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The Rotten Judgements and High Treason: The Power Game in Pakistan: The Inner Story of Occupying the Political Field by Military through Judicial Activism / Kunwar Intizar Muhammad Khan

Tehalka Publishers, Pakistan 2022

332p.

\$ 40.00 / HB 400 gm.

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Pakistan: A Hard Country / Anatol Lieven

Penguin Books, London, UK 2012

xviii, 574p. Includes Index 9780141038247 \$ 16.99 / null 500 gm.

In the wake of Pakistan's development of nuclear weapons, unpoliceable border areas, shelter of the Afghan Taliban and Bin Laden, and the spread of terrorist attacks by groups based in Pakistan to London, Bombay and New York, there is a clear need to look further than the simple image of a failed state so often portrayed in the media, and to see instead a country of immense complexity and importance. Lieven's profound and sophisticated analysis paves the way for clearer understanding of this remarkable and highly contradictory country.

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State and Society in Pakistan / Shahid Javed Burki

Peace Publications, Pakistan 2021

xii, 248p.

Includes Index; Selected Bibliography

9697280001; 9789697280001

\$ 40.00 / HB

400 gm.

This book offers a comprehensive study of the dynamics of civil-military relations in Pakistan. It asks how and why the Pakistan military has acquired such a salience in the polity and how it continues to influence decision-making on foreign and security policies and key domestic political, social and economic issues. It also examines the changes within the military, the impact of these changes on its disposition towards the state and society, and the implications for peace and security in nuclearized South Asia.

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Refugees in Malaysia: Voices of the Displaced / (Eds) Azizah Hamzah & Mohd Yahya Mohd Ariffin

USIM Press, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia 2021

200p. Includes Index 9789674408657 \$ 26.00 / null 364 gm.

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A Decade Transformed: Revival of Turkey and Somalia's Multilayer Relations / Mehmet Kose (ed)

Afrika Vakfi Yayinlari, Turkey 2021

340p.

9786057081933

\$ 100.00 / null

350 gm.

Turkey's humanitarian intervention operations to lessen the effect of the humanitarian crisis that hit Somalia hard in 2011, had a dramatic impact on the development of Turkey-Somalia relations. Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit, then the Prime Minister of Turkey, to Somali Capital Mogadishu with a large delegation, has transformed the relations from limited fields such as security operations and political engagements under the umbrella of multilateral institutions to intertwined multifaceted and multi-layered relations embracing state-building, development, and improvement of economic infrastructure. Bilateral relations have made significant positive contributions to the reconstruction process of Somalia over the past decade. The relations with Somalia have been an important milestone in Turkey's Africa opening policies. This book is a collection of chapters assessing the growing relationship between Turkey and Somalia in diverse sectors and fields such as history, politics, security, peacebuilding, economy, development, society, and culture.

The multi-level and multi-sector relationship between Somalia and Turkey has matured for the last decade. Experts have examined the different aspects of the relationship. This is a timely contribution to the literature. Moreover, this is a must-read book for policymakers and researchers interested in Somalia-Turkey relations. – Afyare Abdi Elmi, Professor of International Politics

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Immigrants: An Attitude Survey in Mixed Design / Adem Dag

Pinar Yayinlari, Turkey 2021

144p.

Includes Bibliography

9789753526043

\$ 70.00 / null

200 gm.

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Summit Diplomacy: An Emerging Approach of Africa's Strategic Partnership / Neba Ridley Ngwa (ed)

Afrika Vakfi Yayinlari, Turkey 2021

vi, 188p. Includes Index 9786057081902 \$ 100.00 / null

This book is part of a project launched by the Africa Foundation in September 2019. The book focuses on continent-country partnerships organized under the framework of international summits. It exclusively reviews the successes and pitfalls of the summits organized between Africa and its strategic partners. One of the key features of the African Union lies in its 2063 vision to build "an integrated, prosperous, equitable, well-governed and peaceful Africa that represents a creative and dynamic force in the international arena". Within the framework of Agenda 2063, the African Union aims to promote Africa's position in international politics, gain support to realize her objectives, increase Africa's international standing, decolonize international relations and aim to position African states an equal partner within the geopolitics of their region and in the world. The new 2063 vision focuses on the need to cooperate strategically with other regional groupings and states. Consequently, between 2000 hitherto, AU has endorsed a series of ground-breaking partnerships predominantly with the emerging powers of the south. These partnerships include the Africa-China forum, Africa-South America, Africa-South Areica, Africa-Turkey, Africa-Italy and recently Africa-India. The increasing number of country-continent summits with new actors is growing evidence of an emerging approach of Africa's Strategic Partnership.

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They Were Us: Stories of Victims and Survivors of Police Brutality in Kenya / NA Mothers of Victims and Survivors Network, Kenya 2021

66p.

9780983545422

\$ 55.00 / null

400 gm.

They Were Us is a documentary project that reveals the systemic causes of extrajudicial executions through the stories of those most impacted by Kenya's

informal policy of state-sanctioned violence in the name of safety. In these cases, police officers are simply an extension of security policies crafted by the political elite, policies that essentially make poverty itself a crime. Police might be the ones pulling the trigger, but popular narratives of security legitimize 'shoot-to-kill' policing. Instead of protecting fundamental human rights, policing is imagined as an urgent response to the need to "stabilize," "control," and "eliminate."

Benna Buluma, MVSN Convener, arranged interviews with other people who have lost loved ones from police brutality. Wyban Kanyi interviewed them, translated and edited their conversations. Photographs taken by Betty Press.

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United Nations Handbook, 2021-22 (An Annual Guide for Those Working with and within the United Nations) / Vanessa Mahine (Ed)  $\,$ 

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade/Manatu Aorere, Wellington, New Zealand 2021

448p.

ISSN: 0110-1951; 9770110195002

\$ 75.00 / null

834 gm.

The UN Handbook is a valuable reference guide that helps everyone working with or within the United Nations navigate the UN system effectively.

New Zealand has demonstrated its long-standing commitment and practical support for the United Nations by producing the UN Handbook since 1961.

https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=803074

The Culture of Peace and National Security in Nigeria: Critical Perspective / (Eds) Emeka Nwabueze & Barclays Ayakoroma

Kraft Books Limited (for National Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO), Ibadan, Nigeria 2019

xx, 188p. Includes Index 9789789185672 https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800880

The Centrist Manifesto / Uchenna Nwankwo CentristBook, Lagos, Nigeria 2022 Includes Index; Bibliography 9789785915181 \$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

This book is concerned with the socioeconomic and socio-political wellbeing of nations as well as the stability and security of the international community. Nigeria, from which we draw most of our examples in this work, or the Nigerian political party system, is grossly notorious for its lack of seriousness; for the subsisting inability or neglect of the parties to articulate any worthwhile and valid reasons, agenda or ideology for their emergence, operation and quest for power. At best they present or offer a comprehensive scatter of analysis and prescriptions that is merely meretricious and not efficacious to development. The Centrist Movement International (CMI) is determined to deviate completely from this norm and hereby articulate an agenda or ideology that informs its mission of this norm and hereby articulate an agenda or ideology that informs its mission of rescuing Nigeria and indeed society at large from inept, irrelevant and futile strivings borne out of lack of vision. As is often stated, "my people perish for lack of vision". Accordingly, we present in this volume a concise and abridged vision or ideology whose application would, in our candid estimation, take the country, nay, the world at large to the path of sustainable development, growth, stability and greatness. As should be expected, the highpoints of this centrist intervention shall be pursued through the following routes or channels: (a) Socio-Economic Format; (b) Socio-Political Format; and (c) the standpoint of International Relations. Relations.

