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Facts and Analysis: Canvassing COVID-19 Responses / Linda Chelan Li  
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It is impossible to reflect on 2020 without discussing Covid-19. The term, literally meaning corona- (CO) virus (VI) disease (D) of 2019, has become synonymous with "the virus", "corona" and "the pandemic". The impact of the virus on our lives is unprecedented in modern human history, in terms of scale, depth and resilience. When compared to other epidemics that have plagued the world in recent decades, Covid-19 is often referred to as being much more "deadly" and is associated with advances in technology which scientists have described as "revolutionary". From politics to economics, spanning families and continents, Covid-19 has unsettled norms: cultural clashes are intensified, politics are even more polarized, and regional tensions and conflicts are on the rise. Global trade patterns and supply chains are increasingly being questioned and redrawn. The world is being atomized, and individuals are forced to accept the "new normal" in their routines. In an attempt to combat the virus and minimize its detrimental effects, countries have undertaken different preventive strategies and containment policies. Some have successfully curbed the spread of Covid-19, while many others remain in limbo, doing their best to respond to outbreaks in cases. To gain a better understanding of how to fight Covid-19, it is imperative to evaluate the success and failures of these approaches. Under what conditions is an approach successful? When should it be avoided? How can this information be used to avoid future pandemics? This volume offers informative comparative case studies that shed light on these key questions. Each country case is perceptively analyzed and includes a detailed timeline, allowing readers to view each response with hindsight and extrapolate the data to better understand what the future holds. Taken as a whole, this collection offers invaluable insight at this critical juncture in the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Final Reckoning: An Insider's View of The Fall of Malaysia's Barisan National Government / Romen Bose

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2021

304p.

9789814954549

\$ 29.90 / HB

554 gm.

From the innermost sanctum of the Prime Minister's private offices among the Minaret-studded buildings of Putrajaya to streets filled with tear-gassed protestors in downtown Kuala Lumpur, Romen Bose, a former international correspondent and political communications consultant to then Prime Minister Najib Razak, provides a gripping and engaging true story of drama, intrigue, violence and incompetence that finally ended the rule of Malaysia's sixty-one-year old Barisan Nasional Government in May 2018.

With a front-row seat to the major controversies that hit the Najib Razak administration, Romen reveals for the first-time how the country's leadership reacted to the disappearance of MH370 and the still classified covert moves to retrieve the remains of Malaysian victims following the shooting down of MH17. Final Reckoning also gives a blow-by-blow account of how the 1MDB scandal rocked the Government and the attempts by the country's top politicians and their advisers to contain and explain it away. Through numerous conversations with key players and his presence at various top secret meetings amid the global investigations into the scandal, Final Reckoning pieces together how a sitting Prime Minister became, Najib claims, 'the fall guy' for a mastermind who had managed to pull off the single biggest con of the century. In doing so, Final Reckoning tells the story of an ultimately futile scramble to try and preserve a crumbling political legacy that had long been out of step with the realities of a new Malaysia. This book is the story of the wild roller-coaster ride that marked the Barisan Nasional Government's rule, from the 2013 General Elections, until its 61-year-old hold on power came to an end on the night of 9 May 2018.

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Divining Duterte: Perspectives, Policies and Performance / Edilberto C. de Jesus

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2021

xxii, 318p.

9789814954747

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454 gm.

First published as opinion pieces, the essays in Divining Duterte provide contemporaneous commentaries on the context, course and consequences of the policies Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte pursued after his 2016 election. Duterte became the first president in seventy years to come from Mindanao and the first to vault from a city mayor's office to Malacañang Palace. Exploiting the potential of social media, Duterte was an Asian example of the elected "populist strongman," like Brazil's Bolsonaro, Hungary's Orbán, and Russia's Putin. His policies challenged the commitment to established political values assumed unassailable: human rights and the rule of law; separation of powers; and the preference to ally with the United States and other nations that shared its democratic liberal values rather than with authoritarian regimes. Despite these policies and problems coping with the pandemic, public opinion polls rewarded him with high approval ratings. Restricted to a single presidential term, he will inevitably exert an influence on the 2022 elections. Duterte's 2016 underdog victory rewrote the rules for presidential politics.

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America: A Singapore Perspective / Tommy Koh & Daljit Singh (Eds)

Straits Time Press, Singapore 2021

200p.

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322 gm.

The United States of America is the largest investor in Singapore. And in 2019, it channeled more resources into the city state than what it put into both China and Japan.

That year, the value of US direct investments in Singapore was US\$288 billion, or about 4.8 per cent of US direct investments abroad. This sum exceeded the combined value of those in China (US\$116.2 billion) and Japan (US\$131.8 billion), based on data from the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

This illustrates the economic significance of the US to Singapore. Beyond that, the US is also a very important partner of Singapore in security, education and culture.

