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The Past, Love, Money and Much More : Philippines-Japan Relations since the end of the Second World War / Lydia N. Yu Jose (Ed)
Quezon City : Japanese Studies Program, Ateneo de Manila University, 2008
Viii, 228p.
978-971-0426-03-4

1. Philippines – Relations – Japan
2. Philippines – Foreign Relations – Japan
3. Cultural Relations

\$ 18.00

This book revises the common observation that Philippines-Japan relations are characterized by inequality. Such an observation is the twin of another common observation, that the bilateral relationship between the Philippines and Japan is largely economic in nature.

Here I Stand : The End of the Republic and Other Essays / Geronimo L Sy
Manila : Manila Times Publishing Corporation, 2007
Viii, 132p.
978-971-928-23-6-5
\$ 12.00

In this compilation of articles, Geronimo Sy shares with his readers insightful and thought-provoking views and his own brand of 'Indian' Optimism that make this publication an essential and delightful reading.

Repression & Resistance : The Filipino People vs Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, George W. Bush, et. Al. : Permanent Peoples' Tribunal Second Session on the Philippines, The Hague, The Netherlands, March 21-25 2007
Quezon City : IBON Books, c2007
263p.
Includes 1 CD-ROM
971-0483-16-7
\$ 15.00

Dissecting Corruption : Philippine Perspectives / (Eds) Bobby M. Tuazon
Quezon City : CenPEG Books, 2007
Vii, 131p.
978-971-93651-2-9
\$ 15.00

Fixing Society : The inside World of Fixers in the Philippines / Ronnie V. Amorado
Davao City : Research and Publication Office, Ateneo de Davao University, 2007

Xx, 297p.
978-971-0392-08-7
\$ 28.00

The Long Road to Peace : Inside the GRP-MILF Peace Process / Salah Jubair
Cotabato City : Institute of Bangsamoro Studies, 2007
Xviii, 250p.
\$ 25.00

This book is a first-rate history of the Filipino Muslims Struggle for self-determination, is not only richly informative but insightful. Salah Jubair's writings give us an inside look into the ups and downs of the decade-old negotiations to end the conflict in southern Philippines.

RIDO : Clan Feuding and Conflict Management in Mindanao / (Ed) Wilfredo Magno Torres III
Makati City : The Asia Foundation, c2007
348p. Includes Index
978-971-92445-2-3

1. Ethnic Conflict – Philippines – Mindanao
2. Conflict Management – Philippines – Mindanao
3. Clans – Philippines – Mindanao
4. Mindanao (Philippines) – Ethnic Relations
5. Culture Conflict – Philippines – Mindanao

\$ 30.00

This book deals with rido in Mindanao. Rido is a type of conflict characterized by sporadic outbursts of retaliatory violence between families and kinship groups as well as between communities. It can occur in areas where government or a central authority is weak and in areas where there is a perceived lack of justice and security. The studies in this volume investigated the dynamics of rido with the intention of helping design strategic interventions to address such conflicts.

Philippine Democracy Assessment : Economic and Social Rights / Edna E. A. Co, Ramon L Fernan III, Filomena Sta. Ana III
Pasig City : Anvil Publishing Inc., 2007
Xiii, 223p.
978-97127-1941-7
\$ 25.00

Initiating Devolution for Service delivery in Pakistan : Ignoring the Power structure / Shahrukh Rafi Khan (et.all)
Karachi : Oxford University Press, c2007
xv, 273 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
978-0-19-547221-9
\$ 16.50

[The most important pre-requisite is addressing the power structure in the context in which devolution is to be introduced. This book demonstrates how, right from inception, the rural local government elections in Pakistan were subverted in districts in which power was highly concentrated, based on the ownership of large landed

estates. In districts in which this was not an issue, it shows how other forms of loyalties based on quom (caste) and beraderi (clan) assumed much importance.

This is an important book because of the conceptual contributions, and because the authors were actually involved in the initiation and implementation of the devolution plan in Pakistan at the highest policy level. This enabled the documentation of how and where the plan was inadequate from conception to execution. The addition of the epilogue serves to highlight and analyse recent developments.]

New Perspectives on Pakistan : Visions for the future / Edited by Saeed Shafqat
Karachi : Oxford University Press, c2007

xlii, 428 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes index.

978-0-19-547223-3

\$ 16.50

[This book provides diverging and competing visions of Pakistan, and on the other, reveals how traditional social order and culture are adapting to forces of modernization and globalisation. It analyses issues of national identity and state information, Islamisation, the rise of Jihadi groups and their relationship with the military, the de-institutionalisation of political parties, the erosion of liberal values, the challenges of constructing democracy, imperatives of state security and globalisation.]

