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Art

The Chinese Literati on Painting : Su Shih (1037-1101) to Tung Ch'i-ch'ang (1555-1636)
/ Susan Bush

Reprint

Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012

227p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888139705

\$ 25.00 / PB

448 gm.

This classic work, first published in 1971, explores the transition in painting styles from the late Sung period to the art of Yuan dynasty literati. Building on the pioneering work of Oswald Siren and James Cahill, Susan Bush's investigations of painting done under the Chin dynasty confirmed the dominance of scholar-artists in the north and their gradual development of scholarly painting traditions, and a related study of Northern Sung writings showed that their theory was shaped as much by the views of their social class as by their artistic aims. Bush's perspective on Sung scholars' art and theory helps explain the emergence of literati painting as the main artistic tradition in Yuan times. Social history thus served to supplement an understanding of the evolution of artistic styles.

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Early Chinese Texts on Painting / Susan Bush and Hsio-yen Shih

Reprint

Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012

xiv. 391p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888139736

\$30.00 / PB

604 gm.

For students of Chinese art and culture this anthology has proven invaluable since its initial publication in 1985. It collects important Chinese writings about painting, from the

earliest examples through the fourteenth century, allowing readers to see how the art of this rich era was seen and understood in the artists' own times. Some of the texts in this treasury fall into the broad category of aesthetic theory; some describe specific techniques; some discuss the work of individual artists. The texts are presented in accurate and readable translations, and prefaced with artistic and historical background information to the formative periods of Chinese theory and criticism. A glossary of terms and an appendix containing brief biographies of 270 artists and critics add to the usefulness of this volume.

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Economics/Development Studies

Economic Freedom : Lessons of Hong Kong / Kui-Wali Li
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012

xix. 781p. ; 26cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814368841

\$ 200.00 / HB

1510 gm.

Hong Kong has been one of the fastest growing East Asian economies since the end of the Second World War. The adoption and practice of economic freedom have been major pillars in its economic success. Indeed, the experience of Hong Kong has served as a reference for other emerging economies in the region. The scope of the book elaborates the context and ingredients of economic freedom that have brought success and prosperity to Hong Kong. With sovereignty reversion to China in 1997, it is even more relevant to see how economic freedom is shaping and adapting to the new environment.

There exist a number of economic indices based on economic freedom. Hong Kong has been ranked as the freest economy in the world for a number of consecutive years. While the economic freedom indices compare the performance of a large number of world economies, there is a lack of economic literature that studies the absolute level of economic freedom of a single economy. This book boldly serves the purpose of elaborating on the absolute performance of economic freedom in the world's freest economy. It is, therefore, the first of its kind and unique in its field. Numerous areas of studies related to economic freedom are examined, studied and elaborated so that readers can have a full and comprehensive understanding of the content of economic freedom in Hong Kong.

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China : Development and Governance / Wang Gungwu & Zheng Yongnian (Editors)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013
xiv. 541p. ; 28cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814425834
\$ 98.00 / HB
1390 gm.

China has achieved significant socio-economic progress and has become a key player on the international stage after several decades of open-door and reform policy. Looking beyond China's transformation, this book focusses on the theme of governance which is widely regarded as the next most critical element to ensure that China's growth remains sustainable.

Today, China is confronted with a host of pressing challenges that call for urgent attention. These include the need to rebalance and restructure the economy, the widening income gaps, the poor integration of migrant populations in the urban areas, insufficient public housing and healthcare coverage, the seeming lack of political reforms and the degree of environmental degradation. In the foreign policy arena, China is likewise under pressure to do more to address global concerns while not appearing to be overly aggressive. The next steps that China takes would have a great deal to do with governance, in terms of how it tackles or fails to address the myriad of challenges, both domestic and foreign.

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China's State-Owned Enterprises : Nature, Performance and Reform / Sheng Hong & Zhao Nong
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013
xxxiii. 372p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814383844
Series on Chinese Economics Research Vol. 1
\$ 118.00 / HB
716 gm.

