok En

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

60p.

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110 gm.

Until approximately two decades ago, the Democratic Action Party (DAP) struggled to make inroads in Johor due to: (1) the unique historical developments in the state, which benefited its primary opponent Barisan Nasional (BN), and (2) the decentralized party structure in Johor with party branches serving as the main player responsible for grassroots mobilization and campaigning, which resulted in an underdeveloped and less cohesive state party structure.

Despite Lee Kaw playing a crucial leadership role for the nascent party to take root in the state, Johor remained in the periphery during the initial decades of the party's establishment. The party managed to achieve some electoral success only in central Johor around the Kluang.

The party achieved a rare breakthrough in Johor during the 1990 General Election when numerous Chinese educationalists allied with the DAP under the call of then Dong Zong chairman Lim Fong Seng. However, the national alliance frayed soon after, with the DAP losing its momentum in Johor by the next general election.

Dr Boo Cheng Hau inherited the decentralized state leadership structure when he became the DAP Johor chairman in 2005. Under Dr Boo's leadership the party prioritized welfare provision and constituency services in several state constituencies, particularly Skudai (in Gelang Patah) and Bentayan (in Bakri). The grassroots machinery was also strengthened while mechanisms were established to resolve intra-party conflicts in the lead-up to general elections.

In the 2008 General Election, these efforts paid off and DAP Johor achieved its (till then) best results by capturing four state constituencies--including Skudai and Bentayan--in addition to the Bakri parliamentary seat.

In the aftermath of GE2008, where DAP made unprecedented gains in Penang, Selangor and Perak, the national DAP leadership began to shift their attention towards Johor as the latter was perceived as the next frontline state. The party continued its upward swing and made unprecedented gains in the 2013 General Election.

As DAP maintained its momentum, coupled with the success of other Pakatan Harapan (PH) component parties in Johor during the 2018 General Election, the DAP under the PH coalition displaced BN as the Johor state government.

Building Immunity: Crisis and Contagion in the City State / J J Woo

World Scientific, Singapore 2022

164p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

978-981-124-139-0

\$ 32.00 / HB

From the financial contagion of the 2007 Global Financial Crisis (GFC) to viral contagion in the recent COVID-19 pandemic, Singapore has been severely impacted by ripples and shockwaves that have emanated from global financial and healthcare crises. At the same time, it has proven to be highly resilient amidst such instability. This book provides an in-depth account of Singapore's policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and GFC. It focuses on the policy capacity-building efforts that have taken place in the aftermath of earlier crises such as the 2003 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak and the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis.

Linked across time and space, these four crises — SARS, COVID-19, the AFC and GFC — reflect a consistent pattern in Singapore's approach to crisis management. This is a pattern that involves policy learning and capacity-building after each crisis, and the application of these lessons and capacities to subsequent crises. In focusing on the role of policy capacity in Singapore's crisis response measures, this book will provide policymakers and practitioners with a useful framework that can be used to plan for future crises and pandemics.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799850>

Meaning Matters: Essays by David Chan / David Chan

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

200p.

9789811250682

\$ 32.00 / HB

This book is the third collection of essays by behavioural scientist Professor David Chan, most of which first appeared in The Straits Times. Endorsed by fifty leaders from different sectors, this book provides a powerful springboard for self-reflections, sense-making, internal and public discussions, and individual and collective actions. A common theme that runs through these essays may be described as "Meaning Matters" which refers to the content and subject matter of the critical issues experienced by people and what it means to them. It is also about why the way that people think, feel and act as they make sense and meaning of their experiences should matter to individual well-being and societal progress in Singapore. This book goes beyond examining what critical issues mean or matter to people, policy making and nation building, and why they do, to focus on translating the "what it means" and "why it means" to "how it means" and "when it means".

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799851>

Indigeneity and Food : Politics, Transnationalism and Social Inclusion / Eric

Olmedo & Rachel Chan Suet Kay (Eds)

Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKMPress), Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia

2021

286p.

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422 gm.

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Nation-Building in a Plural Society: Towards Bangsa Malaysia / Norrizan Abd

Majid & Sity Daud

Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKMPress), Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia
2021
230p.
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348 gm.

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In This Together: Singapore's COVID-19 Story / The Straits Time Covid-19 Team
(Ed) Sumiko Tan
Straits Time Press, Singapore 2022

352p.
Includes Index
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\$ 25.00 / null
1230 gm.

In This Together: Singapore's Covid-19 Story is a dramatic insider account of the first two years of the pandemic.

It is a story of suffering and resilience, of miscalculation and foresight, and of grumbling yet cooperation.

The book is written by journalists of The Straits Times who have been in the thick of covering the ongoing crisis.

More than 300 people were interviewed, including the President of Singapore, the Prime Minister, business owners and survivors of the disease.

Through their recollections, the book chronicles how the country came together to fight the virus, even as everyone has had to stay resolutely apart while doing so.

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Breakthrough 2.0: Singaporeans Push for Parliamentary Democracy / Derek da Cunha

World Scientific, Singapore 2022
392p.
Includes Index; Select Bibliography
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\$ 110.00 / HB

- 1.Elections – Singapore.
- 2.Political parties – Singapore.
- 3.Opposition (Political science) – Singapore.
- 4.Singapore – Politics and government – 1990-.

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Breakthrough 2.0: Singaporeans Push for Parliamentary Democracy. / Derek da Cunha

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Some six decades of socialisation by the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) has ingrained in a majority of Singaporeans the instinct that it is not unusual to give up certain personal liberties for the greater good as long as the PAP State ensures the material well-being of Singaporeans. The general election of 2020 (GE2020) during the COVID-19 pandemic, put this social compact between the people and the State to the test. Significant job losses, wage cuts, and an erosion of personal wealth — due to measures to counter the pandemic — cut substantially into the PAP popular vote nationally, and resulted in an unprecedented 10 candidates from the opposition Workers' Party (WP) being elected to Parliament. GE2020 confirmed the trend from GE2011, when the WP first made a breakthrough, that Singaporeans will only accept a party in moderate opposition to the PAP. This narrative differs markedly from conventional wisdom.

Breakthrough 2.0 explores the aforementioned phenomena. The book analyses critically the issues surrounding parliamentary elections in Singapore. It also focuses on issues not explored by many other observers, namely voter psychology; election processes; and, party branding. A comparative analysis of election practices and processes in other jurisdictions is also employed to determine where parallels can or cannot be drawn with the situation in Singapore.

The author has had direct access to personalities across the political parties. Consequently, he utilises primary sources, supported by evidence, in sketching out backstories to events which exposes certain myths that were prevailing in social media in the months running up to GE2020.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799848>

Social Context, Policies, and Changes in Singapore: Beyond the First 50 Years /
Intan Azura Mokhtar & Yaacob Ibrahim

World Scientific, Singapore 2022

508p.

Includes Index

9789811247743

\$ 42.00 / HB

This book is a collection of essays by thought and advocacy leaders, policymakers, and academics in Singapore who have been and are in positions of influence in shaping social policies, and hence the social context, in the country. These essays are meant to initiate discussion, promote debate and broaden understanding of the social issues at play, the challenges faced, and the trade-offs involved in enhancing social policies, strengthening the social compact, and shaping the social context in Singapore.

This is done through addressing issues and challenges in (1) Government and Civil Society; (2) Education; (3) Employability and Employment; (4) Social and Family Development; (5) Demographics and Social Spending; (6) Healthcare and Healthcare Financing; (7) Urban Planning and the Environment; (8) Disruptions, New Technologies and Smart Nation.

It is hoped this book will be useful for students of sociology, social policy or public policy, as they discuss the dynamics and trade-offs involved in planning, shaping and implementing social and public policies in Singapore. This book also hopes to inform and initiate dialogues among Singaporeans on the social issues and challenges we face in our city-state and which we have to collectively address as a nation.

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Matichon year in review 2021 / Matichon year in review 2021 / . ; ; Sūn Khōmūn
Matichon.

2022

384p.

9789740217695

\$ 49.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791996>

Korean Administration and Organizational Culture / Parkyoung Press (Ed), Suk-
Joon Chio

Kong & Park USA, Inc., USA 2022

x, 174p.
Includes Index
9781635190397
\$ 22.99 / null
368 gm.

In this book, I apply the study of folklore and anthropology to public administration in an attempt to describe the actual dynamics of the Korean administrative context. My focus is not placed on the formal administrative system but on the informal aspects of the Korean administration, that are necessary to reveal in detail the operation, structure and administrative behavior of the system, and the effects of these factors on the policy – and decision-making process.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791990>

The Water Defenders: How Ordinary People Saved A Country From Corporate Greed / Robin Broad & John Cavanagh (Foreword) Antonio Gabriel M. La Vina
Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), Philippines 2021
xiv, 214p. ; 22.86cm.
9786214481606
\$ 16.95 / null
292 gm.

At a time when countless communities are resisting powerful corporations—from Flint, Michigan, to the Standing Rock Reservation, to Didipio in the Philippines, to the Gualcarque River in Honduras—The Water Defenders tells the inspirational story of a community that took on an international mining corporation against seemingly insurmountable odds and won not one but two historic victories.

"The country is El Salvador, but the setting of this book could very well be the Philippines and other parts of the world where big fights over mining and water rights are happening. The conclusion seemed preordained: With a big transnational corporation bent on exploiting the mineral resources of a developing country, a government that is being pressured to allow such development aggression, and international institutions like the World Bank and the World Trade Organization having rules that are lopsided in favor of the private sector, how could a small group of citizens win against such formidable adversaries? But they did. It took more than a decade, but water won over gold in El Salvador. . . .

It is interesting to note that instrumental in the victory of the water defenders in El Salvador was the testimony of Nueva Vizcaya's Governor Carlos Padilla, who spoke about his province's terrible experience for decades with OceanaGold, which financially supported (and eventually bought out) Pac Rim in the fight against El Salvador. Water and people won in El Salvador. That is not yet the case in the Philippines where the OceanaGold mining agreement in Nueva Vizcaya has just been extended by President Rodrigo Duterte for twenty-five more years. The publication of this book for a Philippine audience is timely for this reason. Activists and citizens here, as well as their allies in government, can learn from the El Salvador story." —from the foreword by Antonio Gabriel M. La Viña

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789623>

Drugs and Philippine Society / Gideon Lasco (Ed)
Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), Philippines 2021
xvi, 408p.
Includes Index
9786214481347
\$ 40.00 / null
638 gm.

Drugs and Philippine Society is a collection of critical essays that look at drug use, drug wars, and drug policies in the Philippines from different angles, from the perspectives of scholars, social and cultural workers, artists and activists present and past. In doing so, it seeks to uncover societal prejudices about a long-misunderstood subject—and unmask the many contexts of how drugs are used and misused in the country.

Aside from a foreword by Sheila Coronel and a critical introduction by Gideon Lasco, the anthology gathers photographs of President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs since 2016 and its effects on Philippine communities to further contextualize the urgent need to rethink drug policies not only in the country but around the world.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789621>

Conducting Peaceful, Free and Fair Election in 2011 and Beyond: The Role of Shareholders / Y. A. Zoaka and I. I. Uke (Editors)

Dept. of Political Science and International Relations, University of Abuja, Nigeria 2011

xiii. 376p. ; 22cm.

9789789178742

\$ 50.00 / null

516 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=152102>

Moving Around Myanmar: Migration In, From, and Back to Burma / Tony Waters (et al.)

Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand 2021

xiv, 270p.

Includes Index

9786163986351

\$ 30.00 / null

326 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791625>

Nigeria: Yesterday and Today for Tomorrow: Essays in Governance and Society / J. Isawa Elaigwu

Aha Publishing House, Nigeria 2015

572p.

Includes Index

978307869

\$ 70.00 / null

776 gm.

In this book, J. Isawa Elaigwu, a professor Emeritus of political Science, reflects on Nigeria's painful process of political development. He argues that "the past has lessons for today" as Nigeria "forges a new future for our children". He strongly makes a case for a country with bright and prosperous future. However, he is legalistic enough to warn that this can only take place if Nigerians take their destiny into their hands and out their 'act' together. Dr. Elaigwu believes that, in this process of national rebirth, Nigerians must critically appreciate the past, constructively participate in the present, as they lay the foundations for tomorrow.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793897>

The Ethical Dilemma: Charting a Bold and New Path for Ethics and Value in Nigeria / Tajudeen Toyin-Oke

Tajudeen Toyin-Oke, Nigeria 2021

xlvi, 192p.

9798734351154; 9789789922598

\$ 50.00 / null

410 gm.