And so, Singaporeans should learn more about the superpower, thought Professor Tommy Koh, Singapore's Ambassador-at-Large who had served as its Ambassador to the United States, and Mr Daljit Singh, Visiting Senior Fellow at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

They gathered 27 other writers with a good understanding of America to pen a collection of 29 essays, *America: A Singapore Perspective*.

The compendium reveals insights into the various aspects of the US: its governing, election and political systems; business and economy; defence and foreign policy; as well as culture and culture wars.

It includes a foreword written by Ambassador-at-Large Chan Heng Chee, who had also been Singapore's Ambassador to the United States.

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*ASEAN Centrality: An Autoethnographic Account* by a Philippine Diplomat / Elizabeth Buensuceso

ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore 2021

204p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814951647

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286 gm.

"ASEAN Centrality: An Autoethnographic Account by a Philippine Diplomat guides us to a deeper understanding of the concept of ASEAN Centrality, through the eyes of one of the Philippines' most reputable diplomats. Outlining both a personal recollection of her extensive experience and adherence to academic discipline, Ambassador Buensuceso puts forth her analysis of ASEAN Centrality as a core element of diplomacy within ASEAN. She then goes further to articulate ASEAN's aspiration for the future of a region that is constantly evolving. This book is a must-read to understand Southeast Asia and the broader Indo-Pacific regional dynamics, as it offers an insight into ASEAN Centrality like no other." -- Retno L.P. Marsudi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

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"Ambassador Elizabeth P. Buensuceso's book *ASEAN Centrality: An Autoethnographic Account* by a Philippine Diplomat is a rare insider's view into ASEAN diplomacy as we practise it here in Jakarta. The dynamics in the ASEAN-led mechanisms that she describes provide an interesting insight into national interests, unique personal traits of diplomats based here in Jakarta both from member states and external partners and their interactions with the ASEAN Secretariat. The ASEAN Secretariat together with the officers and staff are also part of this important community of diplomats. Her valuable contribution to ASEAN literature is this practical definition of ASEAN Centrality. Her insights, expertise on ASEAN affairs, and straightforward but engaging writing style make for an interesting read." -- Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary General of ASEAN

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*Anatomy of Corruption in Emerging Democracies : From Technical Fixes to Political Economy Analysis of a Wicked Policy Problem : With Special Reference to sub Saharan Africa and Cases from Middle East and North Africa, Americas, Europe, Asia and the Pacific* / Johnson A. Egonmwan

Resyin Publications, Benin City, Nigeria 2020

400p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789789828609

\$ 45.00 / null

480 gm.

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The Riddle of the Oil Thief / HRM King Bubaraye Dakolo  
Purple Shelves Publishers, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

530p.

9789789889907

\$ 65.00 / null

720 gm.

It is the untold story of several decades of oil and gas exploitation in the Niger Delta of Nigeria. It x-rays the root causes of insecurity in Nigeria and presents the recipe for the restoration of peace in Nigeria and the entire West African Sub-region.

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Politics That Works : What Schools and Seminars Won't Teach You About Winning Elections / Alex Adekunle James and Sen. Babafemi Ojudu

Author's Bridge NG, Nigeria 2021

282p.

9789789959716

\$ 50.00 / null

540 gm.

A huge chunk of young and middle-aged elites in Nigeria say, "Politics is a dirty game" and, for that reason, have distanced themselves from it. While a significant number of this group of enlightened youths just want to focus on their profession and make a success of their personal lives; some others are passionate about fixing Nigeria but are going about it the wrong way- they have blatantly refused to be partisan, soothing themselves by attempting to transform/influence the system from outside. This book starts out with the concept that transforming Africa, with Nigeria as the focus, starts with young creative, dynamic and upright elites flooding the political space, taking over the structured parties and then dominating the seats of government. But, with the cabal holding tightly to power, how exactly do young elites take over? How would the broke and tactless youth get in the political ring with old, experienced and powerful politicians and win?

With a step-by-step guide, the authors present the answers to these questions. In this pleasantly-written manual, you'll uncover deep and practical political tactics that have been tested and proven by political giants. It is sure to help you gain influence and power within the political space, without having to play dirty.

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Nation Building in Africa : Issues, Challenges and Emerging Trends / Obi Iwuagwu  
University of Lagos Press and Bookshop Ltd, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

xvi, 420p.

Includes Index

9789785844009

\$ 60.00 / null

750 gm.

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We Can Fix This Country : Thoughts on Leadership and the Economy / Mbugua Ng'ang'a

Big Books Ltd, Nairobi, Kenya 2021

ix, 182p.

9789914405330

\$ 40.00 / null

320 gm.

WE CAN FIX THIS COUNTRY is a compilation of thought leadership articles by multiple award winning creative writer and newspaper editor Mbugua Ng'ang'a. The book sheds light on what ails Kenya's political economy and proposes tried and tested remedies for such maladies as high levels of poverty, income inequality and unemployment.

