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Globalization and Its Counter-Forces in Southeast Asia / (ed.) Terence Chong Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2008

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This volume is a collection of essays from a diverse group of scholars. Collectively, they present a multidimensional perspective of globalization in Southeast Asia. They delve into the political, economic, security, social, and cultural dimensions of globalization and local responses, offering evidence of complex interfacing between the global and the local, thus championing the need for a multidisciplinary approach to globalization studies. This volume depicts globalization as an uneven and, sometimes, undesired process, and resists the temptation for easy conclusions to the challenges facing the region today.

Regional Outlook: Southeast Asia 2008-2009 / (ed.) Deepak Nair & Lee Poh Onn Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2008

160p. ; cm

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\$ 21.90

Launched in 1992, Regional Outlook is an annual publication of the ISEAS, published every January. Designed for the busy executive, professional, diplomat, journalist, or interested observer, Regional Outlook aims to provide a succinct analysis of current political and economic trends shaping the region, and the outlook for the forthcoming two years. This forward-looking book contains focused political commentaries and economic forecasts on all ten countries in Southeast Asia, as well as a select number of topical pieces of significance to the region.

Language, Nation and Development in Southeast Asia / (eds.) Lee Hock Guan & Leo Suryadinata

Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2008

229p. ; cm.

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\$ 39.90

Language policies in Southeast Asia have been shaped by the process of nation-building on the one hand and by political and economic considerations on the other. The early years of nation-building in Southeast Asia generated intensive language conflicts precisely because state policies privileged the idea of a monolingual nation and thus endeavoured to co-opt or even do away with troublesome ethnic identities.

Singapore's Foreign Policy: The Search for Regional Order / Amitav Acharya.

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte., c2008

205p. ; 23cm. Includes bibliographical references and index

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1. Singapore—Foreign relations

\$ 45.00

The conventional understanding of Singapore's foreign policy can be summarized in three main propositions: first, it is dictated by the imperatives of being a small state; second, its primary purpose is to ensure Singapore's survival, given its small size; and third, this logic of survival dictates a realpolitik approach to foreign policy and national security.

Transforming Government and Empowering Communities: The Sri Lankan Experience with e-Development

/Nagy K. Hanna

Washington DC : World Bank, 2008

265p.

978-0-8213-7335-4

\$ 30.00

A case study of why and how national e-leadership institutions, e-government and e-society programs were designed and implemented. The book examines the process of building national ICT institutions, showing how to design and implement an integrated e-government program. The book describes how a fund was developed to promote grassroots innovations that leverage ICT to solve problems of rural development and poverty. The book proposes national e-strategies be grounded in an integrated framework and institutional mechanisms that would exploit synergies and interdependencies among the different elements of e-development. Finally the many lessons learned so far from implementing the e-Sri Lanka program are summed up.

Development Administration : (Challenges) / Abhimanyu Singh

New Delhi : A.P.H. Publishing corporation, c2008

vii, 260 p. ; 23 cm.

978-81-313-350-4

\$ 15.00

Police accountability - At the cutting edge level / Gautam Ghosh

New Delhi : A.P.H. Publishing corporation, c2007

x, 288 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes bibliography and index.

81-313-0197-4

\$ 17.50

[The book provides an in depth study on police accountability, with reference to the international standards. It has very systematically covered both the conceptual & the practical aspects of police accountability, chapterised as

1.Accountability of the Indian Police-a Historical Appraisal

2.Police Commissions on Police Accountability

3.Judicial Perception on Police Accountability

4.People's Perception on Policy Accountability

5.Present State of Police Accountability

6.Findings & Recommendations.]

