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Environmental Movements and Politics of the Asian Anthropocene / Eds) Paul Jobin, Ming-sho Ho & Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao

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"This collection provides a powerful and sophisticated analysis of how environmental movements influence politics in Asia, and how politics influences movements." – John S. Dryzek, Centenary Professor, University of Canberra.

"This important book reflects the challenges and questions currently foremost in scholars', activists' and policy-makers' minds—the Anthropocene, environmental justice, China's Belt and Road Initiative, and post-politics—all addressed through the lens of environmental movements in Asia." – Jonathan Rigg, Professor at the School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol.

"How have authoritarianism, democratization and political change affected environmentalism in East and Southeast Asia? How have environmental mobilization and demands for environmental justice at the grassroots influenced politics there? These are among the vital questions answered by this insightful and well-crafted volume." – Paul G. Harris, Chair Professor of Global and Environmental Studies, Education University of Hong Kong

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A narrative of denial : Australia and the Indonesian violation of East Timor / Peter Job

Melbourne University Press, Australia 2021

xi, 356 pages, 8 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations, map, portraits ; 24  $\,$  cm

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515 gm.

Learn how the Australian government used the guise of national interest to forge a false account of the Indonesian invasion of East Timor. The Indonesian invasion of East Timor in 1975 led to a prolonged conflict, severe human rights abuses and a large loss of life. From 1975 to 1983 the Indonesian military's campaign of 'encirclement and annihilation' destroyed rural food resources, creating the famine that took most of the lives lost during the occupation. The Australian governments of Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser presented themselves as advocates for human rights and the international rule of law, while viewing relations with Indonesia as key to their foreign policy objectives. These positions came into conflict due to the Indonesian invasion of East Timor Based upon an extensive study of Australian foreign affairs archives, as well as interview. A Narrative of Denial demonstrates how the Australian government responded to the conflict by propagating a version of events that denied the reality of the catastrop

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Red zone: China's challenge and Australia's future / Peter Hartcher

Black Inc. Books, Australia 2021

360 pages ; 24 cm 9781760642167 \$ 32.95 / null 480 gm.

China is a key nation for Australia's future -- for our security, economy and identity. But what are China's intentions when it comes to Australia? And what lies behind the recent chill in relations between the two countries? In this gripping book, Peter Hartcher shows how Australia woke up to China's challenge and explores what comes next. Will we see a further deterioration in relations, or is there a smarter way to deal with an authoritarian superpower? Hartcher shines new light on Beijing's overt and covert campaign for influence -- over trade and defence, media and politics. And he looks at the Australian response so far and assesses its effectiveness.

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China Panic / Brophy, David La Trobe University Press 2021 272 pages 9781760642501 \$ 32.95 / null 420 gm.

A better way to think about foreign influence and the nation's future

When he visited Australia in 2014, Chinese president Xi Jinping said there was an 'ocean of goodwill' between our country and his. Since then that ocean has shown dramatic signs of freezing over. Australia is in the grip of a China Panic. How did we get here and what's the way out?

We hear, weekly, alarming stories of Chinese influence, interference or even espionage – in politics, on campus, in the media, in community organisations and elsewhere. The United States now sees China as a strategic rival, and pressure on Australia to 'get tough on China' will only intensify.

While the xenophobic right hovers in the wings, some of the loudest voices decrying Chinese subversion come, unexpectedly, from the left. Aligning themselves with hawkish think tanks, they call for new security laws, increased scrutiny of Chinese Australians and, if necessary, military force – a prescription for a sharp rightward turn in Australian politics.

In this insightful critique, David Brophy offers a progressive alternative. Instead of punitive measures that restrict rights and stoke suspicion of minorities – moves that would only make Australia more like China – we need democratic solutions that strengthen Australian institutions and embrace, not alienate, Chinese Australians. Above all, we need forms of international solidarity that don't reduce human rights to a mere bargaining chip.

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Democracy and Social Movements: A Sociological Analysis of Bihar's Backward Class Movement / Shashi Bhushan Singh

Ane Books Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2020

xii, 154p.; 23cm Includes Index 9789388264860 \$ 22.00 / HB 450 gm. Contents: Introduction. 1. Locating the Social: An Outline of Social Structure. 2. The Democratic Movement: Coming of Backward Class Movement. 3. How the Dominants Fought?: Caste Dynamics in Naxalite Movement. 4. Between Naxalism and Democracy: SCs Struggle for Liberation. 5. What happened to the MBC: Story of Persistent Marginalization. 6. Backward Classes and New Social Order: End of Movement Persistene of Sentiment. Conclusions: Social Structure and Social Movements. Why men rebel? What is the logic of political alliances? How agents and social structure interact during the course of social movements? By studying intensively the Bihars backward class movement, the book tries to explore and answer some of these questions. Based upon first hand information about the region under study, an attempt has been made to understand the relation between social structure and social movements. Social movement is a long drawn process, whereas in initial years, a group of people struggle to create conducive environment (social structure) for the origin of social movement. Initially, the social structure remains hostile, since erstwhile dominants use harsh measures to crush any voice that may go against their domination. However, some people having vision, perseverance and charisma prepare the environment for the origin and growth of the movement. In course of time as the situation becomes favourable, large number of people becomes part of the movement leading to significant change in the social structure. However, further change in social structure makes the situation hostile for the sustenance of the social movement. At this point of time the movement starts losing its steam.

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Sunflowers and Umbrellas : Social Movements, Expressive Practices, and Political Culture in Taiwan and Hong Kong / (Ed) Thomas Gold, Sebastian Veg

Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA 2020 viii 264n

Includes Index; Bibliographical References.

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420 gm.

This collection of papers on the Sunflower and Umbrella Movements brings together not only studies of Taiwan and Hong Kong, but also contributions from the social sciences and humanities. The volume compares and contrasts the two movements, which both occurred in 2014, focusing on their political dynamics, their expressive practices, and their immediate aftermath and potential long-term traces.

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The Serious Impact of Non-violent Extremism in Indonesia / A'an Suryana & Nur Syafiqah Mohd Taufek

ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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The rise of religious extremism in public discourses is a cause for concern for government officials and moderate Muslims.

While a substantial body of research on violent extremism is available, the issue of non-violent extremism remains neglected by scholars.

Although exposure and subscription to non-violent extremism do not automatically lead to violence, it still needs to be curbed because it can fan hatred that in turn can lead to physical violence and repression of human rights. Non-violent extremism also boosts polarization in the community.

Given this potential impact, the government needs to pay more attention to the dissemination of non-violent extremist public discourses, especially on social media. It could work together with influential religious organizations which possess immense religious authority and legitimacy.

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How Generation Z Galvanized a Revolutionary Movement against Myanmar's 2021 Military Coup / Ingrid Jordt, Tharaphi Than, Sue Ye Lin,

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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On 1 February 2021, under the command of General Min Aung Hlaing, Myanmar's military initiated a coup, apparently drawing to a close Myanmar's ten-year experiment with democratic rule. State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and President Win Myint were arrested along with other elected officials.

Mass protests against the coup ensued, led by Gen Z youths who shaped a values -based democratic revolutionary movement that in character is anti-military regime, anti-China influence, anti-authoritarian, anti-racist, and anti-sexist. Women and minorities have been at the forefront, organizing protests, shaping campaigns, and engaging sectors of society that in the past had been relegated to the periphery of national politics. The protests were broadcast to local and international audiences through social media.

Simultaneously, a civil disobedience movement (CDM) arose in the shape of a massive strike mostly led by civil servants. CDM is non-violent and acephalous, a broad "society against the state" movement too large and diffuse for the military to target and dismantle. Semi-autonomous administrative zones in the name of Pa-a-pha or civil administrative organizations emerged out of spontaneously organized neighbourhood watches at the ward and village levels, effectively forming a parallel governance system to the military state.

Anti-coup protests moved decisively away from calls for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi and other elected political leaders, or for a return to democracy under the 2008 constitution. Instead, it evolved towards greater inclusivity of all Myanmar peoples in pursuit of a more robust federal democracy. A group of fifteen elected parliamentarians, representing the ideals of Gen Z youths, formed a shadow government called the Committee Representing the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) on 5 February 2021. On 1 March the CRPH declared the military governing body, the State Administrative Council (SAC), a "terrorist group", and on 31 March, it declared the military's 2008 constitution abolished.

Gen Z's protests have accomplished what has been elusive to prior generations of anti-regime movements and uprisings. They have severed the Bamar Buddhist nationalist narrative that has gripped state society relations and the military's ideological control over the political landscape, substituting for it an inclusive

democratic ideology.

