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### History

Urban Life and Intellectual Crisis in Middle-Period China, 800-1100 / Christian de Pee  
(Series Ed) Hilde De Weerd  
Amsterdam, Netherlands: Amsterdam University Press, 2022  
296p. ; 15.6x23.4cm.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789463721660  
Global Chinese Histories, 250-1650 Series  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
588gm.

In the eleventh century, the cities of the Song Empire (960-1279) emerged into writing. Literati in prior centuries had looked away from crowded streets, but literati in the eleventh century found beauty in towering buildings and busy harbors. Their purpose in writing the city was ideological. On the written page, they tried to establish a distinction that eluded them in the avenues and to discern an immanent pattern in the movement of people, goods, and money. By the end of the eleventh century, however, they recognized that they had failed in their efforts. They had lost the Way in the city. *Urban Life and Intellectual Crisis in Middle-Period China, 800-1100* reveals the central place of urban life in the history of the eleventh century. Important developments in literary innovation and monetary policy, in canonical exegesis and civil engineering, in financial reform and public health, converge in this book as they converged in the city.

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Ecologies of Translation in East and South East Asia, 1600-1900 / (Eds) Li Guo, Patricia Sieber & Peter Kornicki  
Amsterdam, Netherlands: Amsterdam University Press, 2022  
328p. ; 15.6x23.4cm.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789463729550  
\$ 140.00 / HB  
612gm.

This ground-breaking volume on early modern inter-Asian translation examines how translation from plain Chinese was situated at the nexus between, on the one hand, the traditional standard of biliteracy characteristic of literary practices in the Sinographic sphere, and on the other, practices of translational multilingualism (competence in multiple spoken languages to produce a fully localized target text). Translations from plain Chinese are shown to carve out new ecologies of translations that not only enrich our understanding of early modern translation practices across the Sinographic sphere, but also demonstrate that the transregional uses of a non-alphabetic graphic technology call for different models of translation theory.

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Flows and Frictions in Tran-Himalayan Spaces : Histories of Networking and Border Crossing /  
(Eds) Gunnel Cederlof & Willem van Schendel  
Asian Borderlands Series  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Amsterdam University Press (AUP), 2022  
288p.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789463724371  
\$ 130.00 / HB  
570gm.

*Flows and Frictions in Trans-Himalayan Spaces* traces movements and connections in a region known for its formidable obstacles to mobility. Eight original essays and a conceptual introduction engage with questions of networks and interconnection between people across a bordered landscape. Mobility among the extremely varied ecologies of south-western China, Myanmar and north-eastern India, with their rugged terrain, high mountains, monsoon-fed rivers and marshy lowlands, is certainly subject to friction. But today, harsh political realities have created hard borders and fractured this trans-Himalayan terrain. However, the closely researched chapters in this book demonstrate that these borders have not prevented an abundance of movements, connections and flows. Mobility has always coexisted with friction here, but this coexistence has been unsettled, giving this space its historical shape and its contemporary dynamism. Introducing the concept of the 'corridor' as an analytical framework, this collection investigates mobility and flows in this unique socio-political landscape.

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#### Official Publications

The People's Bank of China : Annual Report 2019  
Beijing: People's Bank of China, 2019  
1v.  
\$ 225.00 / PB  
484gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833267>

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2019 Statistical Bulletin of China's Outward Foreign Direct Investment / Ministry of  
Commerce of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing: China Commerce and Trade Press, 2020  
1v.  
English & Chinese Languages  
9787510335266  
\$ 80.00 / PB  
444gm.

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2020 Statistical Bulletin of China's Outward Foreign Direct Investment / Ministry of  
Commerce of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing: China Commerce and Trade Press, 2021  
1v.  
English & Chinese Languages  
9787510339707

\$ 80.00 / PB  
430gm.

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China Energy Statistical Yearbook 2020 / (Ed-in-Chief) Liu Wenhua  
Beijing: China Statistics Press, 2021

1v.  
9787503794605  
\$ 90.00 / PB  
828gm.

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### **Religion-Buddhism**

Chinese Calligraphy and Early Buddhist Manuscripts / Tsui Chung-Hui (Eds) Roberta Raine & Richard Mahoney  
North Canterbury, New Zealand: Indica et Buddhica, 2020

xxxviii, 142p.  
Includes Index  
9780473540098  
\$ 225.00 / PB  
576gm.

The earliest extant Chinese Buddhist manuscript the Buddhasaṅgīti-sūtra was excavated at Toyuq in Turfan. It is dated the 6th year of the Yuankang era (296 CE) during the Western Jin Dynasty (266–316 CE). This sūtra is a copy by Zhu Fashou, one of Dharmarakṣa's monk disciples, a distinctive scribe on the translation team. Both historical documentation and archaeological findings of the period when Buddhism was initially transmitted into China demonstrate that the copying of Buddhist texts by monk scribes from Central Asia played a key role. The work of these scribes also enhanced the creation of diverse and vigorous calligraphic styles from the 3rd to 5th centuries. However, before the 20th century, early Buddhist scribes or foreign scribes were little known in the history of Chinese calligraphy, or in official records.

The discovery of the Dunhuang and Turfan manuscripts in the early 20th century provided scholars with new material with which to examine early Buddhist scribal culture. This monograph considers the culture of early sacred writing, and the role of early Buddhist scribes, scribal workshops, scriptural calligraphy, and the expertise of these scribes, for the history of Chinese calligraphers and calligraphy.