"The Ethical Dilemma - Charting a bold and new path for ethics and values in Nigeria." The book traces the history of Nigeria's ethical challenges from 1959 to the present date, and recommends that an Agency be established under the Office of the President with a mandate to monitor and recommend corrective steps for unethical behavior in both public and private establishments. In this timely and apt book, the author travels down memory lane to draw on key aspects of the turbulent history of the geographical expression called Nigeria to attempt an analytical description of the malady he aptly calls Nigeria's ethical dilemma. To broach a subject whose scope is as expansive as the culture and ethnicity of Nigeria is diverse, the author has ingeniously sought safety in the 1999 constitutionally-prescribed seven National Ethics of Discipline, Integrity, Dignity of Labour, Social Justice, Religious Tolerance, Self-Reliance and Patriotism; in a rare literary excursion into the complex subject of ethics and values in Nigeria. Unequivocally qualified to intellectually profess on this subject, having over the past decade earned the sobriquet, 'The Apostle of Ethics,' Tajudeen Toyin-Oke has acquitted himself creditably by engaging in a sound and lucid analysis of the underlying factors responsible for the decline in ethics and values in Nigeria. He draws from his own rich personal and professional experience to tell this less than savory side of Nigeria's story. The author, in recommending a brutally-frank national self-audit, while remaining optimistic for a glorious future, suggests that, Nigeria, in holding onto methods that are a mere relic of a mixed glorious and inglorious past, needs to courageously accept that even traditions can be remade anew so that a people can step out of their 'comfort zone,' and into a new and vibrant era of genuine growth and development. He concludes that, in this season, Nigeria needs leaders who are strategic in thinking and deliberate in deed, and who are committed to working with the best interests of the people they lead in mind, and that a remarkable transformation cannot be achieved without a fundamental shift in our long-held paradigms, and most importantly, an ethical revolution. It is that ethical revolution that has been the author's avowed and passionate quest over the past one decade.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793899>

The Igala Nation and Nigeria's Sociopolitical Realities:A Saga of Missed Opportunities / Musa Abdulkarim Itodo

University Press PLC,Nigeria 2019

xxviii, 236p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789789405879

\$ 50.00 / null

362 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793898>

Civil Society Organisations and Youth Civic Engagement in Cambodia / Ang Len & Young Sokphea (Ed) Jan Taylor

CDRI – Cambodia Development Resource Institute, Phnom Penh, Cambodia 2021

1v.

9789924500322

\$ 30.00 / null

130 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791245>

Muslim in Post-War Sri Lanka:Repression,Resistance and Reform / Shreen Abdul Saroor(Ed)

Alliance for Minorities,Sri Lanka 2021

xii, 228p.

9 786249 836105

\$ 35.00 / null

310 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791763>

Eros of International Relations : Self-Feminizing and the Claiming Postcolonial Chineseness / Chih-Yu Shih

Hong Kong University Press, Hong Kong 2022

xii, 128p.

Includes Index

9789888754045

\$ 77.00 / HB

366 gm.

Eros of International Relations: Self-Feminizing and the Claiming of Postcolonial Chineseness is a distinctive work that explores the much-neglected Chinese perspective in broader international relations theory. Using the concept of "self-feminizing"—adoption of a feminine identity to oblige and achieve mutual caring as a relational strategy—this book argues that postcolonial actors have employed gendered identities in order to survive the squeezing pressure of globalization and nationalism in their own ways. Sovereign actors who have historically claimed to act on behalf of Chineseness have taken advantage of the images of femininity thrust upon them by transnational capitalism, the media, or intellectual thought.

Shih illustrates the feminist potential for emancipation through a range of empirical examples, showing that women of various Chinese characteristics, acting on behalf of their nation, city, and corporations, reject the masculinization of their groups of belonging as remedy for inferiority or threat. Carried out effectively, Shih argues, actors who self-feminize have the potential to deconstruct the binaries of masculine competition and seek alternative strategies under the postcolonial global order.

Eros of International Relations is a welcome contribution that ties together revisionist yet friendly reflections on the current studies of postcolonialism, international relations, relational theory, China studies, cultural studies, and feminism.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793943>

New Asian Disorder : Rivalries Embroiling the Pacific Century / Lowell Dittmer (ed); (Series Eds) Tat Yan Kong & Ramon Pacheco Pardo

Hong Kong University Press, Hong Kong 2022

xiv, 274p.

Includes Index

9789888754021

\$ 81.00 / HB

576 gm.

In New Asian Disorder: Rivalries Embroiling the Pacific Century, Lowell Dittmer and his team explore the recent political disorder in East Asia resulting from growing Sino-American polarization. The rise of China in recent years is widely regarded as a momentous shift in the global balance of power. China is now extending sovereignty into the East China Sea and the South China Sea, constructing a new set of global financial institutions and replacing "universal values" with technologically enhanced nationalism. The country's "Belt and Road Initiative" is also tainted by the vast ambition to realize the "China Dream" within the foreseeable future. In response to China's challenge, the United States has abandoned its "constructive engagement" policy towards the rising power and engaged in a trade war. Sino-American relations have been at a historical trough since the normalization of their relationship in the late 1970s. This book sheds new light on the current political disorder in the East Asian international arena. The new Asian disorder is analyzed from three perspectives: the first focuses on identity, the second on political economy, and the third on the triangular dynamic. This collection of essays concludes that, unless and until consensus can be reached on a coherent new framework for cooperation and rule enforcement among different stakeholders in East Asia, the current disorder may be expected to persist.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=793942>

Afghanistan The New Great Game / Alok Bansal (ed), Ram Madhav (Foreword by)

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2022

xxv, 201p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789390095490

\$ 20.00 / HB

550 gm.

The fall of Kabul to the Taliban is one of the most catastrophic events of the 21st Century. The images of people running to cling to the aircraft taking off from Kabul and falling to death showed their desperation to escape the draconian Taliban Rule. Undue haste exhibited by the United States, its legitimization of the Taliban, and the tactical alliances stitched with the Taliban by many others in the region led to the sudden collapse of the once brave Afghan Army. How the world abandoned Afghan citizens to medieval barbarians, especially the women and the minorities, to further their perceived geopolitical agendas should haunt the international community's conscience for times to come. The people of Afghanistan had hardly gotten over the repercussions of the Great Game that was once played in the region more than two centuries ago. They find themselves embroiled in another one.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800776>

Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan: Origin, Evolution and Future Portents / Ashok K. Behuria

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xix, 203p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391490027

\$ 22.00 / HB

520 gm.

This volume is a result of an abiding interest in the phenomenon of radical Islamist terror that haunts Pakistan today. The research questions that it seeks to answer are: Why do the tribal areas remain a problem for rulers and administrators throughout history? How and why did radical Islam embed itself in the terrain? Was it influenced by the overall emphasis on Islam in Pakistani state politics? What is the role of history and politics in fuelling religious passions in the area? What has led to the survival of TTP despite humongous efforts of the Pakistan Army to decimate it? What are the future portents of such a movement? What impact is it likely to have on Pakistani society and politics? The volume makes an attempt to understand the context in which Pakistani Taliban or TTP, as it is called now, came into being, the enabling factors that made the growth of TTP possible, the formation and growth of TTP as a militant organisation, its leadership and its activities over the years, its ideological orientation and its worldview, its aims and objectives, its relationship with other militant groups in and outside Pakistan and the efforts of the Pakistani establishment to come to terms with such a phenomenon. There is an attempt to analyse the process and study its implications for Pakistan and the region.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800777>

China Bloodies Bulletless Borders / Col Anil, VSM

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2022

xix, ills. 219p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789390095476

\$ 25.00 / HB

600 gm.

After the shock of the conflict against the Indian Army in Sikkim in 1967 and the loss of almost 400 soldiers, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) pressed for resolving all territorial disputes by discussion only, without using force. This book analyses the process of bulletless border management by the Indian Army against the PLA.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800775>

Security of India's Ports, Coast and Maritime Trade: Challenges in the 21st Century / Mohit Nayal

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xxv, 316p.; 23 cm.

9789390917051

\$ 37.50 / HB

670 gm.

India's rise as a global power in the 21st century will be backed with a strong blue economy. The high volumetric trade activities through its coastal region, mainly due to its geostrategic location and efficient links with the vast potential market in the hinterland and other landlocked states, provides it unmatched leverage. Among such promising enterprising, attracting global investments and trade, the non-conventional security threats within the Indian Ocean region and India's ports and coast cannot be ignored. Therefore, to address these challenges, the law at the seas formulated by various global organisations and other national and international regulatory mechanisms become essential for all those directly or indirectly involved in India's maritime security.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800778>

Jihadist Tendencies and Global Terrorism on Soft Targets / Saron Messembe Obia

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

ix, 75p.; 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789390917600

\$ 13.75 / HB

260 gm.

This book explores the origin of jihad, terrorism, and global challenges from the West to Africa. It examines the 19th-century jihad in West Africa as a religious movement prone to respect of Islam. An example is the Sokoto Caliphate in Northern Nigeria in 1804, in which many Nigerians were granted scholarships to study abroad, which strengthened and united the community at the time. Peace and security are strategic issues that defines collective security at the African Union, European Union and United Nations.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800779>

Facets of India's Security: Essays for C. Uday Bhaskar / P.R. Kumaraswamy (ed)

Manohar Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi 2022

xx, 341p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9781032253572

\$ 37.50 / HB

660 gm.

This volume brings together established and emerging scholars from academia and think tanks to reflect on important, conceptual, strategic and developmental issues in India's national security. It provides a comprehensive understanding of national security through a more open approach, covering both traditional and non-traditional concerns that have a bearing on the survival and well-being of humanity. It discusses key themes such as perceptions about China, civil-military relations, gender and military, nuclear safety, arms trade and cybersecurity, human security, food and water security, soft power and the media's role in covering security issues. As a festschrift for Commodore C. Uday Bhaskar, it highlights and adds to his scholarly contributions to the national security debate in the country for the past three decades. A unique contribution, this volume will be indispensable for students and researchers of politics and international relations, national security, human security, geopolitics, non-traditional security, military and strategic studies, and South Asian studies.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800782>

Contiguity, Connectivity and Access: The Importance of the Bay of Bengal Region in Indian Foreign Policy / Suranjan Das, Anita Sengupta (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxv, 186p.; 23 cm.

9789391490980

\$ 27.00 / HB

480 gm.

A significant platform of maritime connectivity the Bay of Bengal is important not just for littoral states (India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka) but also for the landlocked countries of Bhutan and Nepal. Since time immemorial the Bay had been a maritime highway witnessing the movements of traders and commodities facilitating economic exchange but also large scale labour migration which encouraged cultural cosmopolitanism and exchange of ways of life. With the increasing importance of the Indo-Pacific region in the contemporary connectivity matrix, the Bay of Bengal is once again acquiring greater strategic significance with its critical position as a bridge between South, Southeast and East Asia. For India the Bay of Bengal region is emerging as an area of strategic significance and a potential zone for Asian economic growth.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800780>

Jokes Only : A Book on Duterteisms / Crispin C. Maslog (Forewords) Florangel R. Braid

Crispin C. Maslog, Laguna, Philippines 2022

Xxii, 98p.

\$ 20.00 / null

220 gm.

The book "Jokes Only: A Book on Duterteisms" was written and self-published by Dr. Crispin C. Maslog, a former journalist of the Agence France-Presse and journalism professor of Silliman University in Dumaguete City and the University of the Philippines – Los Baos.

The book contains 64 jokes that President Duterte uttered during his campaign for the presidency in 2016 and in the next five years during his press conferences and public engagements.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=802537>

The House of Scindias: A Saga of Power, Politics and Intrigue / Rasheed Kidwai , Sankarshan Thakur (Introduction)

Lotus Collection Roli Books Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi. 2021

xvi, 240p.; 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788195124800

\$ 0.00 / null

360 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=784164>

Nehru: The Debates that Defined India / Tripurdaman Singh, Adeel Hussain

Fourth Estate, New Delhi 2021

xv, 275p.; 23cm.

Includes Index.

9789354229343

\$ 15.00 / HB

440 gm.

From being elected as Congress president in 1929 till his death in 1964, Jawaharlal Nehru remained a towering figure in Indian politics, a man who left an indelible stamp on the history of South Asia. As a leading light of the nationalist struggle and as India's first and longest-serving prime minister, his ideas shaped the political contours of the country and left an imprint so deep that his legacy continues to be debated furiously today.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=784168>

Governance and Government / Imtiaz Ahmad

Peace Publications, Pakistan 2022

192p.

9697280414; 9789697280414

\$ 40.00 / HB

350 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799734>

Rule by Fear: Eight Theses on Authoritarianism in Pakistan / Ammar Ali Jan

Folio Books, Pakistan 2021

xx, 152p.

9789697834358

\$ 30.00 / null

228 gm.

