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Turkey fell subject to the gravest treachery in the history of the Republic. An attempt to make a ferocious coup on July 15, 2016 was carried out by this movement of betrayal, which was carefully planned for almost fifty years by foreign powers, sources of evil and their domestic collaborators; this movement of betrayal that was advanced by using all kinds of deceits and means; and this movement of betrayal that expanded step by step through abusing the trust and the virtuous intention of our people and all the Muslims.

Their true aim was to create a chaotic situation by eliminating the President of the Re-public, who was directly elected by the people, the Government and the Grand Turkish National Assembly. Thus, they wanted to prepare an environment susceptible to foreign intervention and, henceforth an invasion. Turkey would have been pulled into a civil war that might have continued for many years. Accordingly, the resources of our country would have been divided amongst global arms dealers, interest lobbies, and smugglers. Our nation would have been turned into an abode for all types of mafia-like illegal organizations. Our main pillar, the concept of Islam that sustains the existence of our nation, would as a result have been rendered useless. Consequently, all manners of treachery could have been justified in order to separate certain regions of our homeland.

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The Duterte administration is often considered a rupture in Philippines' politics. Yet, how different is Duterte's programme of change from the past governments, particularly from its predecessor, the Aquino II administration? Is there a shift in regime orientation and policy preferences from Aquino II to Duterte? What will this mean to the future direction of Philippine democracy, its economic development, peace and security, and relations with other countries?

This volume focuses on four critical areas—politics and governance; economic governance; Mindanao peace process; and international relations—to illustrate continuities or discontinuities in policies and governance of institutions to explain the dynamics of change in the Philippines. It pays particular attention to the crucial period between Aquino II and the early years of Duterte. The reason is that Aquino II represents an important period for rebuilding and consolidating institutions of governance and accountability after two previous tumultuous administrations. Yet Aquino II also demonstrates the inherent flaws of Philippine democracy and unravels the contradictory forces vying for state power that sets the scene for Duterte's rise. Reflecting on the crucial transition period between the two presidencies, while also providing a much-needed update on the most noteworthy policy changes since Duterte's inauguration, the book fills an important scholarly gap in understanding Asia's oldest and most puzzling democracy.

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Interreligious Conflict and the Politics of Interfaith Dialogue in Myanmar / Nyi Nyi Kyaw

ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2019

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130 gm.

Amidst successive episodes of interreligious violence in Myanmar between 2012 and 2014, interfaith dialogue emerged as a crucial conflict resolution and prevention mechanism.

The 2011–16 Union Solidarity and Development Party administration often indirectly promoted the use of interfaith dialogue to defuse interreligious tensions and conflicts, though its political will was questionable. Various governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental actors have engaged in interfaith dialogue, peace, and harmony initiatives in the past seven years.

The present National League for Democracy administration has more actively sought to engage in intrafaith promotion of Buddhism and in interfaith peace and harmony initiatives. Intergovernmental, international and local interfaith actors also work in the interfaith dialogue field, but their impact is relatively weak because the government remains the most important actor in Myanmar in transition.

Although the National League for Democracy has largely eliminated Buddhist nationalist groups such as Ma Ba Tha, Buddhist identity politics remains influential after the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army's attacks in Rakhine State in 2016 and 2017 and the consequent refugee crisis.

Although extreme anti-Muslim Buddhist identity politics may not see a resurgence in the approach to the 2020 general elections, it may come back in more nuanced forms. Interfaith dialogue and other training and activities for interreligious peace and harmony will thus remain relevant to the political scene

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The Significance of Everyday Access to Justice in Myanmar's Transition to Democracy / Helene Maria Kyed, Ardeth Maung

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Legal pluralism in Myanmar is a reality that is not sufficiently recognized.

A lack of recognition of and clear mandates for the informal justice providers, along with the absence of coordination between these providers and the judiciary, present critical challenges to local dispute resolution and informal legal systems.

This results in a high level of unpredictability and insecurity concerning the justice outcomes and in the underreporting of cases. The lack of jurisdictional clarity represents an even greater challenge in areas of mixed control and where numerous armed actors are present.

Discussion of reform of the justice sector in Myanmar and debates surrounding peace negotiations and the role of the ethnic armed groups in service provision are separated. This situation reinforces the divide between ceasefire areas and the rest of the country and raises concern that the improvement of justice systems will leave conflict-affected populations behind.

Recognition of and support for community-based dispute resolution are crucial to reducing the escalation of conflict at the local level. Justice systems like those of ethnic armed groups can contribute significantly to stability and order at times when the official system has limited territorial reach and is mistrusted by civilians.

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Sri Lanka's Easter Tragedy: When the Deep State Gets Out of Its Depth / Raja Hoole

Ravaya, Sri Lanka 2019

136p.

9789557560618

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The book's main argument is that the March 2018 anti-Muslim violence, the failed constitutional coup of October 2018, the following year's devastating Easter attack, the renewed violence against Muslims in May and the Dr. Shafi saga together form part of a single narrative. It deals with attempts to control or minimise the effect of the Muslim vote.

