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Desiring Hong Kong, Consuming South China : Transborder Cultural Politics, 1970-2010 / Eric Kit-wai Ma

Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012  
220p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888083466

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Desiring Hong Kong, Consuming South China is a study of the complex and changing cultural patterns in Hong Kong's relationship with the neighbouring mainland. From interviews, TV dramas, media representations and other sources, Eric Ma traces the fading of Hong Kong's once-influential position as a role model for less-developed mainland cities and explores changing perceptions as China grows in confidence. The first part (Desiring Hong Kong) examines the history of cross-border relations and movements from the 1970s, focusing on Hong Kong as an object of desire for people in South China. The second part (Consuming South China) moves to the turn of the century when, despite increased communications and a 'disappearing border', Hong

Kong is no longer a powerful role model; it nevertheless continues to be an important link in the chain of global capitalism stretching across southern China.

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Imagining Gay Paradise : Bali, Bangkok, and Cyber-Singapore / Gary L. Atkins  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012

336p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888083244

\$ 25.00 / PB

500gm.

The book depicts gay paradises in Southeast Asia and the men who created them. It studies the obstacles gay men have faced in securing a voice as citizens, and how they used images of paradise in Bali, Bangkok, and Singapore to create a sense of refuge, construct homes for themselves, and dissent from typical notions of manhood and masculinity. For gender studies and Southeast Asian studies, it provides a "queer reading" of Walter Spies, a gay German painter who in the 1930s helped turn Bali into an island imagined as an ideal male aesthetic state. Secondly, the book provides a historical account of the absorption of Western notions of romantic heterosexual monogamy in Thailand during the reign of King Rama VI and the resistance to those notions expressed through an architectural paradise called Babylon founded by a Thai known as Khun Toc. Finally, it describes the "cyber-paradise" of Fridae.com created by a young Singaporean named Stuart Koe. Collectively, the study examines the pursuit of sexual justice, the ideologies of manhood they challenged, and the geographic and online spaces they created.

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Preventing Family Violence : A Multidisciplinary Approach / Ko-Ling Chan (Editor)

Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012

360p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888083787

\$ 30.00/ PB

512 gm.

Family violence, including intimate partner violence, elder abuse and child maltreatment, is a serious and deteriorating social problem. It may cause irreparable damage to the victim's physical and mental health, as well as social functioning, welfare, and legal status. Previous efforts to formulate preventive measures under different disciplines are often ineffective. This book is among the first attempts to integrate perspectives from different inter-related disciplines into the development of preventive strategies for family violence. Experts from health, legal, social work, sociology, and psychology have contributed to the multidisciplinary approach based on their professional discretion.

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Hong Kong's Health System: Reflections, Perspectives and Visions / Gabriel M. Leung and John Bacon-Shone (Editors)

Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012

568p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789888139552

\$ 40.00 / PB

816 gm.

Having experienced benign neglect and inertia since the last major set of reforms when all public and subvented hospitals were corporatised in the early 1990s, Hong Kong's health system now faces another round of consultation about reform. This book provides

a significant contribution to the discussions about the future of the system. The evidence-driven content draws from the deep expertise and experience of a wide spectrum of contributors, who represent virtually all relevant areas of the health system. Their multidisciplinary input, based on moral philosophy, political economy, macro-financing, health services research, business strategy and patients' experience, reveals areas that require urgent attention and focuses on the issues that matter most if Hong Kong is to achieve better population health through the health system.

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Beyond Policing : The Strategic Shift / Tun Hisan Tun Hamzah & Khoo Kheng-Hor  
Petaling Jaya, Selangor: MPH Group Publishing Sdn. Bhd., 2011  
xiii. 179p. ; 20cm.

Includes index

ISBN-13: 9789675997785

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Unmistakably Chinese, Genuinely Malaysian / Rita Sim  
Kuala Lumpur: The Centre for Strategic Engagement (CENSE)

86p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789671077306

\$ 9.00 / PB

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Malaysian Chinese : Recent Developments and Prospects / (Ed) Lee Hock Guan, Leo Suryadinata

Singapore : ISEAS Publishing, 2012

Xxxiv, 205p.

Includes Index

9789814345088

\$ 29.90

This collection of papers examines a variety of topics on the Chinese in Malaysia, the nature of Malaysian multi-ethnic society and the position of the ethnic Chinese, the conflation between ethnicity and religion, the 8 March 2008 election and its impact on the community, the similarities and dissimilarities of the Chinese position in East and West Malaysia, the new developments in the economy, and the media and education in the past few decades under the New Economic Policy which have major bearings on the 8 March 2008 election and the post-election Chinese community.

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