Why have democratic institutions and norms not taken root in Pakistan? In these polemical essays, Ammar Jan presents eight theses to explain the political, economic and social roots of authoritarianism in the country. Rather than fixating on particular individuals or governments, this work focuses on the structural features propelling the rising militarisation of society. Jan locates the deep fear of the masses held by ruling classes and state officials as a critical point of departure to grasp the pervasive disregard for popular sovereignty. This paranoia has created a permanent state of emergency in Pakistan that is used to deploy excessive violence against popular challenges to the status quo. To fight back against this failing order, the book calls for the construction of alternative ideas that can unite disparate movements struggling for justice and dignity.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799735>

The Journey to Extremism / Iftikhar Abbas Khan (Foreword) Hamid Khan

Jahangir's World Times Publications, Pakistan

244p.

9789696641247

\$ 35.00 / null

288 gm.

The book presents a deeper understanding of the country's dynamics that has caused Pakistan's drift into proliferation of extremism, sectarian strife, intolerance, prejudice and bigotry. It carries an analysis of Pakistan's political, economic, domestic and foreign policy challenges. It is argued that there appeared a strong relevance between the domestic developments and external factors.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799736>

The Plight Of The Muslim Uyghurs: Is There A Future? / Mejar (B) Mohammad

Qayyum bin A. Badaruddin

Casamas Resources Sdn. Bhd., Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia 2022

154p.

9789672446392

\$ 10.50 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=790033>

Empowered and Imperiled: Nepal's Peace Puzzle in Bits and Pieces / Sanjay Upadhy

FinePrint Books, Nepal 2021

376p.

9789937746359

\$ 35.00 / null

276 gm.

In *Empowered and Imperiled*, Sanjay Upadhyia retraces the last decade and a half of Nepal's tempestuous quest to reinvent itself and chronicles key personalities and events with caustic insouciance. Upadhyia contends that a landscape fertile for well-meaning initiatives often allows events to careen out of control and construct wildly differing versions of the same story. He insists that conspiracy theories aren't necessarily irrelevant just because they run rampant. With Nepal on the cusp of another change-albeit without a clear roadmap-covering old ground chronologically can be of consequence.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791861>

Malaysia : Who's Who in the Civil Service : The Steel Backbone of the Government - Crème De La Crème : Chief Secretaries to the Malaysian Government / Kasuya Management Sdn. Bhd.

Kasuya Management Sdn. Bhd., Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2022

1400p.

9789839624151

\$ 600.00 / HB

This compilation of Malaysia: Who's Who in the Civil Service provides concise, accurate biographies of about 7000 Malaysian top Civil Servants (including retired ones).

As in all Malaysia Who's Who biographical volumes, only select individuals are chosen on the basis of current reference value and factors like position, noteworthy accomplishments and prominence in the field are all taken into account.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791862>

Political Parties in India / Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq

The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2022

xxxiv, 184p.

Includes Index

9789845063814

\$ 35.00 / HB

640 gm.

The title of the project, "Political Parties in India", is a bit limiting. While it may have been the early focus of the exercise, it eventually evolved into an exploration in social, economic and intellectual history of 19th and early 20th century India that went far beyond its original intent. In this study he explores the changes in class formations under British rule in India, investigates the spread of "modern" (particularly English) education and the new discourses it generated, and examines the increasing Indian presence in the bureaucracy, military as well as the Central and Provincial legislatures, that led to new opportunities and demands expressed in the lively media environment that had come into existence. He suggests that the political movements and organizations that were vague and inchoate in the beginning gradually became more formalized and animated later, and opines that political parties did not drive these popular movements but were actually shaped by them. He also discusses the increasing "distancing" between the Hindu and Muslim communities in the context of the competition among the educated middle classes for political and economic advancement that had far-reaching consequences later. It provides an informed and engaging review of that period – comprehensive in scope, shrewd in observation, rich in insight, unconventional in analysis, and astute in judgment.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800432>

More Than Meets the Eye:Essays on Bangladeshi Politics / Ali Riaz

The University Press Limited,Dhaka,Bangladesh 2022

viii, 232p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789845063777

\$ 30.00 / HB

480 gm.

In the past decade and a half Bangladeshi politics has undergone a dramatic shift, as it has witnessed the gradual erosion of democracy and weakening of the social cohesion. New political settlement among political actors has emerged. Institutions have decayed and radicalization of various kinds have become the norms of politics and society. Geopolitical changes and expedient politics of the incumbent have influenced the domestic politics and the country's foreign relations.

More Than Meets the Eye examines these developments and offers incisive explanation with hints of the future direction. It documents the pathway of the past decades and contextualizes them within the broad trends since the independence of the country 50 years ago. Written in a lucid and accessible language, the book's analyses are theoretically grounded and empirically supported.

This book is a must-read for observers of Bangladeshi politics, academics of Bangladesh studies, policymakers at home and abroad as well as wide audience with interests on Bangladesh.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800433>

Beyond Impunity: New Directions for Governance in Malawi / Kenneth R. Ross, Asiyati Lorraine Chiweza & Wapulumuka O. Mulwafu (Eds)

Mzuni Press, Malawi 2022

400p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789996076077

\$ 50.00 / null

702 gm.

Including a foreword by Paul Zeleza, this comprehensive, compelling, accessible and timely volume should be compulsory reading to academics, policy makers, social activists, and the general public in Malawi and elsewhere on the continent. The accounts the authors present of the pervasive dysfunctions of Malawi's troubled experiment with multiparty democracy since the mid-1990s, and the endlessly deferred dreams of development, are often dispiriting. Yet, their bleak diagnoses are often accompanied by ameliorative prescriptions that are simultaneously bold and pragmatic. The book exudes a sense of hope that the struggles for a better future will continue. In itself the book represents a testament to the possibilities of the country's democratic dispensation, the need to unflinchingly confront the country's debilitating political and socioeconomic pathologies. Such a text would have been unthinkable during the dictatorship of the founding president, Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789128>

Hybrid Rule in Pakistan / Zahid Hussain

Vanguard Books(Pvt)Ltd., Pakistan 2022

xii, 358p.

9789694026350

\$ 40.00 / HB

604 gm.

Since its creation as an independent state in 1947, Pakistan has alternated between authoritarian military regimes and ineffectual civilian rule. For most of its history, the country has been ruled by powerful military with short spans of elected civilian democracy in between. But since 2018 Pakistan has experimented with what many have described as hybrid rule. The system has been unique for many reasons. The security establishment has always been the determiner of national security and foreign policy in Pakistan but that role has become more pronounced under the Imran Khan government. Its extending shadow can be discerned in all dimensions of the state. In this book, collection of his columns, Zahid Hussain examines Pakistan's experiment with a hybrid rule and its consequence.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799744>

Patronage Democracy in the Philippines: Clans, Clients, and Competition in Local Elections / Julio C. Teehankee & Cleo Anne A. Calimbahin (eds)

Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), Philippines 2022

xviii, 350p.

Includes Index

9786214481644

\$ 35.00 / null

546 gm.

Patronage Democracy in the Philippines: Clans, Clients, and Competition in Local Elections demonstrates the persistence of political patronage in local power relations and electoral dynamics in the Philippines. Through ten case studies of political contests in various parts of the country during the 2016 and 2019 elections, it documents how patronage takes different forms and flows through clientelistic and clan networks that are very much alive in local politics. The case studies—covering the provinces of Isabela, Camarines Sur, Cebu, Iloilo, and Lanao del Norte, and the cities of Manila, Makati, Caloocan, Cebu, and Bacolod—also provide nuanced understandings of how patronage is strategically dispensed and transformed, especially across distinctive yet changing local political contexts. It is hoped that the volume, by mapping the shifts in patronage-driven electoral politics in the country, informs future engagements and reflections on genuine democratic reforms.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799792>

The Sovereign Trickster: Death and Laughter in the Age of Duterte / Vicente L. Rafael

Ateneo De Manila University Press, Philippines 2022

xvi, 176p.

9786214481668

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300 gm.

In *The Sovereign Trickster* Vicente L. Rafael offers a prismatic view of the age of Rodrigo Duterte in the contemporary Philippines. Framing Duterte as a trickster figure who boasts, jokes, terrorizes, plays the victim, and instills terror, Rafael weaves together topics ranging from the drug war, policing, and extrajudicial killings to neoliberal citizenship, intimacy, and photojournalism. He is less concerned with defining Duterte as a fascist, populist, warlord, and traditional politician than he is with examining what Duterte does: how he rules, the rhetoric of his humor, his use of obscenity to stoke fear, and his projection of masculinity and misogyny. Locating Duterte's rise within the context of counterinsurgency, neoliberalism, and the history of electoral violence, while drawing on Foucault's biopower and Mbembe's necropolitics, Rafael outlines how Duterte weaponizes death to control life. By diagnosing the symptoms of the authoritarian imaginary as it circulates in the Philippines, Rafael provides a complex account of Duterte's regime and the social conditions that allow him to enjoy continued support.

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Debacle: The Aquino Regime's Scarborough Fiasco and the South China Sea Arbitration Deception / Rigoberto D. Tiglao

Akropolis Publishing, Philippines 2022

xxxii, 260p.

Includes Bibliography

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\$ 60.00 / null

434 gm.

In this groundbreaking work, based on solid data and erstwhile secret documents, premier investigative reporter Rigoberto D. Tiglao exposes the lies and deceptions surrounding the loss of Scarborough Shoal as well as the true nature of the Aquino regime's arbitration case against China.

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In the Line of Fire: Lectures / Joel Pablo Salud (Ed), Danton Remoto

San Anselmo Publications, Inc. (San Anselmo Press), Philippines 2021

x, 136p.
9786218230118
\$ 25.00 / null
138 gm.

This handy book contains a collection of talks and lectures delivered in the span of six years in colleges and universities all across the country. The author is a seasoned newsroom editor and journalist who formerly sat for 11 years as editor-in-chief of the Philippines Graphic, the country's longest-running political and literary magazine. At present, Mr. Salud is an editor at Rappler.com. The lectures deal with subject matters as diverse as they are relevant, from journalism ethics and the role of journalists under authoritarian regimes, to the function of literature in the age of fake news. These lectures hope to remind campus journalists of the profession's timeless principles, more so now that university papers are extending their coverage of the news from school grounds and immediate communities to the nation at large.

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Karabakh : From Conflict to Resolution / Muhittin Ataman & Ferhat (Eds), Princci (Translator) Roberta Davenport
SETA Publications, Turkey 2021
400p.
9786257712347
\$ 65.00 / null
444 gm.

On September 27, 2020, regional clashes erupted following a provocative Armenian attack on the front line, leading to a reemergence of the dragged-out Karabakh conflict onto the world agenda. When the clashes first started, few could have guessed that this period would be known as the "Second Karabakh War" and that it would lead to key outcomes in a short time span. With the influence of various factors on the war, especially Turkey's support, Azerbaijan liberated an important segment of its occupied lands, dealing a clear defeat to Armenia. This war is an important turning point in terms of reversing the status quo which had been attempted to be imposed on Azerbaijan for nearly 30 years. The status quo demonstrated that the Karabakh conflict, and hence Armenia's occupation of Azerbaijani territories, was unsustainable. The current book conducts a comprehensive analysis of the Karabakh conflict, with contributions from field-expert academics and specialists from Azerbaijan and Turkey. While doing so, it addresses the significance of the Karabakh conflict, its historical background, the Second Karabakh War, and the Karabakh policies of thirdparty actors from a broad perspective.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791858>

On the Brink: The US, China and the Nuclear War Shadows / Jalalzai Musa Khan
Jalalzai
Vij Books India Private Limited, New Delhi 2021
vi, 223p.; 22 cm.
9789390917204
\$ 73.17 / HB
500 gm.

Over the past 20 years, China has emerged as a world technological superpower to dethrone the United States as a global power. Since 2018, US policymakers adopted an anti-China policy by imposing different types of restrictions and sanctions to handle its economic rise. However, China has asserted a number of islands in the South China Sea region, where the PLA established naval bases and modern surveillance system to oversee activities of rival states. President Trump ran after the Chinese President-thinking that his friendly strategy could domesticate China's economic challenges. When failed to intercept China's technological development, he declared a trade war against the country.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782140>

China's Belt and Road Initiative in ASEAN: Growing Presence, Recent Progress and Future Challenges / Suthiphand Chirathivat, Buddhagarn Rutchatorn & Anupama Devendrakumar (eds)

World Scientific, Singapore 2022

432p.

Includes Index

9789811241307

\$ 170.00 / HB

Southeast Asia's interactions with China have tremendously transformed and prospered in the recent decades, with China becoming ever more present on Southeast Asian soil in recent history, touching all dimensions: economic, political, social, and cultural. The current ASEAN-China dynamics are remarkably different from the past, bearing both excitement and caution for watchers. In this context, the advent of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has added a new perspective to the nature of China's rise in ASEAN. As the various BRI projects continue to unfold in ASEAN countries, public concerns about the impact of these projects are on the rise.