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Genocide and Mass Violence : Politics of Singularity / Imtiaz Ahmed (Ed)

Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh 2019

xxviii, 284p.;

Includes Index

9789843463210

\$ 50.00 / HB

560 gm.

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Claude E. Ake : The Making of an Organic Intellectual / Jeremiah O. Arowoegbe

NISC (Pty) Ltd (for African Humanities Program), Grahamstown, South Africa 2019

xii, 210p.

Includes Index

9781920033538

\$ 32.00 / null

320 gm.

Claude E. Ake, radical African political philosopher of the first four decades of the postcolonial era, stands out as a progressive social force whose writings continue to have appeal and relevance long after his untimely death in 1996. In examining Ake's intellectual works, Jeremiah O. Arowosegbe sets out the framework of his theoretical orientations in the context of his life, and reveals him as one of the most fertile and influential voices within the social sciences community in Africa. In tracing the genesis and development of Ake's political thought, Arowosegbe draws attention to Ake's compelling account of the material implications and political costs of European colonisation of Africa and his conception of a different future for the continent. Approaching his subject from a Gramscian and Marxist perspective, Arowosegbe elucidates how Ake's philosophy demonstrates the intimate entanglement of class and social, cultural and historical issues, and how, as a contributor to endogenous knowledge production and postcolonial studies on Africa, Ake is firmly rooted in a South-driven critique of Western historicism.

It is Arowosegbe's conviction that engaged scholars are uniquely important in challenging existing hierarchies, oppressive institutions, and truth regimes – and the structures of power that produce and support them; and much can be drawn from their contributions and failings alike. This work contributes to a hitherto neglected focus area: the impact across the continent of the ideas and lives of African and other global South academics, intellectuals and scholar-activists. Among them, Ake is representative of bold scholarly initiatives in asserting the identities of African and other non-Western cultures through a mindful rewriting of the intellectual and nationalist histories of these societies on their own terms. In foregrounding the contribution of Ake with respect to both autochthonous traditional insights and endogenous knowledge production on the continent, Arowosegbe aims at fostering the continuance of a living and potent tradition of critique and resistance.

Engaging with the lingering impact of colonialism on previously colonised societies, this timely book will be of immense value to scholars and students of philosophy and political science as well as African intellectual history, African studies, postcolonial studies and subaltern studies.

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We Can Fix Ourselves : Building a Better South Africa Through Black Consciousness / Mosibudi Mangena

Kwela Books (NB Publishers), Cape Town, South Africa 2021

xvi, 232p.

Includes Index

9780795709562

\$ 30.00 / null

330 gm.

In *We Can Fix Ourselves*, while acknowledging other factors, Mosibudi Mangena points out the debilitating effects of a colonial mentality. He argues that Black Consciousness can provide the necessary antidote, so that we can be a more robust South African society. Scrutinising the spheres where we are failing – from healthcare, education and transport to crime – Mangena outlines practical possible solutions.

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*To The Wolves : How Traitor Cops Crafted South Africa's Underworld* / Caryn Dolley (Ed) Jacqui L'Ange

Maverick 451, South Africa 2021

320p.

9780620930680

\$ 35.00 / null

450 gm.

*Cops and Robbers*: we think we know how to tell the good guys from the bad, but when it comes to Cape Town's crime scene, things are anything but clear cut. Controlled by gangs, fuelled by drugs and policed by cops that, all too often, get caught on the wrong side of the action.

Among the Cape Town cops who have consistently claimed that colleagues are trying to pin crimes on them are Major General Andre Lincoln (former head of a national police unit mandated by Nelson Mandela), Major General Jeremy Vearey (known as SA's top gang buster) and Lieutenant Colonel Charl Kinnear (who was investigating some of the country's most brutal underworld crimes when he was assassinated in September 2020). Colleagues and suspects alike pointed to all three as colluding with criminals. Who is telling the truth?

Journalist Caryn Dolley has tracked this tangled trail, following the corruption breadcrumbs, sifting through court documents, laying fact upon fact and exposing the depths and breadth of systemic corruption that was set in place during apartheid and has only become more entrenched during the first decades of our democracy. She has traced the rot from cops to underworld to politicians and back, exposing duplicitous networks that have for decades ensnared South Africa in an expanding cycle of organised crime and cop claim crossfire. At the centre of this crisis is the mounting collateral: the victims of Cape Town's manufactured killing fields.

*To The Wolves* tells the true life story of how South Africa's underworld came to be, what continues to fuel it today and how the deception and lies go all the way to the top...

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*Beyond the Political Spider : Critical Issues in African Humanities* / Kwesi Yankah

NISC (Pty) Ltd (for African Humanities Program), Grahamstown, South Africa 2021

xiv, 326p.

Includes Index

9781920033804

\$ 35.00 / null

620 gm.

Beyond the Political Spider: Critical Issues in African Humanities by Kwesi Yankah is the first title in the newly established African Humanities Association (AHA) publication series.

