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#### **Economics**

A History of China's Financial Thought (In 2 Volumes) / Yao Sui (Translators) Wang Yong & Wu Zhongxiu Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 1140p. 9789811216800 \$ 350.00 / HB

A History of China's Financial Thought presents the history and evolution of China's financial thought across its dynasties to the 20th century. Being the first work to cover both the ancient and modern ages, even going as far back as the Pre-Qin period, this comprehensive book fills in research gaps and provides the most thorough research into the history of China's financial thought, advancing the study of financial and economic history. It delves into a myriad of topics, such as monetary theory and banking systems, and collects diverse perspectives from thinkers across the different eras.

This translation presents the history of China's financial thought in a pioneering and unique way, offering an instructive reading experience. It is an essential reference for students and scholars interested in China's finance, history and culture.

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Geely Drives Out: The Rise of the New Chinese Automaker in the Global Landscape / Hua Wang, Giovanni Balcet & Wenxian Zhang Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 316p.

9789811234422 \$ 50.00 / HB

Since 2008, while the global automotive manufacturing has been faltering, the Chinese auto industry has been swiftly transformed into the largest producer in the world. The growth of the Chinese automakers is a close reflection of China's powerful manufacturing economy, and Geely Auto is one such best example. This book closely examines the rise of Geely as a privately-owned automaker in China. From its humble beginning as a refrigerator component maker and motorcycle manufacturer in the late twentieth century, Geely has grown to become not only a top selling national brand in China, the largest auto market in the world, but also a significant player in the global automotive industry. The book studies Geely's successful acquisition of Volvo, within a long-term framework of asset-seeking foreign direct investment, and then further investigates its recent strategic initiatives with Daimler, London Taxi, PROTON and Lotus. The book reveals how the little-known carmaker is worth close examination, via its product development, organizational dynamics, corporate culture, brand development, talent and cross-cultural management strategies, as well as the entrepreneurship of its visionary founder Shufu Li. From catching up in technology to a leader in product, service and business model innovations, Geely has driven out as a new Chinese automaker on the world stage. Facing challenges in clean energy and Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, new user's experience towards smart and mobility solution, Geely will continue to play an increasingly important role in the globalization age of the twenty-first century.

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Reform of the International Monetary System : Chinese Perspectives and Strategies / Xiao Li (Translator) Yong Jiang Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 804p. 9789811218866

\$ 250.00 / HB

This book proposes that the short-term goal of the current reform of the international monetary system should be a combination of controlling "imbalances" and "the risk of the dollar", namely using the balance of payments coordination mechanism to suppress risks by exchange rate cooperation. The reforms of international reserve currencies, international financial institutions, and international financial regulation provide a good external environment for the stable development of the world economy. The book discusses the mechanisms that will continue to support the hegemony of the US dollar and the US dollar system in the future, including

the commodity dollar return mechanism, the international debt repayment mechanism, the petroleum dollar pricing mechanism and the dollar rescue mechanism in financial crisis. The book predicts that the current international currency system dominated by the US dollar will remain sustainable for a long time. Finally, the book proposes four strategies for China's participation in the reform of the international monetary system. <a href="http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778527">http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778527</a>

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A Theoretical Analysis, Performance Evaluation, and Reform Solution of the Health Care System in China / Hong Sheng, Lin Zhang & Pu Qian Series on Chinese Economics Research: Volume 24 Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 392p.
Includes Index 9789811227172 \$ 160.00/ HB

Medical expenditure has become a heavy burden on the public sector and the family system in many countries. Expanding the coverage and reimbursement of medical insurance has become a common way to reduce the burden. This book will elaborate on how medical insurance may increase the burden instead.

It explains why the existing medical insurance system results in increased medical costs, where higher costs may offset the benefits of certainty brought by medical insurance, forming the "paradox of medical care insurance". This assumption is verified by empirical evidence in China, through a new method developed to find out the actual medical costs, using two parameters: ratio of self-payment of medical insurance and the level of monopoly in the supply of medical services. The book also describes the history, the current situation, and the reform of the health care system in China.

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Statistical Analysis on Key Economic Areas of China / (Ed-in-chief) Xianchun Xu

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021

272p.

