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Anthropology

Ancestral Voices : Oral Ritual Texts and Their Social Contexts
Among the Mewahang Rai of East Nepal / Martin Gaenszle
Kathmandu: Himal Books (for Social Science Baha), 2021
xxx, 388p.

Includes Index

9789937597586

\$ 40.00 / PB

545gm.

This book looks at various genres of ritual speech among the Mewahang Rai, all of which make use of a distinct ritual language, in order to situate the oral ritual texts in their ethnographic context. Combining the textual with a cultural approach, the author discusses the indigenous concept of tradition, the rhetorical and poetic features of ritual speech genres, and the discursive universe constructed through the texts. At the theoretical level, the book contributes to debates about ritualization and performance and to discussions in linguistic anthropology concerning the notions of formality, indexicality, entextualization and contextualization.

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The Ends of Kinship : Connecting Himalayan Lives between
Nepala and New York / Sienna R. Craig
Kathmandu: Himal Books (for Social Science Baha), 2021

xiv, 284p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

\$ 25.00 / PB

440gm.

For centuries, people from Mustang, Nepal, have relied on agriculture, pastoralism, and trade as a way of life. Seasonal migrations to South Asian cities for trade as well as temporary wage labor abroad have shaped their modern experiences. More recently, permanent migrations to New York City, where many have settled, are recasting lives and social worlds. As a result, Mustang has experienced one of the highest rates of depopulation in contemporary Nepal—a profoundly visible loss that contrasts with the relative Invisibility of Himalayan migrants in New York. Drawing on more than two decades of fieldwork with people in and from Mustang, Sienna Craig combines narrative ethnography and short fiction to engage with foundational questions in cultural anthropology: How do different generations abide with and understand each other? How are traditions defended and transformed in the context of new mobilities?

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Biography/Memoirs

Mend or End : Nepal in the Eyes of a Chinese Journalist / Zhou Shengping

Naxal, Kathmandu: Zhou Shengping, 2021

216p.

9789937088657

\$ 22.00 / PB

370gm.

This 200 pages book is divided into five chapters, dwells on various facets of Nepali politics, culture, tourism, economy, and China-Nepal ties.

Mr. Zhou has shared his personal experiences and feelings through this book as he interacted with politicians and people from various walks of life while working in Nepal for nearly a decade. Expressing his concern over growing political instability in Nepal through the book, the author has pointed out some reasons behind failure in achieving Nepali people's long-cherished dream of socio-economic development and prosperity.

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The Border Man of Nepal / Buddhi Narayan Shrestha (Ed)
Sushim Poudyal

Belmont, Boston USA: Dr. Mabi Lochan Singh, 2021

322p.

9789937088671

\$ 30.00 / PB

280gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774410>

Perspectives : K P Sharma Oli / K P Sharma Oli (Ed) Bal
Krishna Kattel

Kathmandu: Ratna Pustak Bhandar, 2020

vi, 254p.

9789937332620

\$ 25.00 / PB

230gm.

This publication is an illustration of prime minister's determination to lead the country on the right path through direct dialogue with the people. The perspectives put forth through this book are not limited to the political age from one election to another and are not a fizz of temporary rise and fall. They embrace guiding ideas for a long-term leadership of Nepal politically and ideologically, and for its commitment to sustainable development.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774412>

Economics

Peasantry Under Capitalism in Contemporary Nepal : Macro and Micro Narratives / Laya Prasad Uprety

Kathmandu: Mrs. Bina Khatiwada (Uprety), 2021

xxx, 378p.

9789937087278

\$ 50.00 / PB

510gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774413>

History

The Flipside of the British Empire : The Inside Out of the Gurkha Recruitment / Jhalak Subedi (Ed) Peter J. Krthak

Kathmandu: Book-Hill Publication Pvt. Ltd., 2021

328p.

9789937934213

\$ 35.00 / HB

420gm.