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Buhari: A New Beginning / Bayo Omoboriowo, Chief Emeka Anyaoku John Tripod Media Company Ltd, Abuja, Nigeria 2016 316p.

9789789539499 \$ 300.00 / HB

2750 gm.

This book is a 309-page photo compendium that chronicles the journey of Nigeria's President, Muhammadu Buhari like no one has ever done. It captures significant moments through his life, from childhood to his military career and the presidency, with historical pictures that drive home the message.

As a photographer of repute, Omoboriowo's first book serves more than the purpose of using pictures to tell an inspiring story of leadership; it also brings us to the reality of the busy world of a leader, whose schedules teem with numerous activities aimed at bettering the lives of the populace, who may be unaware of the sacrifices being made behind closed doors.

The emphasis of this book is Buhari's second coming as a president, but Omoboriowo offers the reader snippets of his past life as a military leader. The book also captures resonating images from the enoch-making campaign trail that

book also captures resonating images from the epoch-making campaign trail that resulted in the 2015 electoral victory of Muhammadu Buhari.

As described by reviewers, Omoboriowo's 'Buhari: A New Beginning' is history in colours.

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Being Buhari: Photographs of Bayo Amoboriowo / Bayo Amoboriowo (Eds) John Tripod Media Company Ltd, Abuja, Nigeria 2019 330p.

9789789729067 \$ 300.00 / HB

2800 gm.

A 324-page glossy publication, this book captures the various activities and involvements that has characterized the life of the leader of Africa's most populous nation. From meetings with world leaders, visits to states and attending to various national issues, Bayo has brought the Presidency closer to our eyes. In documenting the first four years of President Muhammadu Buhari's administration, Bayo Omoboriowo brings every reader into a greater depth of detail of the President's activities, through photographs. A 324 page glossy publication, this book captures the various activities and involvements that has characterized the life of the leader of Africa's most populous nation. From meetings with world leaders, visits to states and attending to various national issues, Bayo has brought the Presidency closer to our eyes. As a second publication, this book takes its stand beside the first published 'Buhari: A New Beginning' serving as both a continuation and compliment, riding into the NextLevel agenda of the 2019 re-election drive.

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Stepping Up: COVID-19 Checkpoints and Rangatiratanga / Luke Fitzmaurice & Maria Bargh

Huia Publishers, New Zealand 2021

xii, 88p. Includes Bibliography 9781775506713 \$ 25.00 / null 98 gm.

This book discusses the roadside checkpoints that were set up by Maori to protect communities during the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown in 2020. Case studies of four different checkpoints are examined, each of which looked slightly different, but all of which were underpinned by tikanga Maori. The checkpoints are discussed as practical expressions of whanau, hapu, iwi and Maori rangatiratanga and indicate the ongoing existence and flourishing of rangatiratanga.

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Nigeria : An Uncomfortable Truth – The Re-Awakening of a Sleeping Giant / Mobolaji Akinwunmi

Saviorite Ventures Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

100p.

9789789888740

\$ 30.00 / null

180 gm.

This is a book that frontally and succinctly analyses our myriad and persistent problems of development, particularly corruption, rotten public services, and a general lack of decisiveness in tackling age-old problems, and then discusses in detail their critical interface with leadership, or the lack thereof. It is a book about the critical and urgent imperative of the country's leadership to place the common good over and above partisan, religious and tribal interests.

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Treading A Delicate Tightrope : A Principal Balancing Between Education and Political Change During Turbulent Time / Mike Burton

NISC (Pty) Ltd, Makhanda, South Africa 2022

xiv, 212p.; 229x152mm.

9781920033835

\$ 40.00 / null

When Mike Burton became the principal of All Saints College in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa, little did he know about the journey on which he was

Very soon after taking up the position, Mike realised that the vision of the founding organisation was becoming irrelevant as education and politics converged, reaching a crisis point in the second half of the 1980s. Mike found himself walking the tightrope between the expectations of the funders on the one

hand and those of the students and community on the other.

Matters reached a tipping point and Mike had to make a decision. As 'Comrade Mike' he elected that the interests of the students and the community take precedence. Mike chose education AND liberation.

Mike Burton's Tightrope is a gripping, personal account that transports the reader back to the liberation struggle of the 1980s and the educational issues that informed policy in the nascent democracy. The book will be of particular interest to those involved in education at the time as well anybody who observed or was engaged during that turbulent period of change.

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The African Renaissance Project of Thabo Mbeki: Its South African Roots and Targets / Sehlare Makgetlaneng (Ed) Lynn Southey

Institute for Preservation and Development, Pretoria, South Africa 2022

vi, 516p.; 234x156mm.

9781991205308

\$ 55.00 / null

860 gm.

This book provides a critical analysis of the targets and objectives of The African Renaissance project as articulated by former South African President Thabo Mbeki. The work is divided into five chapters: South Africa before and since 1994; Mbeki. The work is divided into five chapters: South Africa before and since 1994; invaluable lessons for the African Renaissance project; targets and objectives of the African Renaissance as articulated by Thabo Mbeki; the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as the litmus test for the African Renaissance; the DRC as the strategic heart of the African continental transformation; the African Renaissance Project: key issues, processes and developments. It provides a critical analysis of the South African socio-historical roots and targets in these issues, processes and developments of the African Renaissance project. The book has a conclusion and recommendations.

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Religious Extremism in Major Campuses in Indonesia / A'an Suryana ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute), Singapore 2022

Includes Bibliographical references ISSN: 0219-3213; 9789815011470

\$ 9.00 / null 100 gm.

Religious extremism among students in major campuses in Indonesia remains a problem for the Indonesian government, campus authorities and moderate

A substantial number of studies on Islam and religious extremism in Indonesia have focused on security and cultural paradigms. In contrast, this article discusses the factors that cause the rise of religious extremism among university students through an organizational and institutional lens.

The dissemination and internalization of religious extremist narratives contribute

to the rise of religious extremism among university students in Indonesia. Counter-extremism policies by the government and campus authorities have not been effective due to the absence of an integrative approach. All stakeholders—the government, campus authorities, parents of university students, communities and student organizations—need to establish a concerted and integrative effort to uproot religious extremism from among university

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A Study of Vietnam's Control Over Online Anti-State Content / Dien Nguyen An Luong

ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute), Singapore 2022

36p.

Includes Bibliographical references ISSN: 0219-3213; 9789815011432

\$ 9.00 / null 100 gm.

Over the past two decades, the fixation on anti-state content has shaped the way Vietnamese authorities deployed various censorship strategies to achieve the dual goals of creating a superficial openness while maintaining a tight grip on online discourses. These considerations dictated how several regulations on Internet controls were formulated and enforced.