9789811229060 \$ 130.00 / HB

China's reform and opening-up have contributed to its long-term and rapid economic development, resulting in a much stronger economic strength and much better life for its people. Meanwhile, the deepening economic integration between China and the world has resulted in an increasingly complex environment, growing influencing factors and severe challenges to China's economic development. Under the "new normal" of the Chinese economy, accurate analysis of the economic situation is essential to scientific decision-making, sustainable and healthy economic development and to build a moderately prosperous society in all respects. By applying statistical and national economic accounting methods, and based on detailed statistics and national economic accounting data, this book presents an in-depth analysis of the key economic fields, such as real estate economy, automotive industry, high-tech industry, investment, openingup, income distribution of residents, economic structure, balance of payments structure and financial operation, since the reform and openingup, especially in recent years. It aims to depict the performance and characteristics of these key economic fields and their roles in the development of national economy, thus providing useful suggestions for economic decision-making, and facilitating the sustainable and healthy development of the economy and the realization of the goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

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The Entrepreneur's Field Guide: The 3 Day Startup Method / Andrew Zimbroff & Cam Houser

New Teaching Resources for Management in a Globalised World: Volume 3 Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 184p.

Includes Index 9789811236693 \$ 30.00 / HB

This book introduces the skills and mindset that are introduced during 3 Day Startup educational programs. It covers a wide range of topics encountered by early-stage entrepreneurs, including customer validation, iterative product development, developing preliminary business frameworks, start-up communications and networking, and balancing starting a business with other commitments. The content is actionable, concise, and easy to understand, focusing on pragmatic, applicable skills over dense academic theory and case studies. The information in this volume is easily accessible by entrepreneurs from all walks of life.

3 Day Startup is an international non-profit organization that delivers entrepreneurship education in diverse settings around the world. It was founded in 2008 by graduate students at the University of Texas at Austin that wanted better resources for entrepreneurship education than was available at the time. To do this, it pioneered an intensive, extracurricular experiential curriculum that could be applied in highly diverse educational settings. Since its beginnings as a small group of graduate students at UT Austin, it has exploded into the global non-profit it is today. To date, 3 Day Startup has delivered almost 500 educational programs at over 175 different educational institutions in 35 countries worldwide.

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Crossroads of Family Businesses in China: Succession and Transformation / Jean Lee & Yan Anthea Zhang (Translator) Jun He Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 374p.
Includes Index 9789811229404 \$ 40.00 / HB

Crossroads of Family Businesses in China: Succession and Transformation studies the intergenerational succession in family-owned businesses, specifically in the Chinese mainland. With the succession of family businesses over time, transformation is required as it needs to correspond to the world's development to successfully sustain the company. There is a multitude of factors that play their roles accordingly to perform a prosperous accession.

Hence, this book highlights common issues such as the challenges for both succession and transformation of the company, the interest of the second generation, introducing the second generation to the business before fully passing on, family culture and morale, the distinction between wealth inheritance and business succession, the unorthodox tradition of mother-to-daughter succession and opening management to professionals. These topics are substantiated by case studies of Chinese family businesses, such as Neoglory Group, Midea, Red Collar, Fotile and even more. The book offers theories, practices and models for strategic transformations during succession.

Readers will be able to enjoy insights into a critical evaluation of the intersection between succession and transformation. They will also discover how the different methods of succession utilized by real-life Chinese family-owned businesses affect the businesses' performance. This

book will be their first step in constructing a thought on this topic, while indulging in an incredible learning experience.

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Doing Good Business in China: Case Studies in International Business Ethics / Stephan Rothlin, Dennis McCann & Parissa Haghirian Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 456p.

Includes Index 9789811231698 \$ 40.00 / HB

The 46 original case studies featured in this book demonstrate that in many business sectors, local people and foreigners are responding to the challenges of achieving business success while competing with integrity. Cases are divided into eight sub-topics discussing internet and social media issues, labor issues, corporate social responsibility, product and food safety, Chinese suppliers and production, environmental issues, corporate governance, as well as business and society in China. Each case is followed by a discussion section, with questions to prompt reflection. This book is a valuable resource for students of International Business and Management, as well as entrepreneurs and business managers working and doing business in China.

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Catalyzing Innovations for a Sustainable Future : Bite-Sized Commentaries and Resource Materials / Thomas Menkhoff
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pto Ltd. 2021

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 256p.

9789811238918 \$ 40.00 / HB

"This book competently demonstrates the full potential of effective innovation governance and outlines what Innovation Leaders need to know and do in order to make innovation work." - Howard THOMAS Professor Emeritus of Strategic Management and Management Education Management University (SMU)

What is innovation and what does it take to make it work? How can innovation management and governance help to create and capture new value towards a sustainable future?