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Widodo's Employment Creation Law, 2020: What Its Journey Tells Us about Indonesian Politics / Max Lane

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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During 2020, the Widodo government introduced a new Bill for parliamentary consideration. This was the Employment Creation Law. It was also known as the Omnibus Law as it introduced amendments to seventy-four other existing laws on a wide range of matters.

The Bill provoked considerable controversy, especially provisions reducing protection of labour rights and weakening environmental protection laws. Several provisions introducing further deregulation of a range of activities also attracted criticism. The labour and environmental issues were the basis for a series of street protest mobilizations during the year. These also involved mobilizations where university students participated.

The Law was justified by the government in its supplementary material to the legislation as a strategy to attain a specific growth rate in the gross domestic product and arguing that the revisions in the Law were necessary to substantially improve what was described as Ease of Doing Business.

Despite the protests and criticism, the law was passed by a big majority in Parliament on 5 October 2020. All member parties of the governing coalition voted for the Bill, and it was signed into law by President Joko Widodo on 2 November 2020.

The political journey of this Bill into Law revealed very clearly the homogeneity of the Indonesian political elite, represented by the parliamentary parties, all of whom either supported or acquiesced to the Law. It was also revealed that sustained and mobilized opposition to the Law was basically confined to a section of civil society, with some sections, including important large trade unions, campaigning in only a moderate and constrained way.

From Pakatan Harapan to Perikatan Nasional : A Missed Opportunity for Reforms for East Malaysia? / Anantha Raman Govindasamy

ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

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The Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63) brought together Peninsular Malaya with the East Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak. This Agreement afforded certain rights and obligations to these two states, notably in areas such as religion and language, financial autonomy, immigration, judicial autonomy, and finance and

However, since the signing of this foundational treaty, East Malaysians have become discontented. Key frustrations include a gradual erosion of the stipulated privileges by the federal government, persistent underdevelopment, as well as the perceived unequal distribution of petroleum revenue earned from these

When Pakatan Harapan came to power in 2018, there were expectations from Sabah and Sarawak that the new administration would be committed to the restoration of East Malaysia's special position within the Malaysian Federation. In order to address long-standing tensions, Pakatan Harapan established a Special Cabinet Committee on MA63 to look for new ways of restoring East Malaysia's prerogatives.

The Special Cabinet Committee managed to resolve seventeen out of twenty-one

issues pertaining to the economy, finance and the judiciary.

However, the most complex issues pertaining to the sharing of oil revenue were outstanding. One key outcome was that the Committee proposed a constitutional amendment to recognize Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia as equal partners in the Federation. However, the proposed amendment did not garner the processary two-thirds majority in parliament. necessary two-thirds majority in parliament. A bloc of parliamentarians allied with the Gabungan Parti Sarawak—a coalition of Sarawak-based parties formerly aligned with ousted national coalition Barisan Nasional—abstained from voting. Since the advent of the Perikatan Nasional administration, the broader issue of East Malaysian rights has received little attention. It is likely that, rather than seeking to address the fundamental tensions between the Peninsula and East Malaysia, the current administration will seek to offer targeted benefits to elites from the region.

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The Military in Burma/Myanmar: On the Longevity of Tatmadaw Rule and Influence / David I Steinberg

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The Myanmar military has dominated that complex country for most of the period since independence in 1948. The fourth coup of 1 February 2021 was the latest by the military to control those aspects of society it deemed essential to its own interests, and its perception of state interests.

The military's institutional power was variously maintained by rule by decree, through political parties it founded and controlled, and through constitutional provisions it wrote that could not be amended without its approval.

This fourth coup seems a product of personal demands for power between Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Aung San Suu Kyi, and the especially humiliating defeat of the military-backed party at the hands of the National League for Democracy in the November 2020 elections.

The violent and bloody suppression of widespread demonstrations continues, compromise seems unlikely, and the previous diarchic governance will not return. Myanmar's political and economic future is endangered and suppression will only result in future outbreaks of political frustration.

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The Growing Salience of Online Vietnamese Nationalism / Dien Nguyen An Luong

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Vietnamese nationalism has a strong undercurrent of anti-China sentiments, and Vietnam's leaders have regularly tapped into such sentiments to shore up their legitimacy and boost Vietnamese nationalism.

Over the last decade, the helter-skelter growth of social media has bred new popular actors in Vietnamese cybersphere, who are deeply nationalistic but who pursue entirely different political and social agendas. In sum, they give rise to a new nationalistic narrative, one that paints the Vietnam Communist Party as being often too meek and subservient to China, and calls for drastic reforms to the political system—regime change not excluded—to deal with Chinese threats. An examination of prominent cases of online Vietnamese nationalism shows that anti-China sentiments have been a recurrent theme and a consistent trigger. The online nationalistic movements have been mostly instigated by popular figures, with state actors playing a facilitating role in stoking and harnessing them for their own ends.

Manifestations of online nationalism, especially those centred on anti-China and sovereignty issues, may hold serious consequences, including violence and deadly riots. In some instances, online nationalistic campaigns both galvanize and dissipate relatively quickly once state and popular actors have somehow managed to achieve their aims.

The growing salience of online Vietnamese nationalism has posed serious challenges and dilemmas for the regime. The authorities have had to encourage nationalistic patriotism with

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Centre-Periphery Relations in Myanmar : Leverage and Solidarity after the 1 February Coup / Shona Loong

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Building interethnic solidarity is crucial for the movement opposing the regime that took power in Myanmar's 1 February 2021 coup. Analysing the coup as primarily a crisis of democracy underestimates the centrality of ethnic conflict to the Tatmadaw's role in Myanmar's national politics. In the context of Myanmar's ethnic diversity, ethnic armed organizations may play a key role in harmonizing responses to the coup. Successive Myanmar governments have failed to meaningfully address ethnic conflict, thereby entrenching the Tatmadaw's dominance. Redressing the grievances of non-Bamar groups is crucial to ensuring national

and regional stability. Conversely, strategies that mistakenly assume national unity will lead to short-term solutions may cycle back into violence and conflict. There is little evidence that the Tatmadaw is willing to negotiate with ethnic armed organizations or the National Unity Government. These organizations require support in coordinating anti-coup efforts and material resources to enhance their leverage against the post-coup regime.

The anti-coup movement's relationship with Myanmar's ethnic groups has moved

through three broad phases: (1) diversity without coordinated demands; (2) visions of a federal future; and (3) agitating for change.

The movement is at a critical juncture. Its success depends on its ability to transform existing centre-periphery relations. The role of ethnic armed organizations and civil society organizations needs to be recognized rather than sidelined in favour of the Committee Representing the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the National Unity Government.

Previous missed opportunities for transforming centre-periphery relations are instructive for actors seeking to support the anti-coup movement. Three aspects of the anti-coup movement have historical precedents in Karen State: (1) refuge; (2) non-state social services; and (3) shared experiences of violence. In previous iterations of each, a failure in relational thinking has entrenched the centralization of power in Myanmar.

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Southeast Asian Affairs 2021 / Daljit Singh & Malcolm Cook

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021 427p. 9789814951180 \$ 42.90 / HB

"Southeast Asian Affairs, first published in 1974, continues today to be required reading for not only scholars but the general public interested in in-depth analysis of critical cultural, economic and political issues in Southeast Asia. In this annual review of the region, renowned academics provide comprehensive and stimulating commentary that furthers understanding of not only the region's dynamism but also of its tensions and conflicts. It is a must read." – Suchit Bunbongkarn, Emeritus Professor, Chulalongkorn University.

"Now in its forty-eighth edition, Southeast Asian Affairs offers an indispensable guide to this fascinating region. Lively, analytical, authoritative, and accessible, there is nothing comparable in quality or range to this series. It is a must read for academics, government officials, the business community, the media, and anybody with an interest in contemporary Southeast Asia. Drawing on its unparalleled network of researchers and commentators, ISEAS is to be congratulated for producing this major contribution to our understanding of this diverse and fast-changing region, to a consistently high standard and in a timely manner." – Hal Hill, H.W. Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economies, Australian National University.

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The Divine Bureaucracy and Disenchantment of Social Life: A Study of Bureaucratic Islam in Malaysia / Maznah Mohamad.

Palgrave Macmilan (Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd), Singapore 2020

xxiv, 322p. Includes Index

ISSN: 2661-8354; 9789811520921

\$ 88.00 / HB 528 gm.