This book provides a detailed description of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in China with respect to both efficiency and income distribution. It demonstrates that state ownership in the form of SOEs does not use resources efficiently, holds a poor record in income distribution, and enjoys unfair advantages while competing with other firms. To illustrate this, the book presents data on how favored policies, monopolistic powers, and subsidies benefit SOEs.

This book, with its rich empirical data and information, serves as an authoritative reference for researchers interested in SOEs. It is also a good read for students of social sciences and general public.

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A New Economic Growth Engine for China : Escaping the Middle-Income Trap by Not Doing More of the Same / Wing Thye Woo, Ming Yu ... [et al] (Editors)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
xii. 294p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814425537
\$ 110.00 / HB
574 gm.

This volume is a report by leading international economic experts on China's economic priorities in the coming years. From various aspects of the domestic and foreign situation, China has now reached a critical juncture in its economic development. Unless China is able to overcome the difficulties in undertaking further reforms in the next ten years, China would be caught in the middle-income trap and be unable to become a modern country. The future course of China's economic development is also of great concern to the rest of the world because the socio-political-economic conditions in China will have significant impact on global economic prosperity and on global political harmony.

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Industrial Map of China's Financial Sectors : China Industrial Map Editorial Committee
China Economic Monitoring & Analysis Center Xinhua Holdings, China
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
ix. 284p. ; 26cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814412605
\$ 32.00 / HB
656 gm.

The book provides a comprehensive “map” of China's financial markets and institutions based on objective data. The book uses the mentioned data to analyze the status and trend of China's financial sectors under macro-economy. The objective of this book is to show the actual performance of China's financial markets and institutions during the first stage of the post-crisis period and the challenges that China's financial sectors face in the future.

At present, China's economy and financial sectors are just like a traveler undergoing a long journey and need a map to tell where he/she comes from, where he/she is and where the present road will lead to. This book attempts to provide the readers with some useful information on the basis of objective data and help them to explore the road to the near future of China's economy and financial sectors.

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Energy Economy in China : Policy Imperatives, Market Dynamics, and Regional Developments / Kang Wu

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013

xvi. 270p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814335676

\$ 99.00 / HB

524 gm.

The key subjects of the book are policy imperatives, market dynamics and regional developments concerning oil and gas, as well as energy as a whole in China. In addition to national policies and issues, the objective of this book is to study China's regional oil and gas demand, supply and trade, energy balances, and economic development, with projections up till 2030. Particular emphasis will be given to challenges facing the Chinese government in ensuring future oil supplies, pipeline and liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, energy security, downstream oil refining sector developments, the use of natural gas for power generation, and oil and gas related environmental issues. The impact of China's oil and gas sector developments, market dynamics, rising imports, and overseas investment on the Asia-Pacific region and the world at large are examined.

Energy Economy in China also reviews current and future oil refining projects, gas pipelines, LNG import terminals, and emerging new markets in China over the next fifteen years.

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Global Financial Crisis and Challenges for China / Yang Mu & Michael Heng Siam-Heng
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012

vii. 133p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814282277

1. Global Financial Crisis, 2008-2009
2. China – Economic condition – 2000-
3. China – Foreign relations

\$ 32.00 / HB

402 gm.

The book analyzes the nature of Chinese economy which enables it to go through the financial tsunami pretty unscathed. It discusses the stimulus package designed by the Chinese government to keep the economy on course, as well as its results — both positive and negative aspects in the middle and long term.

The 2008–09 financial crisis makes it very clear that we need a two-pronged approach to deal with the situation, namely governments need a) to take quick and decisive actions to stem any further deterioration in financial systems; b) to revamp their economies by refitting existing engines in the real economy. China, as the third largest

economy in the world, and with its robust domestic consumption and a healthy financial system, is one of the most important drivers to pull the world out of recession.