Arabs in Afghan Jihad / Muhammad Amir Rana

Lahore : Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS), c2007

196 p. ; 21 cm.

\$ 10.00

[The objective is to engage leading regional and international strategic thinkers, academicians and media persons in pursuance and production of knowledge of national, regional and global security issues and to promote awareness about the importance of peace and democracy. The goal will be achieved through independent policy analysis, and collection, processing, interpretation and dissemination of information and skills/training. PIPS carries out and disseminates policy analysis and research studies on the regional and global strategic issues such as conflict and development, political violence, religious extremism, ethnic strife, terrorism – including state terrorism, economics, governance and democracy, foreign relations, and cultural learning of policy-making processes. It also conducts dialogues, trainings and other educational programs for strengthening partnerships and resolving interstate conflicts, and clashes between the government and the public within the framework of civil society. At the national level, the institute is dedicated to building the knowledge base for peace and enlightenment of the society. PIPS is building one of the largest database on peace and security issues at the regional level.]

The Nemesis : Political Articles and Analysis / Haider Mehdi

Lahore : Heritage Publications, 2007

vi, 350 p. ; 22 cm.

978-969-8958-06-0

\$ 20.00

[The book deals with some of these major issues and presents analytical perspectives on them. A vital and a distinct element of the analysis offered in this book is the psychological profiling of several global political actors as well as Pakistan

leaders who are involved in the creation of the current problematic leading towards a dangerous world of tomorrow. The readers will find this aspect very helpful in understanding the nature of contemporary problems, both an international politics as well as in the political arena of Pakistan.]

Politics and the state in Pakistan / Mohammad Waseem
Islamabad : National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Centre of Excellence, Quais-I-Azam University, c2007
516 p. ; 24 cm.
Includes index.
NIHCR Publication No. 133
978-969-415-083-3
\$ 25.00

[This book seeks to explore the hypothesis that the authority structure of the state in Pakistan, as inherited from British India, provides a focal point for the country's politics. Although, the political community at large occasionally seemed to dominate the political scene through election campaigns, religious movements, ethnic violence or legislative activity, it is essentially to the structural dynamics of the state that we must ascribe the primary responsibility for shaping political events in Pakistan.]

Glimpses into the Corridors of Power / Gohar Ayub Khan
Karachi : Oxford University Press, c2007
viii, 354 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.
Includes index.
978-0-19-547354-4
\$ 25.00

[This book offers an insider's view of people and events that directly affected the course of Pakistan's political history. The author gradually widens the scope of this recollections from his boyhood and school days as a child in a peripatetic military family, to events of Partition, his cadetship at Sandhurst, and the huge affairs of state he experienced as the son of Field Marshal Mohammad Ayub Khan, former Commander-in-Chief and President and Pakistan's first Military ruler, as also in his capacity as Ayub Khan's ADC, and eventually as a politician in his own right. Details of important military campaigns of the period before and during which Gohar Ayub rejoined service in the army are also included in these memoirs, as are pen portraits of members of his immediate family and leading contemporary personalities.]

Pakistan's Foreign Policy 1947-2005 : A Concise History / Abdul Sattar
Karachi : Oxford University Press, c2007
xii, 329 p. ; 23 cm.
Includes bibliography and index.
978-0-19-547167-0
\$ 25.00

[A distinguished career in Pakistan's Foreign Service has provided Abdul Sattar with a unique, personal insight into the making, implementation and consequences of Pakistan's foreign policy from Partition to post-9/11. This concise history reflects his knowledge and experience, providing a through account which will be of interest to both the layman and the scholar.]

Democratization in Pakistan : A Study of the 2002 Elections / Mohammad Waseem
Karachi : Oxford University Press, c2006

xvi, 241 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes index.

978-0-19-597987-9

0-19-597987-7

\$ 20.00

[This book discusses the accountability drive of the Musharraf government, followed by the devolution plan, the presidential referendum, electoral reforms and constitutional amendments as important milestones on the way to the 2002 elections. It seeks to analyze the way the ruling set – up shaped the electoral dynamics. It brings to the surface the political undercurrents of partisan de-alignment represented by a low level of voter identification with political parties and a low turnout. It discusses the way the absence of policy-related issues from the election campaign created space for procedural issues to move to the centre stage, and thus highlights the normative ideal of democracy operating in a legalistic framework.]