This book traces the expansion of Islamisation within a modern and plural state such as Malaysia. It elaborates on how elements of theology, sacred space, resources, and their interactivity with secular instruments such as legislative, electoral, and new social technological platforms are all instrumentally employed to consolidate a divine bureaucracy. The book makes the point that religious social movements and political parties are only few of the important agents of Islamisation in society. The other is the modern and secular state structure itself. Weber's legal rational bureaucracy or Hegel's ethical bureaucracy predominantly characterises a modern feature of governmentality. In this instance an Islamic bureaucracy is advantageously situated not only within an ambit of modernity and therefore legality, but divinity and therefore sacrality as well. This positioning gives religious state agents more salience than any other form of bureaucracy leading to their unquestioned authority in the current contexts of societies with Muslim majority rule. One of the requisites of this condition is the homogenisation of Islam followed by ring-fencing of its constituents. The latter can involve contestations with women, other genders, 'secular' Muslims, non-Muslims as well as dissenting Muslims with their differing truthful 'Islams'.

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Bengal 2021 : An Election Diary / Deep Halder HarperCollins Publishers, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. 2021 xx, 130p.; 20cm 9789354224171 \$ 7.50 / null 250 gm.

On 20 May 2011, Mamata Banerjee was sworn in as the first female chief minister of West Bengal, bringing an end to thirty-three years of CPI(M) rule. 'Poriborton!' screamed the morning papers, echoing Trinamool Congress's catchphrase for bringing in change. A decade later, amidst allegations against the TMC of political violence, syndicate rule and institutional corruption, the Bharatiya Janata Party has sent out a new war cry. Ahead of what promises to be a historic state Legislative Assembly election, Deep Halder met and spoke to Bengal's biggest stars-turned-politicians, refugees who want to become permanent citizens, and travelled as far as the Bangladesh border to gauge the mood of the people. Bengal 2021 looks at an electrifying election, unfolding in the times of Covid-19.

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Social Movements in Malaysia: A Vehicle for Citizen's Action. A Review 10 Years On: 2007 to 2017 / Denison Jayasooria and Khoo Ying Hooi

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) & Institut Kajian Etnik (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2019

138p.

9789670741529

\$ 40.00 / null

220 gm.

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China's Political Worldview and Chinese Exceptionalism : International Order and Global Leadership / Benjamin Tze Ern Ho

Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam, Netherlands 2021

266p, ; 156x234mm.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789463725149 \$ 118.00 / HB

534 gm.

China's Political Worldview and Chinese Exceptionalism: International Order and Global Leadership uses the notion of "Chinese exceptionalism" as a framework to analyze China's international politics and foreign policy. This book argues that China's approach to international relations is best understood in the context of these claims to exceptionalism and China's broader political world view. In doing so, it fosters a more comprehensive understanding of China's actions within the realms of foreign policy and international politics, and in the context of the preferred world order, norms and rules that the country seeks to promote.

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Implications of COVID-19 Pandemic for South Asia: Civil Society Perspectives / (Eds) Nimmi Jayathilake, Shavini De Silva & Ayodhya Amarajeewa

Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka. 2021

xvi, 252p.

9789558051535

\$ 30.00 / HB

450 gm.

This book, a collective effort of GPPAC (Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict)-South Asia members, consists of nine chapters. The first three chapters focus on the impact on democratic governance in South Asia, multilateralism and regional cooperation. Other six chapters audit country situations and civil society interventions in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, India and Afghanistan. These chapters highlight the importance of positive civil society interventions in generating policies that are more effective, equitable and gender-sensitive that should be capable and influential enough to mobilise societal capacities in order to mitigate adverse social, economic and political effects of the pandemic and to shape the direction of post-COVID South Asia.

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Narrating Democracy in Myanmar : The Struggle Between Activists, Democratic Leaders and Aid Workers / Tamas Wells

Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam, Netherlands 2021

214p.; 15.6x23.4cm. Includes Index 9789463726153 \$ 104.71 / HB

468 gm.

This book analyses what Myanmar's struggle for democracy has signified to Burmese activists and democratic leaders, and to their international allies. In doing so, it explores how understanding contested meanings of democracy helps make sense of the country's tortuous path since Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy won historic elections in 2015. Using Burmese and English language sources, Narrating Democracy in Myanmar reveals how the country's ongoing struggles for democracy exist not only in opposition to Burmese military elites, but also within networks of local activists and democratic leaders, and international aid workers.

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Environmental Justice in India / Biveesh UC Manak Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2020

xx, 343p.; 23cm Includes Bibliography, Index 9788194587521 \$ 50.00 / HB 750 gm.

Environmental Justice in India: A study on Endosulfan Issue in Kerala is an attempt to examine the pathetic plight of the people of Kasargodu district in Kerala in the wake of the endosulfan fiasco. The study assumes critical importance in the sense that a decision was taken at the sense that a decision was taken at the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to include the pesticide endosulfan in the chemicals scheduled for elimination at the global level.

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War For Peace : Kenya's Military in the African Mission in Somalia, 2012-2020 / Kenya Defence Forces

Ministry of Defence, Kenya Defence Forces, Nairobi, Kenya 2020

xxvi, 202p. Includes Index 9789966130884 \$ 35.00 / null 400 qm.

In July 2012, the Kenyan military placed its forces in Somalia under the command of the African Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), the continent's boldest and riskiest collective security response to the existential threat of Jihadi Islamism.

In War and Peace, experts present new insights on Kenya's pursuit of al-Shabaab inside Somalia, its re-hatting to become part of AMISOM, achievements and challenges in the war against Jihadi Islamism. The book also sketches a vision of a post-AMISOM security order. In frank, factual and accessible prose, the book delves beyond the headlines to advance on the challenges to peace support operations in the zones of terrorism and in the wake of the forceful return of the Cold War-era geopolitics.

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Actually! Right-Sizing Some Past and Present Issues / Duncan Du Bois Duncan Du Bois, South Africa 2020  $\,$ 

iv, 134p. Includes Select Bibliography 9780620880244 \$ 30.00 / null 240 gm.

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Where Woman Are : Gender and The 2017 Kenyan Elections / Nanjala Nyabola and Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle

Twaweza Communications, Nairobi, Kenya 2018

208p.

Includes Bibliography

9729966028815

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400 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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Best Australian Political Cartoons 2020 / Russ Radcliffe (Ed)

Scribe Publications, Australia 2020

185p.

9781922310019

\$ 49.99 / null

410 gm.

Welcome to 2020. Brexit, Trump, leadership challenges- those were the days.

The Morrison government, after delivering its promised tax cuts, had only one thing on its policy mind- protecting its presumptive budget surplus. Sure, avoiding questions about such trifles as sports rorts, robodebt cock-ups, and water scams required an inordinate amount of energy. But, all in all, it must have seemed like a good time to take a holiday.

Anyway, other people were on the fire hoses - terrified, exhausted, selfless - as south-east Australia gave us a glimpse of the looming slow-motion catastrophe of a rapidly heating world. Meanwhile, in a wet market in Wuhan, events were unfolding that would shake all our societies to the core and change our world forever. The mantle and burden of heroism was about to be passed to a new cast of ordinary people on a very different front line.

Is this a time for joking? Too soon? Maybe we need the penetrating satirical intelligence and the dark, challenging humour of our political cartoonists more than ever.

Featuring Dean Alston, Peter Broelman, Pat Campbell, Andrew Dyson, John Farmer, First Dog on the Moon, Matt Golding, Fiona Katauskas, Mark Knight, Jon Kudelka, Alan Moir, David Pope, David Rowe, Andrew Weldon, Cathy Wilcox, and many more...

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Migration in Turkey: Policies, Reactions, Discussions / Didem Doganyilmaz Duman & Gokhan Duman
Editions GiTa, Istanbul 2020
102p.
Includes Bibliography
9786257911825
\$ 35.00 / null

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Islam and Politics in Bangladesh = The Followers of Ummah / Mubashar Hasan Springer Singapore 2021

XVI, 215 p. 9789811511189 \$ 79.99 / null 308 gm.

232 gm.

This book conceptualizes the politics of Bangladesh through an Islamic concept called ummah or the global brotherhood of Muslims. It demonstrates that, against the backdrop of geopolitics, capitalism and free flow of ideas, localization of this global religious concept at individual level, institutional level, major party platforms and state has cemented the current political condition in Bangladesh in which religiosity, religious intolerance, Islamization and extremism take place. By exploring the effects of ummah in Bangladeshi politics, this book shows how major political parties have mainstreamed political Islam in the country. The book rejects the long standing scholarly claim of religious-secular distinction in Bangladeshi politics and argues that with most Muslim-dominated states, there are no major secular parties in Bangladesh. There are only Islamic parties, which are more or less Islamic. The purely 'rational' domain of politics in Bangladesh is long lost, and political Islam sets the framework for politics in the country. The reason behind this logic of Bangladeshi politics is formed, contained and expanded by ummah.