By integrating his own biography into a critique of the global politics of knowledge production, Yankah, through a collection of essays, interrogates critical issues confronting the Humanities that spawn intellectual hegemonies and muffle African voices. Using the example of Ghana, he brings under scrutiny, amongst others, endemic issues of academic freedom, gender inequities, the unequal global academic order, and linguistic imperialism in language policies in governance. In the face of these challenges, the author deftly navigates the complex terrain of indigenous knowledge and language in the context of democratic politics, demonstrating that agency can be liberatory when emphasising indigenous knowledge, especially expressed through the idiom of local languages and symbols, including Ananse, the protean spider, folk hero in Ghana and most parts of the pan-African world.

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O To Ge! : How Kwara People Took Their Destiny In The Hands / Tony Oyeyiola

Tony Oyeyiola, Nigeria 2021

214p.

Includes Index

9789789931439

\$ 45.00 / null

298 gm.

The book "O to ge" is a compendium of the salient political history of Kwara from formation leading up to the epochal political change and all the inherent dynamics that facilitated the "O to ge" movement of 2019. It encapsulates the different struggles within and outside of the camp, key actors, intrigues and the bold and the underlying factors that led to the success of the "O to ge" movement in Kwara State, Nigeria.

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Remaking Nigeria : Sixty Years, Sixty Voices / (Ed) Chido Onumah

Premium Times Books, Abuja, Nigeria 2020

xlvii, 438p.

Includes Index

9781953967039

\$ 100.00 / HB

834 gm.

On October 1, 2020, Nigeria celebrated its 60th year of political independence. After sixty years of independence, most Nigerians, particularly the youth, hold the view that the country has failed to work for them in a way that is satisfactory and enduring. This book seeks to give voice to young Nigerians, the critical change agents, to help the country understand and sharpen its focus on those issues that hold the key to its collective survival. Clearly, the new decade will be a defining moment for Nigeria. Sixty years after independence, fifty years after a civil war, and at the beginning of a new decade, it is important that a new generation of citizens is challenged to reposition the country. From interaction with young people and discussions on social media, there appears to be a knowledge and information gap among young Nigerians about the history and socio-political evolution of the country. Beyond the lack of understanding of history, there is also a dearth of ideas on what needs to be done and how to get Nigeria out of its current situation. This book addresses these problems. Contributors to the book are young Nigerians with fresh ideas on nationhood, democracy, and development. The book focuses on issues such as federalism, elections and democracy, constitutionalism, environmental justice, data and ICT, the economy and social inclusion, media and press freedom, youth engagement, law and human rights, education and social services, religion and multiculturalism, leadership challenge and good governance, corruption and accountability, foreign policy and regional cooperation. A quarter of a century ago, Nobel laureate, Prof Wole Soyinka, posed the fundamental question: When is a nation? Based on their background, experience and research, contributors to this book reflected on this question and other important questions with the aim of helping Nigerians understand and appreciate the formula for nation building, and the strategic goals in the construction of a modern nation-state. The essays are analytical, insightful, pragmatic and offer solutions to "the trouble with Nigeria." We hope that they will inspire a new generation of Nigerians on what the country needs to do to fulfil the promise and hope of independence. A new Nigeria is possible. But it must be a Nigeria built around the motto of freedom, equality, and opportunity. It must be a Nigeria created in the image of Nigerians of the 21st century; not one created in the image of the British Empire, the Royal Niger Company, Sir Frederick Lugard, internal colonialists or the new imperialists. For young Nigerians to whom this book is directed, it is time to stop looking back or looking up, and as John F. Kennedy admonished, "...accept our own responsibility for the future."

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For the Good of the Nation : Essays and Perspective / Sanusi Lamido Sanusi  
(Foreword) Nasir El-Rufai (Intro) Pius Adesanmi

ALFA Books, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

512p.

9789789774326

\$ 100.00 / HB

918 gm.



This book is one thinker's attempt to evolve heuristic paradigms for engaging the many fault lines that have beggared every effort to forge a unified postcolonial nation out of Britain's most populous and by far most confounding colonial formation in Africa: Nigeria. - Prof. Pius Adesanmi (Late), Professor, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

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This Collection of essays and interviews is more than just a book; it is (a) 'tour de force' which covers a plethora of topics and subjects. Every sentence and paragraph contains an idea and message to make our country a place where fairness and Justice reign. Whether discussing Western or Islamic philosophy, History and Anthropology of the various peoples in Nigeria, or the divisive injection of ethnicity and religion into our politics, Lamido is brutally frank, thoughtful and logical. - Mallam Nasir el-Rufai, Governor, Kaduna State, Nigeria

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In this collection of forceful argumentation organised around several demanding and daring essays, the man popularly called SLS, presents readers with much to chew. We have come to expect strident, even controversial, declamations from the author on matters of public interest - Whether that be those concerning the political organisation of Nigeria and the related political economy or those regarding the theological tensions that define the country. Yet in the bringing together his public reflections over the years in this book, we have an opportunity to connect, assess, in one whole, the different dispositions in the range of his arguments, as well as the ideological - including the cultural and theological - perspectives that inform SLS's reflections on, responses to and attempts at the resolution of the important questions of our era. As one of the most cerebral - and privileged - Nigerians of our time, the author's thoughts deserve much attention. - Wale Adebani, Rhodes professor of Race Relation, University of Oxford, UK.