This reader contains several "op-eds" (op-ed = short for "opposite the editorial page") on innovation management and urban sustainability matters written between 2012 and 2021 for Singapore-based print media aimed at providing interested readers with deeper insights into key enablers of effective innovation governance at corporate levels. The bite-sized commentaries on innovation matters are loosely structured with regards to Leadership & Strategy, People & Organisational Culture, Innovation Processes, Knowledge & Learning as well as Innovation Governance. Besides three case studies of innovation award winners (Singapore Airlines; National Library Board Singapore; Qian Hu Corporation Ltd.), the book also entails reflections about the "smart city" strategies of Singapore, Berlin (Germany) and Barcelona (Spain) aimed at enhancing sustainability and liveability.

This resource book is essential reading for anyone interested in acquiring innovation management and governance know how — from graduate students and advanced undergraduates to innovation practitioners in business and society as well as start-up founders and municipal leaders. <a href="http://www.marvmartin.com/web?pid=778557">http://www.marvmartin.com/web?pid=778557</a>

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The Digital Transformation of Property in Greater China: Finance, 5G, AI, and Blockchain / Paul Schulte, Dean Sun & Roman Shemakov Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 304p.

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Singapore University of Social Sciences - World Scientific Future Economy

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The Digital Transformation of Property in Greater China: Finance, 5G, AI, and Blockchain / Paul Schulte, Dean Sun & Roman Shemakov Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 304p.

Singapore University of Social Sciences - World Scientific Future Economy

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Long-planned advances in China — in 5G, blockchain, central bank coins, and SME superapps — have coalesced into a new world of digitized,

tokenized, and tradable assets. New digital mega-projects like the Blockchain Service Network, smart cities, and new foreign exchange digital rails are animating physical assets: offices, warehouses, homes, and farms. Powered by a network of sensors, AI, and distributed trust, property has digitized wings. The resulting inflow of data from every part of the 'built' world will create new industries, uproot traditional finance, and transform cities.

The global trade war is not just a re-ordering of technology: it's a re-ordering of cities. Nations which export this digital technology first will alter the digital fabric of the developing world. A digital Non-Aligned Movement is afoot! One way for the US to catch up is public-private partnerships between Silicon Valley and DC — or just 'copy' China. This book explores the many people and companies, large and small, which are blazing new trails in China's 'Internet of Everything' to transform the way we live, buy, and move.

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China for SMEs: Essential Elements of Success / Daryl Guppy Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 272p.

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China for SMEs: Essential Elements of Success / Daryl Guppy Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 272p.

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A Chinese banquet is a combination of small and diverse flavours that make up the overall impression of the meal. *China for SMEs* brings together many small bites of fascinating advice and insights to build a larger banquet of China business experience, in areas including:

- Business it is easy to get it wrong but with just a twist, also easy to get it right. Learn the essentials that give you an edge in making the best of first impressions.
- The Belt and Road Initiative the New Silk Road policies are a bedrock of modern China business. Guppy explains what this means and how to incorporate this in business strategy and China engagement.

- People the diverse mix of expectations, beliefs and practices creates the potential for monumental levels of confusion. Guppy explains how to avoid or manage these confusions and avoid small problems from becoming major stumbling blocks.
- Language understanding what is *meant* rather than just what is *said* is the foundation of smooth Chinese business development. Guppy shows you how to develop this understanding even if you rely on translators.
- Host and guest understand what it means to deliver the best behaviour when you are a guest in China and how to exceed Chinese expectations when you are the host in your home country. These essentials are used as a foundation for government and official visits.

As China grows in importance to companies around the world, it is vital for companies to understand the Chinese business culture. Beijing and Shanghai are a long way from Boston and Sheffield! In *China for SMEs*, regional expert Daryl Guppy outlines the crucial ingredients for success, culled from more than 20 years of experience in China business, official meetings and government advisory. This book is an essential read for anyone serious about successful business in modern China.

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Women Hold Up Half The Sky: The Political-Economic and Socioeconomic Narratives of Women in China / Tan Wei Lim (Ed) Lai Ann Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 vi, 134p.

Includes Bibliography 9789811226182

- 1. Women China Social conditions.
- 2. Women China Economic conditions.
- 3. Women's right China.