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Peace Keeping in the Land of The Fur: Darfur / Hassan Gibril Baobab Books, Baobab Printers, Gambia 2021 220p. 9789983960822 \$ 65.00 / null

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Marawi Siege : Stories from the Front Lines / Carmela S. Fonbuena (Intro) Marites Danguilan Vitug

Journalism for Nation Building Foundation, Pasig City, Philippines. 2020

xxviii, 248p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789719568919 \$ 35.00 / HB 420 gm.

In Marawi Siege: Stories from the Front Lines, journalist Carmela Fonbuena weaves together narratives from soldiers, residents, Maute Group fighters, hostages, local officials, and Moro Islamic Liberation Front members.

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All Roads Lead North: Nepal's Turn to China / Amish Raj Mulmi Context, an imprint of Westland Publications Pvt.Ltd., Chennai 2021 xxv, 290p.; 23cm Includes Bibliography, Index 9789390679096 \$ 20.00 / HB 550 gm.

In the June 2020 territorial dispute over Kalapani, India was faced with a newly assertive Nepal, and blamed the latter's deepening relations with China for the tension. But beyond the accusations and the grandstanding, there was a new reality to reckon with: the power equations in South Asia had been redrawn to make space for China. Nepal did not turn northwards overnight, however. For one, Nepal–China ties have deep historical roots built on Buddhism, going as far back as the early first millennium. For another, while the 2015 unofficial Indian blockade had provided momentum to the rift, the Himalayan nation had long wanted greater ties with its northern neighbour to counteract India's oppressive intimacy. With China's growing ambitions, both globally and in South Asia, Nepal now has a new primary bilateral partner—and Nepalis are forging a path towards modernity with its help, both in the remote Himalayan borderlands and in the cities. All Roads Lead North is the long view on Nepal's foreign relations, as well as the story of China as a global power in the twenty-first century. With neverbefore-told stories about Tibetan guerrilla fighters, failed coup leaders and trans-Himalayan traders, this book examines the histories that tie remote Himalayan communities to each other. Part historical study, part journalistic account and all of it rigorously researched, Nepal analyst Amish Raj Mulmi writes a new, complex and compelling account of a small country caught between two neighbourhood giants.

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Framing the Islands : Power and Diplomatic Agency in Pacific Regionalism / Greg Frey

ANU Press/Pacific Studies Press, Austalia/Fiji 2021

xviii, 400p.

Includes İndex ; Bibliography

9789821011365 \$ 70.00 / null

700 gm.

Since its origins in late eighteenth-century European thought, the idea of placing a regional frame around the Pacific islands has never been just an exercise in geographical mapping. This framing has always been a political exercise. Contending regional projects and visions have been part of a political struggle concerning how Pacific islanders should live their lives. Framing the Islands tells the story of this political struggle and its impact on the regional governance of key issues for the Pacific such as regional development, resource management, security, cultural identity, political agency, climate change and nuclear involvement. It tells this story in the context of a changing world order since the colonial period and of changing politics within the post-colonial states of the Pacific.

Framing the Islands argues that Pacific regionalism has been politically significant for Pacific island states and societies. It demonstrates the power associated with the regional arena as a valued site for the negotiation of global ideas and processes around development, security and climate change. It also demonstrates the political significance associated with the role of Pacific regionalism as a diplomatic bloc in global affairs, and as a producer of powerful policy norms attached to funded programs. This study also challenges the expectation that Pacific regionalism largely serves hegemonic powers and that small islands states have little diplomatic agency in these contests. Pacific islanders have successfully promoted their own powerful normative framings of Oceania in the face of the attempted hegemonic impositions from outside the region; seen, for example, in the strong commitment to the 'Blue Pacific continent' framing as a guiding ideology for the policy work of the Pacific Islands Forum in the face of pressures to become part of Washington's Indo-Pacific strategy.

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State of Suffering: Political Violence and Community Survival in Fiji / Susanna Trnka

Cornell University Press/Pacific Studies Press, Ithaca, New York, USA/ Fiji 2008

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Includes Index

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How do ordinary people respond when their lives are irrevocably altered by terror and violence? Susanna Trnka was residing in an Indo-Fijian village in the year 2000 during the Fijian nationalist coup. The overthrow of the elected multiethnic party led to six months of nationalist aggression, much of which was directed toward Indo-Fijians. In State of Suffering, Trnka shows how Indo-Fijians' lives were overturned as waves of turmoil and destruction swept across Fiji.

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India And Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present / Shivshankar Menon Penguin Allen Lane, an imprint of Penguin Random House, Haryana, India. 2021

hb; viii, 406p.; 24cm Includes Index 9780670091294

\$ 17.50 / HB

750 gm.

Documenting the changes in India's foreign policy: from Independence to the Modi era, Shivshankar Menon addresses the many questions, which perplex India as the nation seeks to find its way in the increasingly complex world of Asian geopolitics. From its leading role in the 'nonaligned' movement during the Cold War to its current status as a perceived counterweight to China, India often has been an after-thought for global leaders-until they realize how much they needed it. Examining India's own policy choices throughout its history, Menon focuses in particular on its responses to the rise of China, as well as other regional powers. He also looks to the future and analyses how India's policies are likely to evolve in response to current and new challenges. As India gains new stature across the globe, both its domestic preoccupations and international choices become more significant. Authoritative, comprehensive and deeply engaging, in India and Asian Geopolitics Menon makes a powerful geopolitical case for an India increasingly and positively engaged in Asia and the broader world in pursuit of a pluralistic, open, and inclusive world order.

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On the Philosophy of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism / Jose Maria Sison (Ed) Julieta de Lima

International Network for Philippine Studies (INPS), Philippines. 2021 x, 466p.

\$ 40.00 / HB

750 gm.

On the Philosophy of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism demonstrates Jose Maria Sison's comprehensive and profound knowledge of the epochal stages through which the theory and practice of the world proletarian revolution have developed. Such knowledge is well propagated among the cadres and members of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

This book demonstrates Sison's excellence as a theoretician and teacher of dialectical and historical materialism as well as a communist thinker and leader who has made significant contributions to the conduct of the new democratic revolution in the Philippines and to the study of the history, circumstances and prospects of the world proletarian revolution.

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India and the United States: From Estrangement to Natural Partnership / Mohd Younes Bhat

KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

Xii, 142p.; 24cm

9789389137903 \$ 19.50 / HB 450 gm.

India and the United States: From Estrangement to Natural Partnership examines the Indo-US relations since begining of Independent India. The book gives an extensive, analytical and historical perspective of issues that unfolded and unraveled in the bilateral relationship of India and the USA.

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Chinese Power : Trends in Engagement and Containment / Edited by Gaurav Misra

KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xii, 243p.; 24cm Includes Index 9789389137972 \$ 32.00 / HB

600 gm.

The East Asia Strategic Review is an annual publication of the East Asia Centre, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi. The current volume titled "Chinese Power: Trends in Engagement and Containment" intends to present an Indian perspective on China's strategic outreach in the East Asian region under President Xi Jinping. It analyses how Beijing employs the instruments of diplomacy, economy, military and political outreach to engage with the regional countries and how US presence influences the regional dynamics.

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A ridiculous man: Donald Trump and the verdict of history / Norman Abjorensen Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2021

152 pages ; 21 cm 9781922454027 \$ 37.95 / null 185 gm.

The election of Donald Trump as the 45th US president in 2016 was a pivotal moment in history for America and for the world. A celebrity rather than a politician, Trump promised to turn politics on its head - and he did. Is he an aberration or does he represent a continuity of forces already in play? Who was he, where did he come from, and what did he do? These are questions future historians will ask as they grapple with the meaning of Trump, the implications of his presidency and his place in history.

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Face Off!: Analysis of India's Capability to Fight a Two-Front War / Ravi Rikhye KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xxxii, 584p.; ill.; 24cm Includes Index 9789389137927 \$ 37.00 / HB

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FACE OFF! is a detailed narration by Ravi Rikhye on India's capability of fighting a two-front war, for which its armed forces have planned and prepared for long. This unique book systematically covers the military challenges rising from geopolitical evolution. The ground forces of China and Pakistan against whom India is primed, are covered in detail as are air and naval forces to provide readers in-depth knowledge with comparisons given and conclusions arrived at. The crucial question asked is: Can India take on both Pakistan and China at the same time? This book will be essential reading and an invaluable resource for policymakers, strategists, students of South Asian matters, diplomats, and the general public as well.