No clean hands – Second edition / Sayeed Hasan Khan

Pakistan : Ushba Publishing International, c2006

vi, 290 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes index.

969-8588-64-7

\$ 20.00

[This mordant collection of essays pulls no punches in its passionate concern to understand the world in which we find ourselves more than a decade after the end of the Cold War. Khan and Jacobsen bring a deep knowledge of world politics and history to their analysis and an awareness of the interplay of different levels and modes of power. They understand the subtle and not so subtle ways in which the power of the state can be bent to the interests of dominant social groups. But they also believe in the power of reason and argument to demystify these processes and to give the reader some hope for the future.]

Islam in the European Union : Transnationalism, youth and the war on terror / Edited by Yunas Samad and Kasturi Sen

Karachi : Oxford university press, c2007

xxv, 251 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes bibliography and index.

978-0-19-547251-6

\$ 30.00

[This book is about Muslims under security. It provides a historical and cross-cultural perspective, challenging prevailing norms of 'Otherness'. It looks at the lives of young Muslims in Europe, and examines the implications of scrutiny, that in many cases include multiple levels of discrimination and violence.

The book adopts a multi-national and multi-disciplinary approach incorporating a range of disciplines to examine the effects of Orientalism on social relations in contemporary Europe. The book is one of only few to adopt such a comprehensive approach to what are ultimately the effects of the 'War on Terror', on the lives of young people of Muslim origin in Europe.]

Focus on China : Relations with Pakistan Domestic Concerns / Muhammad Ijaz Butt
Lahore : Advance Publishers, c2007
215 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes index.
969-9086-00-8
\$ 15.00

[Through the book "Focus on China" Dr. Ijaz Butt takes us to the basis of the Pakistan-China relations in its formative phase, dealing with all the important aspects like Pakistan's two wars with India and the much appreciated Chinese economic aid and its military assistance. In this book we cognizant about the peaceful manner through which pak-china border dispute was resolved. This is a carefully researched and analytical account of the two important players of regional politics. It helps to verify the historic record, culminating with a futuristic explanation of the relations between the two neighbouring nations. The reading of this will help understand a student-as well as a researcher – Pakistan's relations with an emerging economic and political giant, which is destined to play a leading role in the 21st century.]

Northern Areas : Crisis and Prospects / Muhammad Amir Rana
Lahore : Pak Institute for Peace Studies, c2007
80 p. ; 24 cm.
Includes bibliography.
\$ 10.00

[Pak Institute for peace Studies (PIPS) is an independent think that committed to provide an in-depth understanding and objective analysis of regional and global issues. PIPS provides international strategic thinkers a forum to play an active role in understanding and researching real and perceived threats to regional and global peace and security. The objective is to engage leading regional and international strategic thinkers, academicians and media persons in pursuance and production of knowledge of national, regional and global security issues and to promote awareness about the importance of peace and democracy. The goal will be achieved through independent policy analysis, and collection, processing, interpretation and dissemination of information and skills/training.]

Nepal politics review (1995-2007) – In 2 Volumes / Edited by Ramesh C Arya
Kathmandu : NYB publications, c2007
2v. ; 22 cm.
978-99946-2-9473
\$ 20.00

[From Preface : Nepal yearbook has completed 12 years. On the occasion, we publish Nepal Politics Review of the period 1995-2007. The events have appeared in different volumes of the NYB, so far, the only yearbook on Nepal. These are rearranged under two parts: I) 1995-2000 and ii)2001-2007. These are the reproductions from the different volumes, rearranged under sections.]

Remaking the Nepalese State / Sanjaya Serchan
Kathmandu : Sefavan Pi, c2007
111 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes references.
978-99946-2-780-6

\$ 8.00

[Contents :

Chapter 1 : Introduction

Chapter 2 : The Making of the Nepalese State Exclusion and Marginalisation

Chapter 3 : The (Un) Making of the Nepalese State Challenges and Opportunities

Chapter 4 : The (Re) Making of the Nepalese State Inclusion and Participation

Chapter 5 : A New Nepal?

Chapter 6 : Conclusion.]

Readings on Governance and development – Volume IX / Edited by Mukti Rijal
Kathmandu : Institute of Governance and Development (IGD), c2007

195 p. ; 24 cm.

978-99946-2-754-7

\$ 15.00

[The publication, as the previous one, is an attempt to discuss the issues relating to constitutional governance and political economy with a specific focus on Nepal. Those who have contributed to this volume are scholars in the field of public policy, governance and development. The articles printed in this volume do not only address some of the emerging problems but do also hint at how these could be tackled.