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Rising Up: The Fight for Chin Refugees: The Journey of a young leader and activist to help battle in the struggles of his people in Malaysia / James Bawi Thang Bik (Eds)

Persatuan Kebajikan Perlindungan Kanak-Kanak Pelarian (Refuge for the Refugees), Malaysia 2019

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On 13 June 2018, the ethnic Myanmar Chin community in Malaysia were shocked by the news. UNHCR had announced that the Chins will remain refugees only until the end of 2019, confirming rumours that there was a policy to end

international protection for the community.

Now, they are given two choices: return to Myanmar or stay in Malaysia as undocumented migrants. The community, many of who have left their land and home years ago, finds neither of these options possible.

Without refugee protection, many lost their jobs and young people quit school to find work. Feeling hopeless and desperate, a Chin man jumped off the 13th floor of an apartment block.

The book tells the story of how an entire refugee community and its advocates got together to fight and protect themselves against a system that failed to put the people at the heart of its decisions and policies.

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Women in Diplomacy: Thoughts of an African Ambassador / Grace Akello

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Minorities Matter: Malaysian Politics and People Volume III / Sophie Lemiere (Ed) SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre/ISEAS, Malaysia 2019

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Governance and the Governed: Democracy and Development in Bangladesh: Selected Papers from BDI 2013 AND 2015 Conferences / Ahrar Ahmad

The University press Limited, Bangladesh 2019

xxvi, 230p. Includes Index 9789845062718 \$ 40.00 / HB 450 gm.

This book is a culmination of ideas from the third and fourth International Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) Conferences at the University of California, Berkeley, USA in 2013 and 2015. This book dwells on two major areas, namely, politics and government, and gender and development.

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Democratic Engineering in Rwanda and Burundi / Jean-Marie Kagabo Fountain Publishers, Uganda 2018

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Nation Building Paradoxes in India and Pakistan: A Diplomat's views of systemic and good governance challenges and opportunities / Syed Hasan Javed

Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd. 2018

xvi, 208p.

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The governing political elites in South Asia have failed to establish an 'inclusive society', at a time of profound global transformation and power shift. Even more unfortunate, Pakistan and India are bracing for yet another 'lost era' with their third generation gearing up for conflict. The chances of 'sleepwalking' into another conflict will always remain there. May be this time, both countries will walk into it, with their eyes wide open, but helpless. The ordinary people in South Asia have remained condemned to hope by those, who should have instead provided 'solutions' to them. India's protracted struggle for geo-political domination, massive arms imports, resumption of threats and coercive diplomacy are 'bad omen' for South Asia's future.

The continuation of misery, poverty, extremism, intolerance and hate in South Asia is not only baffling, but is a matter of serious concern to all of its inhabitants, and the international community at large. In his book, Ambassador Hasan Javed examines the factors contributing to malaise in South Asia, the enormous systemic/good governance challenges, as well as the opportunities.

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South Sudan: Elites, Ethnicity, Endless Wars and the Stunted State / Peter Adwok Nyaba

Mkuki Na Nyota Publishers Ltd., Tanzania 2019

xvi, 270p.

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The elites — whether political, military, or economic — constitute a determinant force in state formation and the nation-building project in post-colonial transitions. The absence of a scientific understanding of the socioeconomic and political configuration of South Sudan has obfuscated the liberation struggle and

generated ethnic nationalism and the emergence of a parasitic class that is completely alienated from the masses of the people.

South Sudan, the highly hyped youngest state in Africa and the world, is in a deep social, economic, and political crisis characterised by a low-intensity civil war, immense suffering and material deprivation of the people. It has internally displaced hundreds of thousands of people who live in "protection of civilian" sites in major towns under the care of United Nations Mission in South Sudan. Three and a half million have crossed international borders to seek refuge in Liganda. and a half million have crossed international borders to seek refuge in Uganda,

and a half million have crossed international borders to seek refuge in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya. The ruling elite, completely unperturbed by the deep humanitarian crisis and apparent near collapse of the state, clamour for power sharing. Together with foreign collaborators, they have enriched themselves and fuelled the war through the extraction and plunder of the country's natural resources. This book is a critical analysis of the socioeconomic and political failures of South Sudan's leaders who have plunged the nascent state into the abyss. South Sudan: Elites, Ethnicity, Endless Wars and the Stunted State is likely to achieve its objective of stimulating debate about the future of South Sudan as a viable polity. The hope is that readers, through the debate generated by this book, will rediscover the commonality that marked the struggle for freedom, justice, and fraternity, and abandon ethnic ideologies as a means of constructing a modern state in South Sudan. South Sudan: Elites, Ethnicity, Endless Wars and the Stunted State is a must-read for South Sudanese intellectuals who want to the Stunted State is a must-read for South Sudanese intellectuals who want to reshape the socioeconomic and political development trajectory.

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Corruption in Agony: Contemporary Nyerere of Our Time / Jacob Roman Lubuva

Foresight Books, Tanzania 2018 x, 114p. 9789976541106 \$ 30.00 / null

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Unveiling the Female Faces in Labour Union Politics in Uganda / Alice Drito Alice Drito, Uganda 2018 xx, 144p. 9789970994601 \$ 30.00 / null 250 gm.