India in South Asia: Changing Perspectives in the 21st Century / Edited by

Sudheer Singh Verma and Ashwani Kumar KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xix, 238p.; 24cm 9789389137941 \$ 32.00 / HB 600 gm.

The twenty-first century is witnessing the first time in history, asserting two powers—India and China in Asian continent, they are attempting to bring change in global politics. India is the biggest country in the South Asian subcontinent. The other six countries are not positive about the role of India in the subcontinent. As, Bhabani Sen Gupta in 1984 described the prevalent such perspectives as "the Big Brother Syndrome". The spatial dimensions of the present work, however, extend to the South Asian subcontinent and beyond that up to China, but the central point of the discussion revolves around India's increasing role in cooperation and collaboration in resolving regional political and security issues. The book has captured diverse dimensions of an actor (India) such as demographic, social and cultural, economic, political, technological, and ecological, which employed for positively engaging with other actors in the region. The contributors in the book see links and convergences between their perspectives. Their perceptions of the India's role (of an actor) reflect new openness to internal and external influences that has led to change in the existing perspectives about the actor (India) in the region (South Asia).

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Zimbabwe @ 40 : Development, Democracy and Transformation / Lloyd Sachikonye and David Kaulemu

Weaver Press, Harare, Zimbabwe 2021

190p.; 229x152mm. 9781779223937

\$ 30.00 / null

Zimbabwe @ 40 is a celebration of the country's four decades of independence and statehood. Forty years is a relatively short period in a nation's life, but it is a formative period: what lessons can be learnt from the successes and failures, challenges and opportunities of the last 40 years? What should be avoided in the next 40?

Lloyd Sachikonye and David Kaulemu have assembled a distinguished team of scholars to address these questions, and the book focuses on issues that characterise the country's development trajectory: the linkage between values and institutions; defects in its democracy; the 'curse' of mineral and agricultural endowment; the impact of migration; and the social exclusion of women and young people.

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The book is written from a depth of commitment to a just, peaceful and prosperous Zimbabwe, and represents a 'work in progress', reflecting the continuing research, evaluation and dialogue that each of the authors is engaged in and signalling the nature and direction of future such work.

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As the editors conclude: 'None of the chapters are pessimistic, nor are they negative about the country. They are realistic about the gravity of the historical moment the nation faces and the high moral, political and economic mountains we must climb before we can see the Promised Land. Yet they are full of hope they are convinced that we have not come to the end of history.'

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The Book of Indian Essays : Two Hundred Years of English Prose / Arvind Krishna Mehrotra

Black Kite, an imprint of Permanent Black, Delhi. 2020

xvi, 446p.; 23cm 9789389253634 \$ 17.50 / HB 650 gm. Indians have been writing prose and poetry in English for the past two centuries. Anthologies of the country's poets and poems have appeared regularly, but it is difficult to come across a wide-ranging historical anthology of the Indian essay in English. This collection starts with Derozio in the 1820s and ends with writers admired for their prose in the twenty-first century. This pioneering assemblage - of great Indian short prose within a single volume - is equally impressive for its range. The reflective essay, the luminous memoir, the essay disguised as a story, the memorable prefatory article, the newspaper column that transcends its humdrum origins, the gossip piece that oozes literariness, the forgotten flower in the long-dead magazine, the satirical putdown - all these find place here. A literary anthology also works as an alternative history. This volume resembles a map of middleclass India's social life and aesthetic sensibilities from hybrid perspectives - Indian and Western, feminine and masculine, anti-colonial and antinationalist. To be found in it are diverse characters in scattered locations - including Victorian Calcutta, modern America, village Egypt, elevated Oxford, feudal Kerala, cosmopolitan Mumbai, bureaucratic Delhi, Buddhist Benares, Civil Lines Allahabad, and small-town India. The essays amuse, surprise, edify. The feelings and ideas in them provoke thought, compassion, and a sense of the wonder that was India.

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Summoning Magna Carta : freedom's symbol over a millennium / Zachary Gorman

Institute of Public Affairs 2021 xvii, 259 pages ; cm. 9781922454010 \$ 65.00 / null 445 gm.

The story of Magna Carta is the essential prologue to the story of Western democracy. It is a foundation stone in the political culture and legal system of Australia and other countries that share a common law heritage. This book combines a most readable general history of the influence of Magna Carta in the emergence of Western democracy since 1215 with beginning and concluding observations on the Great Charter's relevance to Australia, the European settlement of which began as that of a penal colony. Magna Carta was soon, however, to provide a sound basis for the 'British right' to colonial self-government. This is the tale of the importance of history and culture in securing rights, and how the Great Charter is far more pivotal to our present freedom than a face-value reading of the document would allow.

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Law and War / Bond, Catherine
Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2021
146 pages
9781925984842
\$ 50.00 / null
255 gm.

While the political, social and economic consequences of many historical conflicts have been well documented, significant questions remain regarding the legal structures and restrictions introduced prior to or during those hostilities, or the long-term impact of such laws. Law and War draws together scholarship from Australian and international researchers to investigate the legal histories of war.

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Sabah From The Ground : The 2020 Elections and The Politics of Survival / Bridget Welsh, Vilashini Somiah and Benjamin YH Loh

SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre & ISEAS Publishing, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2021

xviii, 366p. Includes Bibliography 9789672464242 \$ 30.00 / null 600 gm.

Sabah's 2020 election was Malaysia's first pandemic election. While attention centres on the election's impact on the spread of Covid-19, this collection brings together scholars, journalists and social activists who were on the ground in Sabah to analyse what happened, why and the broader implications of the outcome for Sabah and Malaysian politics. The book is the first in-depth study of a Sabah election. It is also multidisciplinary – with authors from different perspectives and the majority of authors from Sabah. Traditional explanations prioritise the role of the federal-state relationship in shaping Sabah politics. Sabah from the Ground challenges this paradigm, suggesting that politics in Sabah needs to be better understood as a reflection of conditions within Sabah – as Sabahans struggle to navigate and survive on Malaysia's periphery.

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Bangladesh in Bondage = Tarique Rahman, SQC, LB, and Other Essays / Q M Jalal Khan

Springer Singapore 2021 162 p,XVI, 162 p. 9789811612350 \$ 109.99 / HB

This book brings together a collection of essays about the untenable political status quo in Bangladesh under Sheikh Hasina. Since democratization in the 1990s, Bangladeshi political life has been characterized by fierce battles over the role of religion in society, corruption, and the obstacles to constructing a society with freedom of expression and rule of law, independent from the influence of powerful neighboring countries. Academic freedom and other human rights issues have hindered the study of Bangladesh heretofore, and corruption, police abuses, and election rigging are common as well as widely documented. In this passionate, sometimes personal exploration of the issues of social justice, rule of law, and the democratic process in Bangladesh, the book offers a valuable case study of how an Asian developmental state is otherwise regressing backwards morally, socially, and politically. The Bangladeshi struggle for sovereignty, prosperity and democracy documented in this book will be of interest to political scientists, scholars of South Asia, and those of Islam.

Dr Q M Jalal Khan is author of Bangladesh: A Divided Country and Bangladesh Divided: A Corrupt Police and Prison State. His work, "Sheikh Hasina's Brutal BNP -Phobia and Her Scandalous 'Midnight' Power Grab Through Vampire Vote Dacoity and Villainous 'S/Election' Rigging with an All-Time High Record of Humongous White-Collar Corruption" has appeared in Bangladesh: A Suffering People Under State Terrorism. His co-edited Begum Khaleda Zia: People's Leader of Bangladesh and India's Hegemonic Design in Bangladesh are among his more recent volumes. Forthcoming is his co-edited Zia, the Legend of Bangladesh. Americaneducated Dr Khan's numerous other publications include his literary criticism in books and articles.

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Rebirth: The Potential of a Great Nation / Umar I. Mantu Narrative Landscape Press, (Prima Imprint), Lagos, Nigeria. 2020 xviii, 230p. 9789785749977 \$ 40.00 / null 260 gm. Rebirth: The Potential of a Great Nation highlights the potential of Nigeria as a great nation by discussing the past and present situation of the country and where it ought to be. The book shows the lamentation of the Nigerian citizen and tries to proffer modern and practical solutions to drive the country forward. It is also a good read for those who have little or no knowledge about Nigeria as it critically analyses some problems and potential opportunities for public and private alliances. It serves as a Nigeria 101 insight for the modern day man whether Nigerian or not.

In Rebirth: The Potential of a Great Nation, the author performs one of the most succinct and comprehensive diagnostics of the existential governance and development challenges Nigeria grapples with since we began our nationhood journey in 1960. – Samson Itodo, Executive Director, YIAGA Africa

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Localizing SDGs Among B40 Neighbourhoods in Klang Valley, Malaysia : Challenges, Possibilities, and Lessons Drawn from the Urban Grassroots / Denison Javasooria

Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2020

xvi, 46p.

