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Anthropology

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Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9789971694135

1. Soyfoods
2. Cookery (Soybeans)
3. Food habits

\$ 26.00

An international group of expert food specialists – including an agricultural economist, an agricultural sociologist, a former Peace Corps development expert, and numerous food anthropologists and agricultural historians – discusses important issues central to soy production and consumption: genetically engineered soybeans, increasing soybean cultivation, soyfood marketing techniques, the use of soybeans as an important soil restorative, and the rendering of soybeans for human consumption.

Communication & Journalism

Asian Communication Handbook 2008 / Indrajit Banerjee & Stephen Logan
Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), 2008

548p,; 25cm

ISBN: 9789814136105

AMIC Asian Communication Series

\$ 80.00

The Asian Communication Handbook 2008 provides a comprehensive overview of media developments in Asia with a critical focus. This edition devotes more space to critical views and perspectives. It begins with a series of theoretical and critical papers that provide a context for the discussions on media development and specific national systems. These chapters constitute a conceptual lens through which country specific chapters and statistics can be examined. In this sense they also provide analytical frameworks that help in understanding key media issues in the region...

Media & Conflict Reporting in Asia / Shyam Tekwani (Ed)

Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), 2008

203p,; 23cm

ISBN: 9789814136051

AMIC Asian Communication Series
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The 13 significant case studies presented here examine the challenges faced by media practitioners reporting on conflicts across the diverse media ecologies of Asia. Significant themes covered include: how media culture affects the way conflicts is covered, including aspects such as resource limitations, different standards of professionalism, government intervention, and the degree of importance given to the concept of independent media; how media bias can be aggravated by competing demands of various ethnic, religious and political groups, and how bias among journalists can be contribute to spiraling violence; how journalist can face an "identity barrier" in terms of access to news and sources; and how the media can be affected by poor working conditions, pay, training and recognition, and a lack of physical or financial security. The chapters provide a valuable range of perspectives on reporting about conflicts within Asia.

South Pacific Islands Communication: Regional Perspectives, Local Issues / Evangelia Papoutsaki & Usha Sundar Harris (Eds)

Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), 2008

Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information NTU

xi. 288p,; 23cm

ISBN: 9789814136082

AMIC Asian Communication Series

\$ 35.00

This publication brings together significant scholarly contributions on communications issues by researchers working across the region. It aims to create better understanding of what affects the communication and information flow in smaller nations and how these impact on national development, governance and the creation of more cohesive societies. The value of such a publication lies in the comparison it enables between different regions and countries at different levels of development.

The work of the contributing authors provide glimpses of the prevalent issues and perspectives without necessarily providing a definitive picture of this diverse region. As editors we hope this publication will draw out significant relational possibilities by bringing together scholarly writing on communication issues and highlighting the perspectives of Pacific scholars and practitioners thus contributing to the knowledge base in island studies.

Free Markets Free Media?: Reflections on the political economy of the press in Asia / Cherian George (Ed)

Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), 2008

Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information NTU

164p,; 23cm

ISBN: 9789814136099

AMIC Asian Communication Series

\$ 30.00

Press Systems across Asia have undergone dramatic change in recent decades. The grips of authoritarian governments have been prised open by democratic forces in the

Philippines, South Korea and Indonesia. Other regimes, such as China and Vietnam, retain tight political control but have allowed the growth of aggressively market-driven sectors that have transformed the media landscape. This faith in markets forces, though nowhere unconditional, has been strong enough to have tilted decisively the discourse on and practice of press freedom. However, there are also large costs and benefits that fail to be incorporated in the decision-making of producers and consumers operating within markets.

From diverse vantage points market forces on efforts to build and consolidate more democratic media in Asia. Issues addressed include the argument for public funding to support media diversity, the need for grassroots media to better non-elite priorities and concerns, developments in newsroom practices, biases in profit-oriented news media, and challenges to investigate journalism.

Media and Development in Asia: Regional Perspectives / Indrajit Banerjee & Madanmohan Rao (Eds)

Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), 2008

Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information NTU

348p,; 23cm

ISBN: 9789814136075

AMIC Asian Communication Series

\$ 40.00

This book brings together some of the most outstanding and novel papers on media and development presented at the AMIC Annual Conferences in Bangkok, Thailand, in July 2004. It features over a dozen contributions from around the region, providing a wealth of fresh case studies as well as breaking new ground in highlighting emerging frontiers of media development discourse in Asia, comparing regional development along multiple dimensions and frameworks, and pointing the direction towards further media initiatives at a national level...

