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Art

The Classical Gardens of Shanghai / Shelly Bryant

Hong Kong : Hong Kong University Press, 2016

156p.; 9 color and 7 b&w illus.

9789888208814

RAS China in Shanghai

\$ 30.00 / PB

165gm.

In The Classical Gardens of Shanghai, Shelly Bryant looks at five of Shanghai's remaining classical gardens through their origins, changing fortunes, restorations, and links to a wider Chinese aesthetic. Shanghai's classical gardens are as much text as space; they exist in art, poetry, and literature as much as in stone, rock, and earth. But these gardens have not remained static entities. Rather, they have been remodelled constantly since their inception. This book reflects this process within the constancy of traditional Chinese horticulture and reveals Shanghai's remaining classical gardens as places representing wealth and social status, social and dynastic shifts, through falling family fortunes and political revolutions to search for a recovery of China's ancient culture in the modern day.

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Economics/Development Studies

From Trade Surplus to the Dispute Over the Exchange Rate : Quantitative Analysis of RMB Appreciation / Xin Li & Dianqing Xu

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2016

xvi, 456p.

Includes Index

9789814723954

1. Balance of trade – China
2. Foreign exchange rates – China
3. Currency question – China
4. Monetary policy – China
5. China – Economic policy – 21st century
6. China – Foreign economic relations

\$ 170.00 / HB

824gm.

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History

Sinology in Post-Communist States : Views from the Czech Republic, Mongolia, Poland, and Russia / Edited by Chih-yu Shih

Hong Kong : The Chinese University Press, 2016

308p.; 23cm.

9789629966942

\$ 55.00

Drawing on extensive historical studies of the lives and works of distinctive yet understudied sinologists in the Czech Republic, Mongolia, Poland, and Russia, this volume takes readers on a journey of exploration and rediscovery of post-communist sinology—an important topic that we know surprisingly little about. After the end of the Cold War, the China Studies research agenda in these four countries has evolved divergently without any apparent shared orientation, despite the previously shared socialist and Communist legacies. Contributors draw on case studies to illustrate how sinologists in these countries actively use diverse approaches to map China's modern evolution and deconstruct stereotypical notions of China's rise in the twenty-first century. These hallmark studies also reveal sinologists' deep engagement with the Chinese humanities. The conclusions in this volume have major implications for the evolution of intellectual history and its analysis, by emphasizing the importance of individualized agency to the practice of post-Communist sinology as both a statement of identity and a strategy for survival during tumultuous political times.

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Literature

Shifting Sands / Deepa Varjani
Hong Kong : Proverse Hong Kong, 2016
72p.; 21cm.
9789888228379
\$ 22.00 / PB

SHIFTING SANDS is Dr Deepa Vanjani's debut poetry collection. She speaks of urbanisation and the loss of natural surroundings, the trap of illusions we humans are caught in, the lack of depth in relationships. But she also speaks of love, nature and the spiritual traces that lead us to the centre. For the author herself, many of the poems are life lessons and a humble offering to the Big Buddha of Lantau.

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Of Leaves & Ashes / Patty Ho
Hong Kong : Proverse Hong Kong, 2016
128p.; 21cm.
9789888228058
\$ 22.00

OF LEAVES & ASHES by Patty Ho (何世嫻) is a collection of poems: among these, some relate to philosophy and some to old Chinese poems to which Patty Ho has added new thoughts. Others are more musical and are additionally presented on the accompanying CD as songs.

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Irreverent Poems for Pretentious People / Henrik Hoeg
Hong Kong : Proverse Hong Kong, 2016
112p.; 21cm.
9789888228348
\$ 22.00

IRREVERENT POEMS FOR PRETENTIOUS PEOPLE is an eclectic collection of poems that range from sardonically humorous to genuinely moving. The collection plays fast and loose with both language and form as it explores, among other things, linguistics, history, relationships and the absurd. Henrik Hoeg's first published collection, it was awarded a publication prize in the competition for the International Proverse Prize 2015.

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Politics/International Relations

Rethinking the Triangle : Washington – Beijing – Taipei / Brantly Womack & Yufan Hao
Singapore/Macau: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd. / University of Macau, 2016
xxiv, 236p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

9789814713122

1. United States – Foreign relations – China
2. China – Foreign relations – United States
3. China – Foreign relations – Taiwan
4. Taiwan – Foreign relations – China
5. Taiwan – International status

\$ 115.00 / HB

498gm.

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Democracy in China : Challenge or Opportunity / Keping Yu
Singapore/Beijing: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd. / Central Compilation and
Translation Press, 2016
viii, 235p.

9789814641524

1. Democracy – China
2. Rule of Law – China
3. China – Politics and government

\$ 120.00/ HB

498gm.

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Dreams and Reality : New Era of China's Reform / (Ed) Jian Ping
Singapore/Beijing: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd. / Central Compilation and
Translation Press, 2016

x, 230p.

Includes Index

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1. China – Economic – policy – 2000-
2. China – Politics and government – 2002-
3. China – Foreign economic relations
4. China – Foreign relations – 21st century

\$ 120.00 / HB

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China's Foreign Policy : Challenges and Prospects / Joseph Yu-shek Cheng (In-house-Ed)
Dipasri Sardar & Dong Lixi

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2016

xii, 631p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814719025

1. China – Foreign relations – 1976-
2. China – Foreign relations – 21st century

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1060gm.

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The Perfect Dictatorship: China in the 21st Century / Stein Ringen
Hong Kong : Hong Kong University Press, 2016
208p.; 23cm.
97898888208944
\$ 25.00 / PB
316gm.

The Chinese system is like no other known to man, now or in history. This book explains how the system works and where it may be moving.

Drawing on Chinese and international sources, on extensive collaboration with Chinese scholars, and on the political science of state analysis, the author concludes that under the new leadership of Xi Jinping, the system of government has been transformed into a new regime radically harder and more ideological than the legacy of Deng Xiaoping. China is less strong economically and more dictatorial politically than the world has wanted to believe.

By analysing the leadership of Xi Jinping, the meaning of 'socialist market economy', corruption, the party-state apparatus, the reach of the party, the mechanisms of repression, taxation and public services, and state-society relations, the book broadens the field of China studies, as well as the fields of political economy, comparative politics, development, and welfare state studies.

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Sociology

Queer/ Tongzhi China : New Perspectives on Research, Activism and Media Cultures / (Eds) Elisabeth L. Engebretsen, William F. Schroeder with Hongwei Bao
Denmark: NIAS Press-Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, 2015

xiv, 274p.

Includes Index

9788776941550

Nordic Institute of Asian Studies Gendering Asia Series, No. 11

\$ 38.00 / PB

442gm.

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