The challenges of governance in Indian democracy / G. Ramachandhra Reddy
New Delhi : A.P.H. Publishing corporation, c2007
178 p. ; 22 cm.
978-81-313-0360-3
\$ 10.00

Indian Judiciary and Politics : The Changing Landscape / B.D. Dua (Ed.al)
New Delhi : Monohar Publisher and Distributors, 2007
489 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
81-7304-723-5
\$ 30.00

[Few will deny that the post-emergency higher judiciary in India has earned widespread public acclaim for its innovative and creative jurisprudence, notwithstanding the argument advanced by some critics that it has exercised excessive jurisdiction, transgressing at times the executive and legislative domains, contrary to the original 'checks and balances' design of the Constitution. While the issue of judicial restraint in the context of constitutional separation of powers deserves serious attention, the fact of the matter is that juristocracy invariably triumphs when the elected representatives in a democracy cannot be trusted to provide good and lawful governance. Form this perspective, the unprecedented judicialization of politics and the growth of judicial activism in India seems to be an organic response to pressures within the political system itself.]

China-Pakistan Strategic Cooperation Indian Perspectives / Edited by Swaran Singh
New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, 2007
405 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
81-7304-761-8
\$ 22.50

[This book is an attempt to collate Indian perspectives on the multifaceted themes and sectors of China-Pakistan strategic cooperation.
China –Pakistan ties have been a major obsession amongst Indian opinion and policy-makers. However, this obsession remains restricted to China's transfers of sensitive technologies while the essential backdrop that has sustained such a unique 'axis' has never been explored with sufficient rigour. Especially, given the secrecy that shrouds these transfers of missiles and nuclear material, technologies and know-how, occasional outbursts in Indian media remains vulnerable to political populism, emotional outrage and to calculated Western media leaks. These trigger flashes of interest but no substantive follow up debates or dedicated research for evolving India's policy options. It is this essential gap that this volume tries to fill and generate a serious debate on contours and implications of China-Pakistan relations.]

The Tejas Story : The Light Combat Aircraft Project / Air Marshal Philip Rajkumar
New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, 2008
174 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes Index.
81-7304-764-2
\$ 15.00

[The book must be ready by all those keen on following India's progress towards self-reliance in the defence sector.]

Rescuing the Future : Bequeathed Misperceptions in International Relations / Jagat S.Mehta

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, 2008

487 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Index.

81-7304-752-9

\$ 31.25

[The book arose out of the outrage expressed by Senator D.P. Moynihan at the author's statement that the 'Cold War was the greatest intellectual failure of history'. In a reaction, Prof, Stephen Cohen renewed his suggestion to compile the author's occasional writings, Stephen Cohen made the selection and grouped them into the following face parts: 'With Nehru', 'The Cold War and its Shadow', 'Fresh Water Diplomacy', 'Diplomacy between Unequal and Equal Neighbours', and 'Looking Ahead'.]

Insurgency and Terrorism in India and Pakistan / Md. Elyas

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors., c2008

viii, 368 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

978-81-7533-117-4

\$ 25.00

[Insurgency is most commonly used to describe a movement's unlawfulness by virtue of law land. When used by a state or an authority under threat, "Insurgency" implies an illegitimacy of cause upon those rising up, whereas those rising up will see the authority itself as being illegitimate. In cases of rebellions, the term insurgents refer to those who are not part of the decision-making entity that has the ability to make laws. This book is covering major insurgence, terrorism and Great leaders which become the victims of insurgency. Recently one of the great leaders from Pakistan Benazir Bhutto has assassinated by insurgents or terrorists. This book is beneficial for those dealing with International Politics. Current Affairs and Women Leaders.]

Dravidian Sahibs and Brahmin Maulanas : The Politics of the Muslims of Tamil Nadu, 1930-1967 / S,M.Abdul Khader Fakhri

New Delhi : Monohar Publishers and Distributors, c2008

270 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

81-7304-775-8

\$ 17.00

[This book examines the changing political identities of Muslims in Tamil Nadu between 1930 and 1967. It assesses the protean character of the influences that played upon the political culture of Tamil Muslim by investigating their location in relation to the important political movements of the time: the Dravidian movement, the Congress and Indian nationalism, pan-Islam and Hindu revivalism. In doing to, the author asks how the contradictions between being Tamil, Muslim and Indian emerged and how Tamil Muslims addressed them in politics.]