However, there has not been enough extensive study on this issue. This edited book contributes towards bridging the knowledge gap by facilitating experts from ASEAN, China, and beyond, to discuss, reflect, debate the ground realities of BRI based on the local governments' and local people's experiences and narratives. The chapters in this volume address various dimensions of the BRI, provide unique perspectives, empirical evidence, and updated information on the overall progress of BRI in ASEAN.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799810>

Preventive Diplomacy, Peacebuilding and Security in the Asia-Pacific: Evolving Norms, Agenda and Practices / Yanjun Guo & Ji Miao (ed)

World Scientific, Singapore 2022

380p.

9789811235528

\$ 165.00 / HB

Preventive diplomacy constitutes an important part of international conflict resolution mechanisms. This book presents the latest research trends in ideations, institutions and practices in preventive diplomacy and other peacebuilding measures of Asia-Pacific countries to ensure traditional and non-traditional security within and beyond the region. It studies peacebuilding issues range from North Korea nuclear issue in Northeast Asia, disputes in the South China Sea, Afghanistan peace process and China-India-Pakistan interaction in South Asia, UN peacebuilding in Central Asia, etc. It explores general security issues at the state, international, regional and global levels by experts from the Asia-Pacific. This book is a useful guide for those interested to know the security and preventive diplomacy status in the region's distinctive context.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799811>

Theoretical Study on China's Political Economy / Yinxing Hong (Translator)
Chengzhou He

World Scientific, Singapore 2022

432p.

9789811241529

\$ 170.00 / HB

In an open world, the socialist political economy with Chinese characteristics features openness. If China expects to participate and play a leading role in the governance of global economy in economic globalization, it needs to adopt a common discourse to foster its economy to "go global." The common discourse can be obtained in a market economy as well as among developing countries eager to seek development. This book attempts to theorize the socialist political economy with Chinese characteristics by absorbing critically the well-established economic theories worldwide. The selective learning of western economics in terms of theories and categories is based on China's full confidence in the theory, path and system with the adherence to the core socialist values as a presupposition. The author argues that the socialist political economy with Chinese characteristics in the new era is a Marxist political economy in contemporary China. The book clearly states that the construction of its theoretical system should combine Marxist theories with China's practice, especially after the reform and opening-up; progress with the times and target the principal social contradiction in the new era; and address China's challenges in growing stronger, or in other words, modernization.

This book is a valuable reading on the new development of the various schools of thoughts on China's political economy over the last few decades. It can be used as a textbook for college students, researchers, and practitioners in the fields of economics, China studies, politics and sociology.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799812>

China's Belt and Road Initiative: Going Global and Transformation in the Global Arena Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative / (Hui Nee Au Yong, Xuchuan Yuan & Linda Low (eds)

World Scientific, Singapore 2022

360p.

Includes Index

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\$ 110.00 / HB

China's President Xi Jinping launched the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in 2013. The BRI is promoted as a way for win-win cooperation that promotes common development and prosperity. Since the introduction of BRI, China organised the inaugural One Belt One Road Summit and the Second Belt and Road Forum to spur the implementation of the Initiative.

President Xi emphasised that the Belt and Road projects should uphold the principles of shared benefits and joint contributions to realise the vision of a high-quality, open, green and clean BRI. Host countries can possibly gain from China's greenfield manufacturing investments to expand the BRI markets.

Contributed by academics and business professionals from Asia, Europe and Africa, the chapters discuss the contemporary people, business, civil society and government developments related to the BRI and explore Health, Environment and Security (HES) challenges that confront the Initiative. This volume shows how a host country can leverage on China's investment without losing the nation's interest.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799813>

Has Asia Lost It?: Dynamic Past, Turbulent Future / Vasuki Shastry

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

332p.

9789811228407

\$ 75.00 / null

"Shastry's polemic cites extensive research from experts and exploits the author's knowledge of Asia and his connections to the region's elite, with whom he rubs shoulders at Davos and other summits. What shows through in the book though is Shastry's compassion for the continent's ordinary people." IMF F&D Magazine

Asia has been the greatest show on earth since Japan's rise from the ashes of World War II, accompanied in successive decades with the emergence of the Asian tigers, and eventually the two giants China and India. The Asian miracle has few precedents in the modern era, with billions lifted from poverty in a generation. The region's openness to trade and investment aligned perfectly with the tailwinds of globalisation. However, in recent years Asia has become a victim of its own success with commentators not differentiating between a utopian high-income Asia and a dystopian middle- and low-income Asia, where a significant majority of the region's population live. Asia today can be divided into countries which have a lot, have a little, and have none. The continent's dream run is also coming to an end as Covid-19 exposes sharp weaknesses in state capacity and structural challenges like the U.S.-China trade war is putting globalisation into reverse gear, jeopardising the region's hard-earned economic success. Asia's growth-obsessed policymakers have also ignored social pressures from the impact of technology on jobs, rising inequality, fabulous wealth accumulation by a favoured billionaire class, a deepening demographic divide, climate distress, and gender disparity, which threaten to destabilise the region's famed cohesiveness. In his penetrating new book, well-known Asia expert Vasuki Shastry argues that while Asia's reckoning may have been the subject of speculation before the pandemic, Covid-19 has made that inevitable. Inspired by Dante's Inferno, Shastry takes readers on a journey through modern Asia's eight circles of hell where we encounter urban cowboys and cowgirls fleeing rural areas to live in increasingly uninhabitable cities, disadvantaged teenage girls unable to meet their aspirations due to social strictures, internal mutiny, messy geopolitics from the rise of China, and a political and business class whose interests are in conflict with a majority of the population. Shastry challenges conventional thinking about Asia's place in the world and the book is essential reading for those with an interest in the continent's future.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799814>

ASEAN-China Cooperation for Poverty Reduction / Yanjun Guo & Yue Yang (ed)

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

200p.

9789811221781

\$ 100.00 / HB

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has been one of the world's most dynamic and fastest-growing regions over the years. Its average combined GDP growth rate is more than 6% and the total combined GDP was valued at US\$3.0 trillion in 2018. ASEAN countries have managed to significantly reduce their national poverty over the last few decades. Although a correlation exists between economic growth and poverty reduction, millions of people in ASEAN countries still do not have sufficient incomes to fulfill their basic needs including food, shelter, clothes and sanitation.

This book is a collection of working group papers contributed by members of Network of ASEAN-China Think-tanks (NACT) and covers best practices on poverty alleviation in ASEAN member states as well as in China, and ASEAN-China cooperation. It discusses experiences of ASEAN member states and China such as with regard to national policies, principles, definitions, approaches, progress, and challenges in poverty reduction. It reviews and evaluates the way forward including existing joint projects, opportunities, and challenges in the future cooperation and offers policy recommendations from both national and regional perspectives to help policymakers better cope with the daunting poverty challenges.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799815>

Achieving Sustaining Peace through Preventive Diplomacy / Yanjun Guo & Zhili Han

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

392p.

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Preventive diplomacy constitutes an important part of international conflict resolution mechanisms. The countries in the Asia Pacific region have the political will to use preventive diplomacy to address the needs for sustaining peace and security. The challenge is to find approaches compatible with the consensual norms, and operational for tackling conflicts in the regional context. Structured on this thematic challenge, this book aims to present new approaches and practices of preventative diplomacy, inspired by diplomatic innovation of Asia-Pacific countries and around the world, such as adaptive peace approach, continental approach, dominant coalition, and new leadership in peacebuilding, etc., and takes account recent literature on normative issues relating to preventative diplomacy, such as international rule of law, normative entanglements and evolution, the international, impartial and independent mechanism, the evolution of the norm against child soldiers, the implementation of the woman peace and security agenda, and the role of Jus Post Bellum in the UN peace operations. It also examines how geopolitical competition and the recent covid-19 crisis impact the security of the region, and explores the connection between the Belt and Road Initiative and sustaining peace of the region.

This book is a valuable reading on the recent development of approaches and norms of preventative diplomacy and how they can contribute to sustaining peace of the Asia Pacific. It can be used as a text for college students, researchers, and practitioners in the disciplines of international relations, political science, security studies, policy studies, diplomacy, and social issues.

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Recent Developments in Afghanistan: ICWA Reflections / Nivedita Ray, Anwesha Ghosh (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xviii, 122p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789383445608

\$ 14.50 / HB

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The Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi has been following the recent developments in Afghanistan closely and have been reflecting upon them through its various research publications. This edited volume, comprising research papers by the Research Faculty of ICWA, focuses on the recent crisis in Afghanistan, its fallout and the responses of the regional countries on the same. Discussions in this issue attempt to bring together fifteen research papers of ICWA on the developments in Afghanistan between July and November 2021.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800552>

Retaining Balance: The Eternal Way / M.R. Venkatesh

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xxxii, 482p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789391490256

\$ 37.00 / HB

960 gm.

Retaining Balance is a fascinating approach to deal with the challenges faced by the discipline of economics. This work critically analyses the prevalent conundrum of policy framers who place too much reliance on the individual, in the process ignoring traditional institutions of family, society and community. Rampant individualism, in turn, results in excesses leading to the proliferation of either a corrosive state, or an extortionist market.

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Then and Now: India's Relations with Indonesia - A Historical Overview / Suranjan Das, Subhadeep Bhattacharya

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

viii, 94p.; ill. 23 cm.

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This volume unfolds the trajectory of India-Indonesia bilateralism within a chronological framework. It delineates three crucial phases in this relationship: the 1945-55 era of friendship; the 1956-66 period of tensions; the post-1966 years of strategic companionship. It outlines how the bilateral engagement has gradually assumed an 'ASEAN-centric', 'Asia-centric' and 'global cooperative' strategic character. This transformed relationship has unfolded new opportunities which, if realised, can result in a more productive and constructive bilateralism between India and Indonesia. The book should hopefully be of use to both scholars of international relations as well as practitioners of diplomacy.

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Xi Jinping: China's Third New Era / Jayadeva Ranade

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xi, 400p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789391490522

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As its title 'Xi Jinping: China's Third New Era' suggests, the book covers the period mid-June 2017 till the end of 2020—a period when, Xi Jinping's acolytes claim, China had already embarked on a third thirty-year era under his leadership, like those of Mao and Deng before him.

This period also saw an outpouring of criticism against the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the Chinese President not witnessed since the Tiananmen Square events in 1989. The resentment was sparked by Xi Jinping abolishing tenure limits that govern the cadres' terms in office as well as the mishandling of the initial stages of the Covid pandemic. It is also the period when Xi Jinping began using the country's security apparatus to further consolidate his position and impose progressively restrictive controls on society. He followed through on his slogan: "party, government, military, civilian and academic; east, west, south, north and centre, the Party leads everything"!

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Local Self Government in India / Dillip Kumar Merkap

A.K. Publications, Delhi 2021

xi, 282p.; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789388465571

\$ 32.50 / HB

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<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800556>

Diaspora in Indian Foreign Policy from Active Dissociation to Close Alignment /
S.L. Soni

Prashant Publishing House, Delhi 2021

vii, 268p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391520045

\$ 45.00 / HB

670 gm.

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Kashmir 'Face Off' India's Quandary: Options for India / Brigdier Ashok Kumar
Ganguly, SM, VSM

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2021

xiii, 211p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.

9789390439454

\$ 25.00 / HB

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The book 'Kashmir Face-Off India's Quandary' is about Kashmir. How it remained in the suspended, animated state since 1947 in three parts Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, China Occupied Kashmir and rightfully held Indian Jammu and Kashmir. So many years have passed in status quo state and none of the actors is ready to budge an inch. The legal status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) as per the documentary evidence and seconded by the British Empire, the day the Maharaja of the State signed the Accord of Accession in 1947 October. This had made both Pakistan and China not recognising the accord. Pakistan invaded India to take by force J&K, Indian Army drove out the invading forces, but as ceasefire came into being certain territories were still held by Pakistan. Same was the case with China who in 1962 captured Aksai Chen and never returned it to India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800558>

Crisis of Liberal Deliberation: Facets of Indian Democracy / Manas Ray (ed)

Primus Books, Delhi 2022

xii, 591p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

978931144036

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The precarity of democratic order In contemporary times needs no underlining. Crisis of Liberal Deliberation addresses this Issue from a novel perspective. Through what magic, queries this volume, the Indian democratic state is even surviving as a political formation. For how long will democratic order remain durable despite Its myriad loopholes, glaring fault-lines, and thousand histories of disappointment? Curiously, as more democratic states come under the sway of violence, the demand for democracy has become more Intense among people. Unveiling this apparent paradox from their respective fields of specialization, the contributors of this volume analyse a vast range of facets of contemporary Indian democracy. The result is a glasnost of Ideas, views and debates relating to the urgency of this deliberation.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800559>

The Dragon from the Mountains: The CPEC from Kashgar to Gwadar / Matthew McCartney

Cambridge University Press, New Delhi 2021

xvii, 274p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9781108834155

\$ 30.00 / HB

570 gm.