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Nigeria : 66 Reasons for Biafra, Restructuring or Peaceful Dissolution : "We Cannot Continue Like This" / Emefiana Ezeani

Anchor Book Publishers Africa, Anambra State, Nigeria 2021

244p.

Includes Index

9789789977390

\$ 35.00 / null

302 gm.

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The Uneven Steps : The Story of The Nigerian Guild of Editors / Lanre Idowu

Diamond Publications Ltd, Lagos, Nigeria 2019

xx, 196p.

Includes Index

9789785433241

\$ 45.00 / null

322 gm.

This book discusses the role, place, achievements, and failings of the Nigerian Guild of Editors in the quest for press freedom, professional respect, press responsibility, and accountability. It is as much an examination of an institutional platform as it is an analysis of the role of individual players in nurturing or restricting the objectives of the Guild as a professional association. From the innocuous beginning of 1961 during civil rule to the pressures of practice under military rule, and the embrace of civil rule again, the book traces the uneven steps in the emergence of the Guild as a preeminent voice in media and public affairs today. It is a story of courage and appeasement, an account of how the forces of history shaped the actors and how the actors in turn also shaped the course of history. Yet for all its achievements, there remain lingering issues that stifle professionalism, which the Guild and indeed the larger media must deal with if they wish to serve as "genuine pathfinders of enduring national development."

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The Abducted Governor : The Politics of Godfatherism and the Aborted Coup to Oust Dr Chris Ngige as the Governor of Anambra State / Richard Akinnola

Rich Konsult, Abuja, Nigeria 2021

vii, 160p.

9783348698

\$ 35.00 / null

216 gm.

In an interview with the Human Rights Watch, Ngige said that after the election, he tried to break away from Uba but it wasn't easy. According to Ngige, "Uba was continually making personal demands that I go to the treasury and take money and give it to him." In addition, according to the report, Ngige claimed that shortly before his inauguration, armed men broke into his home and forced him, at gunpoint, to sign a pledge that he would pay Chris Uba the sum of N5billion immediately after assuming office but Uba denied this allegation. Read more in this interesting book, an attempt to illegally oust a sitting Governor.

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Imperatives of the Nigerian Revolution / `Dele Farotimi

Dele Farotimi Publishers, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

xlviii, 408p.

Includes Index

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\$ 65.00 / null

726 gm.

"The Imperatives of the Nigerian Revolution" is an engaging laborious, if disturbing, work which presents a contemporary understanding of the disintegrating Nigerian country in an interpretative analysis of socio-political forces, their emergence, metamorphosis, dynamics, effects and consequences from the viewpoint of a citizen deeply concerned to save the entity from her entrenched and mushrooming insanity. Farotimi has not only brought great insights into understanding and explanation of Nigeria's calamitous condition, but offers prescription for its redemption, essentially on a Ghandian Pacifist Model, as so admirably presented by Taiwo Akinlami, the well-known Child Rights protection activist and promoter, an age-long collaborator of Farotimi... I salute the patriotic passion and intellectualism of the writer even as I have reservations about his redemptive prescriptions. Nonetheless, the work is a strong nod that Nigeria despite her grievous afflictions caused and foisted on her by a destructive and disruptive elite class is not yet a lost cause. -- Adesina Ademola Ogunlana, Lawyer, Civil Rights Activist, ex-Chairman Nigeria Bar Association, NBA (Ikeja Branch)

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Arif Naqvi's Abraaj Group and the Geopolitics of Karachi Electric / Brian Brivati

Vanguard Books, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

xviii, 348p.

Includes Index

9789694026428

\$ 65.00 / HB

750 gm.

In 2017, Arif Naqvi and The Abraaj Group were on the brink of changing the world of private equity. Abraaj was a pioneer of a new model of impact investing built on the idea that making money and doing good are not mutually exclusive. It had helped transform communities and companies across the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Latin America by investing in healthcare, education and clean energy, and in 2017 it was on the threshold of closing a new fund that would provide \$6 billion worth of investment to these emerging markets. But then it all came crashing down.

On 10 April 2019, after landing at London Heathrow, Naqvi was arrested on fraud charges. He is facing extradition to the United States and a potential prison sentence of up to 291 years if he is found guilty.

The dominant media narrative has painted Naqvi as a thief and fraudster, the so-called key man in an organised criminal conspiracy. But in this explosive new book, which is based on extensive research and interviews with key players, Brian Brivati discovers that things are not quite what they seem and finds that in this case of alleged fraud there is actually no money missing. Icarus explores how Abraaj found itself caught in the middle of a geopolitical war between the United States and China and when it would not bow to the whims of these global behemoths, economic hitmen tried to wipe it out.

