

Recent Books of Communication and Journalism – July 2008

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The Vital Drop : Communication for polio eradication in India / Gitanjali Chaturvedi
New Delhi : Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd., c2008
xviii, 319 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-81-7829-865-5
\$ 18.75

Satellite invasion of India / S.C. Bhatt
New Delhi : Gyan Publishing House, 2008
286 p. ; 22 cm.
81-212-0483-6
\$ 14.50

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
\$ 35.00

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...