Vietnamese censors also selectively borrowed from China's online censorship playbook, a key tenet of which is the fear-based approach. The modus operandi for the authorities is to first harp on what they perceive as online foreign and domestic threats to Vietnam's social stability. Then those threats are exhaustively used to enforce tougher measures that are akin to those implemented in China. But unlike China, Vietnam has not afforded to ban Western social media platforms altogether. Realizing that they would be better off exploiting social media for their own gains, Vietnamese authorities have sought to co-opt and utilize it to curb anti-state content on the Internet. The lure of the Vietnamese market has also emboldened Facebook and Google's YouTube to consider it fit to acquiesce to state censorship demands.

The crackdown on anti-state content and fear-based censorship are likely to continue shaping Vietnam's Internet controls, at least in the foreseeable future. The question is how both Internet users and the authorities will make the most of their unlikely—and fickle—alliance with social media to fulfil their agendas.

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Cyber Troops, Online Manipulation of Public Opinion and Co-Optation of Indonesia's Cybersphere / Yatun Sastramidjaja & Wijayanto

ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute), Singapore 2022

36p

Includes Bibliographical references ISSN: 0219-3213; 9789815011494

\$ 9.00 / null 100 gm.

Organized propaganda and public opinion manipulation are increasing in Indonesia's cybersphere. Specifically, since 2019, there has been a marked rise of cyber troop campaigns that serve to mobilize public consensus for controversial government policies.

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Cyber troop operations played a crucial role in three controversial events in which public opinion had been initially critical of the government policy at issue. These were, first, the revision of the Law on the Corruption Eradication Commission in September 2019; second, the launch of the New Normal policy during the COVID-19 pandemic in May 2020; and third, the passing of the Omnibus Law for Job Creation in October 2020. In all three cases, there is clear evidence of cyber troops manipulating public opinion in support of government policy. In all three cases, the cyber troops manufactured consent by flooding social media with narratives that promoted the governing elite's agenda, often using deceptive messages and disinformation that were amplified by numerous "buzzer" and "bot" accounts. Thereby they effectively drowned out oppositional discourses on social media and neutralized dissent, especially as mainstream media simultaneously echoed the cyber troops' narratives.

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The ever more systematic use of cyber troops—and the considerable resources spent on such operations—indicates increasing co-optation of Indonesia's cybersphere for elite interests. This threatens to undermine the quality of public debate and democracy in Indonesia because cyber troop operations not only feed public opinion with disinformation but also prevent citizens from scrutinizing and evaluating the governing elite's behaviour and policy-making processes, which further exacerbates Indonesia's ongoing democratic regression.

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Fragrant Frontier: Global Spice Entanglements from the Sino-Vietnamese Uplands / Sarah Turner, Annuska Derks & Jean-Francois Rousseau (ed)

NIAS-Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Denmark 2022

xvi, 236p. Includes Index. 9788776943141 \$ 29.00 / null 400 gm.

Since its inception over two millennia ago, the spice trade has connected and transformed the environments, politics, cultures, and cuisines of vastly different societies around the world. The 'magical' qualities of spices mean they offer more than a mere food flavoring, often evoking memories of childhood events or specific festivals. Although spices are frequently found in our kitchen cupboards, how they get there has something of a mythical allure. In this ethnographically rich and insightful study, the authors embark on a journey of demystification that starts in the Sino-Vietnamese uplands with three spices – star anise, black cardamom, and cassia (cinnamon) – and ends on dining tables across the globe. This book foregrounds the experiences of ethnic minority farmers cultivating these spices, highlighting nuanced entanglements among livelihoods, environment, ethnic identity, and external pressures, as well as other factors at play. It then investigates the complex commodity chains that move and transform these spices from upland smallholdings and forests in this frontier to global markets, mapping the flows of spices, identifying the numerous actors involved, and teasing out critical power imbalances. Finally, it focuses on value-creation and the commoditization of these spices across a spectrum of people and places. This rich and carefully integrated volume offers new insights into upland frontier livelihoods and the ongoing implications of the contemporary agrarian transition. Moreover, it bridges the gap in our knowledge regarding how these specific spices, cultivated for centuries in the mountainous Sino-Vietnamese uplands, become everyday ingredients in Global North food, cosmetics, and medicines. Links to online resources, including story maps, provide further insights and visual highlights.

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A Soldier King: Monarchy and Militrary in the Thailand of Rama X / Supalak Ganjanakhundee

ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute), Singapore 2022

x, 218p

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789814951548

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

"The book is a significant contribution to understanding the important yet shifting patterns of relationship between the monarchy and military in Thailand. It is widely known that the monarchy-military union has played crucial roles in politics throughout modern Thai history. This book: A Soldier King: Monarchy and Military in the Thailand of Rama X offers a comprehensive account and sound analysis about the newly formed monarchy-military network, demonstrating clearly how the new king tightens his grip since late 2016 as well as his different style from his late father King Bhumibol." -- Charnvit Kasetsiri, Thammasat University, Bangkok

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Quest for Eden-Monaro : a core sample of Australian democracy / Eleanor Robin Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2022

xxii, 324 pages: illustrations, map, portraits; 23 cm

9781922669483 \$ 49.95 / null

The politically-sensitive federal electorate of Eden-Monaro has been the power base for two remarkable, influential and high-flying Members of Parliament, Sir Austin Chapman and Allan Fraser CMG. Between Federation and Whitlam, these representatives – one a Deakinite liberal and the other socialist – each held the loyalty, trust and majority of votes in this prized electorate for more than quarter of a century. They served with heart and mind and knew both jubilance and exhaustion.

Eleanor Robin takes us from the high plains of federal policy and governance to the essence of Australian democracy where, in the daily lived experience, citizens demand both a personal advocate and a representation of their interests and views on the national agenda. She interweaves a knowledge of place and perceptive biography with significant national and regional history.

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Carbon justice : the scandal of Australia's biggest contribution to climate change / Jeremy Moss

NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2021

176 pages: illustrations; 21 cm

9781742237015 \$ 34.99 / null 195 gm.

It's a shocking fact: the emissions produced annually from the fossil fuels extracted by Australia's major gas, coal and oil producers -- the likes of Glencore, BHP, Yancoal, Peabody, Chevron and Anglo-American -- and sold here and overseas are larger than the emissions of all 25 million Australians. If Australia's exported and domestic emissions are combined, Australia ranks as the sixth largest emitter in the world, behind China, the US, India, Russia and Japan. Far from being an insignificant contributor to climate change because of its small population, Australia is a key driver through its fossil fuel exports. How have these companies' exports escaped scrutiny when climate change is such an urgent problem? Understanding the moral responsibility of Australia's major carbon emitters is a crucial first step in determining how to fairly share the burdens of a climate transition. In this book, political philosopher Jeremy Moss sets out an ethical framework to establish the cost of the harms of these major exporters and what they should do about it. What they do next will shape Australia's response to climate change.

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= Toward the Future of Asia: Vol.6A /
, Japan 2022
; 229p; 27cm
9784789018159
$ 70.00 / HB
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https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823499

Understanding Regional Dynamics in Asia-Pacific / Peking University-Waseda University Joint Research Initiative

, Japan 2022 ; 291p ; 22cm 9784657220011 \$ 100.00 / HB

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Dark Forces Changing Malaysia / Lim Teck Ghee & Murray Hunter SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Malaysia 2022 xviii, 206p. 9789672464471 \$ 19.00 / null

400 gm.