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The Uniqueness of China's Development Model 1842 – 2049 / Yip Kwok-wah
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
ix. 201p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814397773
\$ 29.00 / HB
540 gm.

The book discusses the development model of China which has now overtaken Japan as the world's second largest economy. This remarkable economic achievement has not followed the Western world's favorite developmental tools — of freedom, democracy and a market driven economy, but rather China's unique model — of one-party authoritarian rule with a mixed economy. The Middle Kingdom's way of development has largely questioned the West's core values — freedom and democracy. The book argues that the model is based on the country's 3,000-year-old civilization, forged by the efforts, innovations, trial and error process of several recent generations, and guided by the Chinese Communist Party in the past 60 years.

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History

Confucianism, Chinese History and Society / Wong Sin Kiong (Editor)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
viii. 253p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814374477
1. 1. Confucianism – China – History
2. 2. Religion and science – China – History
\$ 32.00 / PB
390 gm.

Confucianism, Chinese History and Society is a collection of essays authored by world renowned scholars on Chinese studies, including Professor Ho Peng Yoke (Needham Research Institute), Professor Leo Ou-fan Lee (Harvard University), Professor Philip Y S Leung (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Professor Liu Ts'un-Yan (Australian National University), Professor Tu Wei-Ming (Harvard University), Professor Wang Gungwu (National University of Singapore) and Professor Yue Daiyun (Peking University). The volume covers many important themes and topics in Chinese Studies, including the Confucian perspective on human rights, Nationalism and Confucianism, Confucianism and the development of Science in China, crisis and innovation in contemporary Chinese cultures, plurality of cultures in the context of globalization, and comparative study of the city cultures in modern China. These essays were originally

delivered at the Professor Wu Teh Yao Memorial Lectures. Wu Teh Yao (1917–1994) was an educator, political scientist, specialist in Confucianism and original drafter of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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My First Trip to China / Kin-ming Liu (Editor)
Hong Kong: East Slope Publishing Limited, 2012
319p. ; 18cm.
ISBN-13: 9789881604620
\$ 28.00 / PB
562 gm.

Thirty leading China experts—ranging from Perry Link, Andrew Nathan and Jonathan Mirsky to W.J.F. Jenner, Lois Wheeler Snow and Morton Abramowitz—recount their first visits to China, recalling their initial observations and impressions. Most first traveled to China when it was still closed to the world, or was just beginning to open. Their subsequent opinions, writings and policies have shaped the Western relationship with China for more than a generation. This is essential reading for those who want to understand the evolution of Western attitudes toward modern China. At the same time, this collection provides a vivid, personal window onto a fascinating period in Chinese history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146720>

The Memoirs of Jin Luxian Volume One : Learning and Relearning 1916 – 1982 / Jin Luxian ; translated by William Hanbury-Tenison
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012
xxii. 296p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 97898888139675
\$ 28.00 / PB
496 gm.

"This autobiographical memoir, which covers Jin Luxian's life to the beginning of the period of 'Openness and Reform,' is unique. No other religious leader in China has written in such detail about his own life. Jin remains controversial, but he is a thinker of singular intelligence, a deeply believing Roman Catholic and a remarkable human being. He has been a bridge person in the contentious relationships between the Vatican and China, and has been both admired and criticized in this role. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in religion in China."

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Scottish Mandarin : The Life and Times of Sir Reginald Johnston / Shiona Airlie
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012
xix. 294p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789888139569
Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series
\$ 38.00 / HB
624 gm.

Colonial administrator, writer, explorer, Buddhist, and friend to China's last emperor, Sir Reginald Johnston (1874–1938) was a distinguished sinologist with a tangled love and family life that he kept secret even from his closest friends. Born and educated in Edinburgh, he began his career in the colony of Hong Kong and eventually became Commissioner of the remote British leased territory of Weihai in northern China. He travelled widely and, during a break from colonial service, served as tutor and advisor to Puyi, the deposed emperor. As the only foreigner allowed to work in the Forbidden City, he wrote the classic account of the last days of the Qing Dynasty.