State of Democracy in South Asia : a report by the SDSA Team / Edited by Harsh Sethi

New Delhi : Oxford University Press, c2008

ix, 302 p. : ill. ; 29 cm

Includes Bibliography

978-0-19-568937-2

0-19-568937-2

\$ 15.00

[This report seeks to shift the locus of discourse on democracy away from the global North to 'most of the world'. It does so by examining democratic experience in South Asia- a region marked by poverty, illiteracy, complex diversities, and multiple and overlapping structures of social hierarchy- and by daring to ask not just what democracy has done to South Asia but also what South Asia has done to democracy. Based on the first-ever social scientific survey of political opinions and attitudes across the five countries in the region-Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka-the report offers a fresh analysis of the promise of democracy for the ordinary people, its institutional slippages, obstacles in its functioning, and its mixed outcomes. The report combines public opinion data with expert assessment, case studies, and dialogue with democracy activists to come up with some big ideas, such as:

South Asians have transformed the idea of democracy by infusing it with new meanings

The experience of democracy in this region defies conventional notions of preconditions and outcomes of democracy

□ Deviation from the received model of democracy is often a source of strength

Politics is still vibrant and invites a high degree of interest and involvement

Political experience matters more than inherited identities like religion and ethnicity in shaping peoples' orientations to democracy.

Written in a non-technical language and laced with attractive graphics, this report will be a valuable resource for political scientists, policy planners, administrators, activists, NGOs, and the interested general reader. It will also be of interest to students and scholars of politics.]

Nuclear security : strategies and techniques / I.K. Khan

New Delhi : MD Publications pvt. ltd., c2008

viii, 376 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes bibliography and index.

978-81-7533-114-3

\$ 32.50

[The Minimum Means of nuclear deployment and arms control patterns stem from the belief that deterrence is relatively unaffected by changes in the size, configuration, and readiness of nuclear forces. The overall goal of the book is to provide information about nuclear security act of nuclear terrorism. Its role in achieving this goal consists of the following broad areas: facilitating the development of, and adherence to, legally binding and non-binding international instruments; developing international guidelines and recommendations acceptable to the international community; providing related assessment services, training, equipment and technical advice; and providing or facilitating exchange of information and related services.]

Spy master: IB and RAW / K. Sankaran Nair

New Delhi : Manas Publications, 2008

Includes Index

978-81-7049-305-1

\$ 12.50

[This is the first book written by a former Chief of India's premier External Intelligence Agency called RAW. The book is based on the experiences (good or bad) of the author who held sensitive decision-making posts from the rank of a Police to the rank of Secretary (Head) of RAW during the tenure of almost 45 years in Indian

Police, Intelligence Bureau, RAW etc., handling law and order, politicians, bureaucrats, internal and external intelligence, etc. The author, as Secretary RAW, has also to face the wrath of the then Prime Minister Morarji Desai on a kick-back payment involving Sanjay Gandhi, made during Indira Gandhi's regime. Many secrets of the Government during his tenure, have been exposed in the book. The book will be found stunning informative and a guiding tool for the general reader, politicians, bureaucrats, scholars and others at large.]

Threat to security: how secured is India from within / PC Dogra
New Delhi : Manas Publications, 2007
81-7049-304-8
\$ 12.50

Will Pakistan Split?: Balochistan in the Line of fire / Virendra Gupta
New Delhi : Manas Publications, 2008
Includes Index
978-81-7049-307-5
\$ 12.50

[The book is about Balochistan, which comprises almost half the territory of Pakistan and has been in turmoil on and off for the past six decades. The current bout of violence in traditional Baloch lands, which form the part of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan, is the strongest assertion of Baloch identity. The challenge is the strongest in Pakistani Balochistan, where Pakistan is undertaking largescale developmental project to provide fillip to Pakistani economy but the Baloch nationalists have been viewing these developmental projects with suspicion and consider them to be the instruments for the colonization of traditional Baloch land.]