China has promised to invest more than \$60billion in Pakistan, in roads, rail, energy and a deep-water port at Gwadar. This is unprecedented relative to decades of minimal foreign direct investment (FDI) entering Pakistan. This is the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Support for CPEC in Pakistan is widespread and encompasses much of academia, the military, the mainstream political leadership, and civil society. Supporters argue that CPEC offers the potential to transform Pakistan and support rapid, equitable and sustainable economic growth. Detractors of CPEC argue that it will more likely tip Pakistan into a dependent debt-relationship with China and that it will facilitate more Chinese imports into Pakistan posing a threat to Pakistan's industrial base. This book utilises an in-depth understanding of economic change in contemporary China and Pakistan, and economic theory and studies of big infrastructure projects from the contemporary and historical world to evaluate these contrasting views about CPEC.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800563>

South Asian Borderlands: Mobility, History, Affect / Farhana Ibrahim, Tanuja Kothiyal (ed)

Cambridge University Press, New Delhi 2021

x, 286p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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This is an interdisciplinary volume exploring a range of historical, anthropological and literary ideas and issues in South Asian Borderlands. Going beyond the territorial and geo-political imaginaries of contemporary borderlands in South Asia, chapters in this book engage with the questions of sovereignty, control, policing as well as continuing affections across politically divided borderlands. Modern conceptions of nationhood have created categories of legality and illegality among historically, socially, economically and emotionally connected residents of South Asian borderlands. This volume provides unique insights into the interconnected lives and histories of these borderland spaces and communities.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800564>

Governing Locally: Institutions, Policies and Implementation in Indian Cities / Babu Jacob, Suraj Jacob

Cambridge University Press, New Delhi 2021

xxv, 293p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9781108832342

\$ 30.00 / HB

610 gm.

India and other countries chose a decentralised mode of delivering public services through elected local governments for increasing public welfare. However, great expectations of effective services, increased accountability and people's participation were widely belied in practice. Based on field research in cities of Gujarat, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, the book is a detailed examination of how state and local governments function and why decentralisation outcomes vary considerably. It locates the primary reason in governance practices that compromised autonomy and capacity of urban local governments. The book demonstrates that despite a constitutional mandate for decentralised governance, policy implementation got derailed in processes threading through laws, rules, and administrative actions. It shows how habitual practices create hidden institutional rigidities that thwart policy moves despite good intentions and democratic legitimacy. The book also discusses how to navigate policy to skirt hidden threats to successful implementation.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800561>

The Dravidian Model: Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamil Nadu / Kalaiyaran A., Vijayabaskar M.

Cambridge University Press, New Delhi 2021

xx, 268p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9781108844130

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This book adds to the growing literature on dynamics of regional development in the global South by mapping the politics and processes contributing to the distinct developmental trajectory of Tamil Nadu, southern India. Using a novel interpretive framework and drawing upon fresh data and literature, it seeks to explain the social and economic development of the state in terms of populist mobilization against caste-based inequalities. Dominant policy narratives on inclusive growth assume a sequential logic whereby returns to growth are used to invest in socially inclusive policies. By focusing more on redistribution of access to opportunities in the modern economy, Tamil Nadu has sustained a relatively more inclusive and dynamic growth process. Democratization of economic opportunities has made such broad-based growth possible even as interventions in social sectors reinforce the former. The book thus also speaks to the nascent literature on the relationship between the logic of modernisation and status based inequalities in the global South.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800562>

India's Approach to Border Management: From Barriers to Bridges / Pushpita Das
Knowledge World Publishers Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xx, 366p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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This book attempts to provide a comprehensive understanding of the circumstances which have shaped India's approach towards its international borders and the framework it has developed to better manage its borders. The book argues that persistence of various cross-border threats and challenges and an absence of robust intra-regional trade among its neighbouring countries forced India to employ a security-centric and unilateral approach to border management with emphasis on hardening the borders to cross-border trade and travel and keeping the border areas underdeveloped to act as a buffer against external conventional threats. However, as India's economy grew and the country gained more confidence and resources, India started perceiving the borders as bridges rather than barriers. Consequently, greater emphasis was being laid on development of border areas and restoring severed lines of communication with its neighbours through increased investments in building transportation networks both within the border as well as beyond.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800567>

India's Development Diplomacy: Understanding Development Cooperation as a tool for Strategic Engagement in South Asia / Urmi Tat

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxii, 263p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789391490324

\$ 29.50 / HB

550 gm.

With rich data and analyses of diverse ways and means over the past 75 years, this book makes a systematic study of synergy between cooperation for development and foreign policy of key nations. India's own contribution via multiple forums of South-South cooperation, including in the South Asian neighborhood, forms its rewarding crux. Author assesses particular strengths, recent dynamism as well as challenges inherent to India's emerging development diplomacy to suggest way forward.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800565>

State of Democracy in India: Essays on Life and Politics in Contemporary Times / Manas Ray (ed)

Primus Books, Delhi 2022

xii, 681p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

978931144999

\$ 50.00 / HB

1100 gm.

Collections on Indian democracy are plentiful. Yet rarely do they question the impact of the ongoing democratic mobilizations on the mundane, everyday lives of ordinary citizens and the world they see around them. Borrowing insights from new research in cultural studies, contemporary literary theory, visual politics, biopolitics, meteorology, to cite a few, *State of Democracy in India* covers the ground cast aside by existing narratives and analyses of Indian democracy. Pivoted on the experiences of the people and not necessarily the institutions of governance, this collection examines a vast array of markers of democracy under the rubrics of populism, disaster migration, caste contestations, new developments in feminism, and the act of culture. Towards the end of the volume, a meditation on the meaning of writing in COVID-19 induced precarity reflects on the individual and social experiences of living through the pandemic.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800560>

Enduring Dilemma: Flashpoints in Kashmir and India-Pakistan Relations / K.M. Seethi

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xv, 274p.; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789389137811

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580 gm.

With the state of Jammu and Kashmir being pushed to a melting pot in 2019, India-Pakistan relations entered a new phase of unrelenting hostility. The book unfolds this trajectory of built-in antagonism inherited from history with fresh insights and sharp analysis. Based on a vast array of historical documents and primary sources, *Enduring Dilemma: Flashpoints in Kashmir and India-Pakistan Relations* puts across perceptive arguments and critical analysis that will inspire both academics and policymakers. It places perceptions of human security as critical realm of social engagements and policy intervention.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800538>

Politics of Change in Middle East and North Africa Since Arab Spring: A Lost Decade? / MD. Muddassir Quamar (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xviii, 298p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789391490768

\$ 58.00 / HB

560 gm.

A decade since the eruption of Arab Spring protests in the Middle East and North Africa, the region continues to confront the primary causes of the popular disenchantment including economic deprivation, bad governance, corruption and limited avenues for political expression. Democratisation, the buzzword in 2011 has given way to debates around conflict management and resolution. Simultaneously, there are mounting economic challenges throughout the region that have been aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic. But there are some silver linings such as a focus on reforms, greater scrutiny against corruption, demand for better governance, and awareness regarding women empowerment and rights of minorities. The volume, *Politics of Change in the Middle East and North Africa since Arab Spring: A Lost Decade?*, commemorates the ten years of the eruption of Arab Spring protests. It captures some of the prevailing political, economic, strategic and social issues in MENA through thematic or country-specific essays that explore the ongoing transformations and underline how despite the hopelessness, the MENA societies have made progress on various fronts. This volume is the first in the MEI-KW Middle East Series.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800539>

Revisiting India-East Asia Connections: Problems and Prospects / Sandeep Kaur (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

Ivii, 308p.; 23 cm.

9789391490430

\$ 37.00 / HB

680 gm.

Two key pillars of India's present foreign policy i.e. 'Neighbourhood First' and 'Act East' have strong geostrategic and geo-economic relevance in the modern capitalism. In view of this, the present book aims to reinvigorate the geostrategic and geo-economic connections of India with Asia. This book is an outcome of Indian Council of World Affairs sponsored National Conference 'Revisiting India-East Asia Connections: Problems and Prospects' held on 7-8 March 2019 at the Department of Economic Studies, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. The book is divided into four parts: Building Diaspora, Infrastructure and Connections in India-East Asia Relations, Evaluating Role of China in India-East Asia Connections, Measuring Value Chain and Trade Relations in India-East Asia and Building Economic Relations in India-East Asia. Further, the book disseminates knowledge and information on the various themes particularly Indian diaspora, maritime cooperation, global value chain, etc.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800536>

An Indian Perspective on China's Nuclear Weapons / Sanjana Gogna

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

ix, 67p.; 23 cm.

9789391490737

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China's response to its security challenges from the US appears to entail a 'hedging' nuclear strategy involving asymmetric and competitive 'assured retaliation' capabilities. These include nuclear modernization marked by the deployment of Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicles (MIRVs) and Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV) to counter the US missile defense systems.

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Leveraging High-Technology Developments in the Chinese Military and Maritime Domains: Impact on Indian Ocean Regional Security / Kamlesh Kumar Agnihotri

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxxii, 286p.; 23 cm.

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China's contemporary national security imperative as envisioned by her apex leadership, makes it incumbent upon its defence forces to rapidly transform from mechanised warfare to informationised one; and conduct joint campaigns involving multiple services instead of single force operations.

This book is accordingly premised on the ongoing reality of the Chinese Peoples' Liberation Army (PLA) modernising at an accelerated pace, with the aim of becoming a force capable of countering world class adversary under informationised conditions by 2050; and the operational effectiveness of the Chinese defence forces getting enhanced manifold, if the Country is able to leverage certain high technologies in its national, maritime, and military domains, for combat use.

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Defining Terrorism in Pakistan : The Supreme Court's Judgment – A Way Forward for Parliament / Muhammad Amir Rana

Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (FES), Islamabad, Pakistan 2020

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Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations : Pitfalls and the Way Forward / Jochen Hippler
(Eds) Dr. Huma Baqai and Dr. Nausheen Wasi

Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (FES), Islamabad, Pakistan 2021

xviii, 256p.

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Kashmir and South Asian Affairs / Abdul Majid

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Strengthening Governance in Pakistan : Assessing the National Action Plan to
Counter Terrorism and Extremism / Jochen Hippler

Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (FES), Islamabad, Pakistan 2020

x, 88p.

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Pakistan – India Peace Prospect / Ross Masud

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China and South Asia: Changing Regional Dynamics, Development and Power
Play / Rajiv Ranjan & Guo Changgang

Manohar Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi 2022

xxvi, 277p.; 23 cm.

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This book looks at the changing dynamics and regional power play between China and South Asia. It explores crucial issues such as China–Pakistan Economic Corridor and the changing nature of China–India relations; China’s trident approach in South Asia and its rising influence in the region; the responses of small states to rising China; China’s twenty-first-century Belt and Road Initiative; China and India; China’s rise and the USA’s security policy vis-à-vis India; the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and regional security; and Russia’s ‘Pivot to the East’ and its impact on the Asia-Pacific region. The volume brings together the views of scholars from China, South Asia and beyond on different aspects of China and South Asia engagement, including regional politics, connectivity, infrastructure and development projects, power politics, economy, ideology and culture.

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Aatmanirbhar Bharat: A Vibrant and Strong India / S. Gurumurthy, Arvind Gupta (ed)

Aryan Books International, New Delhi 2021

viii, 470p.; 24 cm.

Includes Index.

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Neither development without self-pride nor self-pride without development are desirable. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat or a self-reliant India on 12 May 2020 goes beyond mere economic self-reliance. The COVID-19 pandemic brought forth India’s unhealthy and unsustainable dependencies on imports, be it of goods, armaments, technology or even ideas. India, thus, needs a course correction, which the Aatmanirbhar model provides. The Aatmanirbhar programme goes beyond indigenization, and aims to make India self-reliant in political, economic, military, social, and cultural aspects while rediscovering and developing India’s inherent strengths. The idea is not to go alone, but rebalance being strategically dependent and strategically interdependent.

The editors are encouraged by the Prime Minister’s message to this publication. In his words, “India’s inner strength, intent and energy is powering the nation’s resolute efforts towards building a prosperous and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.” Aatmanirbhar Bharat’s vision is global peace, prosperity and welfare of all.