The Flipside of the British Empire : The Inside Out of the Gurkha Recruitment is one that none volunteered to write so far, but something that had been preeminently written. It's something not read so far, but crucial for reading now. Had not this book been written, we would have been deprived of huge body of essential knowledge about Gurkha soldiers. Everyone should read this book in order to develop a better understanding of history. – Bairagi Kainla Former Chancellor, Nepal Academy

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=774417>

Ayo Gorkhali : The True Story of the Gurkhas / Tim I. Gurung
Hong Kong: Blacksmith Books, 2021

332p.

9789887963905

\$ 30.00 / PB

425gm.

"Ayo Gorkhali!" – "The Gurkhas are upon you!" – is the battle cry of one of the world's most famous fighting forces. Yet the Gurkha story is not only about bravery in combat. It is also a story of tragedy.

In WWI alone, 200,000 Gurkhas out of Nepal's five million people took up arms for the British cause. A further 250,000 Gurkhas fought alongside the British in WWII. In their 200-year history, the Gurkhas have served in places such as Malaya, Singapore, Borneo, East Timor, Hong Kong, Cyprus, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. Although the British Empire's reign in Asia has ended, some 3,500 Gurkhas are currently serving in the British Army in the UK.

Written by a Gurkha, this book tells the Gurkhas' story from the very beginning to the present day. It deals with their history and its ramifications on the nation of Nepal.

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Himalayan 'People's War' : Nepal's Maoist Rebellion / (Ed)

Michael Hutt

Kathmandu: Himal Books (for Social Science Baha), 2021

x, 326p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789937597616

\$ 40.00 / PB

430gm.

The eruption of a violent Maoist insurgency in Nepal in the late 1990s was met with bewilderment even among many who claimed to know the country well. The so-called "people's war" was launched in 1996 by the Communist Party of Nepal to overthrow the political establishment, including the monarchy. Tactics have included killing members of rival parties as well

as attacks on police stations, banks, and power installations. The indiscriminate nature of the government's military response has been widely criticized. In 2001, Nepal's political situation came to the attention of Western news media with the murders of members of the royal family. This book provides historical, social, and political background on the movement and related events in this ongoing struggle. The contributors examine the war's origins and antecedents, provide ethnographic accounts from rural and urban perspectives, and draw comparisons with other Maoist movements elsewhere in the world. Includes full text of key documents by the rebels and government.

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Literature

Ghosts in the Bamboo (Inspired by the Truth and Imagination)

/ Greta Rana

Kathmandu: Book-Hill Publication Pvt. Ltd., 2021

320p.

9789937941440

\$ 25.00 / PB

250gm.

A very perceptive and sensitive author Greta Rana's works are phenomenal. With "Ghosts in the Bamboo," Rana has crafted a plot using magical realism embedded in contrast to real life struggles and dreams and desire in the imaginary land of Lapalistan.

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Politics

Nepal-India Relations in the Changing Context : Complexities and Opportunities / Dr. Amar B Lama Tamang

Kathmandu: Sangri-La Pustak P. Ltd., 2021

434p.

9789937734363
\$ 45.00 / HB
530gm.

Due to geo-political, ethno-cultural, socio-economic, historical, and strategic considerations, Nepal-India Relations have prima facie always remained in the annals of the history of South Asia. Many scholars have made their meticulous efforts through research to assess, explore, analyze, and recommend necessary corrigenda for improving and enhancing the sometimes smooth, and sometimes complex, weather-like, bilateral relations between the two countries. In this perspective, one more painstaking research at hand has been added by Dr. Amar B Lama Tamang in his book Nepal-India Relations in the Changing Context: Complexities and Opportunities. Naturally, the title of the book connotes the author's focus on the challenges and the opportunities resulted by the frequent paradigm shifts on pragmatic approaches of Nepal and India's long-established foreign policies towards each other, while implementing them in the changing context of time, history, systems, governments, regional and global , geo-proximities, status quos, and leaderships.

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Journal

EBHR-European Bulletin of Himalayan Research, Issue No. 54,
Spring 2020 / (Ed) Adhikari, Jagannath (et al.)
Kathmandu: Social Science Baha, 2020
148p.
ISSN: 0943-8254
\$ 15.00 / PB
170gm.

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