9789670741598

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150 gm.

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Islamic Revivalism and Politics in Malaysia: Problems in Nation Building / Bob

Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore 2021

xv, 286p.

9789811508813

\$ 133.50 / HB

This book describes the Islamisation process that has unfolded in Malaysia over the last fifty years and provides feedback from in-depth interviews with 100 individuals from Malaysia's "educated classes", or the "elite", regarding their reactions to the changes that have accompanied Islamisation and how they feel it has impacted them. It includes a brief overview of Islamisation globally and a brief history of Malaysia, focusing especially on those aspects relevant to the book's subject. The book gives a comprehensive explanation of how and why Islamisation occurred in Malaysia and illustrates the extent of change that has accompanied it. The feedback from the research participants includes special analysis of reactions from Muslim women and non-Muslims. The reasons behind there being so little public debate about Islamisation and the concerns that this group of people have about what is happening is also explained. Finally, the author gives his opinion on the impact the change in government in May 2019 is likely to have.

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Regime Legitimacy in Troubled Waters: To What Extent Does Inequality Influence Trust in Political Institutions in Thailand (2002-2016)? / Malte Reimann Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2018

147p.

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250 gm.

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Promoting Refugee Protection in Southeast Asia Through the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) / Ju-li Teo

Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2018

xii, 72p. 9789670741536 \$ 10.00 / null 150 gm.

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Rescuing Nigeria from Internal Colonisation / Uchenna Nwankwo

Centrist Books, Nigeria. 2020

x, 238p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9783167154 \$ 40.00 / null 300 gm.

Nigerians are getting more and more restive. They are bothered about the state of the nation since the arrival of the government of President Muhammadu Buhari in 2015. They cannot understand the cornering of the commanding heights of the administrative structure of the country by the Fulani and their protégées, the virtual exclusion of the rest of Nigerians from the country's Security Council and many other vital organs of government, the economic neglect of the Eastern corridor, the emasculation of seaports in the East and the Midwest, and many more acts that have virtually crippled economic activities in Nigeria. The sporadic blood-letting by marauding hordes in Central Nigeria and parts of Southern Nigeria while the federal government looks the other way is another source of worry. Meanwhile the menace of Fulani herdsmen or militia and their cattle continues everywhere unabated, with farms being ceaselessly plundered and destroyed. As a consequence of the above, our discerning youths are increasingly asking questions. Why are the elders and politicians seemingly nonchalant about what is happening? They ask. Some put it even more succinctly by asking: What must we do today to extricate ourselves from internal colonisation and the glass ceiling placed over our heads by a tiny minority of power mongers in post-war Nigeria? These are legitimate questions that demand answers from the older generation, hence this book. It is the sequel to my Pro-Biafra Movements, Ohanaeze & the Future of Nigeria (2018).

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Fate of the Union : Breaking the Curse of Identity Politics and Reclaiming the Nigerian Dream / Chris Ngwodo

Chris Ngwodo, Nigeria 2018

x, 254p. Includes Index 9780955794087 \$ 35.00 / null 320 gm.

Seventy percent of Nigerians were born after civil war and have no memory of it. Why then are Nigeria's politics and public debate still marked by the sectarian rancour and tribal animosity of the generation that saw the war? Why does that generation continue to shape our sense of Nigeria and her prospects? Is Nigeria only truly "a mere geographical expression" or is it something much more? Are her diverse communities condemned to perennial conflict until a final apocalyptic disaster consumes the republic or can a strong united nation yet emerge? Chris Ngwodo deconstructs the myths and illusions of identity that inform Nigeria's polarized politics and dysfunctional governance. He argues that Nigeria's challenges in managing her diversity are in no way exceptional and that tribalism is the last acceptable racism, poisoning our public life, corrupting our institutions and eroding the rich possibilities of a common citizenship. The millions of Nigerians born after the civil war are the heirs to Nigeria's immense promise and peril. Young, cosmopolitan, globalized and hungry for change, they have the potential to shatter the idols of bigotry and prejudice, renew our politics and reclaim the grand pan-Africanist dreams that birth Nigeria. Their time has come.

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A Handbook of Nigerian Parliamentary Terminologies: Practices, Usages and

Conventions / Senator George Thompson Sekibo

Senator George Thompson Sekibo, Nigeria. 2019

xxxviii, 540p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789785649499 \$ 70.00 / null

800 gm.

An inspiring work of literature and a bold attempt to fill a yawning gap in understanding the jargon used by legislators in the course of their work on the floor of the Chamber in Parliament and in various committees. It is a reference book to all researchers and indeed all those who are interested in

legislative work especially at the National Assemblies.

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Unity in Diversity: The Malaysian Experience / Shamsul Amri Baharuddin

Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2010

30p.

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WALK: Framing a Successful Agrarian Reform Campaign in the Philippines /

Lennart Niemela

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Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2014

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Justice and the Khmer Rouge: Ideas of a Just Response to the atrocities of Democratic Kampuchea in Buddhism and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia / Tallyn Gray

Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2010

116p.

ISSN: 2180-1193; 9772180119001

\$ 10.00 / null 200 gm.

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Managing Peace in Malaysia : A Case Study / Shamsul A.B. Anis Y. Yusoff Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2011

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\$ 10.00 / null 100 gm.

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The Illegals in Sabah: My Untold Story / Chong Kah Kiat Opus Publications, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia 2021 viii, 194p.
9789833987689
\$ 50.00 / null

Fellow Malaysians in Sabah, particularly fellow Sabahans, may want to reminisce what happened some 20 years ago, in early 2000. Hopefully, after reading this book, we all can self-reflect, be more focussed and have a better understanding, over a subject that had caused untold pain in the hearts of Sabahans including Malaysians who called Sabah home. It is the illegal immigrants or "the Illegals" in our midst.

Reproduced in this book is a touching and nostalgic collection of past newspaper reports, photos and articles published mostly during my two years as the Chief Minister of Sabah. This book will show what Malaysians, and what Sabahans, together, can achieve if there is the political will and more importantly, the courage to act.

Sabahans, spearheaded by our State political leaders, had long deplored the wilful neglect by our law enforcement agencies for the influx and massive presence of the Illegals in Sabah for over 50 years. The persistent nagging by our own politicians finally resulted in the establishment of a Royal Commission of Enquiry on Immigrants in Sabah (the RCI) on 6 September 2012, culminating with a Commission's Report (the RCI Report1) presented to our King, His Majesty the Yang Di Pertuan Agong on the 21 May 2014. (RCI Report: p.4).

More than six years after the RCI Report was published, the influx of illegals into Sabah continues unabated and with total impunity. Illegal squatter colonies continue to flourish and expand by the day. Our State's valuable resources, water and electricity, continue to be illegally connected with blatant disregard for the law, and with contempt for our Water and Electricity Authorities.

Why should we face such a never-ending problem after years of pleadings, representations and even ultimatums to our Federal government? Even right in

the midst of the first phase of our recent imposition of the Movement Control Order (MCO) to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic, it was reported that over 400 Filipinos fled Sabah through the backdoor! Who actually is responsible for causing and resolving this "Mother of all problems": the influx of illegals into Sabah? Is it our State government and/or the Federal government? Is it the various local governmental authorities? Is it the various law enforcement authorities? Or is it our own political leaders whom we have voted in to run our State and to represent us in Kuala Lumpur, now have voted in to run our State and to represent us in Kuala Lumpur, now Putrajaya? Could it even be us, fellow Sabahans, for repeatedly putting into office politicians who think their job is only to air complaints and to groan when in the Oppositions and be muted when becoming Ministers?

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Branding the Malaysian Nation: Tracing the Role of Popular Music in the Construction of Imagined Community / Shazlin Amir Hamzah Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Selangor, Malaysia 2014

30p.

ISSN: 2180-1193;9789670741161

\$ 10.00 / null 100 gm.

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An Honour To Serve: Enugu State in the Sullivan Years / Sullivan Chime (Ed)

Tony Onyima

Bookcraft Limited, Ibadan, Nigeria. 2018

xx, 456p. Includes Index 9789780362157 \$ 200.00 / HB 2460 gm.

Is there hope for Nigeria to once again reclaim her position as The Giant of Africa? Can the promises made by the governing party during election campaigns

ever be kept?

"An Honour to Serve" is an account of "Enugu State in The Sullivan Years". It reveals the challenges, triumphs, setbacks, successes, trials and victories" encountered by one man and his team in his time as "chief steward" of Enugu State Nigeria.