Dark Forces Changing Malaysia unravelling the complexities of the Malaysian journey since independence, which the authors dare touch on the issues that really matter which have been bullied out of the public space for being 'sensitive' and therefore off-limits to any reasonable discussion. This book helps us to take that crucial first step of looking at ourselves honestly and critically. If we can all put the nation first and do just that, we have a chance of the Malaysia we dreamed of. The vista which is painted within this volume draws from the despair and disillusionment so palpable among many of the citizenry, especially since the 14th General Election, but going back two decades or more. The gathering of the storm clouds over Malaysia is examined in some detail in Section I, which covers developments in the economic, political and socio-cultural sectors and provides a best and worst-case scenario for each of the sectors for the medium term. Although the worst-case scenario has not happened yet, today many Malaysians

Although the worst-case scenario has not happened yet, today many Malaysians and friends from abroad see the country caught in a cul-de-sac of national development and worse, moving backwards in the key area of social cohesion and national unity which forms part of the substratum of any society be it democratic, technocratic, oligarchic, or totalitarian. The essays presented in Section I and other sections seek to identify the causes of this despair and disillusionment that is hindering true Malaysian nationhood.

The volume also contains commentaries dealing with the equally important substratum area of economic and socio-cultural development. In Section II, the issues of racial discrimination, religion, the New Economic Policy, government-linked companies, the 12th Malaysian Plan, and the general socioeconomic

environment are examined, across a number of essays.

Here, the effects of the ideology of ketuanan Melayu are clearly seen within public policy, together with their discriminatory and deficient outcomes including for the targeted Malay poor. These essays point not only to the outdatedness of the racially oriented NEP but also its abuses and distortions favouring the elite classes. Of special concern are the social and racial divisions caused by the policy and its successor plans including the latest version touted in the "Shared Prosperity Vision 2030" of the Perikatan Nasional government. The third section of the volume, "The State of Malay Politics" examines the institutions that have sent Malaysia further on its downward spiral. In this part

The third section of the volume, "The State of Malay Politics" examines the institutions that have sent Malaysia further on its downward spiral. In this part, the role and complicity of the elites within society are closely examined. The implications of elite ambition, opportunism, and greed have stamped their influence into the nature and workings of the civil service, and also in the structure and modus operandi of the private business sector where corruption, cronyism and rent-seeking have become embedded.

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Malaysia Towards GE15 and Beyond / Murray Hunter & Lim Teck Ghee SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Malaysia 2022 xx, 160p. 9789672464495 \$ 16.00 / null 300 gm.

"[W]hen articles are written by astute commentators of the calibre of Hunter and Lim on the historical achievement of Malaysian voters rejecting BN after 61 years of unbroken, continuous rule, and the emergence of the nation's first alternative governing coalition, they deserve to be collected in a handy publication. After all, they represent the first draft of history, and would serve as the first port of call for scholars in future decades researching the truly historic period of 2018-2021 when posterity beckoned." – Tommy Thomas Former attorney-general of Malaysia.

"As Malaysians anticipate GE15, we would do well to read these well-researched analyses by two of our best academics to avoid repeating the same follies of the past. With the two main political coalitions becoming interchangeable, Malaysia risks becoming a failed state if a progressive Third Force does not emerge soon to resolve the Malaysian dilemma." – Kua Kia Soong, Socialist with Malaysian characteristics.

"It is common and even fashionable for Malaysians to lament on what's wrong with the country, blame politicians and the system, and then sink into hopelessness and helplessness. Instead, we need to ask hard questions, examine possible options, decide on viable solutions and team up for collective action. This book by Hunter and Lim is an invitation for Malaysians to stare into the dark forces overshadowing Malaysia's past, present and future and walk out of the woods of despair." – Wong Chin Huat, Professor, Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia.

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Issues in Secularism and Democracy: Essays in Honour of KN Panikkar / Rajan Gurukkal (ed)

Three Essays Collective, Haryana 2022 vii, 63p.; 23 cm. 9789383968329 \$ 8.75 / null

150 gm.

This is an important little book based on lectures delivered at a celebration in honour of Profes- sor KN Panikkar's 85th birthday. Popularly known as KN, he is perhaps the most well known figure in Kerala, with a huge reputation as public intellectual throughout the country. It is fitting that the scholars invited to celebrate his life and work should themselves be sig- nificant scholars who have made communication with a wider readership and audience a part of their academic endeavour, and like KN, stand for for the causes of secularism and democracy in this country. The presentations in this slim volume include weighty, but lucidly expressed thoughts on issues of contemporary concern and their historical and social and economic background. The history of dissent in ancient Indian history and its relevance today for democratic alterna- tives to the current regimes, the significance of the legacies of the national movement that are abiding, the modern weight of neo liberal policies of the last few decades and the necessity for fighting them in order to make a breakthrough in the current political and social impasse, and the experience with secularism and democracy in the post independence era are brought into focus to understand the crisis of Indian democracy, the prevalence of fascistic tendencies under the Modi regime, and the directions needed for a more humane society and polity.

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When Farmers Stood Up: How The Historic Kisan Struggle In India Unfolded / Ashok Dhawale

Leftword Books, New Delhi 2022

239p.; 22 cm. 9789392018480 \$ 9.50 / null 330 gm. In the summer of 2020, the Narendra Modi government pushed through three anti-farmer, pro-corporate bills in parliament. This came after decades of cuts in subsidies and price supports to the farmers, leading to deaths by suicide of 400,000 debt-ridden farmers, a fourth of them since Modi became prime minister in 2014. On 26 November 2020, farmers began a heroic protest that lasted through the pandemic, police repression, government callousness and attacks, and harsh weather. It was the largest peaceful mass mobilization of contemporary times on the planet. A week before the first anniversary of the protest, Modi surrendered. The farmers' revolt was guided by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), a coalition of over 500 farmers' organisations. Ashok Dhawale has been a leader of the kisan movement for three decades. As the current wave of struggles grew, he emerged as an important leader of SKM. He has not only helped shape the struggle, but he has also documented it meticulously, both its advances and its limitations, with unique insights that only close proximity can provide.

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Deep State Continuum in Pakistan and Implications for India / Jyoti M. Pathania Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxiv, 174p.; ills. 23 cm.

9789391490621

\$ 32.00 / HB

460 gm.

A relatively new, fascinating yet under researched term, Deep State used in the field of International Relations, is decoded in the book with theory and facts, as a part of the larger discourse on geo-politics and geo-strategic studies, thus filling the gaps on the subject. What does the term deep state mean? When did it become part of the international relations vocabulary? What are the driving forces behind it? Such intriguing queries are answered by tracing the idea from Indian political thinker, Kautilya in the 4th century BC, to its modern day avatar in Turkey in the 1990s.

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India-Japan Relations @ 70: Building Beyond the Bilateral / Srabani Roy Choudhury (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxviii, 363p.; 23 cm. Includes Index. 9789391490065

\$ 29.50 / HB

730 gm.

As India and Japan celebrate 70 years of cultural and civilisational bedrock of their diplomatic relations, this volume delineates the past to the present, and proffers a vision for the future. Commemorating the traditional areas of cooperation, it redefines the contours and components of bilateralism, and it offers a glimpse of existing and emerging areas of cooperation, enabling them to "Build Beyond the Bilateral".