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Hong Kong : Private Policing 1841 – 1941 / Sheilah E. Hamilton
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012
xii. 230p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789888028993
Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series
\$ 30.00 / PB
370 gm.

In this pioneering study, Sheilah Hamilton shows that, from the earliest days of British rule, the colonial administration introduced harsh legislation to control Chinese watchmen who were employed to protect the fledgling colony's property in the absence of an effective public police force. She examines the growth in different Hong Kong Government departments of what would now be regarded as 'hybrid' police and argues that the existence of such posts within the civil service resulted in greater social control of the local Chinese community at minimal extra expense.

Amongst the topics of private security explored are: the impact of the few private security personnel engaged by local Chinese organizations such as the Nam Pak Hong, Tung Wah Hospital and Po Leung Kuk; the evolution of the District Watch Force from a force engaged in purely local security duties to an arm of the Hong Kong Government involved in non-security matters such as controversial sanitary inspections; and the unique system of village guards and scouts in the New Territories. A particular focus is the early maritime security problems and the internal security forces of Hong Kong's shipping companies.

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A History of The University of Hong Kong Volume 1, 1911-1945 / Peter Cunich
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012
xxvi. 649p. ; 26cm.
ISBN-13: 9789888139217
\$ 60.00 / HB
1930 gm.

The University of Hong Kong was one of only a handful of fully autonomous colonial universities in the British Empire in the first half of the twentieth century. While it shared much in common with other home and dominion universities and had to deal with the same problems that plagued higher education elsewhere in the world at the time, it also had a very distinctive role to play as an instrument of British cultural imperialism in China. From its founding in 1911 it was intended as a 'British lighthouse in the Orient' with a broad remit to educate the new generation of Chinese youth who would lead the modernisation of China. This book evaluates the success of that mission and also demonstrates the important contribution that HKU made to the development of both Hong Kong and Malaya, the two areas whence most of its students were drawn. As the first university to be established in Hong Kong, the early decades of the University's history represents the foundation of the whole higher education system in Hong Kong, a system which now boasts a larger percentage of world-ranked institutions than any other country in the world. The book has much to say about both colonial education and Hong Kong in general, and it tracks the fortunes of the colony from the peak of the British Empire's power to the destructive effects of the Japanese occupation between 1941 and 1945.

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Europe and China : Science and the Arts in the 17th and 18th Centuries / Luis Saraiva
(Editor)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013
xxx. 309p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814390439
History of Mathematical Sciences : Portugal and East Asia IV
\$ 120.00 / HB
632 gm.

Missionaries, and in particular the Portuguese Assistency of the Society of Jesus, played a fundamental role in the dissemination of Western scientific knowledge in East Asia. They also brought to Europe a deeper knowledge of Asian countries. This volume brings together a series of essays analyzing important new data on this significant scientific and cultural exchange, including several in-depth discussions of new sources relevant to Jesuit scientific activities at the Chinese Emperor's Court. It includes major contributions examining various case studies that range from the work of some individual missionaries (Karel Slavíček, Guillaume Bonjour) in Beijing during the reigns of Kangxi and Yongzheng to the cultural exchange between a Korean envoy and the

Beijing Jesuits during the early 18th century. Focusing in particular on the relationship between science and the arts, this volume also features articles pertaining to the historical contributions made by Tomás Pereira and Jean-Joseph-Marie Amiot, to the exchange of musical knowledge between China and Europe.

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Politics/International Relations

Pax Sinica : Geopolitics and Economics of China's Ascendance / Y.Y. Kueh

Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012

xxi. 437p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888083824

\$ 45.00 / HB

796 gm.