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Nigeria: Why Looting May Not Stop / Ogochukwu Ejinkeonye Oasis of Greatness Publishers Ltd, Benin City, Nigeria 2019 xiii, 115p. 9789789719112 \$ 25.00 / null 220 gm.

'...Graphically presented in this book is the complicated case of a pathetically malformed giant in continuous, clearly avoidable decline where institutionalised corruption, misgovernance, mediocrity and, worse, collaborative passivity (or even outright solidarity) with thieving public officers by sections of the citizenry, have joined forces to continue grossly diminishing and degrading a generously endowed country..."

This book might make you sad and angry (and it should); but it should motivate you to do what is possible and needful to salvage your country...

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Why Don't The Poor Rise Up?: Organizing the Twenty-First Century Resistance / Michael Truscello & Ajam Nangwaya (Ed)

Mkuki Na Nyota Publishers Ltd., Tanzania 2019

viii, 278p. Includes Index 9789987083992 \$ 35.00 / null 550 gm.

"Each of these essays is a sharpened weapon for the battles looming large on the horizon." —George Ciccariello-Maher, author of Building the Commune***"Combining the most creative thought from the global North and South, Why Don't the Poor Rise Up? promises to be an indispensable resource for understanding why the new revolutionary movement of the 21st century will emerge from the ranks of the most marginalized by capitalism and colonialism." —Ajamu Baraka, editor of Black Agenda Report***

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Even mainstream media like the New York Times and The Economist have recently posed the question: Why don't the poor rise up?, uneasily amazed that capitalism hasn't met with greater resistance. In the context of unparalleled global wealth disparity, ecological catastrophe, and myriad forms of structural oppression, this vibrant collection offers a reassessment of contemporary obstacles to mass mobilization, as well as examples from around the world of poor people overcoming those obstacles in inspiring and instructive new ways. With contributions from Idle No More organizer Alex Wilson, noted Italian theorist Franco "Bifo" Berardi, and nineteen other scholars and activists from around the world, Why Don't the Poor Rise Up? presents a truly global range of perspectives that explore the question of revolution, its objective and subjective prerequisites, and its increasing likelihood in our time.

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South Sudan: The Crisis of Infancy. / Peter Adwok Nyaba

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Myanmar's Political Transition and Lost Opportunities (2010-2016) / Ye Htut ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2019

xx, 260p. Includes Index 9789814843577 \$ 28.00 / null 400 gm.

1. Myanmar - Politics and government - 1988-

This book is about the politics of Myanmar under the reformist president Thein Sein. For the first time since the country regained independence in 1948, he was able to enact the peaceful transfer of power from one elected government to another. But Thein Sein also lost opportunities to deliver what the people anticipated, and he failed to bring his USDP party to victory in the 2015 election. This book examines the reasons behind the lost opportunities in the transition to democracy. It draws on the author's experiences as a member of Thein Sein's cabinet as well as on extensive interviews with other cabinet members and politicians involved in the crucial events that took place between 2010 and 2016.

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Secrets and Power in Myanmar: Intelligence and the Fall of General Khun Nyunt / Andrew Selth

ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2019

xxviii, 248p.

Includes Index; Selected Bibliography

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2.Myanmar – Armed forces.
"No external observer knows more about Myanmar's security and intelligence apparatus than Andrew Selth. In this book he presents an account of the structure and functions of Myanmar's deep state, along with a tale of personal and the structure and surface power politics worthy of John Le Carre. ambition, rivalry and ruthless power politics worthy of John Le Carre. A thoroughly educative, entertaining and intriguing read." - Professor Michael

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Myanmar's Buddhist - Muslim Crisis: Rohingya, Arakanese, and Burmese Narratives of Siege and Fear / John Clifford Holt

University of Hawaii Press, USA 2019

xxii, 306p. ; 13 b&w illustrations, 3 maps. Includes Index ; Bibliography

9780824882112

\$ 29.99 / null

550 gm.

1.Rohingya (Burmese people) – Violence against. 2.Violence – Burma – Rakhine State. 3.Islam – Relations – Theravada Buddhism.

4.Theravada Buddhism – Relations – Islam.

5. Buddhism and state – Burma.

Myanmar's Buddhist-Muslim Crisis is a probing search into the reasons and rationalizations behind the violence occurring in Myanmar, especially the oppressive military campaigns waged against Rohingya Muslims by the army in 2016 and 2017. Over more than three years John Holt traveled around Myanmar engaging in sustained conversations with prominent and articulate participants and observers. What emerges from his peregrinations is a series of compelling

portraits revealing both deep insights and entrenched misunderstandings. To understand the conflict, Holt must first accurately capture the viewpoints of his different conversation partners, who include Buddhists and Muslims, men and women, monks and laypeople, activists and scholars. Conversations range widely over issues such as the rise of Buddhist nationalism; the sometimes enigmatic and unexpected positions taken by Aung San Suu Kyii; use of the controversial term "Rohingya"; the impact of state-sponsored propaganda on the Burmese public; resistance to pararting from international media, the United public; resistance to narratives emanating from international media, the United Nations, and the international diplomatic community; the frustrations of local political leaders who have felt left out of the policy-making process in the Rakhine State; and the constructive hopes and efforts still being made by forward-looking activists in Yangon. Three main perspectives emerge from the voices he listens to, those of Arakanese Buddhists who are native to Rakhine (once called Arakan), where much of the conflict has taken place: Burmaco Buddhists (or Barmaco), who where much of the conflict has taken place; Burmese Buddhists (or Bamars), who make up the vast majority of Myanmar's population; and the Rohingya Muslims, whose tragic story has been widely disseminated by the international media.