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Rethinking Pakistan : A 21st Century Perspective / (Eds) Bilal Zahoor and Raza Rumi

Folio Books, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

376p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789697834242

\$ 45.00 / null

420 gm.

Rethinking Pakistan is a wide-ranging analytical dissection of the Pakistani polity and offers a well-meaning, progressive prescription for present-day Pakistan, stitched together by an eclectic list of experts spanning diverse backgrounds and subjects. From energy self-sufficiency and scientific development to freedom of the press and the essential question of the dominance of the military over civilian affairs, this compendium offers a suitable guide for anyone who seeks to understand the striking mix of contemporary and historic challenges faced by Pakistan in the twenty-first century. The scope of the book is amazingly wide, the analysis is rich with conceptual references and empirical finding, and the scholarly idiom is comprehensible for both the articulate section of the population and the scholarly community.

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Saraiki Region Roots of Radicalization / Nadeem Shah (Foreword) I. A. Rehman

Takhleeqat, Lahore, Pakistan 2020

304p.

9789692345309

\$ 30.00 / null

270 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=780743>

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Womansplaining : Navigating Activism, Politics and Modernity in Pakistan / (Ed) Sherry Rehmman

Folio Books, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

xiv, 274p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789697834273

\$ 50.00 / HB

540 gm.

As we enter a new century, with its promise of change, women in Pakistan often emerge as its best face forward. At the same time, a persistent and growing trendline of disadvantage and discrimination throws up a harsh counterfactual to the motivating success stories. Knitting these skeins together is the complex, long, often untold tale of women who think, speak, act and give up a part of their comfort zone to push the rights agenda, to take on the architecture of patriarchy and extremism or to call out resurgent misogynies. This is a book about these women, by these women, for the women who struggle to find a voice.

This anthology of essays attempts to do two things. It seeks first to provide testament and context to women's activism through the lived experience and voices of pioneers who not just headlined the rights struggle in Pakistan, but also gave it intellectual meaning and moral quest. In this endeavour, this book looks to capture a repository of important voices in order to create a slice of memory. The second idea motivating this collection is to probe the connection between the fairly coherent movement of the 1980s to the post-millennial activism that is challenging norms and pushing the boundaries of patriarchy today. Without forcing a grand narrative on the essays, a selection of younger writers uses this space to grapple with persistent barriers reified by the state, while speaking to new problems that tag on to new opportunities. These young women seek to add their voices to the changing face of women's activism in contemporary Pakistan, while building a new vocabulary to address emerging challenges.

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United States' Crisis Preventive Diplomacy Towards Pakistan and India / Dr. Ahmad Ejaz

Pakistan Study Centre, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

x, 340p.

9789698181215

\$ 50.00 / HB

520 gm.

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Australia – Indonesia Connections : Mobility, Youth, and Exchange / Anna T. Fallentina (et al.) Jemma Purdey (Ed)

Gadjah Mada University Press, Yogyakarta, Indonesia 2021

xii, 176p.;

Includes Index

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\$ 30.00 / null

258 gm.

In early 2020, Australia and Indonesia entered an historic high point in their bilateral relationship. The President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo, visited Canberra where he addressed the Joint Houses of Parliament, and meetings were held to put the final touches on the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Partnership Agreement (IA CEPA).

Since then, tested by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, the strength and depth of the Australia-Indonesia relationship—between governments, also business and community organisations and individuals—has come more clearly into focus. The people-to-people connectivity that has driven the Australia-Indonesia relationship is being re-imagined in creative, digital ways, and in the face of a global economic crisis IA CEPA is a bright spot for potential growth in trade and exchange.

In response to these trends and opportunities for deepening engagement, the chapters in this volume represent research undertaken by Indonesians and Australians working together as part of a collaborative research program initiated by the Australia-Indonesia Centre, with a focus on thematic areas, Youth and Education, and Business and Tourism, Digital Futures and Connectivity.

Collectively, the research offers insights into what is driving Indonesia's future with a focus on its young people—those aged 17-35 years are the largest single demographic group in Indonesia—digital technologies and an increasingly mobile middle-class. What is shaping the outlook of young Indonesians on the world and their relations with their regional neighbours, including Australia? How are Indonesians using digital technologies for social and commercial exchange in ways that are making them increasingly open to international connections? What kinds of experiences are Indonesia's increasingly mobile middle-classes looking for when they travel overseas for education or leisure? What does this mean in terms of opportunities for greater connectivity and exchange within the Australia-Indonesia relationship after the crisis has subsided and beyond?

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An Internal Matter : The U.S., Grassroots Activism and the Creation of Bangladesh / Samuel Jaffe

The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2021

xii, 326p.;

Includes Index and Bibliography

9789845062978

\$ 25.00 / HB

570 gm.