The book confronts the popular conjecture of a Pax Sinica emerging to replace Pax Americana in the wake of global financial crisis. It argues that by virtue of its overwhelming economic, technological and military clout, US hegemony will continue to prevail, though increasingly less coherently, as China's ascendance as a global power accelerates. The argument is underpinned with analysis of different junctures in China's trajectory towards the status of economic giant, from the tacit creation of the "Greater China" growth triangle and ordeal of the Asian Financial Crisis, through the breakthrough with China's membership in the WTO and the subsequent large-scale realignment of productive forces in the Asia Pacific region. A chronological approach is combined with topical analysis, focusing in particular on the interplay between economic imperatives and geopolitical dynamics.

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Diaoyu Dao : An Inherent Territory of China / National Marine Data and Information Service (Compiled)

Beijing: China Ocean Press, 2012

33p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9787502784041

\$ 15.00 / PB

124 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=146735>

My 1,000 Days Ordeal : A Patriot's Torture / Ching Cheong
Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2012

xvii. 289p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814342346

1. Ching, Cheong, 1949-
2. Journalists – Biography
3. China – Politics and government – 20th century
4. China – Politics and government – 21st century

\$ 19.00 / PB

454 gm.

Journalists are always taught to cover the news, and not become the news. On April 21, 2005, Straits Times correspondent Ching Cheong broke that rule: he crossed the border into Shenzhen to investigate a manuscript of the memoirs of the late Chinese leader, Zhao Ziyang. That was the start of his nightmare. The next day, he was detained in isolation for more than three months, as the Public Security Bureau tried all manner of ways short of physical violence to get him to confess to spying for Taiwan. He was later “tried” in a Beijing court, his 20,000-word so-called “confession” the only evidence the State Prosecutor produced, and was summarily convicted of spying for “foreign powers” and sentenced to five years’ jail. His book re-counts in detail the emotional turmoil he felt at being “betrayed” by his desire to see China and Taiwan peacefully reunified, the tortuous circumstances under which he was compelled to write a “confession” of his alleged crime, and his struggle to come to terms with what he – albeit unwittingly – brought upon himself. He decided to write it “to contribute in a small way to wiping out the soil that produces such miscarriages of justice” in China, to make sure that he “had not gone to jail for nothing”. For the international legions of human rights activists, Ching’s Ordeal describes, in very ordinary terms, how the Chinese authorities – or any other undemocratic regime – use “logic” and forms of mental torture to obtain “confessions”. It shows up, without drama, the huge distance China needs to cover to become a country where the rule of law is not subject to politics. Most of all, it shows the “patriots” in the Chinese diaspora the gradient they have to walk to separate communist dictates from a culture of which there is much to be proud. Ching puts it simply: “I hope through the recounting of my story to bring attention to the situation of China’s judicial system, so that we can together build a country that respects and protects the rights of a quarter of the world’s population.”

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Sino – Japanese Relations : Rivals or Partners in Regional Cooperation? / Niklas
Swanstrom & Ryosei Kokubun (Editors)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013

xv. 223p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814383554

\$ 89.00 / HB

572 gm.

Sino-Japanese relations have been on the mend since Shinzo Abe assumed the

Japanese Prime Minister's office in September 2006. His visit to China in October 2006 and the reciprocal visits of Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao in April 2007, and President Hu Jintao in May 2008, facilitated the further thawing of bilateral relations under the framework of "mutually beneficial relationship based on common strategic relationship." A substantial number of additional events have indicated the continuation of the positive trend in the strengthening of the bilateral relations.

However, several issues continue to obstruct the building of long-term confidence between the two Asian giants. Despite the overall improved relations, there is very little structural thinking about how to move the Sino-Japanese relations to the next level and how to institutionalize security dialogues at the regional and international level.

This book provides an overview of the current situation and also gives suggestions on what is needed to move beyond the haphazard level of cooperation in Northeast Asia, especially as the six-party talks seem to have broken down. It focuses on Chinese and Japanese perceptions of the bilateral situation, and the potential of, and need for, multilateral structures in managing the future.