What surfaces in conversation after conversation among all three groups is a narrative of siege: all see themselves as the aggrieved party, and all recount a history of being under siege. John Holt gives voice to these different perspectives as an engaged and concerned participant, offering both a critical and empathetic account of Myanmar's tragic predicament. Readers follow the hopes and dismay of this seasoned scholar of Theravada Buddhism as he seeks his own understanding of the variously impassioned forces in play in this still unfolding drama.

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Christian Tien, New Caledonia 2017

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Philippine Politics and The Marcos Technocrats: The Emergence and Evolution of a Power Elite / Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem

Ateneo de Manila University Press, Quezon City 2019

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2.Technocracy.

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Peacebuilding and Sustainable Human Development: The Pursuit of the Bangsamoro Right to Self-Determination. / Ayesah Uy Abubakar (Series Ed)

Penerbit UMS, Malaysia 2019

ISSN: 2367-4024; 9783319533865

\$ 40.00 / HB 350 gm.

This book presents the protracted right to self-determination conflict between the Philippine state and the Bangsamoro group in Mindanao, Philippines. In the five decades of attempts to achieve peace, a key element is the Bangsamoros' search for a kind of development that is compatible with their aspirations for freedom and their future. This book presents a study of the Bangsamoro communities and their social constructions of conflict, peace and development. It examines the viability of the sustainable human development framework for application in their challenging realities. The usefulness of the sustainable human development framework lies not only in its use of human development parameters like the Human Development Index. It also provides an approach towards development that synergizes with the sustainable peace framework - an imperative for Mindanao. At the centre of this approach is the Participatory Rural Appraisal and Participatory Learning and Action methodology for eliciting responses, stimulating discussion, documenting verbal and non-verbal ideas and carrying out small-scale projects to demonstrate community participation. The book concludes with two main points: that (a) both sustainable human development and peacebuilding are mutually reinforcing frameworks aimed at achieving the same human development goals, and (b) the pursuit of the right to self-determination is enhanced, as both frameworks are combined to provide a context for the attainment of peace in Mindanao.

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Powers of Culture: Life Beyond the Books / John M. K. Mtitima, M. Mbewe (et

al.)

Kachere Series, Malawi 2018

vi, 146p.

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250 gm.

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Conflicted Power in Malawian Christianity : Essays Missionary and Evangelical from Malawi / Klaus Fiedler

Mzuni Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2016

444p.

Includes Index

9789990802498

\$ 50.00 / null

600 gm.

The volume constitutes Klaus Fiedler's crowning contribution to scholarship. Essays in the first half of the book focus on Malawian Christianity and how contrasting Powers, Gospel and Secular, engage each other, creating social, political and cultural conflict in the process. In the second half, Fiedler examines general missiological themes. These essays provide a broader missiological background, offering a theoretical framework necessary for appreciating the essays in the first half. He concludes with a chapter that reviews selected seminal books on themes under study. Throughout the volume Fiedler applies the "restorationist revival theory" he constructed in The Story of Faith Missions, an earlier 1994 work putting emphasis on non classical missions and churches, not systematically covered in earlier scholarship. This volume, the first of its kind on Malawian Christianity, will long remain an indispensable text for those interested in Missiology and Malawian Christianity.

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African Feminist Theology and Baptist Pastor's Wives / Molly Longwe

Luviri Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2019

300p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789996066221

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400 gm.

This book presents a story of the experiences of being church of the pastors' wives within the Baptist Convention of Malawi (BACOMA). Formed in 1970 out of the missionary endeavours of the North American-based Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), BACOMA is a voluntary national association of Baptist churches. Molly Longwe's book presents a concise picture of African Feminist Theology and to relates it to the lived experiences of pastors' wives in the Baptist Convention of Malawi.

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The Zionist Churches in Malawi: History - Theology - Anthropology / Ulf

Strohbehn

Luviri Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2016

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This book presents an African Christian movement full of vitality and creativity. The reader will meet believers who drink milk so that they may dream about angels, reports about funerals where the mourners dance with the coffin on their shoulders and church members who are ritually not allowed to fertilize their fields or wear neck ties. The author's unique insight into Malawi's Christian community addresses important issues in society. Why have 'Spirit Churches,' including Pentecostalism, been so successful in Malawi? Why do some religious groups still refuse medical help, up to the point that children die of cholera? How did the independent churches deal with the colonial trauma? In this masterful portrait, Strohbehn takes the reader from industrial mine compounds to rural colonies, where churches have set up their own spiritual and political rule. He carefully dissects the fine lines between traditional notions and Christianity's influence. We find a spiritual portrait of the Ngoni people, a fascinating cultural analysis of dancing and an encounter with a unique style of preaching.