Economics & Development Studies

Economic Disparity in Rural Myanmar: Transformation under Market Liberalization / Ikuko Okamoto

Singapore: NUS Press, 2008

xv. 239p,; 23cm

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN: 9789971693985

1. Burma – Economic conditions – 1948-
2. Burma – Economic policy – 1988-
3. Agriculture – Economic aspects - Burma

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Market Liberalization in Myanmar began in 1988 and had some unexpected consequences. One was an explosion in the production of green gram, an export crop that became extremely popular in the 1990s. Under the new regulations, socialist policies that limited economic disparities within the rural population were removed, and farmers began to operate in a context with little government control over prices and marketing, even though the sector was not fully deregulated. Market liberalization in the new export-oriented pulse industry produced increasing economic disparities among

different classes in rural Myanmar, largely determined by access to land, capital and credit. Traders benefited the most, and landless laborers the least...

Asia's Energy Future: Regional Dynamics and Global Implications / Kang Wu & Fesharaki (Eds)

Washington DC : East-West Center, 2007

v. 150p, 28cm

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Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd, 2008

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Singapore: NUS Press, 2008

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5. Manufacturing industries – Singapore – Foreign ownership
6. Retail trade – Singapore – Foreign ownership
7. Singapore – Economic conditions

\$ 26.00

Education

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Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd, 2008

xiv. 221p,; 23cm

ISBN: 9789812818485

\$ 48.00

This book seeks to present a comprehensive review of Singapore's ICT Masterplans in education, providing a rare behind-the-scenes look at policy planning, as well as the lessons learnt and insights gained from the past decade of the use of ICT in teaching and learning.

Environment

Clean, Green and Blue: Singapore's Journey Towards Environmental and Water Sustainability / Tan Yong Soon, Lee Tung Jean & Karen Tan
Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, c2009

Xxx, 387p.

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1. Water Supply – Singapore
2. Water Resources Development – Singapore
3. Environmental Protection – Singapore

\$ 36.90 (Soft Cover)

Changes in the Human-Monsoon System of East-Asia in the Context of Global Change /
Congbin Fu, J R Freney & J W B Stewart (Eds)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd, 2008

xiii. 369p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789812832412

ISBN-10: 9812832416

US\$ 88.00

This book is the first in a series of assessments of regional climate change. Irreversible changes to regional biogeochemistry, and terrestrial and marine ecosystem functioning are brought about by increases in population, intensified land use, urbanization, industrialization and economic development. These may have global as well as regional consequences. The objectives of the assessments are, (i) to better understand how human activities in regions are altering regional atmospheric, terrestrial, and marine environments, (ii) to provide a sound scientific basis for sustainable regional development, and (iii) to develop the capability of predicting changes in global-regional linkages in the Earth System and to recognize the future consequences of such changes. This book describes such a study for monsoon East Asia, providing a state-of-the-art summary of what we already know, and serves as a basis for identifying knowledge gaps that require study.

General

Peranakan Museum A-Z Guide / Ibrahim Tahir (Ed)

Singapore: Asian Civilisations Museum for the Peranakan Museum, 2008

271p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789814068680

\$ 25.00

The term 'Peranakan', meaning 'child of' or 'born of' in Malay, has come to refer to the descendants of traders who intermarried with local women in Southeast Asia. Over time, a distinctive culture that brought together Chinese, Malay, Indian, European and other influences, emerged.

This guide to the Peranakan Museum in Singapore features over a hundred fully illustrated entries written by the museum's curators, independent academics and researchers. It provides the reader with glimpses into the lifestyle of the Peranakan Chinese community, in all its facets and expressions. These include everyday household

objects, distinctive crafts such as beadwork and embroidery, colourful porcelain, textiles, jewellery and the fine gilded furniture that graced the homes of the wealthier Peranakans. Intangible aspects of the culture such as language and poetic forms are explored as well.

History

The Fourteenth Paw: Growing up on an Iowa farm in the 1930s – A Memoir / Everett M. Rogers

Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), 2008

Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information NTU

xi. 148p,; 23cm

ISBN: 9789814136112

\$ 25.00

The Fourteenth Paw is a memoir written by the pioneer of Diffusion of Innovations theory, Everett M. Rogers. Stories about the trails of his boyhood days growing up on his family's Iowa farm following the Great Depression are interwoven with anecdotes from his education, academic career, and an acutely poignant account of his battle with Cancer. Each of the narratives provided insight into the way in which the values absorbed in his early years affected his life and career. This powerful story describes an American way of life that has since disappeared, and provides priceless insight into the life and character of this remarkable man.