\$90.00 / HB

This volume will look into some macro factors that have an impact on gender conceptualizations in China. First, China is a highly-centralized state with a one-party political system that is also an authoritarian strongman regime. Thus, policies (including those related to gender) from the center are promulgated centripetally to provinces, cities, towns, villages, and local areas effectively. In terms of policy-making, the Chinese government noted that they have strengthened the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) guide for women's work, enacted/upgraded rights protection law in the National People's Congress (NPC), actualized

mechanisms for women's cause in the Chinese People's Political Conservative Conference (CPPCC), streamlined work systems for effective implementation of national gender equality policies, and augmented the Women's Federation as an intermediary between the Communist Party of China (CPC), the state, and all Chinese women. As productive forces, Chinese women in the socialist era were exemplary models of mothers and career women who treated family life and work as equally important priorities. They were upper middle class to high net worth individuals who showed their successes in juggling both as objects of moral suasion for other Chinese women in state-led publicity. Some of them were touted by the state as ideal modern Chinese women in state media, moral suasion campaigns, and/or propaganda.

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China's Economic Challenge: Unconventional Success / Albert Keidel Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 540p.

9789811230486 \$ 200.00 / HB

This book analyzes economic strategies responsible for China's 40 years of 40-fold growth, suggesting how such strategies might be applied elsewhere. It combines a seven-chapter chronological analysis of China's growth with three additional chapters on the government's leadership role, success in poverty reduction, and China's combined international finance and trade experience. The book recaps why China's success challenges the United States and the field of development economics. One of its emphases, the 1980s, reports how generous rural price and land-tenure reforms caused a rural income boom that threatened urban subsidized livelihoods and underpinned consequent violence. It describes how China will likely face a similar challenge moving forward, during the planned merger of rural and urban workforces.

The book includes an analysis of the US-China trade war and China's economic prospects in the wake of COVID-19. It is a clear and timely account for anyone interested in understanding the institutions and policies responsible for China's successful development and its likely continuation.

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China's Economic Footprint in South and Southeast Asia: A Futuristic Perspective: Case Studies of Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand /

Reena Marwah & Dr Sanika Sulochani Ramanayake Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 356p. 9789811236372 \$ 140.00 / HB

The labyrinthine BRI projects, aimed at realizing win-win benefits, have created new challenges for the host countries. Economic aspirations must be shielded and protected by security umbrellas, thus making these countries partners of the China-dominated security architecture. Nowhere is this more evident than in the countries of Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Despite Southeast Asian nations being viewed as within the ambit of China's historical sphere of influence, Myanmar and Thailand provide experiences different from their neighbours. This book analyzes China as an economic juggernaut, undergirded by global ambitions, expanding its economic footprint across South and Southeast Asia through trade, technological supremacy and territorial acquisitions. The authors also navigate China's policies at home and abroad, providing a futuristic perspective on China's path to victory. The book provides answers to compelling questions as:

- How have strengthened economic relations of Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand with China impacted their economies?
- Could these countries afford to rethink BRI projects and relations with China, given that there is a potential wariness of China's tightening embrace and possession of their key resources?

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#### **Health and Medicine**

Selected Reading of Li Shizhen's Medical Works: The Chinese Materia Medica Ben Cao Gang Mu / Ping Wang (Translator) Ya Liu Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 492p. 9789811238116 \$ 190.00 / HB

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) contains an extensive knowledge that the Chinese nation has accumulated through practical experimentation and theoretical research in treating diseases and promoting health over a period of thousands of years. Throughout the history, many TCM theorists, experts, and pharmacists have contributed valuable works. The most representative of them was Li Shizhen with his *Ben Cao Gang Mu (Compendium of Materia Medica*), which was praised by Charles Darwin as an "encyclopaedia" of ancient China and was selected into Memory of the World Register by UNESCO in 2011.