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East Asia : Development and Challenges / Yongnian Zheng & Liang Fook Lye (Editors)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2013

xiv. 192p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814407823

Series on Contemporary China Vol. 32

\$ 76.00 / HB

482 gm.

The aim of the book is to provide readers with an understanding of the important and emerging political, economic and social trends and challenges in East Asia in the coming years.

There is urgency to conduct such a review of the state of East Asian affairs as the international and regional environments seemed to be headed towards greater uncertainty. At the international level, the European Union (EU) continues to grapple with its debt crisis with no clear resolution in sight. On the other side of the Atlantic, the US is gearing up for its presidential and congressional elections that will take place towards the end of 2012. The outcome of these elections would have implications for America's relations with countries in East Asia, particularly China. Already, in the run-up to these elections, potential candidates have whipped up anti-China sentiments or even called for tough anti-China measures to appeal their respective constituencies...

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Sociology

Creativity and Academic Activism : Instituting Cultural Studies / Meaghan Morris and Mette Hjort (Editors)

Hong Kong & USA: Hong Kong University Press and Duke University Press, 2012

xii. 297p. ; 23cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789888139408

1. Culture – Study and teaching (Higher) –Asia

\$ 25.00 / PB

542 gm.

This work explores in detail how innovative academic activism can transform our everyday workplaces in contexts of considerable adversity. Personal essays by prominent scholars provide critical reflections on their institution-building triumphs and setbacks across a range of cultural institutions. Often adopting narrative approaches, the contributors examine how effective programmes and activities are built in varying local and national contexts within a common global regime of university management policy. Here they share experiences based on developing new undergraduate degrees, setting up research centers and postgraduate schools, editing field-shaping book series and journals, establishing international artist-in-residence programs and founding social activist networks.

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Islam in Hong Kong : Muslims and Everyday Life in China's World City / Paul O'Connor

Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012

xiv. 217p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888139583

Hong Kong Culture and Society

\$ 25.00 / PB

352 gm.

More than a quarter of a million Muslims live and work in Hong Kong. Among them are descendants of families who have been in the city for generations, recent immigrants from around the world, and growing numbers of migrant workers. Islam in Hong Kong explores the lives of Muslims as ethnic and religious minorities in this unique post-colonial Chinese city. Drawing on interviews with Muslims of different origins, O'Connor builds a detailed picture of daily life through topical chapters on language, space, religious education, daily prayers, maintaining a halal diet in a Chinese environment, racism, and other subjects. Although the picture that emerges is complex and ambiguous, one striking conclusion is that Muslims in Hong Kong generally find acceptance as a community and do not consider themselves to be victimised because of their religion.

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Social Structure of Contemporary China / Xueyi Lu
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2012
xxviii. 444p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814383226
Series on Contemporary China Vol. 31
\$ 165.00 / HB
798 gm.

This book is the third study done by the Research Group on Social Structure Change in Contemporary China, a group affiliated with the Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The group has focused on the process of development and change in contemporary Chinese social structure and come to the following conclusions.

Contemporary China is transitioning from a traditional agricultural and rural society to a modern industrialized and urban society; from a highly centralized planned economy to a robust socialist market economic system. The entire society is undertaking an unprecedented evolution. During the three decades of reform and opening up, China has made brilliant achievements, never seen before in history. Now, China is in a critical period of reform and opening up, with very complex, far-reaching and closely intertwined social problems, which are also unprecedented.

After deep and detailed analysis the Research Group believes that these problems cannot be resolved only by economic methods. In order to get to the roots of these social problems, China must develop new social policies, strengthen the social structure and carry out social system reform. The core purpose of the book is to recommend theories and methods on social structure to society and readers, and to investigate the development and change in China's social structure. We believe that social structure theory, a brand-new point of view to analyze the current situation, is capable of deciphering the social contradictions in China's development to some extent, as opposed to mere economic theory, which is inadequate to fully address the structural problems in China.

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