Women Against The Raj: The Rani of Jhansi Regiment / Lebra, Joyce Chapman

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2008

xv. 132p, 23cm

1. Indian National Army
2. World War, 1939-1945—India
3. Women revolutionaries—India

ISBN: 9789812308085

\$ 25.90

This is a ground-breaking history of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment, part of the Indian National Army led by Bengali revolutionary Subhas Chandra Bose during World War II. The Regiment, a hitherto forgotten part of 'the Forgotten Army', was composed largely of teenage volunteers from Malayan rubber estates, girls who had never seen India yet were eager to enlist to liberate India from Colonial bondage. Bose, creator of the Regiment, connected a historical thread extending from the original Rani of Jhansi, killed in battle by the British in 1858, through Bengali women revolutionaries of the 1930s, to the Regiment, which he hoped would spearhead the liberation of India. The Rani of Jhansi Regiment provides a model of empowerment relevant for contemporary Indian women.

Rice Wine & Dancing Girls / Wong Seng Chow

Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte Ltd., 2008

198p,; 20cm

ISBN-13: 9789810810832

1. Wong, Kee Hung
2. Motion picture theater managers – Singapore – Biography

3. Motion picture theater managers – Malaysia – Biography
 4. Cathay (Organization) – History
- \$ 15.00

Written in a fast-paced episodic style that pays fitting homage to the black and white cinema adventure serials of the yesteryear, this is an engaging memoir of the unpredictable (and at times perilous) life of the late Wong Kee Hung, an itinerant cinema manager swept up in the postwar cinema industry boom of 1950s and 60s Malaya and Singapore. Kee Hung's line of work threw him into contact with a menagerie of colourful characters ranging from movie stars and politicians to gangsters and headhunters. Armed with just a foldable camp-bed and mosquito net, his wanderings took him into unfamiliar and sometimes dangerous territory. This book follows him closely along these journeys.

New Perspectives on the Japanese Occupation in Malaya and Singapore 1941 – 1945 / Akashi Yoji & Yoshimura Mako (Eds)

Singapore: NUS Press, 2008

xi. 289p,; 23cm

Includes index

ISBN-13: 9789971692995

1. Malaya – History – Japanese occupation, 1942-1945
2. Singapore – History – Japanese occupation, 1942-1945

\$ 26.50

Information on the Japanese Occupation of Malaya and Singapore is sparse, and Japanese-language materials are particularly difficult to find because the Japanese military systematically destroyed war-related documents when the war ended. The contributors to this volume participated in a Forum that spent four years locating surviving materials relating to the Occupation of Malaya. The group had three objectives: to collect primary sources, to interview Japanese military and civilian officials who took part in the military administration and people in Malaysia and Singapore who experienced the period, and to publish the results of the studies.

Based on the interviews with Japanese, Malaysians and Singaporeans who lived through the war years and materials gathered from archives and libraries in Britain, Malaysia, Singapore, USA, Australia, and India, the Forum has produced a number of Japanese-language publications. This book makes available some of their research findings in English. Topics covered include the Watanabe Military Administration, Japanese research activities in Malaya, Japan's Economic Policies, Malayan Communist Party Leaders and the Anti-Japanese Resistance, the Massacre of Chinese in Singapore, Railway Transportation during the Japanese Occupation Period. The Singapore Internment Camp for Allied Civilian women and the Japanese surrender.

This volume is a revised version of Akashi Yoji, ed, *Nippon Senryoka no Eiryō Mararya/ Shingaporu* (Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten Publishers, 2001)

The IRAS Story: 60 years of tax administration in Singapore 1948-2008 / [IRAS editorial team, Ng Keat Seng...et al,; research and interviews by Lee Su Shyan].