An Internal Matter tells the story of the many activists in America who supported the campaign for Bangladesh's independence in 1971. Shifting attention away from diplomatic figures, this work draws upon new evidence and interviews with participants to highlight the ordinary people who challenged the Nixon administration's pro-Pakistan stance. From the shores of Manpura and the streets of Dhaka to American living rooms and the halls of Congress, this book injects a valuable dose of social history into international conversations about the war's legacies. In doing so, it offers a powerful new vision for international and global studies of the Liberation War: a people's history of the mukti sangram abroad.

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Covid-19 and Bangladesh : Response, Rights and Resilience / Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Nichole Georgeou and Anis Chowdhury (Eds)

The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2021

xvi, 138p.;

Includes Index

9789845062961

\$ 30.00 / HB

340 gm.

This compilation aims to provide readers with an insight into the diversity of Bangladesh's experience in the first 25 weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. The sixteen analytical snapshots examine how different populations adapted to the public health crisis. They highlight why an understanding of the socio-political and economic impacts of COVID-19 is necessary to inform and determine strategies for sustainable economic recovery, resilience and inclusive social development, and that for Bangladesh to thrive, universal public health and social protection systems must be the central focus of reforms and policy initiatives. This cross-institutional publication promotes a policy approach of active restraint to enable the presence of public goods provision, redistributive actions, macro-financial interventions and structural policy reforms. By capturing the country's initial response, this book provides a useful reference for policy makers, academics and students interested in the intersection of social policy and disaster response in South Asian societies.

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Narratives of Bangladesh : Culture History and Politics / Mubashar Hasan

Prothoma Prokashan, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2020

183p.;

Includes Bibliography

9789849436195

\$ 35.00 / HB

340 gm.

This book offers narratives of Bangladeshi politics, history, society and culture. Within the current political climate where narratives of the country are at the forefront of establishing hegemony and countering hegemony, this book takes a nuanced approach to decipher what Bangladesh means. How does a researcher make sense of an evolving Bangladesh bypassing pressures and challenges of depicting the "right narrative?" Against this backdrop, in search of a neutral ground, the author have penned these articles over the period of five years. The objective is purely academic. Therefore the writings are open for interpretation and discussion. As a writer who grew up in the Dhaka city in the Cold War period, went to the university during the global expansion of capital in Bangladesh, Mubashar Hasan captures a changing Bangladesh through multifaceted narratives on mainstream politics, religious politics, history, secularism, free speech, violent extremism, blogging, liberal arts education, human trafficking, Rohingya crisis, Indo-Bangladesh enclave exchange and hip hop and rap music. This is a book that paints an overview of the country that is exciting, dynamic and constantly changing.

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Ensuring Life Without Terror : Responses to Terrorism in Bangladesh, Volume 1 and 2 / Imtiaz Ahmed and Monirul Islam (Ed)

The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2021

2v.;

9789845063753 ; 9789845063760

\$ 82.00 / HB

1080 gm.

A terror-free Bangladesh would require an objective, non-partisan research and analysis on the state of terrorism, albeit not on an ad hoc basis but a protracted, institutional basis, with as many viewpoints as possible. However, any objective research and analysis on terrorism would require a thorough combination of theory and practice. This is where Bangladesh remains far behind some of the countries (Norway, UK, Singapore) that have made an impact when it comes to devising policies in preventing and countering terrorism. Bangladesh is not a latecomer in terrorism (we had our share of left-wing terrorism in the 1970s and religio-centric terrorism since the late 1980s), yet no institutional mechanism developed thus far for combining theory and practice of terrorism. In this context, the CTTC-CGS collaboration is an exception, particularly in the quest of the two institutions to combine theory and practice. However, there is no guarantee that the CTTC-CGS collaboration will find all the answers to the task of preventing terrorism. The hope lies in the fact that the collaboration would help not only in overcoming the pitfalls of colonial policing, the legacy of which still exists but also in providing space to social and civil entities to engage in policing and preventing terrorism actively. This would certainly go a long way in organizing and reproducing a life without terror in Bangladesh.

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Malaysia : Who's Who in the Civil Service : The Steel Backbone of The Government – Crème De La Crème / Kasuya Management Sdn. Bhd.,

Kasuya Management Sdn. Bhd., Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2017

1400p.

9789839624113

\$ 600.00 / HB

1420 gm.

Featuring about 7000 Malaysian top Civil Servants in Malaysia (Including retired ones)

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Capturing Hope: The Struggle Continues for a New Malaysia / Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad

MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd, Malaysia 2021

X, 297p.

Includes Index.

9789672923183

\$ 50.00 / HB

686 gm.

1. Mahathir Bin Mohamad 1925-
2. Prime Ministers – Malaysia – Anecdotes
3. Malaysia – Politics and Government

Capturing Hope follows chronologically the events described in Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's best-selling book, *A Doctor in the House*. This standalone work chronicles not just the unexpected journey of Dr Mahathir back to the premiership but also the great changes taking place within Malaysia today. The story starts with his retirement, which finally gave him the time and means to pursue matters close to his heart—the plight of the Palestinian people, and the criminalisation of war—before the country's troubles soon pulled him back into the maelstrom of Malaysian national politics.