Rightly described as "part journal and part leadership manual", "An Honour to Serve" answers these pivotal questions with a resounding "Yes", contrary to popular belief.

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New Nigeria / Ekundayo Babafemi Ekundayo Babafemi, Nigeria. 2019 418p. 9789789764662 \$ 65.00 / HB 950 gm.

For members of the generation born closer to the millenium, it's rare to find those that care for the Once ago giant of Africa: this book brings a new perspective to this belief as Femi from his observations of the maladies of our 21st century backward society, he applies his knowledge in the search and documentation of possible solutions.

This text apart from being a motivation for the hopes of a greater Nigeria, it inspires the reader to ask deep questions about the problems on our society and from the bottom up think of sustainable human design centered solutions in terms of process, systems and services for all spheres of the Nigerian society.

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Tailspin : The Politics of India-China Economic Relations / Edited by Aravind Yelery and Mrudul Nile

KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2020

xviii, 405p.; 24cm Includes Index 9789389137842 \$ 39.50 / HB 750 gm.

In recent decades, Asia's ascent has been contextualized as the rise of two major neighboring countries in Asia – India and China. Besides voluminous work on the prospects and convergences between the two, currently they stand at an intersection of time where suspicion and mistrust veils the confidence. A degree of uncertainty arises from the more profound paradoxes, and India has been falling short in escaping the tailspin China has created in the bilateral, regional and global economic dynamics. India's China relations is not just about boundaries and boycott of Chinese products. The root of the relationship lies in deficiency of trust, knowledge, and repository of experts on China. To deal with India's China Tailspin effectively, one must know and comprehend China thoroughly. This book brings out several aspects of India's political-economic relations with China on the table. The book underlines the fact that while leveraging China's inherent contradictions, India has to deleverage from China's subtle global aspirational designs of domination. Besides analyses on leadership, state capitalism, and geo-economics, the book describes special cases such as the Trade War, Structural Conflicts in Chinese Political Economy, Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor, WTO negotiations, Maritime trade, Belt and Road Initiative, and Taiwan to better elaborate the stakes involved in dealing with China. The recent boundary tension created a long tailspin, which in turn set off a raucous debate over China's economic diplomacy and how India could comprehend it well.

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Elementary Aspects of the Political Listories from the Clobal South / Prathama

Elementary Aspects of the Political: Histories from the Global South / Prathama Banerjee

Orient Blackswan Private Limited, Hyderabad, Telengana, India 2021

x, 274p.; 23cm Includes Bibliography, Index 9789354420023 \$ 16.00 / null 450 gm.

Elementary Aspects of the Political studies the rise of modern politics in India between the late nineteenth and mid-twentieth centuries in the encounter between colonial modern, classical Indian, Indo-Persian and regional vernacular ideas. It unpacks the modern conception of the political into four elementary aspects – Self, Action, Idea and People – and shows how each element is structured around a conceptual instability, rendering its very elementary status questionable. Thus, the political self is split by the tension between renunciation and realpolitik; action is driven by the contradiction between labour and nishakama karma, each with its distinctive means-end configuration; the idea torn by its troubled relationships with the economic and the spiritual; and the people forever strung between being pure structure, namely the political party, and being pure fiction, namely the protagonist of theatre, novel and poetry. The book invites us to go beyond postcolonial and decolonial criticism and produce new political theory, inspired by ideas and experiences of the non-European world. This book will be of interest to scholars and students of history, philosophy, political science, postcolonial theory, cultural and literary studies.

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Deceptive Majority: Dalits, Hinduism, and Underground Religion / Joel Lee

Cambridge University Press, New Delhi. 2021

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xviii, 335p.; 23cm Includes Index 9781108826662 \$ 17.50 / null 550 gm.

The idea that India is a Hindu majority nation rests on the assumption that the vast swath of its population stigmatized as 'untouchable' is, and always has been, in some meaningful sense, Hindu. But is that how such communities understood themselves in the past, or how they understand themselves now? When and under what conditions did this assumption take shape, and what truths does it conceal? In this book, Joel Lee challenges presuppositions at the foundation of the study of caste and religion in South Asia. Drawing on detailed archival and ethnographic research, Lee tracks the career of a Dalit religion and the effort by twentieth-century nationalists to encompass it within a newly imagined Hindu body politic. A chronicle of religious life in north India and an examination of the ethics and semiotics of secrecy, Deceptive Majority throws light on the manoeuvres by which majoritarian projects are both advanced and undermined.

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The Indian Ocean Great Game Unfolding: Interests, Determinants and Perspectives / Edited by Sundeep Kumar S
KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021
xxv, 134p.; 23cm.
9789389137798
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350 gm.

The Indian Ocean Region (IOR) has become a theatre of competition among Asian powers and the US. This is mainly due to the rise of China as an Asian power over the last two decades. The region is a fulcrum for security and economic activity in the Eastern hemisphere of the world. It is one of the most important maritime routes connecting four continents. These routes are pivotal for the worldwide supply of energy and commercial activities. Hence, the ability to influence and dominate the region gives any nation a supreme advantage to control global trade and protect its security interests. It is in this emerging competitive scenario that brought the Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S); the Institute of Transnational Studies (Germany); the National Maritime Foundation-Tamil Nadu (NMF-TN) and the Department of Politics and Public Administration – University of Madras together to conduct a joint conference themed The Indian Ocean Great Game Unfolding: Interests, Determinants and Perspectives. Scholars from diverse backgrounds, which include experts from the Indian Navy and Coast Guard; academicians; merchant navy; and researchers from reputed think tanks have contributed to this edition. Each chapter is a highly valuable addition to the existing knowledge about a global issue. It throws light on policies adopted by various countries, especially China and India, to safeguard their security and commercial interests in the IOR and provides a greater understanding of the complex power dynamics. The reader is guaranteed to advance their insight on the game of Chess which is spanning out in the IOR.

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Political Faultlines in the Middle East / Edited by Kingshuk Chatterjee

KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xiii, 211p.; 24cm 9789389137767 \$ 27.00 / HB 550 gm.

The whole region of the Middle East is beset with a structural crisis of which particular crises confronting the component countries happen to be merely subsets. The real questions revolve round the issue of how long can the present dispensations of power and social structures in the region forged in the twentieth century (first half or second) can last in the twenty-first, when they no longer reflect the realities on the ground. This volume aims to look at some of the issues to see how the faultlines in the region appear in 2020 to both those in the region, and those outside it. The volume limits itself to only Levant and the Gulf and looks at the tensions within and policies (both foreign and domestic) of some of the key regional players which have regional repercussions. It also looks at the policies of some of the global players operating in the region that have bearing on the regional faultlines.

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Revisiting Urban Politics : Narratives of Women Corporators / Vatsala Shoukla Aayu Publications, New Delhi 2020

xxi, 196p.; 23cm 9789389381085 \$ 25.00 / HB

550 gm.

The book Revisits urban governance through a gendered lens. It is a pioneer work in this area using the narrative method. In-depth interviews of fifty women corporators provide a unique perspective of politics, coming as it does from their standpoints. This understanding therefore broadens the concept of politics and adds dimensions to the specific debates on 'proxy women', 'diversity in women leadership', 'women's reservation', 'feminizing politics' and to the generic discussion on 'gender and politics' and 'women in governance', 'women's reservation in parliament and state assemblies'.

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Public Service Delivery in Bangladesh : Parliament, Public Policy and Local Government / Nizam Ahmed

The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2020

xxvi, 398p. Includes Index 9789845062787 \$ 30.00 / HB 680 gm.

Delivering public services to the satisfaction of the citizen is an important challenge confronted by democratic governments everywhere in the modern world. Unlike authoritarian rulers who may conveniently ignore public opinion, democratic governments can do it at their peril. As a natural rule, they have to be responsive to legitimate claims and demands of their citizen.

It is, however, now widely recognized that the government alone cannot make available different kinds of services that people may need. Although the responsibility for making macro-level policies and legislation regarding different kinds of services rests mostly with the government, there are several other actors such as local government, NGOs, and the private sector that are involved in the delivery of services. Alternative mechanisms such as public-private partnership, government-NGO collaboration, and government and local government cooperation in service delivery are more often noticed now than in the past. The extent to which one is superior to the other is difficult to ascertain.

This edited volume explores a number of important issues related to the planning and delivery of public services in Bangladesh. It examines the role of national level institutions in planning and policymaking (e.g. parliament, party and bureaucracy) as well as institutions directly responsible for delivering services on the ground (e.g., government departments, local councils and NGOs). The book should be of interest to academics, policymakers, practitioners, researchers, students, donors and civil society representatives.