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Modi @ 20: Dreams Meet Delivery / Bluekraft Digital Foundation (ed & Compiled)

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xviii, 439p.; ills. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

97893552036362

\$ 22.50 / HB

850 gm.

The rise of Narendra Modi is a watershed moment in Indian politics. In fact, such is the magnitude of his influence on the country that India's governance paradigm and political history can be easily divided into two distinct eras—pre-Modi and post-Modi.

Pakistan Insights 2021-22: A Granular Look At Key Issues in Pakistan / Tilak Devasher (ed)

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2022

liv, 224p.; 23 cm. Includes Index. 9789390095575 \$ 25.00 / HB

620 gm.

PAKISTAN INSIGHTS 2021-22 is the third in the 'Pakistan Insights' series brought out by the Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) to deepen the understanding of Pakistan. Ideas for the various chapters are based on the discussions held in the Pakistan Study Group (PSG) that was set up in February 2018 in the VIF. The previous two editions- Pakistan Insights 2019 and Pakistan Insights 2020 received widespread acclaim and it is hoped that this edition too would be well received. Pakistan Insights 2021-22 takes a granular look at some of the critical issues facing Pakistan

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The avoidable war: the dangers of a catastrophic conflict between the US and Xi Jinping's China / Kevin Rudd

Hachette Australia, Australia 2022

of the critical issues facing Pakistan.

x, 420; 24 cm 9780733648502 \$ 44.99 / null 530 gm.

A war between China and the US would be catastrophic, deadly, and destructive. Unfortunately, it is no longer unthinkable. The relationship between the US and China, the world's two superpowers, is peculiarly volatile. It rests on a seismic fault of cultural misunderstanding, historical grievance, and ideological incompatibility. No other nations are so quick to offend and be offended. Their incompatibility. No other nations are so quick to offend and be offended. Their militaries play a dangerous game of chicken, corporations steal intellectual property, intelligence satellites peer and AI technicians plot. The capacity for either country to cross a fatal line grows daily. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, who has studied, lived in, and worked with China for more than forty years, is one of the very few people who can offer real insight into the mindsets of the leadership whose judgement will determine if a war will be fought. The Avoidable War demystifies the actions of both sides, explaining and translating them for the benefit of the other. Geopolitical disaster is still avoidable, but only if these two giants can find a way to coexist without betraying their core interests through what Rudd calls "managed strategic competition". Should they fail, down that path lies the possibility of a war that could rewrite the future of both countries, and the world.

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War in the Making: South Asia and US-China Competition in Indo-Pacific / Ghazanfar Lateef Dar

Ghazanfar Lateef Dar, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

Includes Bibliography 9789692366304 \$ 50.00 / HB 500 gm.

https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=810257

Politics of Federalism in Pakistan / Mehrunnisa Ali Royal Book Company, Karachi, Pakistan 2022

208p. Includes Index ; Bibliography 9789694075273 \$ 50.00 / HB 300 gm.

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The Idea of Australia / Schultz, Julianne Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022 472 pages 9781760879303 \$ 44.99 / null 585 gm.

Former publisher of Griffith Review Professor Julianne Schultz challenges our notions of what it means to be Australian and asks timely and urgent questions about our national identity.

'Schultz reflects on how we might shake off our fears, our mediocrity and our moral torpor, and rediscover the country we once promised to be' KERRY O'BRIEN

'A penetrating analysis' MELISSA LUCASHENKO

'A triumph of art, politics, literature, history, and the deepest scholarship...A towering achievement.' JENNY HOCKING

What is the 'idea of Australia'? What defines the soul of our nation? Are we an egalitarian, generous, outward-looking country? Or is Australia a place that has retreated into silence and denial about the past and become selfish, greedy and insular?

A lifetime of watching Australia as a journalist, editor, academic and writer has given Julianne Schultz a unique platform from which to ask and answer these critical questions. The global pandemic gave her time to study the X-ray of our country and the opportunity for perspective and analysis. Schultz came to realise that the idea of Australia is a contest between those who are imaginative, hopeful, altruistic and ambitious, and those who are defensive and inward-looking. She became convinced we need to acknowledge and better understand our past to make sense of our present and build a positive and inclusive future. She suggests what Australia could be: smart, compassionate, engaged, fair and informed.

This important, searing and compelling book explains us to ourselves and suggests ways Australia can realise her true potential. Urgent, inspiring and optimistic, The Idea of Australia presents the vision we need to fully appreciate our great strengths and crucial challenges.

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Keeping them honest : the case for a genuine National Integrity Commission and other vital democratic reforms / Stephen Charles and Catherine Williams

Scribe Publications, Australia 2022

xiii, 258 pages ; 24 cm 9781922585646 \$ 42.99 / null 365 gm. A revealing and compelling case by Australia's foremost integrity advocate for a strong national body to expose political corruption, uphold accountability, and restore trust and why the country needs it now. Over the last few years, instances of the federal government spending taxpayers' money to gain improper political advantage in elections have continued, with many hundreds of millions of dollars being spent in the Community Sport Infrastructure Program ("sports rorts") & the Urban Congestion Fund ("car parks rorts"). As Stephen Charles writes, these electorally targeted pork-barrelling exercises are better understood as political corruption, which can take many forms but essentially involve dishonest conduct that undermines trust in our democratic political system. Keeping Them Honest points to the crucial absence of a federal integrity commission. Victoria has its own Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC), and NSW has its Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), but there is no comparable body at the national level that exposes corruption in government and public administration, and that holds wrongdoers to account. While in 2020 the federal government announced legislation for a Commonwealth Integrity Commission, Stephen Charles argues that its insipid terms would protect, rather than expose ethical breaches by federal politicians.

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Dismal Diplomacy, Disposable Sovereignty : Our Problem with China & America / Gantner, Carrillo

Monash University Press, Australia 2022

96 pages 9781922633149 \$ 29.95 / null 80 gm.

As 'America's shoeshine boy in the South Pacific', Australia is accustomed to being told what to do. In the space of a mere five years, the subjugation of Australia's national interest to that of the United States in provoking China under president Trump led us very quickly into a hostile relationship with the rising power of the People's Republic of China, and trashed forty years of positive relationship building. The Australian Government is inexperienced in its dealings with China, about which it knows very little. It fails to understand that primarily China wants to be treated with the respect due to a major power. Seeking to curry favour with Washington, the Australian Government and the media have turned the people against China. Claiming to stand up against the newly aggressive nation under President Xi Jinping, Prime Minister Morrison has damaged Australia's critical trading relationship with China as he acts to shore up his own political support against domestic challengers. As a result, Australia is now suffering serious Chinese blowback.

This book describes the current unhappy situation and, based on Gantner's forty years of work in cultural exchange with China, offers some modest suggestions on improving bilateral relations. With the United States pushing for containment of and confrontation with China, and an insecure Australia giving up its sovereignty to buy American protection, it is not at all certain that this will happen.

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Now More than Ever: Australia's ABC / David Anderson Monash University Press, Australia 2022 96 pages 9781922633118 \$ 29.95 / null 80 gm.