This publication will prove to be an essential reading for those who have an interest in the issues relating to constitutional governance, political economy and politics of inclusion.]

Nepali Drama : Toppling of an avatar / PC. Punnen

Lalitpur : Lotus Publishing House, c2006

221 p. ; 21 cm.

999-46-770-0-4

\$ 18.00

[Nepali drama, toppling of an avatar, is an attempt by an Indian journalist, who has been in Nepal for five years, to put Jana Andolan II (People's Movement II) in perspective and to eulogize the ordinary Nepalis who, despite great odds, ensured the return of democracy. It also tries to state why the battle for Nepal is not over yet, and why the people have to be vigilant.]

Nepal in conflict : Theoretical underpinnings, conflict resolution, conflict transformation, and peace-building / Kailash Pyakuryal (et.all)

Kathmandu : Sociological / Anthropological Society of Nepal (SASON), 2007

vii, 198 p. ; 21 cm.

978-99946-2-525-3

\$ 10.00

[Contents:

1. Introduction : A Conceptual Framework

2. Conflict Transformation and peace building: Conceptual understanding and opportunities for implementation

3. Anthropology, Conflict and Development in Nepal

4. Conflict and Maoist Movement in Nepal

5. Violent Constructions : The role of narratives and Symbols in Nepal's Armed Conflict

6. Maoist insurgency and cultural agenda of Violence: Relevance of Anthropology of Human Rights in Nepal

7. Political Conflict and Indigenous peoples in Nepal
8. Effects of Armed Conflict on Children
9. Options for peace building in Nepal
10. Peace and conflict assessment.]

The Road to Democracy and Kingdom of God / Nagendra Prasad Shrestha
Kathmandu : Mrs. Shrijana Shrestha, c2007
138 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
978-99946-2-462-1
\$ 5.00

Rebuilding Nepal / Birendra Prasad Mishra
Kathmandu : Bhrikuti Academic Publications, c2006
184 p. ; 21 cm.
99946-5-426-8
\$ 10.00

[Contents :
Chapter 1 : Nature, Causes, and Resolution of Conflict
Chapter 2 : Peace Initiatives
Chapter 3 : Making of the Constitutions
Chapter 4 : Constituent assembly election
Chapter 5 : Politics of Elections
Chapter 6 : Evaluation of the present electoral system
Chapter 7 : Role of Money in Election Campaign
Chapter 8 : Perspectives.]

Democratic Indigenous Practices of Nepal / Bidya nath Koirala (et.all)
Kathmandu : Nepal Centre for Creative Research, c2007
183 p. ; 21 cm.
978-99946-2-911-4
\$ 7.00

[From Preface : This book consists of the democratic practices of Nepali soil. We believe that these micro level practices will provide nutrients to the macro level political system. At the same time it will open the eyes of the service providers to make use of the indigenous democratic practices as a vehicle to reach at the people. Linguists, educationists, sociologists, anthropologists and culturists have contributed articles that highlight the Democratic Indigenous Practices of Nepal. We believe that these articles will provide intuition to the architects of Loktrantic (democratic) political system for Nepal. At the same time, this book will help raise discussion/discourse at the local, national, and international levels for the consensual loktrantic practices for Nepal.]

Studies in Nepali History and Society – Vol.11, No.2, Dec 2006 (Half Yearly) / Edited by Pratyoush Onta
Kathmandu : Mandala Book Point, 2006
396 p.; 21 cm.
ISSN : 1025-5109
\$ 30.00

[Studies in Nepali History and Society provides an interdisciplinary forum for original research. The journal aims to further understanding of cultural politics and social

conditions in Nepal through a commitment to historical analysis, attention to Nepali scholarship, and willingness to explore new terrain Detailed studies form any discipline are invited. All papers must have a substantive focus on Nepal, but comparative work is also welcome.

In addition to research-based articles, the journal invites submissions in the following areas: 1) Critical reflection on the state of Nepal studies. Articles may be oriented by topic, period, region or discipline. 2) Commentary: Opinion pieces on current social issues, usually by individuals with first-hand experience of the topic under discussion. 3) Single book review and multi-volume book review essays. Proposals for contributions in any of these categories should be addressed to the editors.]