This book is divided into two parts: the introduction and the selected reading of the original work of *Ben Cao Gang Mu*. In the introductory part, the life story, academic characteristics and main contributions of Li Shizhen are illustrated, and suggested learning methods of the book are recommended. In the selected reading part, five aspects are mainly discussed: original preface and memorial to the throne, essence of Li Shizhen's medical theories, treatment of various diseases, Li Shizhen's medical records and medical notes, and health preservation. Apart from the selected reading from *Ben Cao Gang Mu*, theoretical exposition and modern application are supplemented in each chapter so as to improve readers' theoretical knowledge and ability of practical problem-solving. <a href="https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778567">http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778567</a>

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# **History**

Asia: Un Continente Por Descubrir / (Eds) Tatiana Gelvez Rubio & Margarita Vaca Cuevas
Glienicke, Germany: Galda Verlag, 2021
xx, 312p.
Includes Bibliography
9783962031657
In Portuguese
\$ 80.00 / PB
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Asia: un continente por descubrir busca contribuir a la promoci n de la interdisciplinariedad en las ciencias sociales integrando as la geograf a, la econom a, las ciencias pol ticas, las relaciones y negocios internacionales. La obra brinda una mirada amplia para la ense anza de c tedras de Asia al recorrer los principales aspectos hist ricos, pol ticos, econ micos, comerciales y de relaciones internacionales enmarcados en un contexto cultural. El libro est conformado por diez cap tulos que se desarrollan en dos partes: la primera parte profundiza en particularidades de siete pa ses asi ticos: India, Rusia, Jap n, Corea del Sur, Singapur y China, Hong Kong, Macao y Taiw n (dividida en dos cap tulos). La segunda parte describe las caracter sticas socioecon micas y culturales de tres regiones: Sudeste asi tico, Asia Central y Sur de Asia. El libro est escrito en castellano para

contribuir a la producci n intelectual en este idioma y facilitar a los estudiantes hispanohablantes la apropiaci n de los estudios de Asia en Am rica Latina con una mirada integral mediante un lenguaje amable e informativo.

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Chinese History and Civilisation: An Urban Perspective / Victor Fung-

Shuen Sit

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021

444p.

Includes Index 9789811214479 \$ 180.00 / HB

The emergence of the city marks the beginning of a civilisation. The city, especially the leading cities of a country, is also where the major features of a country are contained and where historical events play out. This book introduces readers to the progress of China's civilisation over more than 5000 years of history, through the rise and development of its cities. From the prehistoric Yangshuo and Longshan periods all the way to the People's Republic, this book outlines major events and developments to highlight the evolution of the Chinese civilisation. Using historical dynasties and urban dynamics as vertical dimensions, it examines major historical events, economic developments, territorial changes, and other developments over China's long history. It also discusses the uniqueness of China's history and compares its civilisations to Western experiences. <a href="http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778570">http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778570</a>

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On the Ancient History of the Silk Road / Chuanming Rui Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 408p.
9789811232961
\$ 150.00 / HB

The Silk Road was a network of trade routes which connected the East and West, and was central to the economic, cultural, political, and religious interactions between these regions from the 2nd century BCE to the 18th century. This book studies various aspects of the ancient history of the silk road. The 16 chapters in the book are divided into three parts: Silk Road and The Nomads; The Sogdians, the Special Role on the Silk Road; Silk Road and the Spread of Religious Ideas. It studies the purpose and effects

of silk exportation, the intermarriage between China and other ethnic groups, the origin of the Turks, the influence and domination of the Sogdians on the nomads, and the religious ideas, especially the Manicheism, spreading across the Silk Road.

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# **Performing Arts**

On the Meta-Category of Chinese Music Aesthetics / Sai Yang (Translator)

Li Ma

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021

452p.

Includes Index 9789811225192 \$ 175.00 / HB

This book opens with the emergence and development of the discipline of aesthetics in western countries, specifically the history of Western Music Aesthetics, to study and delve into the development of Chinese Music Aesthetics. The book provides a clear timeline throughout the writing — from the history of Chinese Music Aesthetics, to the construction of a theoretical framework, and the intersections and conversations between Western and Chinese Music Aesthetics. This academic piece is fundamentally consistent with the developing field of Chinese philosophical and literary research.

This book also discusses important music aesthetic categories of Confucianism, Taoism, Mohism, and metaphysics, and uses critical thinking to analyse the relationship between these categories and relevant schools of thought, reflecting the author's academic vision and thought process. <a href="http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778573">http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778573</a>

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# **Philosophy**

Decoding the Tao Te Ching 《道德经》玄妙解 / Pooh Ho Sim (Ed &

Translator) Tekson Teo

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021

484p.

9789811232862 \$ 100.00 / HB

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Decoding the Tao Te Ching 《道德经》玄妙解 / Pooh Ho Sim (Ed &

Translator) Tekson Teo

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021

484p.