Disregard the critics. Australia's ABC, at ninety years of age, is demonstrably more valuable to Australians now than it has ever been. The ABC's home-grown Managing Director, David Anderson, gives us a rare insight into the ABC he knows intimately: a cultural powerhouse where Australian identity is celebrated, democracy is defended, and a very Australian brand of creativity is encouraged to flourish. This is a challenging era for many public broadcasters, with news media consolidation, globalised entertainment streams and unreliable social media. Yet the ABC has never faltered or lost its relevance: on the contrary. This book sets out why Australians turn to their ABC now more than ever for information and news, solace and entertainment, pride and patriotism. Anderson lays out how the ABC will continue to innovate and develop as our essential and beloved national institution over the years leading to its centenary in 2032, and beyond.

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JNU: Nationalism and India's Uncivil War / Makarand R. Paranjape

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xvii, 278p.; 22 cm. Includes Index. 9789355203212 \$ 15.00 / HB

450 gm.

9 February 2016: Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) erupted with 'anti-national' slogans. Arrests of student leaders, the shutdown of the university, a lecture series on 'What the Nation Needs to Know', a student's disappearance, another's suicide and a number of even more disruptive protests ensued. JNU: Nationalism and India's Uncivil War, by a long-standing JNU professor, is a ringside account of what happened. Delicately and incisively crafted, it is an empathetic insider's account of JNU's problems from an expert in the field of higher education. Through this book, the author makes an impassioned plea to transform rather than destroy JNU, as also reform higher education. But more than that, this book is also a history of our times, of India's ongoing transformation, the story of the changing selfapprehension of a nation. Examining the multiple meanings of nationalism in our time, Paranjape delves deeply into what it means to be an Indian today. He offers his perception and understanding of the new India that is fast emerging as India enters its 75th year of Independence. 9 February 2016: Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) erupted with 'anti-national'

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India in A New Key: Nehru to Modi: 75 Years of Freedom and Democracy /

Naraind D. Batra

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

ix, 658p.; 23 cm. Includes Index. 9789355203281 \$ 25.00 / HB

On the morning of 15 August 1947, when Jawaharlal Nehru, heir to Mahatma Gandhi, the Buddha and the European Enlightenment, raised the Indian Tricolour on the ramparts of the Red Fort, the seventeenth-century palace of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, India was free to make experiments with freedom. In the seven decades since Independence, the country gradually changed from Nehru's democratic socialism to Narendra Modi's democratic entrepreneurial digital India, dealing with its internal contradictions by playing the game of democracy and in the process becoming the sixth-largest global economy. And with Chandrayaan exploring the Moon, a space nation was born. India overlooks the Himalayas and the Indian Ocean, abridging Southeast Asia with the Middle East. With its immense brainpower and young demographics, India is geopolitically an indispensable nation. Indians play the game of democracy any which way they can: through massive elections; parliamentary debates and no-confidence motions; coalition forming and horse-trading; hartals, bandhs, dharnas, fast-unto -death; and finally, when nothing works, they knock at the doors of the Supreme Court.

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Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises / Sreeram Chaulia

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

lviii, 219p.; 22 cm. Includes Index. 9789355202567 \$ 15.00 / HB 430 gm.

Crunch Time: Narendra Modis National Security Crises Is India too defensive and tolerant when its core national security is threatened? Has it been a 'soft state in responding to terrorist provocations from Pakistan and territorial encroachments from China? Does India lack a strategic culture of raising the costs of aggression by its two principal adversaries? The past record of the Indian state has been questioned on such grounds. But this changed during the prime ministership of Narendra Modi.

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Periyar: A Study in Political Atheism / Karthick Ram Manoharan

Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad 2022

ix, 133p.; 22 cm. 9789354421679 \$ 6.00 / null 220 gm.

This volume is a thematic study of the work and ideas of Periyar E. V. Ramasamy. It analyses Periyar's emancipatory, irreverent and revolutionary critique of religion using the idea of 'political atheism'. Drawing extensively from Periyar's own writings, contemporary accounts of Dravidian politics and the theory of Anarchism, this groundbreaking study provides a new perspective on Periyar's engagements with religion, caste and their collaborations with the state. Periyar is not just a new appraisal of 'Periyarism' but a reminder of its continuing significance in global conversations on justice, equality and liberty.

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A Nation to Protect: Leading India Through the Covid Crisis / Priyam Gandhi-Mody

Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xv, 312p.; ills, 23 cm. Includes Index. 9789355203557 \$ 15.00 / HB

630 gm.

The pandemic has altered the destinies of not just people worldwide but of entire nations. Many developed countries despite having superior infrastructure and significant investments in public health haven't been able to tackle the onslaught of the pandemic. It was in this backdrop that India's ability to rise to the challenge had been written off entirely by many leading 'experts'. Doomsday predictions were made which included mass deaths and anarchy. However, Prime Minister Modi's robust grip on the administration changed India's fortunes in the fight against the virus. He took absolute control of the country's response mechanisms and streamlined systems to cut red-tape. Led by fact-based scientific advice, the Indian government galvanized their inheritance of less-than-adequate resources, augmented capacities rapidly and prudently spent its reserves on the most effective solutions. Hence, even after three waves of the pandemic, India has managed to save more lives than most countries in the world.

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Farmers On The Move: The Story of How Kisans Organized In Maharashtra / Ajit Navale

LeftWord Books, New Delhi 2022

235p.; 22 cm.

9789392018381 \$ 9.50 / null 280 gm.

In March 2018, 40,000 farmers, overwhelmingly Adivasis, marched 182 kilometres from Nashik to Mumbai, across hill and dale, in blistering heat. Mostly barefoot, some with bleeding feet, these farmers had converged on the megapolis under the banner of the All-India Kisan Sabha to berate their government for its many betrayals of their demands. The farmers won the hearts and sympathies of an often apathetic and unsympathetic urban population which was moved by their heroism, dignity, and determination in the face of overwhelming odds. While the Kisan Long March is relatively better known, the long history of organizing that preceded it is not. For instance, most people outside Maharashtra are not aware of a historic strike by farmers the previous summer. Nor are most aware of the long history of kisan struggles in Maharashtra, going back over a century. Farmers on the Move is a rare and valuable account of the dogged, persevering, and creative tactics and strategy that went into organizing kisans. Full of ups and downs, hopes and heartbreaks, it is a moving story of human tenacity and the triumph of the spirit. AJIT NAVALE Ajit Navale is a doctor by profession. He is the General Secretary of the Maharashtra state unit of the All India Kisan Sabha and was one of the main leaders of the Kisan Long March. MEDHA KALE Medha Kale is Translations Editor, Marathi, at the People's Archive of Rural India.

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Ballot: Ten Episodes that have Shaped India's Democracy / Rasheed Kidwai Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram 2022

156p.; 21 cm. Includes Bibliography. 9789351952268 \$ 10.00 / null

220 gm.

In Ballot, Rasheed Kidwai takes us through his pick of seminal elections that have shaped Indian democracy both at the centre and in select states. Highlighting the unique challenges faced by a country that adopted universal adult franchise at the very outset, profiling personalities who have triggered ground-shifts, and analysing the causes and consequences of key electoral episodes, he traces the very evolution of India's democratic process.

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The Great Game in the Indo-Pacific: A Pivot to India / Air Marshal Anil Chopra (ed)

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xxiv, 345p.; 23 cm. Includes Index. 9789391490386 \$ 37.00 / HB 650 gm.