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China: An Enigma / Air Marshal Dhiraj Kukreja

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

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China has alternated between long periods of isolationism and interaction with other nations. This resulted in internal squabbles and external wars, throughout its long history. Contemporary China, after Mao’s death, slowly and steadily moved ahead on the path of economic growth. The process to strengthen the military began some years later, when it realised that it too is necessary to go alongside the economic growth. Western liberals and optimists hoped to welcome China into the global economy as a ‘responsible stakeholder’, with an accompanying political transformation. How wrong was their premise! China, in the twenty-first century, is no longer a ‘rising power’, but has grown as a competitor to USA, which had gotten used to having its way in a unipolar world after the end of the Cold War.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800569>

India-South Asia Interface: Religion, Politics and Wider World / Partha S. Ghosh

Manohar Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi 2022

232p.; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
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India-South Asia Interface raises the fundamental question: How does one make sense of South Asia? Conventional wisdom defines it primarily in terms of regional and international politics. The failures of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) are emblematic of that wisdom. Marking a departure from such approaches, Partha Ghosh makes the case that more than merely a political construct South Asia must be understood as a shared social consciousness. Through chapters that explore topics such as threats to democracy, religion and politics, the place of Kashmir, different conceptions of regionalism, the roles of America and China, and the issue of refugees and migrants, he demonstrates that there is no escape from reinventing the region from a people's perspective.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783947>

Political Thought in Indic Civilization / Himanshu Roy (ed)

Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2021

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Includes Index.

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Political Thought in Indic Civilization retrieves, resurrects and analyses the earliest theories of Indic political philosophies. The book primarily focuses on Indic civilization's political thought, emphasising key issues such as Rashtra (State), kingship, jurisprudence and justice. The study shows how ideas, ideologies, frameworks, reference points and other significant tools of scholarly discussions are so much under the influence of Western thought, failing to appreciate the Indian realities. The book highlights the impact of colonial rule on the 'construction of knowledge' from a Western (colonial) perspective and how it ignored the importance of Indian political thought of the pre-colonial period. In this context, the book provides compelling studies on Indic terminologies and frames of reference to give due justice to the historical past of the land, which shall also impact the way contemporary events and processes are analysed.

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The Rohingya Crisis: Human Rights Issues, Policy Concerns and Burden Sharing / Nasir Uddin (ed)

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The Rohingyas have become a 'crisis' for all including the host countries, the international community and even for themselves. Much has been written about the clearance operation perpetrated by Myanmar military forces and vigilantes in 2017, forcing Rohingya survivors to migrate and seek refuge in other countries. How they have been surviving during the post-2017 period has largely been left out in academic literature. The Rohingya Crisis: Human Rights Issues, Policy Concerns and Burden Sharing addresses the many aspects of Rohingya lives in Bangladesh, Myanmar, India, Southeast Asian countries and in the West.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800578>

Opportunities for India in a Changing World / Arvind Gupta

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxiii, 302p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.

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We are living in an era of extraordinarily fast paced change. The Covid-19 pandemic has turned the world upside down and deepened political, economic and social uncertainties. The post-World War order set up in 1945 by the Western countries is under tremendous strain. The contour of the new order is not yet clear. With the rise of China, the seeming retreat of the US from Eurasia, the deepening schism between Russia and the West, growing closeness of Russia and China, the Cold War rivalries are back. A new balance of power is beginning to shape up. The world is also witnessing a host of other destabilising trends: climate change and extreme weather events, terrorism and radicalisation, pandemics, migrations, demography, to name a few. They are testing the resilience of even the most powerful countries.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800585>

UN Peace Operations: Evolution of Doctrine, Practice and Integration of Human Rights Issues / Ravindran Daniel

Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxiv, 298p.; 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789354792212

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UN Peace Operations: Evolution of Doctrine, Practice and Integration of Human Rights Issues examines the UN Charter and other associated documents that laid the foundations for peace operations, discussing the evolution of peacekeeping doctrine in the pre- and post-Cold War years. It reviews the incorporation of new thematic areas in peace operations and studies the human rights components in them.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800586>

Jokowi's Second Term: Emerging Issues / Yang Razali Kassim (ed)

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

184p.

9789811232190

\$ 30.00 / HB

RSIS Commentary: The Series — Jokowi's Second Term: Emerging Issues is an edited book which focuses on the 2019 presidential election in Indonesia, the latest phase of political change in the post-Reformasi era in Southeast Asia's largest country, and one of Asia's most strategic players in international diplomacy. The 2019 Pilpres, as it is known for short, saw the re-election of Joko Widodo, a much unexpected and under-rated furniture businessman from the small town of Solo in Central Java who proved himself to be a shrewd politician and survivor, despite not coming from the traditional sources of leadership — the military and the political elite. As he began his second term, the emerging issues that he had to deal with ranged from the traditional, such as the role of religion, to the strategic, such as the debate over the vision of the new cabinet. There are indications that the closing chapter of his presidency in the next few years could be more challenging. Better known as Jokowi, his re-election in 2019 therefore deserved a closer look for a better understanding of its significance and its key dimensions. His re-election will act as a backdrop of what may come in the remaining years of his presidency. To this end, this book is divided into two parts: before and after the presidential election.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799881>

Religious Pluralism in Indonesia: Threat and Opportunities for Democracy / Chiara Formichi (Ed)

Cornell University Press, New York, USA 2021

xiv, 262p.

Includes Index

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402 gm.

In 1945, Sukarno declared that the new Indonesian republic would be grounded on monotheism, while also insisting that the new nation would protect diverse religious practice. The essays in Religious Pluralism in Indonesia explore how the state, civil society groups, and individual Indonesians have experienced the attempted integration of minority and majority religious practices and faiths across the archipelagic state over the more than half century since Pancasila. The chapters in Religious Pluralism in Indonesia offer analyses of contemporary phenomena and events; the changing legal and social status of certain minority groups; inter-faith relations; and the role of Islam in Indonesia's foreign policy. Amidst infringements of human rights, officially recognized minorities—Protestants, Catholics, Hindus, Buddhists and Confucians—have had occasional success advocating for their rights through the Pancasila framework. Others, from Ahmadi and Shi'i groups to atheists and followers of new religious groups, have been left without safeguards, demonstrating the weakness of Indonesia's institutionalized "pluralism."

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799882>

Corruption and Hypocrisy in Malay Muslim Politics: The Urgency of Moral-Ethical Transformation / Mohamad Kamal Hassan

Emir Research, Malaysia 2021

304p.

9789672631606

\$ 35.00 / null

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In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, Malaysia is witnessing deplorable moral decay in the arena of politics and governance of the nation, which are unprecedented and brought about disastrous setbacks when the nation is at its weakest—at the point of survival for many. Therefore, this sorely needed book presents reasoned principles and practical guidelines which ought to be studied and implemented by Muslim leaders of all kinds, policymakers, business and industry players and simply concerned citizens to perform a major reset to our socio- political eco-system and within the next two to five years at the earliest bring our community back to a balanced harmony, wellbeing and resilience in preparation for even more challenging future global scenarios.

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Movimentu Politika DSMPPTT 98 / Victor Soares

Victor Soares,MPA,Dili,Timor-Leste 2021

viii, 121p.

Includes Bibliography

9789895327904

\$ 35.00 / null

228 gm.

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Mundu Konese Timor / Victor Soares

Victor Soares,MPA,Dili,Timor-Leste 2021

vii, 113p.

Includes Bibliography

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<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789638>

Kura Kanek Hatudu Fitar / Victor Soares

Victor Soares, MPA, Dili, Timor-Leste 2019
vi, 114p.
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\$ 30.00 / null
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<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789643>

Towards Political Theory of Indian Nation (Hindu Nationalism) / D. D. Pattanaik
Serials Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022
206p.;
9789391844011
\$ 25.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=801050>

Media aur Gramin Vikas (Hindi) / Jasmair Singh
Serials Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022
233p.;
9789391844240
\$ 18.75 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=801051>

Kwame Nkrumah and the Pan-African Ideal: Debates and Contestations / Sehlare
Makgetlaneng
Institute for Preservation and Development, South Africa 2021
vi, 410p. ; 234x156mm.
\$ 45.00 / null
616 gm.

Kwame Nkrumah and the Pan-African Ideal draws on experiences in various decades on the ebbs and flows of African continental integration as a common African continental agenda. It attempts to contribute towards the grasp of critical theoretical position on international political economy and its application on the African socio-political, economic and ideological condition. This work critically engages with the works of Nkrumah, a leading African scholar on the African continental political unity in the political, economic and ideological fields of the struggle to achieve the continental socio-political, economic and ideological transformation in the strategic interests of Africa in its continental and international relations. As a means of demonstrating invaluable knowledge produced by Nkrumah for a critical engagement in the efforts to achieve African continental integration and transformation, this work provides a critical analysis of his position on the African continental integration and how the decisive majority of heads of state and government from the Organisation of African Unity to the African Union (AU) have waged the struggle against it.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799935>

The Rise of the BJP: The Making of the World's Largest Political Party / Bhupender
Yadav & Ila Patnaik
Penguin Random House India Pvt.Ltd., Haryana 2022
vii, 325p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9780670095254
\$ 17.50 / HB
660 gm.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is an idea that was seeded into the minds of nationalist Jana Sangh leaders when they began to envision India after Independence. Much like the very core the freedom struggle was built on, they saw India as a demographically, culturally and historically cohesive and unified nation - as Bharat.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=788833>

Gujarat, Cradle and Harbinger of Identity Politi - India's Injurious Frame of Communalism / Ghanshyam Shah , Jan Breman

Tulika Books, New Delhi 2021

xviii, 371p.; 24 cm.

9788195055944

\$ 52.00 / HB

800 gm.

Gujarat is one of the leading industrially developed states of the Indian Union. Also known as a laboratory of Hindutva in contemporary Indian politics, it has been ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for over twenty-five years. This book is a collection of essays written by the authors over the last five decades to document events related to the communal politics that have flourished in the region. There are also new chapters on the historical aspects of communalism and the growth of the BJP in Gujarat, particularly focusing on its electoral politics. The book is divided into five sections: Communal Consciousness Taking Shape in Gujarat, Eruptions of Riots: Their Antecedents and Aftermath, Communalism: Inclusion Versus Exclusion, The Post-colonial Canvas of Gujarat Politics and Governance, and The Shifting Grounds of Majoritarian Rule.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=780005>

Battle Tales: Soldiers' Recollections of the 1971 War / Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina (ed)

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2022

xii, 325p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789393499042

\$ 33.75 / HB

660 gm.

The war clouds that had been gathering over the subcontinent for over a year burst forth in December 1971. The ensuing third Indo-Pak conflict which was fought on two fronts resulted in a resounding victory for India and the birth of a new nation: Bangladesh.

This volume is a modest attempt to record the first-person accounts and reminiscences of a few veterans of the 1971 war who saw action on either of the two fronts. Personal accounts add flesh to the dry bones of history, and it is hoped that this small anthology will serve to assist future historians of South Asia in their work when they examine the momentous events of 1971 through their own lens.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800668>

Contours of Civil-Military Relations in Bangladesh (1971-2017): A Marxist Leninist Understanding / Rajesh CS

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2022

vi, 283p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789390917839

\$ 31.25 / HB

570 gm.

This book projects up a thematic overview of Bangladesh civil-military relations over more than four decades by emphasizing on Marxist-Leninist lens. The book argues that Bangladesh military has a legacy of coups which began during the Pakistan era. Because of its organisational skill, structure, recruitment, ideology, colonial and the Pakistan legacy, and the fact of its involvement in the liberation war, the army had a stronger position than any other organisation in the state. It tried to elucidate the historical and post-independent nature of civil-military relations by applying Marxist Leninist Analysis of army and civil military relations. At the end, book stresses on the right balance between political leadership and army in working to develop a modernised political and military system without compromising the external and internal security interests of the country.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800673>

Central Asia is Teetering on the Brink: The Kazakhstan Bellyache, Hayyat Tahrir al-Sham, Liwa al-Muharjireen wal-Ansar, Malhama Tactical, Tavhid va Jihad Katibasi, the Islamic State (IS), Taliban, and Prospect of Nuclear Terrorism / Musa Khan Jalalzai

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2022

vi, 300p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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\$ 36.25 / HB

600 gm.

The establishment of Taliban's Suicide Brigade once more generated pain in the neck of Central Asia, Russia and Europe. Deployment of suchlike Suicide Brigade next door to their borders is a major mainspring of consternation in the region. Central Asia and Europe refused to recognise the Taliban government and forewarned deployment of over 6,000 fighters of Suicide Brigade. Recent violence in Kazakhstan has proved my prognostication that terrorist and extremist organizations based in Afghanistan will attack Central Asian states with nuclear or biological weapons. There is a strong possibility that these groups may potentially attack civilian, military and nuclear installations in Central Asia and Europe for the reason that they have retrieved professional capabilities to use a Dirty Bomb. Nuclear terrorism remains a constant threat to peace in Central Asia and Europe.

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Cyber Security and Cyberspace in International Relations: A Roadmap for India's Cyber Security Policy / Gautam Sen

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2022

x, 168p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789390917518

\$ 22.50 / HB

460 gm.