Sri Lanka: Strengthening the Peace Process / Virendra Gupta
New Delhi : Manas Publications, 2007
Includes Index
81-7049-340-4
\$ 15.00

[The book examines the issues relating to the stalled peace process in Sri Lanka, which was initiated after the Cease Fire Agreement (CFA) of February 22, 2002 between the Government of Sri Lanka and the LTTE. The chapters look at the ground realities, the intentions and capabilities of the players and suggest alternative frameworks for re-starting the peace process. There is consensus among the contributors that in order to strengthen the peace process, it is necessary for the international community, including India to engage both the players and encourage Norwegian facilitation to address the concerns of all parties, including the Muslims, who also have a stake in the outcome.]

US Perceptions of Iran : approaches and policies / A.K. Ramakrishnan
New Delhi : New Century Publications, 2007
978-81-7708-159-6
\$ 13.50

[This book traces the roots and manifestations of American perceptions of Iran with particular focus on the Iranian Revolution. It analyses the nature of American orientalism and epistemological moorings of Middle East area studies in the United States so that one is able to grasp the stock of images and gamut of ideas that shape American perceptions of Iran. It brings forth the Islamic political discourses and the political economy factors that contributed to the Iranian Revolution and

shows the basic flaws of American views and analyses of it. American perceptions are studies here by undertaking a thorough-going critical analysis of policy documents, memoirs of policy makers and academic writings. This study provides a refreshing break from usual foreign policy analysis by paying attention to the realm of ideas that constitute policies and perceptions.]

Maritime security for India : new challenges and responses / K.R. Singh
New Delhi : New Century Publications, 2007
978-81-7708-156-5
\$ 15.00

Combating Communal conflict / V.N. Raj
New Delhi : Manas Publications, 2008
Includes Index
978-81-7049-301-3
\$ 12.50

[In this book, the study of police behaviour during communal riots is refreshingly candid and authoritative. The author rightly points out that 'since the persons manning the police come from the same society that breeds the virus of communal antagonism, they carry along with them the prejudices, suspicions, fears and hatred prevalent in their community for the other community. The analysis and assessments informed and incisive and was impressed by the facts which proves that the communal virus has neither affected all Indians, nor everyone of a particular community.]

Nation in Imagination : Essays on Nationalism, Sub-Nationalisms and Narration /
Edited by C. Vijaysree (et.all)
Hyderabad : Orient Longman Private Limited, c2007
xvi, 274 p. ; 25 cm.
Includes Index.
978-81-250-3363-9
81-250-3363-7
\$ 20.00

[The essay in this volume examine the swiftly changing connotations the concept of nation in the global world of today. They analyse the contradictory as well as complementary relationship that exists between two major political and intellectual categories-the national and the global-and raise a host of questions that are pertinent to individual and collective life in contemporary society. The areas of concern identified range from the problems of marginalised communities within nation to the new neo-colonial imperatives of the politics of globalisation. The title, Nation in Imagination, signals the discursive grounds for debate and points to the role of the shaping influence of narratives in the shifting contours of nation.]

The Changing Face of Bureaucracy : Fifty Years of the Indian Administration Service
/ Sanjoy Bagchi
New Delhi ; Rupa and Co., c2007
592 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
978-81-291-1194-4
\$ 20.00

[The book is about the Indian Administrative Service and its transformation during the fifty years of its existence.

The Emergency was the watershed when the Service failed to resist the onslaught of political dictatorship.

The IAS then became highly politicized as well as corrupt. It lost the pristine qualities of the past and became a bloated flabby organisation that was persistently clamouring for perks and advancement. To prevent further degeneration, the author feels the urgent need of de-politicisation and stringent accountability. The book suggest ways and means to achieve these ends along with some systemic changes.]