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China's Evolving Policy Towards the Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia (1949-2018) / Wu Xiao An

ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2019

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1.Chinese – Foreign countries – Government policy.

2.Chinese – Southeast Asia. 3.China – Foreign relations.

The Chinese diaspora, consisting of both Chinese living overseas who are citizens of China (huaqiao), and people of Chinese descent who are citizens of foreign countries (huaren), have significantly shaped the making of modern China. China's policy towards its diaspora is primarily governed by its national interests and foreign policy imperatives. However, the Chinese government has been careful to ensure that the huaqiao and the huaren fall into different policy domains: Chinese citizens living overseas are subject to China's domestic policies, while Chinese descendants who are citizens of other countries come under China's foreign affairs. Nevertheless, from the beginning, the latter continue to be regarded as kinsfolk distinct from other foreign nationals. The huaqiao-huaren distinction is often blurred in ordinary discourse and this has been a source of much misunderstanding. However, it has not been the policy of the Chinese government to blur this distinction, and it is acutely aware of the complexity of the issue and is therefore very cautious about implying any change. There is therefore a fundamental continuity in China's diaspora policy: namely, that China embraces both groups as part of a global Chinese community.

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The Fourth Vain Attempt to Initiate Democracy in Malawi / G. T. Ngubola Kamwambe

G. T. Ngubola Kamwambe, Malawi

Viii, 308p.

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Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy Outlook / David Arase ISEAS Publishing, Singapore

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1. Geopolitics - Indo-Pacific Region.

2.Indo-Pacific Region – Strategic aspets.

3.International relations.

The US launched a new Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) strategy in late 2017 after reluctantly concluding that its patient effort to engage and socialize China to the rules-based order since 1972 had failed. The new US FOIP strategy initiative seeks to engage like-minded nations in economic, security (both traditional and non-traditional), and political governance partnerships to construct a collaborative and scalable network of relations that will be able to respond flexibly to meet a wide range of stakeholder needs and regional contingencies across the Indo-Pacific region.

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Grappling With Change in Africa : The Dream of Prosperity Using African Wisdom / Emmanuel Danstan Chinunda

Assemblies of God Press, Limbe, Cameroon 2015

xxii, 142p.

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This book brings revolution to the African continent. It makes it clear that for Africans to advance in life they require a different approach to life. The book uses proverbs and wise sayings from Africa to enhance the notion that Africa as a continent appreciates issues about change and other players from outside the continent get a buy-in into change management. It is now generally accepted that from Cape to Cairo one sees a continent pregnant with resources but it is classified as the poorest by bank balance. The book uses African wisdom to help readers around the world to appreciate the African transformation. Change is always hardest at the beginning but it gets easier and better as days transform into years. Nothing in life changes without change. The book suggests ways of how Africa can swing the pendulum and rise to be a global shining star by owning and using its natural resources wisely and embracing transformational leadership. This would rewrite the economic order and turn the richest poor continent into a super-rich continent.

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Secularization in Malawi and Britain : A Comparative Inquiry / Billy Gama

Kachere Series, Malawi 2016

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Religion in Malawi No.17 / F. Nsengiyumva (et al.)

Department of Theology, Zomba, Malawi 2016

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Muhammadiyah, together with the Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), are seen as the two pillars of moderate Islam in Indonesia. Muhammadiyah is currently often perceived to be the more conservative of the two and to have more affinity with Islamist groups. Muhammadiyah remains a social movement guided by its longheld theology of al-Ma`un (kindness) and with a strong emphasis on social services. It is this doctrine that has prevented Muhammadiyah from dwelling on mythical or abstract issues and neutralized it against Islamism, making its members more realistic in viewing the world. The "pragmatic Islamism" that Muhammadiyah has adopted allows it to handle social dynamics well.

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Malawi: A Place Apart / Asbjorn Eidhammer Logos – Open Culture, Lilongwe, Malawi 2017 viii, 257p. Includes Index; Bibliography 9789996097904 \$ 45.00 / null

'It is the stranger who comes with a sharper blade', claims one Malawian adage. But stranger Asbjørn Eidhammer is not. He worked tirelessly with Malawians for more than eight years as Norwegian ambassador to Malawi during politically difficult times. Malawi – A Place Apart is a unique and welcome update of the story of the nation examined from the point of view of a highly observant outsider. His subtle exposure of the sometimes hidden economic mismanagement is particularly poignant when people are crying out for open societies everywhere.