The present enquiry is an Indo-centric approach to study the extension of Copenhagen School related to Securitisation of the Cyber domain and Cyber Security in the prevailing International Relations Theory affecting the systemic behaviour of nation-states as Cyber Space will make traditional international borders redundant. One deliberation exercise has stated that "Cyber security has long transcended the discipline of information technology – expanding to law, international relations and the social sciences. The work being a policy-relevant documents will also hopefully serve as a basic text for students and researchers at even postgraduate levels to bridge the gap between the realm of ideas and the domain of public policymaking in the area of Cyber Studies. Contents Foreword Preface and Acknowledgement Acronyms Introduction Part I: Overview on Policy as a Term of Reference Part II: Defining Cyberspace Part III: Cyber Politics Part IV: Securitization Theory, Copenhagen School & Contextualising Cyber Security Within the IR Theory Part V: Roadmap to India's Cyber Security Policy Conclusion Endnotes Appendices A White Paper of The Committee of Experts on A Data Protection Framework for India B National Cyber Power Index 2020 C National Cyber Security Policy, 2013 Index

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800671>

The US and NATO Withdrawal from Afghanistan: Stagnation of Afghanistan's State Institutions, Pakistan, Iran, India, Taliban, the ISIS Terrorist Caliphate and the CIA War Crimes / Musa Khan Jalalzai

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2021

vi, 536p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789390917013

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950 gm.

The unceremonious and gruff announcement of President Joe Biden to withdraw US forces from Afghanistan, once again authenticated reservations of Afghan politicians and military generals that the United States has embraced the culture of breaking faith with friends and allies. The US leadership has never been a true friend of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq since 2001. It has committed numerous war crimes in Asia and African, while its antagonism against Islam is not a new thing. In the 1990s, after the dissolution of the Union of Soviet, the Pentagon and CIA left Afghanistan in trouble, which prompted civil war and the collapse of the Afghan state in 1992. This unethical and untraditional dealing with allies has made dubious credibility of the CIA and Pentagon in the eyes of Russia, the Muslim World and China.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800677>

Asia between Multipolarism and Multipolarity / Sujan R. Chinoy, Jagannath P. Panda (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2020

lii, 587p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789389137439

\$ 47.00 / HB

930 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800678>

Of Matters Military: Nationalism and the Enemy Within / Major General Mrinal Suman

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2020

ix, 230p.; ill. 23 cm.

9789390439393

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550 gm.

The issue of nationalism and anti-nationalism has always been the subject of intense debate. To deride own country and culture has become the hallmark of India's intelligentsia. Why does India breed so many traitors? Is treachery a part of our DNA? An attempt has also been made to analyse reasons for our disunity, caste-ridden elections and degradation of the national institutions. Pakistan was born on anti-India plank and shedding of anti-India posture would amount to questioning the very logic of its creation. After tracing its saga of treachery, the book recommends that balkanization is the only cure for cancer-afflicted Pakistan.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800675>

1982 UNCLOS: Perspectives from the Indian Ocean / Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Vijay Sakhuja, Pragya Pandey (ed)

Vij Books India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi 2021

xiv, 129p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789390917082

\$ 21.25 / HB

420 gm.

The 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is often referred to as the 'Constitution for the Oceans'. It addresses multiple issues of boundaries and delimitation, settlement of disputes, marine scientific research, commercial, economic and technological activities in the oceans and enables States to better utilise marine resources in a sustainable manner. The Indian Ocean has enormous potential for living and non-living resources and sustainable utilisation of these resources can be achieved by strict adherence to international legal instruments. The IORA can play a significant role in this endeavour by promoting cooperative agendas in the region in accordance with the legal framework provided by the 1982 UNCLOS.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800670>

Chinese Geopolitics in the 21st Century: A Post Pandemic Perspective / Brigadier Anand Tewari

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2021

xxi, 306p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789390095407

\$ 32.50 / HB

670 gm.

The idea of this book comes from the need to seek reasons for uniqueness of China etched on the minds of common people. The language, the governance system and the stupendous economic growth of China makes this uniqueness further interesting. This 'Chineseness' in everything that the Chinese do, has led to a search for the same ilk in China's geopolitics too. The book, therefore, employs an 'inside-out' approach to examine China's geopolitics. To successfully address this issue as an outsider, the book searches for the roots of today's China through its evolution of geospatial, human geographical, metaphysical and economic spheres. China, then, has been explored for external influences on these spheres received through military, cultural, political and commercial interactions with outside world. The metaphysical makeup of the Chinese collective psyche thus created, has also been examined for its role in guiding Chinese geopolitical responses. And later, evaluating China's geo-economic risks versus geopolitical gains, helps us in evolving a theoretical tool for gauging future geopolitical responses of China. The Covid-19 Pandemic has put China in a different geopolitical limelight. The book discusses changing geopolitical interactions in that light and the future directions without getting unduly swayed by sentiments. In the end an assurance from the author of his best efforts to remain independent of country specific mindset to gauge China objectively is offered.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800682>

India's China Dilemma: The Lost Equilibrium and Widening Asymmetries / B.R. Deepak

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2021

x, 288p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789390095452

\$ 32.50 / HB

650 gm.

The equilibrium and understanding between India and China that was built on the premise that both were at the same level of development, and hence need to give full play to their complementarities and potentialities, has seemingly shifted, owing to the balance of power favouring China. Finding new equilibrium and understanding will not be easy given India's asymmetrical relationship with China. The nature of India-China coexistence, cooperation and competition will be determined by factors such as how quickly the narrative of India's rise regains traction, India and China's relations with major and middle powers, strategic and economic partnerships with major regional blocks, India's role in global supply chains, and the Quad and Indo-Pacific Strategy. This book arranges author B. R. Deepak's articles from the Sunday Guardian into eight sections, exploring the multi-faceted relationship.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800680>

Kashmir after 2019: Completing the Partition / Werner Menski, Muneeb Yousuf (ed)

Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xii, 380p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789354791215

\$ 35.00 / HB

630 gm.

Kashmir after 2019: Completing the Partition studies the post-2019 Kashmir situation, using an interdisciplinary conceptual framework by employing the kite methodology to analyse law-related conflict scenarios, facilitating a rigorous stakeholder analysis.

The unfinished Partition of the Indian subcontinent on 14/15 August 1947 left Jammu and Kashmir hanging between visions of azadi (freedom) and competing territorial claims of India and Pakistan. This limbo, causing mounting costs over time, ultimately brought intolerable sufferings to the diverse Kashmiri people. The book is a passionate search for a peaceful future, looking ahead to post-2019 arrangements. It provides a historically grounded contextual analysis to explain why, by 2019, the time had finally become ripe for allowing India and Pakistan as the respective 'other' to keep the parts of Kashmir they have each been holding since 1947. This future-oriented and solution-driven edited book offers a diversity-conscious theoretical framework—the kite model—which suggests completing the process of Partition as necessary mental growth of identity formation.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800653>

Federalism in India / Mahendra Prasad Singh

Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxi, 294p.; 22 cm.

9789354790096

\$ 32.00 / HB

530 gm.

Federalism in India offers a comprehensive neo-institutional analysis of the Indian federal system with a global comparative perspective.

Beginning as a variant of the Commonwealth parliamentary federal model, India has adopted some unique features of its own as well as charted a course that, in some respects, makes it notably different from Commonwealth countries such as Canada and Australia. To understand and analyse the Indian federal system, this book examines the origins and footprints of the federal form of government in North America, Western Europe, Asia and Africa. It goes on to discuss its origins in history and contemporary politics. It further examines the core institutional sites of federalism such as political federalism, fiscal federalism, ancillary federal features including federal structures, federal infrastructures, federal ecosystem and judicial federalism. This book underlines the value of federalism for complex and diverse societies like India as a condition for the success of democracy and the unity of the nation.

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Decision-Making in Foreign Policy and India-China Bilateral Relations / Raviprasad Narayanan

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Categorizing the centrality of foreign policy decision-making as being intrinsic to external relations, China and India are evolving new methodologies enriching the making of foreign policy. In comparison to works on China's foreign policy decision-making, India has not been studied much. Decision-making in Foreign Policy and India-China Bilateral Relations explains theoretical frameworks influencing decision makers with examples of the two countries and their decision-making regarding other countries and concerning issues with global impact.

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Twenty Years of Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC): Achievements and Way Forward / Prabir De (ed)

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Launched in Vientiane, Lao PDR in 2000, the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) completed twenty years in 2020. The MGC initiative is a sub-regional cooperation organisation comprising India and five ASEAN countries, namely, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. To commemorate the 20 years of establishment of MGC, the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in collaboration with the ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) organised an international conference entitled "Twenty Years of Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC)" on 5-6 November 2020 at New Delhi in virtual mode.

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India and the US: Embracing a New Paradigm / Mithilesh K. Singh

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Since 2000, the United States (US) and India have worked to fundamentally reorder the strategic underpinnings of their bilateral ties as well as the substance of their engagement. This chapter exposits New Delhi's main security challenges and examines the US evaluation and appreciation of those perceptions. It lays out both states' cost-benefit calculus with respect to their bilateral ties. Unlike the National Security Strategy India does not have a national security strategy document per se. For purposes of this inquiry, the most authoritative open-source document of India's security perceptions is the Ministry of Defence Annual Report. Washington appreciates India's concerns regarding Pakistan's contributions to New Delhi's domestic woes and regional insecurity. While the US and India disagree in some measure with respect to the optimal policy approaches to Pakistan, both have analogous visions for a rehabilitated Afghanistan—even if both states have a somewhat different set of preferred surrogates and partnerships to secure Afghanistan.

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Transnational Terrorism: Evolving Threats and Responses / Maj Gen RPS Bhadauria, VSM, Roshan Khanijo (ed)

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Transnational terrorism has emerged as the most formidable threat in the asymmetric wars of the 21st Century. It operates simultaneously across continents threatening Westphalian states and modern democratic norms of governance. The paradigm shift in strategy and character of the conflict from physical to cognitive domain is indicative of political aspirations of global Jihad for a Caliphate. Technology has made it possible for the terrorists to surmount, geographical and demographic barriers by connecting with likeminded affiliates and cadres through the internet and social media. Individuals and small groups have the potential to use an array of new and emerging technologies, including drones, self-driven vehicles, autonomous weapon systems, virtual currencies, encrypted communications and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance their reach and lethality.

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Indigenous System of Governance in Tribal India / Tabang Mibang

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Change is irrefutable law of nature. A look into history reveals that all social institutions such as family, religion, marriage, political ,economics values and social attitudes have undergone change over a period of time.Human society is an ever changing process of growing, decaying, renewing and adjusting itself to new ideas, inventions and way of living.

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Sonia Gandhi like saying she came, saw Conquered the souls of India. Like Indira Gandhi she is a visionary and charismatic leader, used it to build party without undermining the congress organisations. Landmark Victories may well determined Sonia Gandhi's long-term role in Indian politics. She has infused a new sense of unity, purpose, and enthusiasm among Congressmen and women. All India Congress committee resolved to reclaim its rightful place under her trusted and dynamic leadership.

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Indian Defence, broadly speaking, falls into three categories: Land Defence, Naval Defence and Aerial Defence Which are executed respectively by the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. These three are the basic props of our security against external threats. But these would not suffice without the Engineering Defences needed to fortify our frontiers.

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Panchayati Raj and Decentralised Planning: Dimensions and Development /

Parikshit Sahu

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The book "Panchayati Raj and Decentralised Planning: Dimensions and Development" tries to analyze the fundamental concepts and problems, genesis of Panchayati Raj System in India during pre and post independence era. 73rd Amendment Act of Indian Constitution, the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have also been analyzed vividly.

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Asian Power Politics: India, China and Japan / Sanjay Kumar Singh

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The prospect that China and Japan could be powerful and affluent at the same time has only recently emerged, largely because while China's economy and influence have grown rapidly, Japan's have remained stagnant. China has nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missiles, and its military budget has grown by double-digit rates for 17 consecutive years.

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India's Foreign Policy: Strategic Objectives / Sanjay Kumar Singh

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The Principles of India's foreign policy, that emerged then, have stood the test of time: a belief in friendly relations with all countries of the world, the resolution of conflicts by peaceful means, the sovereign equality of all states, independence of thought and action as manifested in the principles of Non-alignment, and equity in the conduct of international relations. The study of 'The Foreign Policy of India' has so far been confined to India's relations with particular countries and areas.

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Electoral Dynamism of Indian Politics: Deciphering the Enigma / Bidyut

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Electoral Dynamism of Indian Politics: Deciphering the Enigma explores Indian politics through the prism of electoral landmarks. It studies the substantive contribution of elections towards the strengthening of democratic institutions and consolidation of the democratic process in the country.

Looking at elections that left an indelible mark on the Indian political landscape and radically transformed the country's democracy, this book studies the national elections with reference to how voters exercise their franchise. It also emphasizes that voting behaviour cannot be understood in a purely theoretical format as it is context-dependent and subject to constant change. Furthermore, it evaluates the outcomes and implications of these elections that brought certain political issues and forces to the centre-stage. In a country where the electoral process demonstrates the strength (or lack thereof) of the democratic will, it becomes crucial to understand elections, and by extension, the spirit of democracy.