Unique in its approach, this book is comprehensive and future-oriented. It brings together the vast and diverse sub-themes on the Indo-Pacific while placing India at the center and mapping its prospects in the road ahead. Not only is the Indo-Pacific a pivotal part of India's foreign policy, but New Delhi's role in the Indo-Pacific theatre is considered crucial by regional and international stakeholders. The compilation of chapters by distinguished experts and scholars explores three key themes: India's emerging power and the rise of the Indo-Pacific, India as a critical link in the Quad diamond, and India's connection with actors beyond the Quad. Through these themes, the book provides a multidisciplinary and multinational approach to the India's role in the strategic regional landscape, with a focus on security through a discussion of India's air and naval strategies to respond to the growing flux in the region.

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Reimagining South Asia: Multilateralism in the Contemporary Times / Nagalaxmi M. Raman (ed)

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2022 xvi, 271p.; 23 cm. Includes Index. 9789390095513 \$ 25.00 / HB 620 gm.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges in the South Asian region have become apparent. Reimagining South Asia argues that multilateralism in the region is the greatest hope for actionable policy, and that remaining an introverted economy hinders developmental progress. Topics studied throughout the book include the ASEAN outlook on the Indo-Pacific narrative, India's relations with Africa, China's strategic movements withinin the region, India's energy diplomacy towards South Asian countries, and multilateralism in Nepal's foreign policy.

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Security Concerns of Asia: 21st Century Discourses / Sarika Dubey (ed)

Pentagon Press LLP, New Delhi 2022

xxvii, 424p.; 23 cm. Includes Index. 9789390095483 \$ 32.50 / HB 850 gm.

Security is a wide concept, pertaining not only to national security but also to the essential factors of human wellbeing and progress. In the current global climate, many new dimensions to security have become evident through interconnected issues such as climate change, food insecurity, pandemics, and terrorism, making the study of security more relevant than ever. The Asia-Pacific region is confronted with many complex and daunting challenges, including the denuclearisation of North Korea, tensions in the Taiwan Strait, and assertions of sovereignty in the South China Sea. Besides these, recent developments in Afghanistan, emerging trends in transnational terror networks, sectarian violence, drug trafficking and illegal migration are deeper issues that have sustained security concerns in the region. This book studies security issues in the Asian context, recognising the region as a locus of international affairs and power-politics in which security is mostly influenced by geopolitical factors.

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= Pandemic and global society: / , [] ,Japan 2022 ; 184p ; 21cm 9784771036307 \$ 60.00 / HB

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Probable Sino-Russia Military Pact Implications for India / SL Deshmukh Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

vii, 75p.; 23 cm. 9789391490287 \$ 14.50 / null 180 gm. There is talk now about the "China-Russia" Military Pact. Given the status of current Indo-China relations and Russia's dilemma about its bilateral relations with India and China, the probable "Sino-Russia Military Pact" should be a matter of a reserving its unpossible impact.

of concern for India, considering its unavoidable impact.

The issues related to Indo-Sino-Russian relations, in their own sphere, are quite complex. Keeping that complexity in mind, the impact of India's multi-dimensional relationship with other countries—especially the USA and the formation of QUAD (India-Australia-Japan-USA) would also be an important factor for consideration. Thus, a broad level analysis of all the aspects mentioned above would be essential to arrive at a conclusion, having the semblance of reality.

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The Hong Kong Conundrum: Pangs of Transition / Rup Narayan Das

Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xiii, 233p.; 23 cm. Includes Bibliography. 9789391490683

\$ 32.00 / HB

550 gm.

"The Hong Kong Conundrum: Pangs of Transition by Rup Narayan Das is a timely and important addition to the debate over the future of Hong Kong. That debate has been entangled in an impassioned and at times bitter dispute over Beijing's crackdown on the city's pro-democracy movement, which erupted in prolonged and violent protests in 2019. China's subsequent imposition of a National Security Law on Hong Kong that effectively limits challenges to the central government's authority has stymied public discussion and led to the arrests of numerous prodemocracy advocates. Rather than weigh directly into this broader controversy, Das has produced a clear, comprehensive, and balanced history of Hong Kong that provides rich context for discussions about the city and its relationship to Beijing. It is precisely what is needed at a time like this because it puts the city's contemporary history into context. If one is looking for a single volume to illuminate the issues behind the headlines, this is it."

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Les Reformes de Droit Prive en Afrique: Actes du Colloque Organise Par Le Laboratoire d'Etudes et de Recherche sur le Droit et Les Affaires en Afrique (LERDA), 13-14 November 2014 - Universite de Dschang (Cameroun) / Brigitte Djuidje Chatue

Presses Universitaires d'Afrique, Yaounde, Cameroun 2016

516p.; 24cm. 9789956444944 \$ 80.00 / null 662 gm.

L'Afrique contemporaine cherche encore ses repères. Son droit en général et son droit privé en particulier sont en pleine mutation, tant leurs ancrages épistémologiques sont incertains, leur application limitée et leur efficacité relative. Dans ces conditions, il est sage d'arrêter un moment pour mener une réflexion rétrospective et prospective.

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Contemporary Analysis on Syrian Immigration Issue in Europe and Turkey: Educational, Political and Legal Practices / Mustafa Sitki Bilgin (ed)

Akcag Basim Yayim Pazarlama A.S., Turkey 2022

xiv, 392p.

9786053427032

\$ 90.00 / null

This book will contribute to the solution of the alienation, integration, and adaptation problems that immigrants in general, and Syrian refugees in particular, encounter in their daily lives. In addition, according to information and data obtained from this Edit Book, it is seen that politicians and administrators of EU countries focus more on political, legal, and administrative issues related to Syrian Refugees, and they are less interested in the socio-cultural and educational dimension. In this context, despite its shortcomings, it is seen that Turkey has emerged as the country that attaches the most importance to the socio-cultural dimension and contributes and spends on the education of young Syrian refugees.

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Cowries of Blood : Essays on Herdsmen, Banditry, and Nigeria's Endgame Politics / Lasisi Olagunju

Noirledge Limited, Ibadan, Nigeria 2021

272p.

9789785874679

\$ 50.00 / null

400 gm.

Cowries of Blood contains essays about Nigeria's struggles with insecurity, elite failure and leadership inadequacies. The articles were published in the author's Monday Lines column in the Nigerian Tribune between March 2012 and August 2021.

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Community Federalism: A compromise for collective growth, inclusion and respect for regional identities = Le Federalisme Communautaire: Compromis pour la paix durable, la croissance collective, l'inclusion of respect des entites (Dual Book) / Cabral Libii

Editions D & L, Cameroon 2021

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9789956290451

\$ 70.00 / null

450 gm.

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La Genese du Regime Foncier et Domanial au Cameroun, Tome I: Analytique Retrospective / Bendegue Jean-Marie Vianney

Editions du Codevy, Cameroon 2020

758p.

9789956115280

\$ 150.00 / null

1050 gm.

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Budget De L'Etat Du Cameroun: Atermoiements, Crises, Reformes Et Nouvelle Gouvernance (1963-2019) / Isaac Jouonang

Presses Universitaires d'Afrique, Cameroon 2021

340p.