– Professor Jack Mapanje, author of Of Chameleons and Gods

Combining aspects of history, cultural studies, personal memoir and opinion, this rarely published and hard hitting perspective from a former senior member of the donor community analyses the past, current and future prospects of Malawi politics and economics. The book proves yet again the adage that 'sometimes the mlendo (visitor) has the sharper [analytical] knife' with its examination of the issues of politics, poverty and the relationship — or lack of it — between Malawi and its development partners. Throughout it all the author's love for the 'Warm heart of Africa' shines through and all who love Malawi will be stimulated and enriched by this book. – Dr John Lwanda, author of Kamuzu Banda of Malawi: A Study in Promise, Power and Legacy.

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Speaking Out in Vietnam: Public Political Criticism in a Communist Party-Ruled Nation / Benedict J. Tria Kerkvliet ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2019 Include Index 9789814843843 \$ 32.00 / null 370 gm.

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- 2.Political activists Vietnam.
- 3. Dissenters Vietnam.
- 4. Political culture Vietnam.
- 5.Communism and society Vietnam.
- 6. Vietnam Politics and government.

Since 1990 public political criticism has evolved into a prominent feature of Vietnam's political landscape. So argues Benedict J. Tria Kerkvliet in his analysis of Communist Party-ruled Vietnam. Speaking Out in Vietnam assesses the rise and diversity of these public displays of disagreement, showing that they have morphed from family whispers to large-scale use of electronic media. In discussing how such criticism has become widespread over the last three decades, Kerkvliet focuses on four clusters of critics: factory workers demanding better wages and living standards; villagers demonstrating and petitioning against corruption and land confiscations; citizens opposing China's encroachment into Vietnam and criticizing China-Vietnam relations; and dissidents objecting to the party-state regime and pressing for democratization.

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Armies and Societies in Southeast Asia / Volker Grabowsky and Frederik Rettig Silkworm Books, Thailand 2019

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Armies and Societies in Southeast Asia adds to the small but growing body of publications on warfare in Southeast Asia and colonial armies. Its chapters are written by a multi-national and multi-disciplinary team of authors who are experts in their field and who bring in their 'disciplinary' strengths, such as history, sociology, social anthropology, political science, and philology, in analyzing a wide range of sources, including royal chronicles, missionary dictionaries, colonial archival documents, VCDs, and face-to-face interviews. Military-society relations are examined in a wide range of ways: traditional strategies of augmenting populations, mutinies and mutiny attempts, imperial anxieties, Japanese military legacies, the trans-oceanic experiences of Southeast Asian and European soldiers, post-war demobilizations and post-conflict biographies, and the transformation of communist guerrillas into guardians of the state and their development of capitalist enterprises. This volume will be of interest to Southeast Asianists and military historians alike

This volume will be of interest to Southeast Asianists and military historians alike because it covers not only traditional territorial grounds, thematic terrains, and temporal landscapes but also extends to individuals and further includes the national, regional, and transnational lives of military institutions that have often been insufficiently covered in previous studies due to the complexity of the region and the difficulty for scholars to master all the required languages.

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India's 'Surgical Strike' Stratagem: Brinksmanship and Response / Zafar Nawaz Jaspal

Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Pakistan 2019 viii, 236p. Includes Bibliography 9789692337007 \$ 35.00 / HB

450 gm.

The book, 'India's Surgical Strike's Stratagem: Brinkmanship and Response' has been authored by one of Pakistan's ace nuclear South Asia scholars, Zafar Nawaz Jaspal. The book assesses the strategic fallout of Indian military and political leadership's approach of adopting much trumpeted surgical strike or in other words hot pursuit stratagems against Pakistani armed forces or the so called 'Mujahedeen's bases' inside Pakistani territory. Jaspal has carried out an in-depth analysis of India's military doctrine, its surgical strike gambit and its implications on strategic stability in South Asia.

India's Habituation with the Bomb: Nuclear Learning in South Asia / Naeem Salik (Ed)

Oxford University Press, Pakistan 2019

xiv, 202p. Includes Index 9780190701390 \$ 25.00 / null

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Despite the advantage of hindsight, India and Pakistan have stumbled through one crisis after another and have navigated their way through a process of trial and error. Learning is a cognitive process and thus difficult to quantify; however, its manifestations in the form of establishment of dedicated institutional structures, enactment of related legislations, and administrative measures are clearly discernible. This book, a mirror image of a book about Pakistan entitled Learning to Live with the Bomb by Naeem Salik, has been jointly authored by Pakistani and Indian scholars and provides an objective and insightful analysis of India's experience of managing its nuclear capability including its doctrinal precepts, command and control, safety and security, export control and regulatory regimes, and its development of the ballistic missile defence system. https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667123

Identity, Nationhood And State-Building In Malaysia / K. J. Ratnam SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Malaysia 2019 viii, 132p.

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250 gm.