Nepali Journal of Contemporary Studies – Vol.7, No.2, Sep 2007 (Half Yearly) /
Edited by Lok Raj Baral
Kathmandu : Nepali Journal of Contemporary Studies, 2007
106 p.; 21 cm.
\$ 15.00

Some Reflections on Nepalese Public Administration and Management / Goraksha
Bahadur N. Pradhan
Nepal : Indugrafiqs, 2007
234 p. ; 22 cm.
99946-2-635-9
\$ 20.00

Democratic Constitution Making : Experiences from Nepal, Kenya, South Africa and
Sri Lanka / Edited by Hari P. Bhattarai
Kathmandu : Nepal South Asia Centre(NSAC), 2007
146 p. ; 22 cm.
978-99933-838-4-0
\$ 9.00

[Making a democratic constitution in a multicultural state is difficult not only because of cultural diversity and differences, but also because of constitution making process has to orient political actors towards the development of appropriate management principles and models. The constitution has to incorporate aspirations and demands of the people from different backgrounds and socioeconomic status. Consequently, the constitution making process must pursue the conflicting goals of representing the peoples' wills and forging a consensus regarding the future of the state. It also must respect the universal principles such as human rights and the basic norms of democratic governance.]

Murder of Madhesh / Ram Dayal Rakesh
Kathmandu : Safari Nepal, 2007
142 p. ; 21 cm.
978-99933-874-2-8
\$ 14.00

[Contents :

1. Introduction of Madhesh in Short
2. Opinions of Different Leaders
3. Concern over Lahan Incident
4. Madheshi Movement and Media
5. International Interest

6. Writers on Madheshi Movement
7. The Role of Civil Society and Human Rights organizations
8. Genocide Debate
9. Gory Incident of Gaur
10. Armed Groups Operating in Madhesh
11. Security Situation
12. Racial discrimination
13. Madheshis's Weakness
14. Terai as a Golden basket for tourism.]

 Ripples in mainstream politics : (In Reference to New Developments in Nepal) /
 Jagadish Rana

Simla : Mrs. Bhuwan Rana, c2007

91 p. ; 22 cm.

978-99946-773-7-5

\$ 4.00

 Peace Building Process in Nepal / Edited by Ananda P Srestha and hari Uprety
 Kathmandu : Nepal Foundation for Advanced Studies (NEFAS), c2008

vii, 114 p. ; 21 cm.

99933-875-6-8

\$ 8.00

[Contents :

1. Peace Process in Nepal : Assumptions and Speculation
2. Peace-Building in Post Conflict Societies: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation in Nepal
3. Nepal's Faltering Peace Process Civil Society, Media and International Community
4. How ' Inclusive' Nepal's Institutions.]

 Stories of Conflict war / Edited by Govinda Raj Bhattarai

Nepal : Dr. Govinda Raj Bhattarai, c2007

219 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

978-9937-2-0064-6

\$ 18.00

[The stories are presented in order of the writers' dates of birth. Second, we have only selected storied that were written and published during the ten years' insurgency in Nepal. The stories had to be published by July 2006. We provide the source and date of writing or publication for each of the short stories.

Next, the 25 storied we selected out of the 200 submissions had to have appropriate themes such as; kidnapping, disappearance, psychological trauma, extroption, abduction, conflict and death.]

 The Communist Movement in Nepal : Origin and Development / Bhim Rawal

Kathmandu : Achham-Kathmandu Contact Forum Communist Party of Nepal, c2007

xiii, 240 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes bibliography and index.

978-9937-2-0105-6

\$ 15.00

[Contents :

Chapter 1 : The socialism and communism: The historical development

Chapter 2 : The background of the communist movement and the establishment of the communist party in Nepal
Chapter 3 : The communist movement in Nepal : Development and turning points
Chapter 4 : The dissolution and reorganization of the communist movement in Nepal
Chapter 5 : The leadership and its composition of the communist movement in Nepal
Chapter 6 : The major theoretical aspects of the communist movement in Nepal
Chapter 7 : The existing problems and future of the communist movement in Nepal
Chapter 8 : Conclusion.]

The Journal of Japan and Contemporary Asia – No. 1, Occasional Paper, 2007 /
Edited by Bamadev Sigdel
Kathmandu : Human Action for Rapid Development and Promotional Consultancy
Service Pvt. Ltd., c2007
vi, 90 p. ; 24 cm.
\$ 15.00

[Contents :

1. Security situation in South Asia in the Post-Cold war Era : A Japanese Perspective – Dr. Tsutomu Kikuchi
2. Friendship with the people of Japan – H.B. Barua
3. Japan's Nuclear Policy and South Asia – Prof K.V. Keshavan
4. Bank Centered Corporate Governance in Japan: How Desirable is it? – Dr. Dilli Ram Pokhrel
5. Japan's ODA and Foreign Policy Goals – Dr. Lalima Verma
6. Japan's Economic Growth During Tokugawa and Meiji Era – Dr. Bamadev Sigdel.]