9789956532216

\$ 100.00 / null

La cinétique des réformes budgétaires et comptables au Cameroun n'aura pas été un long fleuve tranquille. L'ordonnance n° 62/OF/04, intervenue le 7 février 1962, règle le mode de présentation, les conditions d'exécution du budget de la République Fédérale du Cameroun, de ses recettes et de ses dépenses ainsi que de toutes les opérations s'y rapportant. Ce texte, fondateur à plusieurs égards, traduit l'appropriation par les autorités politiques du processus budgétaire et comptable postindépendance mais surtout, constitue le premier cadre juridique de gestion des finances publiques au Cameroun. de gestion des finances publiques au Cameroun.

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Desordre Urbain et Insecurites au Cameroun: Evaluation et Plaidoyer Por Une Gouvernance Urbaine Rationnelle / Andre Tassou

Editions Dinmber et Larimber, Cameroon 2020

9789956290147

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From Lucknow to Lutyens: The Power And Plight / Abhigyan Prakash

HarperCollins Publishers, Haryana 2022

xxxii, 239p.; 22 cm. Includes Index. 9789354895753

\$ 15.00 / HB

420 gm.

With a population that would rank it the fifth in the world if it were a country, Uttar Pradesh has undoubtedly been India's most politically important state since Independence. It sends the highest number of members to Parliament and has the biggest legislature in the country. It also has to its credit most of India's prime ministers. And yet, despite being home to the dynasties and bastions of some of the biggest names in Indian politics, it has lagged behind several states. With its clear and decisive imprint on national politics, UP also reflects some of its worst ills: from casteism and using religion as a political plank to manoeuvring for power and criminalization in politics. From Lucknow to Lutyens tells the fascinating story of Uttar Pradesh in post-Independence India and the intertwined fortunes of the two fortunes of the two.

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West Asia at War: Repression, Resistance and Great Power Games / Talmiz

HarperCollins Publishers, Haryana 2022

xxxi, 509p.; 23 cm. Bibliography Includes Index.

9789354895258

\$ 20.00 / HB

750 gm.

Events in West Asia constantly demand global attention due to regional conflicts, faith-based divisions, sectarian violence and wars that are often ignited by external powers. Popular agitations for political, economic and social reform frequently make the scenario even more fragile, turbulent and uncertain. West Asia is a destination for millions of pilgrims to sacred sites venerated by the three Abrahamic faiths - Islam, Christianity and Judaism. It is also at the heart of global energy, trade and financial dynamics, the centre of logistical connectivity projects, and an emerging hub of technological research and development.

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Southeast Asian Affairs 2022 / Daljit Singh & Hoang Thi Ha & Khairulanwar Zaini (Eds)

ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2022

xvi, 410p.

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Election Atlas of India: Parliamentary Elections 1952-2019 (1st Lok Sabha to 17th Lok Sabha) - Updated January 2022 / R.K. Thukral (ed)

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Indiastat released this book titled, "Election Atlas of India" on 25th April 2022. The book is edited and published by Dr R K Thukral, Co-Founder and Director of Indiastat. As a one-of-its-kind book presenting comprehensive details year-wise on all Parliamentary Elections from 1952 to 2019, it includes data updated till January 2022. A first-of-its-kind Election Atlas of India depicts a journey of progression of parliamentary elections since independence in the context of changing socio-political and demographic scenario with many electoral parameters and aspects hitherto unavailable at one place. The data-oriented Election Atlas of India is an attempt to unravel the statistics behind the parliamentary elections from 1st Lok Sabha in 1952 to the 17th Lok Sabha in 2019 and duly updated for the bye-elections held till January 2022.

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Saffron Republic: Hindu Nationalism and State Power in India / Thomas Blom Hansen, Srirupa Roy (ed)

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This volume examines the phenomenon of contemporary Hindu nationalism or 'new Hindutva' that is presently the dominant ideological and political-electoral formation in India. There is a rich body of work on Hindu nationalism, but its main focus is on an earlier moment of insurgent movement politics in the 1980s and 1990s. In contrast, new Hindutva is a governmental formation that converges with wider global currents and enjoys mainstream acceptance. To understand these new political forms and their implications for democratic futures, a fresh set of reflections is in order. This book approaches contemporary Hindutva as an example of a democratic authoritarianism or an authoritarian populism, a politics that simultaneously advances and violates ideas and practices of popular and constitutional democracy.

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West Asia continues to churn festered by several hot spots including Libya, Syria, Yemen, and Iraq as Arab Spring 2.0 straddles the region forcing socio-economic reforms. The Middle East Process remains defunct as the Israel-Palestine conflict remains at the brink. The region also continues to suffer from the geopolitical, geo-economic, and geo-religious contestations among major powers like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Turkey, Egypt, and Iran. Qatar has emerged as new `Go To` country. Due to perceived nonchalance and withdrawal of the USA, which was its sole security guarantor, the regional majors have begun to look for some modus vivendi among themselves as they enhance their engagements with China and Russia, and to a great extent, even India.

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Moi's Kleptocracy and its Spillovers / Duncan Ndegwa DNN Foundation, Kenya 2021 xiv, 82p. 9789914408034 \$ 30.00 / null 174 gm. Most of Africa has been free from direct colonial domination for more than half a century. In that period, there are leaders who have inspired confidence among their citizens while several others have underwhelmed the citizenry. For Kenya and Africa to make progress, we must learn from our past lest we keep taking wrong turns we have taken in the past, time and again. Similarly, we need to take note of the times we have taken the right decisions so that we reap more from some choices we made in our past. It is in that spirit that Moi's Kleptocracy and its Spillovers is written.

In this book, Duncan Ndegwa recounts how President Daniel arap Moi's post1982 coup attempt missteps led to an era that left Kenya hanging on a precipice in numerous ways. By the time Moi left power in 2002, vicious cartels of ravenous overlords had ravaged Kenya and turned it into private property. A sense of exclusion that ensued left many Kenyans in a state of utter despondency. The end of the Moi era marked a huge contrast from its beginning, which to many was associated with renewed hope. Clearly, the effects of the Moi era are yet to disappear from our national milieu decades after Daniel Moi relinquished power.

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Communal Intimacy and the Violence of Politics explores the notoriously brutal Philippine war on drugs from below. Steffen Bo Jensen and Karl Hapal examine how the war on drugs folded itself into communal and intimate spheres in one Manila neighborhood, Bagong Silang. Police killings have been regular occurrences since the birth of Bagong Silang. Communal Intimacy and the Violence of Politics shows that although the drug war was introduced from the outside, it fit into and perpetuated already existing gendered and generational structures. In Bagong Silang, the war on drugs implicated local structures of authority, including a justice system that had always been deeply integrated into communal relations. The ways in which the war on drugs transformed these intimate relations between the state and its citizens, and between neighbors, may turn out to be the most lasting impact of Duterte's infamously violent policies.

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This book is a collection of selected commentaries written by veteran journalist Vergel O. Santos between 2016 and 2021. He published most of them originally in Rappler, others in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, and still others in The New York Times. A former newspaper editor and publisher himself, he is much enlisted by Philippine and international media for his bold and incisive opinions, particularly on issues having to do with politics, press freedom, and transparency in governance.

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