1. Malaysia - Politics and government.

2. Malaysia - Social conditions.

(Including "Regaining the Middle Ground in Malaysian Politics": A Conversation with Patrick Pillai)

Identity, loyalty and nation building are key global challenges today. In the first part of this book, Emeritus Professor K.J. Ratnam, a leading Malaysian social scientist, discusses multiple identities in complex societies, political loyalty, and the challenges that ethnic and religious differences pose for social cohesion. In the second section of the book, done in conversational style, he talks to researcher-writer Patrick Pillai about the importance of regaining the middle ground in Malaysian politics. He expresses a clear preference for civic over ethnic nationalism, arguing that, by embracing all citizens, it provides a more sustainable basis for loyalty. Among key issues discussed are whether Malaysia is a 13-State or a three-State federation, democracy and governance, ethnic politics, and electoral reform. Professor Ratnam also analyses current political alignments and their impact on ethnic relations, the perils of ethnic stereotyping, and the need for a national consensus on foundational issues. He says visions, narratives, national ideologies and constitutions may be useful in bringing people together, but are not enough for holding them together, and suggests some practical ways this problem can be overcome.

practical ways this problem can be overcome. Sweeping in scope yet detailed in analysis, this publication will interest scholars, students, policy makers and laymen, and encourage reflection on useful ways of facing up to the many complex challenges confronting multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies like Malaysia.

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Fountain Publishers, Uganda 2018

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A People's Dialogue: Political Settlements in Uganda and The Quest for a National Conference / Frederick Jjuuko & Sam Tindifa

Fountain Publishers, Uganda 2018 viii, 300p. Includes Index; Bibliography 9789970617913 \$ 35.00 / null

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Rays of Hope: Alternative Narratives about Public Resources and the 2017 General Election in Kenya / Kimani Njogu

Twaweza Communications Ltd., Kenya 2018

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Kenya's Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Evolution, Challenges and Opportunities / Boaz K. Mbaya

East African Educational Publishers Ltd, Kenya 2019

xxxiv, 214p.; 234x156mm. Includes Index; Bibliography

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400 gm.

In the past decade or so the study of international relations and diplomacy has become popular in most universities in Kenya. Kenya's Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Evolution, Challenges and Opportunities is a pioneering comprehensive textbook, which examines and evaluates Kenya's foreign policy since independence. The author analyses Kenya's formation as a state, its national interest, determinants of its foreign policy and how the country has applied its diplomacy in response to constantly changing dynamics in international relations to secure a role and place for itself on the international stage. He describes the successive stages of orientation of Kenya's foreign policy as it maintained good relations with its traditional development partners during the Cold War, but found itself under the microscope by the same partners after 1989. The author then discusses the foreign policy under President Kibaki, which progressively re-orients Kenya to the East, and President Uhuru and the ICC dilemma. He also discusses the influence of domestic agenda in Kenya's mediation role and emerging issues in international relations namely: environmental diplomacy, terrorism, the proliferation of small arms and light weapons. Students of international relations and diplomacy, practicing and aspiring diplomats, scholars, researchers, historians and the general reader will find this book relevant.

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An Experiment in Devolution : National Unity and the Deconstruction of the Kenyan State / Dominic Burbidge

Strathmore University Press, Kenya 2019

x, 326p. Includes Index; Bibliography 9789966054258 \$ 75.00 / null 950 gm.

In 2010, the Kenyan people promulgated a new constitution, containing within it one of the most radical experiments in devolution the world has ever seen. The proposition, of governance decentralised, challenges at a fundamental level the assumption that progress comes through centralised, bureaucratised statehood. Its alternative hypothesis is that one can avoid the perils of winner-takes-all politics by rejecting state centralisation as a necessary prerequisite to social harmony and economic development. The point is not how "strong" or "weak" a state is, but the degree to which politics includes and unites. State-building was about administrative consolidation for the purposes of economic development. Devolution is a return to politics as the best way of reconnecting state and society.

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Devolution in Kenya: Driving Forces and Future Scenarios / Thomas Todtling, Conrad Bosire & Ursula Eysin

Strathmore University Press/Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Kenya 2018

x, 118p. Includes Bibliography 9789966054241 \$ 40.00 / null 400 gm.

This publication analyses the history and implementation of devolution to date, identifies driving forces and describes four potential scenarios for the future development of devolution in Kenya until 2028. It is a contribution to the political and academic debate on the devolved governance system in Kenya and should serve as useful input for the work of political decision-makers, civil society organisations, scholars as well as international organisations.

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Best of Whispers: Politics, Family and Society / Wahome Mutahi

Twaweza Communications Ltd. (on behalf of Whispers Book Den Company), Kenya 2018

224p.

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300 gm.

The book is a collection of the late Wahome Mutahi alias Whispers' articles in the Sunday Nation Newspaper in Kenya. Wahome- who died in July 22, 2003 was a beloved humourist and satirist in the East African country.

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Presidential or Parliamentary Democracy in Kenya: Choices to Be Made / P. Anyang' Nyong'O

Booktalk Africa, Kenya 2019 204p. Includes Index 9789966062963 \$ 40.00 / null 300 gm. The book examines the weakness of the presidential system of governance especially its role in denuding democratic ideas and creating post-election conflicts.

conflicts.
"The book seeks to persuade Kenyans to adopt a parliamentary democracy as we engage in intense debates regarding a suitable and desirable constitutional dispensation for the nation," states Prof. Nyong'o in the preface.

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Where Women Are: Gender and the 2017 Kenyan Elections / Nanjala Nyabola & Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle (Ed)

Twaweza Communications Ltd., Kenya 2018

208p.