Between war and peace in Sudan and Sri Lanka : Deprivation and livelihood revival /
Edited by N. Shanmugaratnam
Oxford : James Currey Ltd. and African Academic Press a Tsehai Publishers imprint,
Hollywood, c2008
xi, 194 p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
978-1-84701-102-2 (James Currey paper)
978-1-59907-018-6 (Tsehai Publishers paper)
1. Sri Lanka – History – Civil War, 1983- 2. Sudan – History – Civil War, 1983 – I.
Shanmugaratnam, N.
\$ 19.50

[This book addresses from different angles and levels the issues of conflict resolution, peace preparation, people's perceptions of the impact of conflict on their lives, war-induced grievance, relief, vulnerability, poverty, livelihood revival and social mobility, and development. This book draws attention to the need to internalize grievance generated by protracted war into processes of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. An underlying message to policy makers is that the consequences suffered by large sections of the civilian populations due to war must be addressed in order to build sustainable peace.]

Sri Lanka's troubled inheritance / K.M. de Silva
Kandy : International Centre for Ethnic Studies, c2007
xii, 335 p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
978-955-580-112-6
\$ 25.00

[The essays in this present book analyse several issues in Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict. The first essays show Sri Lanka at a time of what may be called the early stages of the conflict. In time the problems became more complex. The interconnected areas of dispute between the two main contending groups-the Sinhalese and Tamils-include language rights, access to employment, university admissions policy, irrigation policy, access to state land and the devolution of power to regional centres. The chapters of this volume will show how difficult it has been to look for cures for Sri Lanka's ills. Many of these issues are dealt here-some have separate chapters devoted to them-along with the complex question of religion and the state where the divisions are as much, if not more, if not more among the Sinhalese as they are among the Sinhalese and others.]

Nonviolent Coexistence : Moving communities beyond fear, suspicion and the weapons of war / Edited by Kumar Rupesinghe and Gayathir Fernando
Colombo : The Foundation for Co-Existence (FCE), 2007
xlix, 305 p.: ill.; 23 cm.
978-955-1358-14-3
\$ 15.00

[“This book was inspired by the work of the Foundation for Co-Existence (FCE), which has, over the last five years, worked in the war-torn areas of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka, Where Muslim, Tamils and Sinhalese have lived for generations in relative harmony and coexistence. The war disrupted all this and today these communities live in fear and distrust. The FCE has through its field operations, with a staff of over 150, sought to mediate, resolve disputes and promote coexistence between these communities. This work we came to the realization that they require inspiration and courage in the face of massive disruption of communal life brought about by the war. This book is intended to serve as an inspiration and guide to these communities and to all those who are striving to build a people's movement in the midst of violence and intimidation.”]

The limit of state sovereignty : The responsibility to protect in the 21st century (Neelan Tiruchelvam – Eighth Memorial Lecture) / Gareth Evans
Colombo : International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2007
22 p.; 21 cm.
\$ 5.00

Measuring Grassroots Democracy in Viet Nam
Hanoi : Embassy of Finland, 2006
37 p. ; ill. ; 29 cm.
\$ 15.00

[Contents :
Chapter 1 : Grassroots Democracy in Vietnam
Chapter 2 : Survey Methodology
Chapter 3 : Descriptive results
Chapter 4 : The Grassroots Democracy Index
Chapter 5 : The aggregate GRD index and Explanation.]

Talking both sides into Consideration : Ambivalence in Public Opinion on Political Reform in Hong Kong / Francis L.F. Lee, Joseph M. Chan
Hong Kong : Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2007

44p.
978-962-441-186-7
\$ 5.00

From Nowhere to Nowhere : A Review of Constitutional Development – Hong Kong –
1997-2007 / Carine Lai, Christine Loh
Hong Kong : Civic Exchange, 2007
229p.
988-98192-4-4
\$ 35.00

This book examines Hong Kong's Failure to make significant constitutional progress during the past decade. It tells the story of how Beijing and the HKSAR Government stalled constitutional reform and seized control of the community's discussion on political development. Using the idea of regime legitimacy as a conceptual tool, the authors explore the origins of the HKSAR's peculiar constitutional structure and analyse its impact on governance, conflict resolution and the development of political leadership.