9789811231278

\$30.00 / PB

This book interprets the *Tao Te Ching* from the perspective of personal cultivation. The *Tao Te Ching* of Lao Tzu is regarded as one of the greatest books of wisdom ever written in history, but few can grasp what it says in entirety. Embedded in each of its 5,000 Chinese characters are highly profound messages. Master Sim Pooh Ho is a Tai Chi Master and the leader of a Tai Chi lineage that traces back centuries. In his book *Decoding the Tao Te Ching*, he combines the ancestral teachings of Tai Chi with his practice and provides readers with unique insights into Lao Tzu's ancient book. The *Tao Te Ching* is difficult to comprehend because many of the concepts it introduces are elusive. What is Tao and Te, being and non-being or yin and yang? The concepts, however, are discernible in Tai Chi because they are what make the practice work. *Decoding the Tao Te Ching* is written in a simple manner by a Tai Chi master, and translated in an accessible way by his senior disciple Tekson TEO, thus making it an enlightening read to all English readers interested in this topic.

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#### **Politics**

China's Major Country Diplomacy: Chinese Characteristics, Connotations, and Paths / (Ed) Linggui Wang (Translator) Xiaoming Zhou Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 308p.

9789811235078 \$ 150.00 / HB

From the perspective of the interaction between China and the world, *China's Major Country Diplomacy: Chinese Characteristics, Connotations, and Paths* comprehensively combs the adjustment and transformation of China's diplomatic concept and diplomatic practice, which constitute the whole connotation of diplomacy with Chinese characteristics. Based on the new diplomatic ideas and practices proposed since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, this

review volume comprehensively and deeply explores the connotation, expression forms, and promotion path of diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Diplomacy with Chinese characteristics is a series of new ideas, concepts, models, and practices put forward by China as a big country with increasing influence in the world in the new era to meet the needs of its own and world development. Its connotation and extension are different from previous diplomatic ideas and practices, and more different from diplomatic ideas and practices of other major powers in the world today. It represents the future development direction of the world. The special world significance of new thinking and new path will be embodied with the practice of characteristic diplomacy, which will bring structural impact to the world.

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Political Stability in China's Changing Social Landscape / Wei Shan Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 148p.

Includes Index EAI Series on East Asia 9789813278776 \$ 80.00 / HB

This book aims to contribute to the debate on "authoritarian resilience" with empirical studies from a range of perspectives, including regime support, nationalism, environmental movement, ethnic conflicts and internet management. The chapters in this book centre around two separate but intertwined themes and are collated to discuss on the stability of China in Xi Jinping's era. The first theme examines changes in political attitudes and values among Chinese citizens, and the second focuses on the responses of the party-state and how it has made sophisticated the machine of social control.

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Cyber Politics in US-China Relations / Cuihong Cai Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 396p. 9789811220241 \$ 160.00 / HB

Cyber issues are of utmost importance and sensitivity for US-China relations today. The combination of cyber and politics is also developing from "low politics" to "high politics". This book discusses cyber politics in

US-China relations from four distinct aspects: first, the overall analysis of the role and manifestation of cyber politics in international relations from a theoretical perspective; second, the main issues regarding cyber politics in US-China relations; third, the factors influencing cyber politics in US-China relations; and fourth, the prospect and practice of cyber politics in US-China relations.

Based on an exploration of issues in cybersecurity, cyberspace governance, ideology and the power tussle in cyberspace between the US and China, as well as an analysis of the factors influencing cyber politics in the bilateral relations from the perspective of strategy, discourse, and trust, this book asserts that cyberspace is rapidly becoming a new arena for the geopolitical games between the US and China. A new form of cyber geopolitics is thus emerging.

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The Political Economy of Regionalism, Trade, and Infrastructure: Southeast Asia and the Belt and Road Initiative in a New Era / Professor Hong Liu, Professor Kong Yam Tan & Dr Guanie Lim Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 396p.

9789811233142

Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative: Volume 13

\$160.00 / HB

Since its launch in late 2013, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has become a significant factor in shaping China's economic and diplomatic relations with the world. China's increasing clout presents opportunities as well as challenges, especially for the developing economies of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which constitute major sites for investment and trade alongside the BRI routes.

This edited volume examines whether and to what extent China's economic ascendancy has impacted the proposed ASEAN Economic Community and the respective nations in the region. It deals with this question by grounding the analysis along three themes — institutions at a regional level, industry/sector, and particular ASEAN countries' economic relationship with China. Sixteen articles are presented to illuminate the state of affairs at the regional level and in specific ASEAN economies. They point to the importance of managing trade and investment flows stemming from China's increasingly sophisticated national firms. This in turn hinges on forging 'rules of the game' at both the multilateral and bilateral levels, which potentially leads to mutually beneficial industrialization and long-term wealth creation.