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350 gm.

While the drama of the complicated 2017 General election in Kenya unfolded and the clash between the patriarchs dominated the headlines, women were once again relegated to a secondary position in the public conversation. 'Flower girls'. 'Someone's Wife'. These are some of the terms used to describe Kenyan women in politics - as simply accompanying and supporting men rather than having complex identities and public lives of their own. Yet Kenyan women were present and active, pushing against layers of structural and physical gendered violence to claim space in the political arena.

This collection captures some of the stories and experiences of women participating in the heated 2017 general election in Kenya in order to shed light on the nuances and complexities facing women who choose to enter electoral politics. From stories of rural women using traditional social networks to access political power, to young urban women defying expectations and confronting an electorate that was conditioned to ignore them, these stories not only highlight the problems that women face but also the ingenious ways they navigate the spaces that do exist. Kenyan women are present and active in politics and this book works to see and understand where they are.

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Industrial Relations in a Developing Society : The Case of Colonial Independent One-Party and Multiparty Malawi / Lewis B Dzimbiri

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An Introduction to the Politics of the Indonesian Union Movement / Max Lane ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2019

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- 2.Labor movement Political aspects Indonesia.
- 3.Indonesia Politics and government.

"In this most significant contemporary study of Indonesian trade unions and the broader working class, Max Lane provides a concise and informed examination of the practical and ideological challenges of incipient labour organizations engaged in political and popular struggles in an underdeveloped nation. This detailed and highly informative book evokes similar historical and comparative struggles of exploited workers worldwide and is indispensable for students of labour movements in the Global South." —Immanuel Ness, Professor of Political Science, City University of New York, author of Southern Insurgency: The Coming of the Global Working Class

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"It is impossible to understand the dynamics of trade union politics in Indonesia without an appreciation of the historical legacies of the New Order and its authoritarian controls over labour as well as the labour radicalism that emerged as a reaction to it. In this important study, Max Lane provides a sharp and detailed analysis of the impact of both legacies upon contemporary trade unions, the ongoing tensions between them, and possible future trajectories."—Ian Wilson, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University.

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Negotiating Inseparability in China: The Xinjiang Class and the Dynamics of Uyghur Identity / Timothy Grose

Hong Kong University Press, Hongkong 2019 160p.

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This is the first book-length study of graduates from the Xinjiang Class, a program that funds senior high school-aged students from Xinjiang, mostly ethnic Uyghur, to attend a four-year course in predominately Han-populated cities in eastern and coastal China. Based on longitudinal field research, Negotiating Inseparability in China: The Xinjiang Class and the Dynamics of Uyghur Identity offers a detailed picture of the multilayered identities of contemporary Uyghur youth and an assessment of the effectiveness of this program in meeting its political goals. The experiences of Xinjiang Class graduates reveal how young, educated Uyghurs strategically and selectively embrace elements of the corporate Chinese Zhonghua minzu identity in order to stretch the boundaries of a nonstate-defined Uyghur identity. Timothy Grose also argues that the impositions of Chinese Mandarin and secular Chinese Communist Party (CCP) values over ethnic minority languages and religion, and physically displacing young Uyghurs from their neighborhood and cultural environment do not lead to ethnic assimilation, as the CCP apparently expects. Despite pressure from state authorities to urge Xinjiang Class graduates to return after their formal education, the majority of the graduates choose to remain in inner China or to use their Xinjiang Class education as a springboard to seek global citizenship based upon membership in a transnational Islamic community. For those who return to Xinjiang, contrary to the political goal of the program, few intend to serve the CCP, their country, or even their hometown. Instead, their homecomings are marred by disappointment, frustration, and discontent.

Politics as Dashed Hopes in Nigeria / Auwalu Anwar Safari Books Ltd, Nigeria 2019 xxvi, 614p. Includes Index; Bibliography 9789785598650 \$ 45.00 / null 950 gm.

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Politics as Dashed Hopes in Nigeria reveals the inner workings of the CPC and the intriguing drama that unfolded within its inner caucus, particularly the Octopuslike position of some influential members of The Board of Trustees (BoT) in anointing governorship candidates for the Party in many States. The author's grasp and handling of the roles of the dramatis personae in the entire process leading to the formation of the Party, the emergence of the National and State Interim leaderships, the struggle for the control of the Party's machinery in Kano and other States, the fractured and inconclusive primaries and the general elections are quite stimulating and informative. The roles of money and regulatory institutions in the apparent manipulation of the electoral process became quite glaring both before and during the Party's primaries in Kano and are constant reminders that Nigerian politics had still got a long way to go in the practice of democracy. The near absence of internal democracy within the CPC – just as in several other political parties in Nigeria – greatly hampers the emergence of free level ground and the thriving of genuine democracy in the country. The idea of the existence of a cult-figure in Nigerian politics versus the concept of due process in political party administration is therefore an issue of paramount interest to this book. The politics of the formation of the APC leading to the emergence of General Muhammadu Buhari as the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, his achievements and challenges in the first two years of his administration are also reflected in the narrative.

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