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### **Politics/Current Affairs**

Global Leaders on The Belt and Road Initiative / Sun Chao  
Singapore: Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia), 2021

xx, 396p.  
Includes Index  
9789814922739  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
996gm.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was unveiled by Chinese President Xi Jinping during his visits to Central and Southeast Asia in 2013. Also dubbed as the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, the BRI aims to promote policy coordination, connectivity of infrastructure and facilities, unimpeded trade, financial integration, and closer people-to-people ties through a consultative process and joint efforts, with the goal of bringing benefits to all. Over the years, support for and participation in the initiative has grown to involve more than 140 countries and 80 international organizations. All of these epitomize the world's keen expectations for equality, cooperation, and development. Global Leaders on the Belt and Road Initiative brings together the voices of leaders from various partner countries and international organizations in a collection of 36 interviews. Conducted by Sun Chao, these interviews offer unique insights into the opportunities, challenges, and prospects of the BRI through the words of ambassadors, high-ranking government officials, and top executives actively involved in it. As the world continues to face challenges on a global scale, this book represents an addition to the ongoing discussions on the ever-crucial topic of international connectivity and cooperation.

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Reporting from Wuhan : Guangming Daily Coverage of China's Battle Against COVID-19 / Guangming Daily, Wuhan Frontline Reporting Team, (Translator) Zou Yan  
Singapore: Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia) & People's Publishing House, 2021  
viii, 92p.

Includes Index  
9789814922449  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
630gm.

The Chinese New Year of 2020 has left an indelible mark on the minds of millions of Chinese people. Wuhan, a metropolitan city located strategically in central China and known for centuries as a major transportation hub, became the epicenter of COVID-19 overnight. The whole city has since plunged into a tough battle against this mysterious, highly infectious, and fatal epidemic. Legions of ordinary people—medical workers, volunteers, deliverymen, construction workers, and so on—have participated in this battle, with many of them coming from other cities and provinces of the country. Guangming Daily, one of China's most read newspapers, dispatched a group of seasoned journalists to Wuhan shortly after the outbreak of the coronavirus, and has since released a series of feature articles digging deep into this battle. Reporting from Wuhan collects 17 of these articles published from January 30 to February 15, 2020, telling the stories of some of these brave fighters working day and night in various capacities, in a city that has united and survived in strength and love.

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Party Building in the New Era / Yang Fencheng & Zhao Shuei  
Singapore: Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia) & China Renmin University Press, 2021  
viii, 196p.

Includes Index  
9789814915076  
Studies on Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, No. 1  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
654gm.

As early as the Yan'an Rectification Movement in the early 1940s, the CPC gradually formed its systematic theory of Party building that covers the Party's theoretical development, organization, and conduct. Building on the experience of the previous four generations of CPC central leadership, the Central Committee led by Xi Jinping has made major innovations in terms of the theory and practice of Party building, aiming to propel the development of the Party to a new stage characterized by full and strict governance over the Party. This book examines how Xi Jinping has deepened the Party's understanding of the principles, requirements, and approaches of Party building in the new era. It analyzes his expositions and policies on the tasks of Party building—strengthening the Party's political, ideological, institutional, and organizational development, fighting corruption, maintaining its advanced nature and integrity, and enhancing its long-term governing capacity. The book also explores how these tasks are key to the Party's effort to lead the nation in overcoming the new challenges, advancing Chinese socialism, and striving for national rejuvenation.

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Building an Ecological Civilization / Zhang Yunfei (Translator) Wang Chunbo  
Singapore: Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia), 2021  
xii, 208p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814915069

Studies on Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, No. 2

\$ 150.00 / HB

692gm.

"The Communist Party of China shall lead the people in building a socialist ecological civilization"—these monumental words were incorporated into the Constitution of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at the 18th CPC National Congress, and then further developed as a concept during the 19th CPC National Congress, unveiling a new era of China's development. Building an Ecological Civilization provides the reader with an overarching view of China's approach toward ecological civilization, outlining the country's theoretical framework and concrete strategies, including its policies, plans, and regulatory efforts. The book draws on selected speeches by President Xi Jinping and official documents on ecological civilization, an important part of the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.

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Xi Jinping on Education / Zhou Guangli (et al.) (Translator) Zhu Yanhui

Singapore: Gale Asia (Cengage Learning Asia) & China Renmin University Press, 2021  
viii, 184p.

Includes Index

9789814915052

Studies on Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, No. 3

\$ 150.00 / HB

622gm.

Education has always occupied a central place in the cultural, political, and social life of the Chinese people from time immemorial. Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, the Chinese government has been committed to reforming and modernizing China's education system under the guidance of Xi Jinping's expositions on education, seeking to build it into one of the best in the world. Xi Jinping on Education elaborates on the origins, key concepts, and significance of Xi Jinping Thought on education, with a focus on how it links education with the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation, traditional Chinese culture, and the core socialist values. It analyzes the current status of and prominent issues facing China's education across the spectrum of basic, higher, and vocational education, and outlines the path that the Thought has mapped out for improving educational quality and equity.

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China-Russia Strategic Alignment in International Politics / Alexander Korolev  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Amsterdam University Press (AUP), 2022  
204p.

Includes Index  
9789463725248  
\$ 120.00 / HB  
446gm.

Post-Cold War China-Russia strategic cooperation has displayed significant development and become an increasingly important factor in contemporary international politics. However, there has been no theory-grounded framework and corresponding measurements that would allow an accurate and systematic assessment of the level of China-Russia alignment and its progress over time. How closely aligned are China and Russia? How to define and measure strategic alignments between states? This book bridges area studies and International Relations literature to develop a set of objective criteria to measure and explain the development of strategic alignment in post-Cold War China-Russia relations. *China-Russia Strategic Alignment in International Politics* establishes that on a range of criteria, China-Russia alignment has been moving towards a full-fledged alliance, showing a consistent incremental upward trend. There are strong structural incentives for furthering the China-Russia alignment. The alignment framework developed in the book is applicable to other cases of interstate strategic cooperation and enables systematic comparisons of different strategic alignments.

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