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Citizenship Debate Over NRC and CAA: Assam and the Politics of History / Nani Gopal Mahanta

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Citizenship Debate over NRC and CAA: Assam and the Politics of History investigates Assamese nationality-formation process and analyses the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) within their historical context. The book looks into the massive immigration process in the beginning of the century, the reaction of Assamese leaders towards it and the ensuing debates in state legislative councils and assemblies. It raises Assam's pertinent question on land, language and culture as the centrality of the Assamese identity and the evolving identity politics to show how the state has been negotiating with it while accommodating the interests of other communities. It further explores the role played by the Muslim League and its leaders in Assam. The book deviates largely from the earlier academic discourses on this subject by bringing in and unfolding several political dynamics, debates and questions in the discussion.

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State VS. Society in Northeast India: History, Politics and the Everyday / G. Amarjit Sharma (ed)

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State vs. Society in Northeast India: History, Politics and the Everyday looks at a state as an entity that does not operate strictly as a rational, legal and administrative organization. State in the Northeast region is very much shaped by the social, economic and political practices on the ground. Using archival and ethnographic evidences, the book questions notions of region and border as fixed spaces. A state, in the process of governing society, produces itself through formal and informal practices on the ground, and the book argues that Northeast India is a significant site for studying this. It engages with conceptual, theoretical and methodological challenges thrown up by the political experiences of ordinary people in the Northeast. The book discusses everyday legal discourse, official public memory, development discourse, cases of becoming marginalized, resistance and ways of networking with the authorities. The objective is to understand the various ways in which state and society engage with each other; and to look at layers of historical interconnections that inform much of contemporary Northeast politics. The book will especially be of interest to scholars in politics, history, sociology and anthropology.

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Hindutva Regime in Assam: Saffron in the Rainbow / Akhil Ranjan Dutta

Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xxiii, 329p.; 22 cm.

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Hindutva Regime in Assam: Saffron in the Rainbow analyses the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) strategy of appropriating cultural resources in Assam while pursuing the Hindutva agenda. In Assam, where numerous ethnic and regional political outfits have registered their electoral presence, the 'Rainbow Alliance' emerged as the dominant strategic tool for BJP in its electoral battles. The book studies how BJP has capitalized on people's attachment to their ethno-regional cultures and has successfully co-opted and 'saffronized' the 'Rainbow' by bringing together diverse ethnic groups into its fold. Scrutinizing electoral strategies, BJP's victories in 2014, 2016 and 2019, and the efforts towards dismantling consensus around the National Register of Citizens (NRC) by enacting the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the book provides a holistic view of this steady 'saffronization'. It also critically investigates BJP's populist development agenda.

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Politics and Development: India's Changing Landscape / M.R. Biju, M.R.B. Anantha Padmanabha (ed)

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After the attainment of independence, we adopted the British model of parliamentary democracy. Naturally we continued the colonial model of legislative, administrative and judicial institutions and practices developed on the Indian soil by the British colonial masters. In fact, masters changed from white to brown but the style of governance remained as such. The public component in our democratic republic was the least remembered except during the election time. In political debates, when one side accuses the other of corruption the response is not denial or defence but of counter charges saying 'you too'. Justice, education and healthcare are all too expensive to be within the reach of the poor who constitute the lion's share of Indian democracy.

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The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India / Debashish Mukerji

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Vishwanath Pratap Singh, India's seventh Prime Minister, struck Indian politics with the force of a tornado. Primarily remembered for implementing the recommendations of the Mandal Commission report, which provided reservations in Central government services for the first time to the Other Backward Classes, he deserves a place in history for much more-from conducting raids on the biggest business houses of his time when he was finance minister, to investigating murky defence deals as defence minister (which cost him his job); bringing together a divided Opposition to form an unlikely coalition government at the Centre comprising the BJP and the communist parties, to spearheading the biggest airlift evacuation in Indian history-of Indians stranded in Kuwait during the first Gulf War.

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Re-Imagining Border Studies in South Asia / Dhananjay Tripathi (ed)
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This book presents a radical rethinking of Border Studies. Framing the discipline beyond conventional topics of spatiality and territoriality, it presents a distinctly South Asian perspective – a post-colonial and post-partition region where most borders were drawn with political motives, ignoring the socio-cultural realities of the region and economic necessities of the people.

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The Chinese Shadow on India's Eastward Engagement: The Energy Security Dimension / Sanjay K. Bhardwaj (ed)

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India, one of the largest importers of oil in the world, has been diversifying its energy resource options and moving towards greater energy security. This book analyses India's potential for building energy ties in the Asia-Pacific considering the global and regional power politics. Facing China's growing influence in Asia, India's eastward engagement with its extended neighbours has been entrenched in its Act East Policy and institutional commitments towards Southeast Asia. This volume focuses on diverse facets of energy security beyond the traditional understanding of demand and supply and price and stability. It examines India's energy sector, its dependence on hydrocarbons, and the push towards renewable and alternate energy resources. It further looks at the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean and South China Sea regions in geopolitical negotiations from an energy perspective and how China's influence in the region will affect India's moves towards greater energy cooperation with the countries of East Asia. With contributions by leading experts, the volume seeks to fill a major void in this theme and cater to the needs of a variety of audiences including academics, policymakers and experts in international relations, geopolitics and geo-economics, and professionals in the field of energy studies.

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South China Sea: Contesting Narratives and Global Realities / Pankaj K Jha (ed)

Shipra Publications, Delhi 2022

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The developments in the last five years in South China Sea has gained international attention following the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) ruling in favour of the Philippines. The ruling clearly stated that the China's claim of nine dash line and the proclamation of Exclusive Economic Zone for the islands in South China Sea is not acceptable under the provisions of international law and UNCLOS 1982. Subsequently, the Philippines sensing that the international community is not pressurising China to accept the ruling of the PCA changed its stance and started gravitating towards China to seek certain concession and protect its marine assets in the contentious region. The negotiations about Code of Conduct (CoC) in South China Sea also gained momentum and it was perceived that China might accept certain regional norms and a standard operating procedure might be accepted. The draft COC has become large in content and the possibility of a common consensus died when China started propagating that it would prefer bilateral negotiations with other claimants rather than accepting the multilateral negotiations.

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Citizenship Imperilled: India's Fragile Democracy / Niraja Gopal Jayal

Permanent Black, Ranikhet 2021

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Who is an Indian? For the first time since independence, the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 brought Indians face-to-face with this question. In line with the idea of a Hindu Rashtra in which only Hindus are fully worthy of being Indian citizens, the amendment suggests Indian citizenship should be faith-based. It attempts to diminish the value given to religious diversity and equal citizenship, regardless of religion, by the Indian constitution. With this, India has turned its back on the civic nationalism, however fragile and imperfect, forged over the anti-colonial struggle and largely sustained since independence. Its civic nationalism is now threatened by cultural nationalism in the form of religious majoritarianism. This book examines how the constitutional guarantee of equal citizenship has been imperilled. It traces changes in the law and practices of citizenship advanced by Hindu majoritarianism. It examines the implications of these changes for India's secular democracy; for its minorities, especially Muslims vulnerable to state violence and social discrimination; and for the very understanding of what it means to be an Indian citizen.

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Domestic Roots of Indian Foreign Policy and Marxist Political Parties: Experience of UF Government (1996-1998) and UPA Government (2004-09) / Pratip Chattopadhyay

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Kashmir the War of Narratives / Bashir Assad

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India's Foreign Policy in the Post-Covid World: Through the Eyes of Indian Diplomats / Amb Surendra Kumar (ed)

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Has the balance of power in global diplomacy permanently shifted due to Covid-19? How would nations reeling under the economic and human impact of the pandemic find a new equilibrium? Is India ready to retain, if not improve, its standing in the new world order? Who can be trusted more to provide an incisive analysis of these questions over thirty seasoned and hard-nosed practitioners of diplomacy holding combined experience of 1050 years! They have come together to share their expertise and ideas on India's relations with all the important countries, regions and organisations in the post Covid-19 world. This distinctive book, the second in the series 'Through the Eyes of Indian Diplomats', offers an insight into how India's foreign policy has navigated through unprecedented challenges, continued diplomatic discourse in imaginative manner using new technological tools and served India's national interests in a world transformed, in many ways, beyond recognition. A thought-provoking, dispassionate and not-to-be-missed account from the frontiers of foreign policy, not just for the practitioners of diplomacy and scholars but for the students and uninitiated as well.

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Military Musings: 150 Years of Indian Military Thought from the Journal of the United Service Institution of India / Sqn.Ldr.Rana T.S. Chhina, MBE (ed)

Speaking Tiger Books LLP, New Delhi 2021

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Founded in 1870, the United Service Institution of India (USI) is an extraordinary security and defence services think tank. Its journal, published quarterly since 1872, is the oldest defence journal in Asia and one of the most prestigious in the world. This anthology comprises articles from the USI Journal that span almost 150 years and shed light on a variety of topics pertaining to the development of military science and strategic thought in South Asia. With writings on subjects ranging from campaign studies, to reminiscences of soldiers in battle, to larger questions of defence policy, Military Musings is a rare and valuable addition to literature on India's military thought and history.

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Reading Gandhi: Perspectives in the 21st Century / Ranu Uniya, Nazneen Khan, Raj Gaurav Verma (ed)

Pencraft International, Delhi 2022

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This book explores the relevance of M.K. Gandhi in the Present times. Justice, human rights, conflict, and peace building, along with his alternative method of non-violent resistance or Satyagraha are focal to it. The essays in this volume focus on his inner strength, brotherhood, and self-discipline.

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Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government / K J Alphons, IAS (Ed)

OakBridge Publishing Pvt. Ltd., Haryana 2021

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Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government qualitatively and quantitatively evaluates the policies of the government in the last 7 years and their impact on the citizens and the nation. The book focuses on twenty-five key sectors, including Education, Digital Revolution, Agriculture, Industry, Energy, Infrastructure, Health, Economy, Environment, Rural Development, and Sanitation. Each chapter is contributed by domain experts and eminent civil servants with experience in the sector, giving their insights and understanding on the influence and impact of the various government policies and schemes in accelerating India. Some of these sectors have witnessed a complete overhaul, while others have been streamlined to bring inefficiency. The book aims to present an objective and empirical analysis of the journey that the Indian democracy has traversed under the leadership of the Prime Minister and the road ahead in each of the sectoral domains covered.

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Border Crisis: LAC between India and China / S.K. Singh

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Tensions between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) escalated seriously on Monday night when an Indian army officer and 19 soldiers were killed in "a violent face-off" involving hand-to-hand combat at Galwan Valley in Ladakh. The death toll is expected to rise as dozens of other soldiers are battling for their lives.

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Illegal Cross Border Migration, National Security: Issues and Ethnic Conflict /

Mithilesh K. Singh

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viii, 256p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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Migration was almost exclusively male, short-term and seasonal, mostly between one and six months at a time. Since then migration has if anything increased further (respondents uniformly reported this), with a greater diversity of migration destinations and durations, and some move towards longer-term migration, especially to urban areas. But there is still very little permanent migration, in the sense of definitive departure of households from the village. Illegal immigration from Bangladesh to India, which includes both refugees and economic migrants, continues unabated. There is no reliable figure on the exact number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in India. This neglect has adversely impacted the interests of local populations in the areas seeing large-scale influxes of illegal immigrants as well as India's national security interests. Further, the absence of national refugee laws has blurred the distinction between refugees and economic migrants, leading to the denial of any assistance to even genuine asylum seekers. It now poses an enormous problem for India and the millions of affected people. Further delay in addressing the problem will only make matters worse. This book seeks to first investigate how cross-border terrorism works on the ground; then examine recent trends in the production and trafficking of drugs; and, lastly, to explore how closely the two criminal areas.

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China-India Standoff in Ladakh Mean for Pakistan / B.C. Kumar

Prashant Publishing House, Delhi 2021

v, 256p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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Understandably, due to its evolving ties with China and rivalry with India, Pakistan has been viewing the Ladakh standoff through a Chinese lens. The episode has gained substantial space in mainstream Pakistani media. The reason is obvious: Pakistan, like China, has its own long-standing territorial dispute with India. That has led to wars between the two countries, as well as frequent clashes along the line of control, dividing the disputed Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

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India-Nepal Relation and China's Interference / S.K. Singh

Prashant Publishing House, Delhi 2021

v, 248p.; 23 cm.

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The entire China-India boundary has never been formally delimited by any mutually-accepted treaty. There has existed a boundary line of actual control between the two countries. It took shape on the basis of the extent of each other's administrative jurisdiction over a long course of time. India-Nepal relations have been framed and molded by their geological contiguity and socio-social characters which has affected their verifiable past.

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