Singapore : Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore, 2008

155p,; 29cm

Includes index

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2. Taxation – Singapore

\$ 40.00

Lighting Lives: The PPIS Story / Nuraisyah Mohd Rashid, Nuraida A Khalid et al

Singapore: Persatuan Pemuda Islam Singapura, 2008

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Literature

Mirrored Mirages / Rosaly Puthucheary

Singapore: Select Publishing Pte Ltd, 2008

vii. 55p,; 19cm

ISBN-13: 9789814022422

\$ 10.00

Politics & International Relations

Do Institutions Matters?: Regional Institutions and Regionalism in East Asia / See Seng Tan (Ed)

Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 2008

viii. 70p,; 23cm

ISBN: 9789810808549

RSIS Monograph No. 13

\$ 15.00

What are the prospects of transforming the Asian region into a security community where regional states commit to peaceful relations and the avoidance of war with one another? Do regional institutions and the ongoing process of institutionalization in East Asia contribute to the quest for the security, peace and stability of the region? And how?

These are some of the questions that this monograph addresses, through assessments of the specific issues under consideration by the Sentosa Roundtable Study Group in its preparation for the second Sentosa Roundtable. The group assessed the relevance of regional inter-governmental institutions—the ASEAN Regional Forum, the ASEAN Plus Three, the East Asia Summit and so forth – to regional security, stability and community building in East Asia, among other issues.

Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Post-War Singapore / Michael D. Barr & Carl A. Trocki (Eds)

Singapore: NUS Press, 2008

xiv. 306p,; 23cm

“Most of the papers in this book were first presented in 2005 at an international symposium hosted in Singapore by the National University of Singapore’s Asia Research Institute (ARI) ...”—P.2

Includes bibliographical references and index

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1. Singapore – Politics and government – 20th century – Congresses
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- I. Barr, Michael D. II. Trocki, Carl A

\$ 26.00

The book will remind older Singaporeans of pages from their past, and will provide a younger generation with a novel perspective of their country's past struggles. For outside observers, it offers a fascinating glimpse of a side of Singapore that has received relatively little attention.

Framing Security Agendas: U.S. Counterterrorist Policies and Southeast Asian Responses
/ Foot, Rosemary

Washington: East-West Center in Washington, 2008

ix. 60p, 23cm

1. Terrorism—Prevention—Government policy
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Series: Policy Studies (East-West Center Washington): 49

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Southeast Asia: The Diversity Dilemma / Kumar, Sree & Sharon Siddique

Singapore: Select Publishing Pte Ltd, 2008

ix. 286p,; 22cm

Includes bibliography references & index

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1. Regionalism - Southeast Asia
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3. Southeast Asia - Politics and government
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In Southeast Asia, diversity is a dilemma. Sometimes, it is a critical asset, while at other times, it is a grave liability. This book explains how Southeast Asians are solving the conundrum of evolving a regional identity while continually absorbing external influences.

Part One examines intra-regional concerns, covering issues of identity, efforts at developing common economic growth areas and the evolving nature of ASEAN and Southeast-Asian-style institutions of governance.

Part Two traces the impact of external regional dynamics, analyzing Southeast Asia's relationship to the rising powers – India and China, the continuing influences of the former colonial powers and the region's complex chemistry with Japan and the Middle East.

The book concludes with a summary of the various tactics perfected by Southeast Asians to survive, drive and thrive in the competitive and global world of politics, ideology and economics.

Sociology

Religious Diversity in Singapore / Lai Ah Eng (Ed)
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2008
& Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
xlili. 723p, 23cm

1. Singapore—Religion—Congresses
2. Religious Pluralism—Singapore—Congresses
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ISBN: 9789812307538
\$ 39.90

Religious and ethno-religious issues are inherent in many multiethnic and multi-religious societies. Singapore society is no exception. It has long been multiethnic, multicultural and multi-religious, being at the crossroads of many major and minor civilizations, cultures and traditions. Its religious diversity continues to develop in the current contexts of growing religiosity, religious change, and conflict often in the name of religion. Despite this background, there is lack of in-depth knowledge, nuanced understanding and regular dialogue about religious and the meanings of living in a multi-religious world.

This volume covering major themes of Singapore's religious landscape, religion in schools and among the young, religion in the media, religious involvement in social services, and interfaith issues and interaction fills important gaps in the knowledge and understanding of Singapore's religious diversity and complexity. A collective effort of researchers and practitioners, it is a timely and useful reference for scholars, decision-makers, leaders, and practitioners, as well as for concerned citizens and followers.

(Mis)Remembering Soe Hok Gie: Transmitting and (Re)Constructing Social Memory in Turbulent Indonesia / Arlini, Gloria
Singapore: NUS Press, 2008
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Women's Studies

Institutions and Gender Empowerment in the Global Economy / Kartik Roy, Hans
Blomqvist & cal Clark (Eds)

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd, 2008

xvii. 309p,; 24cm

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