Ethnic Unrests and India's Security Concerns / Kashinathn Jena

Delhi : Abhijeet Publications, c2008

x, 141 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

978-81-89886-30-1

\$ 10.00

[The book analyzes the impact of the CHT political crisis on the India's national security. Instead of defining national security in narrower sense, as the realists define always in term of interests, here it has been defined in broader perspective. IT argues that realist's definition of security in term of 'national interests' is not meant for all strata of society. It cannot provide 'comprehensive security' for all. Therefore, the operational development of the 'security' as brought out in the book argues that 'security' be comprehensive requires on emphasizing on 'human security' for all.]

Globalisation and Indian Foreign Policy / Ravinder Basu

Jaipur : Vital Publications, c2007

viii, 232 p. ; 22 cm.

978-81-904741-3-9

\$ 16.25

Naga Legislative Assembly and its Speakers / K.C. Murry, Foreword by Shurhozelie

New Delhi : Mittal Publications, c2007

xvi, 188 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

81-8324-126-3

\$ 12.50

[The involvement of the Speakers in party politics and their inclination towards the Government has created doubts and suspicion in the mind of the Opposition members. Moreover, the mushroom growth of political parties devoid of proper principles and ideologies, politics of defection and frequent formation of coalition governments and also entrance of the men of mafia groups in Legislatures have created numerous problems for the Speakers in India. The adjournment of the House sine-die due to pandemonium created by irresponsible Legislators has become the common features all over the country from Central Parliament of the State Legislatures.]

Nationalizing Crises : The Political Economy of Public Policy in Contemporary India / Edited by Bhabani Shankar Nayak

New Delhi : Atlantic Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd., c2007

xx, 410 p. ; 22 cm.

81-269-0481-X

\$ 18.75

[The present book intends to make an innovative contribution to key debates in the burgeoning field of society, economy and politics in contemporary India. The

arguments herein move beyond the traditional analysis of "cause and effect" relationships while addressing "crises" in its different forms. The study tries to map out the crises which are reinforced by the ruling class in India since decades in the process of identity formations based on race, religion, caste and culture in politics and dismantling the role of state in economy through the process of market led reforms. The crisis is again reinforced by the given political economy of the Indian Society where masses have to sacrifice their development for the pleasure of others. Instead of solving these acute problems, the Indian ruling class tries to overcome it by diverting people from the real life issues through the process of spreading the venom of communalism and other emotive issues.]

Hindus Under Siege : The Way Out / Subramanian Swamy

New Delhi : Har-Anand Publications Pvt Ltd., c2007

140 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

81-241-1207-X

\$ 7.00

[1. Religious, in the denigration of Hindu icons; 2. Psychological – e.g. in the foisting of a fraudulent version of our history; 3. Physical – e.g. the Islamic terrorist-driven ethic cleansing of Hindus in Kashmir and Bangladesh, and the money-induced conversion of Hindus to Christianity; 4. Cultural – e.g. though globalisation of tastes, dress and interpersonal morality that are determined in the Anglo-saxon white Christian world ("The West").

The author argues that Hindus must collectively acquire a new mindset, to meet the growing challenge from a highly multi dimensional siege which is international in character-otherwise over the coming millennium, Hindus run the risk of perishing. like the ancient Greeks, Egyptians or Babylonians.]

Indo-US relations and peace prospects in South West Indian Ocean / Amita Agarwal

New Delhi : Kaveri Books, 2007

81-7479-083-7

978-81-7479-83-5

\$ 15.00

[The present study attempt to discuss the interests of the littoral states as well as of other big power in the Indian Ocean, the presence of regional and extra-region powers on its waters and the prospects of peace in the Indian Ocean region in the backdrop of Indo-US relations.]

Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Development : Narratives on Inclusion of Excluded / Edited by Bishnu C. Barik

Jaipur : Rawat Publications, 2008

xii, 290p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

81-136-0107-2

\$ 16.00

[The 73rd Constitutional Amendment provided space for the first time to the invisible and excluded categories in the society to participate in the decentralized democratic institutions like Panchayati Raj, which works at the grassroots level for the development of these people and let alone the society at large.

The papers presented in this volume review through narratives the micro-macro ground realities on a broad canvas of interdisciplinary approach. It also offers a comprehensive account of development dynamics, participatory governance and empowerment of excluded categories.]

Administrative Theories : Approaches, Concepts and Thinkers in Public Administration / Edited by Rakesh Hooja
Jaipur : Rawat Publications (The HCM Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur), 2007

xii, 308 p. ; 22 cm.

Changing Contours of Administration Since Independence Golden Jubilee Volume Series – 7

81-316-0160-9

\$ 16.00

[This present anthology deals with issues and concerns of Administrative Theory during the past hundred years. Not only the various approaches and models have been analyzed in the context of their relevance and impact, these have also been juxtaposed with the administrative practices prevalent across the world. In the process of analysis, most eminent thinkers in the realm of Administrative Sciences have been examined in relation to their vision, ideas and critical appreciation of reality. Some of the themes included in the volume are: Organization Theories, New Public Management, Bureaucratic Theory, Development Administration, Comparative Administrative Analysis, Creativity and Leadership.]

District Level Administration and Role of Collector / Edited by Suneel Dhariwal
Jaipur : Aalekh Publishers (HCM Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur), c2007

xxv, 242 p. ; 22 cm.

Changing Contour of Administration Since Independence, Golden Jubilee Volume Series-12

81-87359-37-4

\$ 20.00

[The origin of district administration in India, as a unit of governance, goes back in time. The Mughal rule had an organization for administration at the district equivalent level. In British times, the district in its modern form took shape and the institution of the Collector became the eyes and ears of the administration. After independence, with the launching of development programmes, the powers and functions of the Collector increased immensely. Today, it is at the level of the district that the policies of the government are translated into practice and the problems of local people are understood and communicated to the state government. Truly, today, the district is such a unit of administration with which every citizen comes into the direct contact.]

Administration For Empowerment and Welfare of Women / Edited by Abha Jain
Jaipur : Aalekh Publishers (HCM Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur), c2007

viii, 274 p. ; 22 cm.

Changing Contours of Administration Since Independence, Golden Jubilee Series – 11

81-87359-38-2

\$ 15.75

[Administration for the empowerment and welfare of women implies a difference in approach and perspective as compared to the traditional system of administration, which was of a regulatory nature. It calls for administrative measures that cater to both the material and non material needs of women. Women are not a homogeneous category and hence the empowerment and welfare needs and priorities of different groups of women will be different. It is, therefore, imperative to integrate in the system, the values, which inculcate respect for women, their roles, responsibilities

and recognize their contribution in society. It can broadly be seen as a process that enables women to collectively have access to and control over institutions that affects their lives. The present volume makes an attempt to correlate, analyse and provide an understanding and perspective to the diversity of thought on measures for the empowerment and welfare of women in India.]

Reflections on Dalit and Minorities Issues : An Anthology / Edited by Mujtaba Khan
New Delhi : Kanishka Publishers, Distributors, c2007
xii, 148 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
978-81-7391-999-2
\$ 10.00

[Dalit and Minorities representing caste and religious identities has come to occupy a central place in the socio-political discourse and academic discussion in modern India. Curiously enough even political parties both, major and minor have started taking interest in Dalit and Minorities issues as a part of their electoral strategies to make political fortunes at the hustings. Caste and religious identities have become so pronounced that other variables such as economy and development have assumed a secondary or supplementary role. While caste divides the populace horizontally, religion provides a basis for vertical splits between communities in terms of their interests entailing vested interested to exploit the situation and polarize and society on communal lines.]