The Political Economy of Regionalism, Trade, and Infrastructure will be of great interest to scholars of political economy and industrial policy in East Asia, as well as to scholars and policy professionals analyzing approaches to development strategy more broadly.

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South China Sea Developments and Implications for Freedom of Navigation / Arabinda Acharya & Antara Desai Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 200p. 9781800610330 \$ 250.00 / HB

The South China Sea (SCS) has emerged as a theatre of political, economic, and security concerns not only for the countries in the region but also for the world at large. Contrary to conventional wisdom, the SCS issue is not about contestation over territory or control over resources alone. With military facilities including airstrips and artificial islands or structures being built in the area, concerns about freedom of navigation and the right to innocent passage have also become an overwhelming security issue and made the SCS region a flashpoint which, according to many assessments, can lead to confrontations including those involving conventional military means. Disruption of maritime passage could also hamper trade and commerce with very negative impacts on the economic development of the region and other countries. It is now being held that China could also be using the SCS disputes as part of a consorted effort to deflect geo-political pressures on account of the COVID-19 pandemic-related cover-ups and misinformation.

This book explores the historical and strategic context of the South China Sea disputes and makes an assessment of the implications of the same for freedom of navigation and other regimes at sea.

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The Belt and Road Initiative : Implications for the International Order / Dr Moritz Rudolf

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021

524p.

Includes Bibliography

Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative: Volume 14

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This book showcases how the People's Republic of China (PRC) has been utilizing the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to reshape the global order. Dissecting China's increasingly assertive international behaviour, the book demonstrates how the PRC projects its self-perception onto the international order. The book outlines five aspects of China's international role projection, which the PRC applies selectively, depending on its target audience: (1) The bearer of traditional Chinese culture; (2) The humiliated nation; (3) The socialist state with Chinese characteristics; (4) The developing state and promoter of international development; (5) The authoritarian globalization optimist.

Drawing on an in-depth analysis of hundreds of primary BRI documents, the book offers a comprehensive overview of China's most crucial foreign policy agenda item. It demonstrates how, through the BRI, the PRC has introduced mechanisms to the international level, which reflect its domestic policy-making mode. In addition, the PRC has institutionalized the initiative by establishing China-centered BRI networks across a wide range of policy areas. Within those emerging China-centered BRI networks, the PRC systematically increases its international discursive power, for example, by inserting Chinese vocabulary into UN resolutions or by promoting Beijing's approaches vis-à-vis "the rule of law" across a range of developing states. This book also further discusses the implications of the BRI for the international legal order.

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ASEAN-China Cooperation on Regional Connectivity and Sustainability / (Eds) Dr Guo Yanjun & Dr Yang Yue

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 236p.

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Series on Asian Regional Cooperation Studies: Volume 4 \$ 100.00 / HB

Since 2019, Network of ASEAN-China Think-tanks (NACT) has been publishing joint researches of all its Working Groups. This book is a collection of research papers contributed by ASEAN and China scholars. This book is published at a time of growing debate in the region over connectivity. The contributing scholars provide their ingenious and insightful thoughts from either a national or regional perspective. The book also contains Working Group Report that include innovative and

practical policy recommendations on strengthening the connectivity between ASEAN and China.

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World Leadership in the Balance: China and the US Clash for Supremacy / Pierre-Antoine Donnet (Translator)Richard Lein

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World Leadership in the Balance: China and the US Clash for Supremacy / Pierre-Antoine Donnet (Translator)Richard Lein Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 208p.
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China and the United States have entered a multifaceted cold war: trade, high tech, space, defense, environment and values as they jostle for influence throughout the world. This rivalry between the world's top two economic powers will likely dominate the decades to come and its outcome is uncertain. After the American century, this new century may indeed be China's, or it may not. With Joe Biden's election as president of the United States, we are certainly in for a change of leadership style. But in terms of substance, US policy towards China is likely to remain tough. How will Beijing react? What strengths and weaknesses does China have in this long struggle for supremacy against the United States? This book analyzes the different aspects of this disconcerting rivalry that has had, and will continue to have, an impact on our daily lives. The coronavirus pandemic has further exposed the failings of a monolithic Chinese system that does not tolerate freedom of expression but it has also, paradoxically, placed China in a position of strength against the United States.