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A decade of drift / Martin Parkinson Monash University Press, Australia 2021 91 pages ; 18 cm 9781922464095 \$ 19.99 / null 80 am.

The erosion of public trust in government has been a characteristic of liberal democracies in recent years. How much have the twists and turns in climate change policy over the past decade contributed to this in Australia? As a senior public servant during six prime ministerships, Martin Parkinson had a front-row seat from which to watch the inability of successive governments to tackle climate change. From an emissions trading scheme through to a National Energy Guarantee, this is a story of science and expertise ignored, short-termism, wasted opportunities and international disappointment. Climate change demands both a local and a global response, just as do pandemics, mass migration and ocean pollution. The increasingly urgent question is whether governments are up to the challenge or are prepared to bear the consequences of inaction or indifference. The history of climate change policy in Australia is a sorry story which should leave Australians demanding more courage and commitment from their political leaders.

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The digital revolution: a survival guide / Simon Wilkie Monash University Press, Australia 2021 ix, 84 pages ; 18 cm. 9781922464217 \$ 19.99 / null 75 gm.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution, the digital disruption of business by the information and communications sectors, is well underway in Australia and around the globe. The COVID-19 pandemic has only accelerated the pace of change. We are witnessing a proliferation of new platforms and new markets, with AI replacing human expertise - we are seeing the transformation of the firm, how we work and the nature of society. These seismic changes are all impacting the global distribution of economic growth and income. And alarmingly, among the OECD economies, as a share of GDP, Australia's ICT sector is around half the average, and falling further over time - it is second-last, only above Mexico. Given the scope and speed of change, Australia is now confronted by a stark choice between becoming a tech innovator, and so a producer of economic profits and high-paying jobs, or stagnating. We are at a crossroads, and our policy choices today will determine whether we remain one of the wealthiest and happiest nations in the world, or see our global position continue to slide. In The Digital Revolution: A Survival Guide, Professor Simon Wilkie argues that, to preserve our status as one of the most desirable economies to live in, we need a policy revolution that addresses not just universal basic income, but tax policy, lifelong education, social inclusion and the nature of work. In short, the Fourth Industrial Revolution has the potential to usher in a period of sustained prosperity and increasing equality. But to achieve this demands no less than a rethinking of the social contract.

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Gender politics : navigating political leadership in Australia / edited by Zareh Ghazarian & Katrina Lee-Koo

NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2021

xii, 243 pages ; 24 cm 9781742236933 \$ 39.99 / null 325 gm.

Gender is a powerful force that shapes Australias political leadership. Gender impacts the politics, government and policies of our nation. It influences the public lives of all political leaders. It affects how they interact with political institutions and cultures, with each other and how they are treated by the media. It can also shape who we see as strong and capable leaders. Yet, there is a lack of diversity in leadership positions across the political system and accusations of bullying and a toxic culture in our political parties are rife. So what impact does this have upon how Australia is governed and what might be done about it? From the debates on gender quotas to the bonk ban, from Julie Bishop's failed leadership bid to Scott Morrison's cultivated daggy dad persona, from the treatment and legacy of Australias first female prime minister to the machinations of our political parties and parliament, this book explores the subtle and overt operation of gender politics in Australia. Gender Politics is a provocative and urgent collection that re-examines the way we navigate power and leadership in Australian politics.

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Leadership / Don Russell Monash University Press, Australia 2021 91 pages ; 18 cm. 9781922464187 \$ 19.99 / null 80 gm. The level of public frustration and disengagement with political leaders has never been higher. At the same time, the problems we need them to deal with, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, a crisis in aged care and accelerating climate change, are immediate and urgent. The system is designed to make our politicians accountable, so why are so many of them failing us, and why is there a crisis of confidence in their ability to rise to the challenges we face? Is our system so flawed that we have lost the capacity for progress? Or has our political establishment lost its way, and is it now betraying the people it is meant to serve while undermining its own legitimacy?Based on his experience working closely with a large number of ministers and their private offices, both at the federal and state level, and his time in the United States, Don Russell reflects on politicians, the political process and the role of government, and explains why our political leaders are as they are. Drawing on his experience, including his involvement in the golden age of public policy of the Hawke/Keating years, and his observations on Australia's early success responding to the pandemic, he suggests that there is a pathway that can lead to dramatically better outcomes for the country and more satisfying and longer careers for our politicians. People want their elected officials to be informed, to be capable and creative, to be able to devise solutions that work, and then to be able to explain those solutions and bring the community with them. They want their elected officials to lead.

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Les Senegalais De Boko Haram / Mamadou Mouth Bane (Preface) Abdoul Latif Aidara

L'Harmattan-Senegal, Dakar, Senegal 2020

330p.; 15,5x24cm.

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580 gm.

Ce livre, après une analyse minutieuse du terrorisme dans le Sahel, présente les minutes des interrogatoires des présumés terroristes sénégalais et dévoile des faits non publiés dans la presse parce que relevant du secret de l'instruction. L'auteur révèle le processus de recrutement des candidats au Djihad, leurs motivations, le financement de leurs activités, leurs voyages, leurs itinéraires qui les ont menés jusque dans la cour de Aboubacar Shekau, à la tête de la faction la plus extrême issue du mouvement terroriste « Boko Haram ».Il aborde également la démarche des autorités sénégalaises dans la lutte contre le terrorisme et donne des perspectives pour une meilleure gestion de cette problématique.

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Impossible and Necessary: Anticolonialism, Reading, and Critique / J Daniel Elam; Foreword by Prathama Banerjee

Orient Blackswan Private Limited, Hyderabad, Telengana, India 2021

xviii, 192p.; 24cm

Includes Bibliography, Index

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\$ 17.50 / HB

500 gm.

Impossible and Necessary recovers an alternative strain of anticolonialism. Early twentieth-century anticolonial thinkers endeavored to imagine a world emancipated from colonial rule, but it was a world they knew they would likely not live to see. Written in exile, in abjection, or in the face of death, anticolonial thought could not afford to base its politics on the hope of eventual success. J. Daniel Elam shows how anticolonial thinkers theorized inconsequential practices of egalitarianism in the service of impossibility: a world without colonialism. Bringing together the histories of comparative literature and anticolonial thought, Elam demonstrates how these early twentieth-century theories of reading force us to reconsider the commitments of humanistic critique and egalitarian politics in the still-colonial present.

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Enjeux 2019-2024 : Senegal, Reflexions sur Les Defis d'Une Emergence / Rene Lake , Hawa Ba and Rene Lake

L'Harmattan-Senegal, Dakar, Senegal 2020

530p.

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940 gm.

L'élection présidentielle du 24 février 2019 et ses promesses pour le mandat 2019-2024 est le point de départ de ce recueil d'articles publiés sur le site d'actualité de référence, SenePlus.com. Ce titre met sur la table de la réflexion et de l'action commune des sujets de débat récurrents : la décolonialité, l'introduction des langues nationales dans le système éducatif, l'épineuse question des talibés, la place et le rôle des femmes et des jeunes dans la société ; la formation ; la justice ; la sécurité ; le défi environnemental ; la monnaie ; la santé ; le rapport à la France... et bien d'autres sujets. Avec un objectif : aboutir à une prise de conscience et à des discussions libres et constructives entre gouvernement et citoyens.

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Blocked by Caste?: Culture, Exclusion and Deprivation / D C Nanjunda

Maya Publishing House, New Delhi. 2020

ix, 290p.; 23cm. 9788193513965 \$ 27.50 / HB

650 gm.

Indian society is normally a hierarchy of different castes. Caste is undoubtedly a feature of Indian society for centuries. Caste has a number of faces, dynamics, and angles. The entire Indian population has been divided into four hierarchical classes. As we are aware that solid economy mobility is an essential tool for inclusive development.

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Urbanization in India: Issues and Challenges / Arun Kumar Sharma, Bhaskar Dutt Misra

Ane Books Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 2021

xiv, 285p.; 24cm 9789386761002 \$ 50.00 / HB 750 gm.

This book is written from an interdisciplinary perspective combining material mainly from demography and sociology and reflects authors survey of literature from measurements and prediction to post-modern theory, along with planning issues in the country. Both the authors have studied the problem of population and urbanizations from diverse perspectives. Various theories of urbanization have also been discussed in the book. As far as possible, latest figures of world and national trends of urbanization have been included. Students may also use the detailed references given at the end of each chapter for going deeper into the subject and learn more about their research interests. In each chapter some important material is given in Boxes. Wherever needed, some lines are printed in bold to highlight a few major points.

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