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Principles and Laws in World Politics : Classical Chinese Perspectives on

Global Conflict / Walter Lee

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021

350p. 9789811232138 \$ 160.00 / HB

The search for universal principles and laws in world politics is a colossal common task for all civilisations. It should not be monopolised by the Western liberal paradigm. Thirty years after the end of the Cold War, global conflicts have been satisfactorily resolved neither by communism nor liberalism. Humanitarian intervention, now under the cover of the responsibility to protect (R2P), has destabilised many societies, leaving justice undone. This inspiring book invites debates on the post-liberal imagination of "emancipated Leviathan": an almighty political authority which exercises awe and force to restore order, as well as enshrines globally-negotiated values of common conscience and reinvented cosmopolitanism. Human well-being will truly become reality when we synergise pre-modern and pre-liberal ways of thinking, worldviews, ethics, and aesthetic styles by means of cross-civilisational, cross-disciplinary fundamental research, and let an emancipated Leviathan exercises principles and laws of virtue derived from the study.

The starting point of such intellectual innovation is China. This book explores the application of classical Chinese resources to the innovation of thoughts in contemporary Chinese international relations (IR). It examines whether "Knowledge Archaeology of Chinese International Relations" (KACIR), coined by the author, responds sensibly to today's issues of international ethics and global justice. The book contends that emancipative hermeneutics holds the key to the Chinese soft power puzzle. A bottom-up, non-nationalistic, and non-ethnocentric approach to the Chinese civilisation will reinvent intellectual pluralism and cosmopolitan elements in the Chinese tradition that interact constructively with and ultimately transcend the liberal Western model. Strolling from contemporary IR back to ancient Chinese philosophy, then striding into the future searching for common principles and laws, this insightful book is a must-read for those who want to reflect on global conflicts in this era of great uncertainty and transformation, as well as those who love to make our world a better place to live in.

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Dynamics of the Korean State: From the Paleolithic Age to Candlelight

Democracy / Robert E Bedeski

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One Korea or two?

The persistence of North and South Korea since 1948 has been a source of one war and fears of new wars. Although they share centuries of common culture, society and politics, the two nations differ on fundamentals today: capitalist democracy in the south and totalitarian communism in the north. *Dynamics of the Korean State* provides a unique overview of how humans treasure their individual lives and how these dynamics intertwine with Korean history and state evolution.

The book examines the development of the Korean state from ancient times and sees its roots in the Stone Age struggle for survival. The persistent theme has been to Prolong Life — Postpone Death. Hence, the origins of every state can be found in man's Will-to-Live, and this is demonstrated in the Will/action framework offered by the author. Human Will, not material determinism or divine plan, creates the state. This primary Will generates five other Wills, which motivate actions to culminate in the state and give it a fluidity over time. The six Wills/actions are as follows: Will-to-Live/production; Will-to-Freedom/innovation; Willto-Power/organization; Will-to-Comply/enforcement; Will-to-Transcend/political vision & religion; and Will-to-Redirect/reform, usurpation, rebellion, revolution. These in combination influence and partially determine state configuration and fluidity, creating order, disorder, war, prosperity, and poverty along the way. This book reveals the undercurrents of Korean society, politics and history from a fresh perspective. Neither pure history nor descriptive politics, it is a significant contribution to a philosophical anthropology paradigm.

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# **Sports**

Learning and Teaching Aikido / Fred Phillips Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., 2021 160p. 9789811230578 \$ 24.00 / HB

You have trained in aikido for at least several months and wonder what's beyond the mechanics of basic technique. You ponder why we do what we do, and what principles underlie the techniques. You are looking for an

edge to accelerate your learning and deepen your understanding. This book's "Especially for Students" section is for you.

The "Especially for Teachers" section offers tips for aikido instructors. It helps you articulate to your students some of aikido's more difficult ideas. The third section's longer chapters treat philosophical and strategic questions that are central to aikido practice.

Learning and Teaching Aikido shows beginning-to-intermediate aikido students how to approach their practice, explaining why we do what we do in aikido. This literate presentation for the thoughtful practitioner also advises aikido teachers on how to present difficult concepts to their classes. Drawings and photos make the explanations clear. Learning and Teaching Aikido is a needed supplement to the many books that explain aikido history and how to execute aikido techniques.

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