Unable to sit idly by as his country plummeted towards disaster, Dr Mahathir found himself in the unique position of opposing the very party he led for 22 years. More astonishing was his victory in Malaysia's 14th General Election and his return at the age of 92 as the seventh Prime Minister of Malaysia, making him the oldest serving head of government in the world at the time.

This book offers a frank and at times blunt discussion of the difficulties that the Pakatan Harapan Government faced, the challenges of rebuilding national political consensus, the betrayals from within the coalition that ultimately led to the Government's downfall in March 2020 and to the many unthinkable firsts in Malaysian politics. Whether one agrees with Dr Mahathir or not, it is impossible to deny the impact he has had—and continues to have—on the Malaysian political landscape. This book seeks to discuss those impacts as well as Dr Mahathir's unfinished struggle to steer Malaysia away from the destructive political dynamics that have fuelled corruption and division in the country for so long.

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L'Indo-Pacifique et les Nouvelles Routes de la soie / Semir Al Wardi and Jean-Marc Regnault

Api Tahiti Editions, Papeete, Tahiti 2021

360p.

9782491152529

\$ 80.00 / null

524 gm.

Après les colloques de 2015 et 2016 sur « L'Océanie convoitée » et les actes éponymes (2017, parus aux éditions du CNRS/Api Tahiti), les directeurs de publication ont convoqué à nouveau les chercheurs en novembre 2019 pour inscrire, cette fois, les convoitises dans les grands enjeux géopolitiques et géostratégiques dans les océans Indien et Pacifique.

Le président Macron a ainsi défini ce qu'il appelle l'Indo-Pacifique – en lui donnant une interprétation et une configuration qui ne sont pas forcément celles de ses alliés – un nouvel ensemble censé s'appuyer sur les terres françaises de ces régions et, bien sûr, sur ses alliés. S'agit-il de contrer les Nouvelles Routes de la soie telles que la Chine les envisage ? Les deux stratégies sont-elles destinées à s'affronter ou à équilibrer les influences ?

Des chercheurs venus d'Europe, des États-Unis, de Chine, de Hong Kong, d'Australie, de Nouvelle-Zélande et des collectivités françaises d'Océanie ont tenté de répondre à ces questions. Le colloque à peine achevé, la pandémie du Covid 19 se répandait à travers le monde.

Les directeurs de publication ont alors interrogé les participants au colloque et des spécialistes de géopolitique sur les conséquences de celle-ci sur les relations régionales et internationales.

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Governing in the Internet Age / Fletcher, Paul

Monash University Press, Australia 2021

96 pages

9781922464804

\$ 29.95 / null

80 gm.



Over the past thirty years, the internet has transformed virtually every area of human activity, social and economic. The bulk of these changes have been positive, allowing people to work, imagine and connect with each other in new ways. The boost to economic activity has been enormous. But along with the benefits have come new risks. Our children can learn and play on the internet, but they can also be bullied there, or unwittingly stumble across extreme pornography. For ordinary citizens, the internet provides an unprecedented opportunity to comment and participate in public discourse; but the same digital platforms providing this opportunity can also be forums for the wide circulation of abusive, defamatory or grossly inaccurate material. And while the internet has created vast new opportunities for businesses and consumers, it has disrupted many traditional forms of economic activity. The result is a rich set of policy challenges for governments.

Paul Fletcher is Australia's Minister for Communications and has worked on internet policy issues for twenty-five years. In *Governing in the Age of the Internet*, he outlines the key challenges the internet has posed for governments as they seek to preserve their sovereignty, protect their citizens from harm, and regulate neutrally between traditional and online business models. Yes, the internet has changed everything and that goes for governing, too.

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*Globalization After the Pandemic* / Qin Hui (Translator) David Ownby  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Press, Hong Kong 2021

132p.

Includes Bibliography

9789882372313

\$ 24.00 / HB

302 gm.

The coronavirus pandemic that broke out in 2019 has finally calmed down in China, after the bungling occasioned by the iron hand of lockdown. But beginning in March 2020, the disaster spread abroad, and at present there is no end in sight.

In this work, Qin Hui offers a bracing examination of the impact of coronavirus pandemic on political institutions in both China and the West. Deliberating on the contradiction between "human rights" and "human survival," he contends that China has achieved success in imposing coercive lockdowns to control the virus, but it will be a challenge to prevent the normalization of emergency measures from worsening human right conditions. The West, in contrast, must learn how democracies can efficiently enter a state of emergency and put an end to these measures at the proper time.

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*Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India* / Mytheli Sreenivas

Women Unlimited( an associate of Kali for Women),New Delhi 2021

ix, 274p.; ill.; 24cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9789385606373

\$ 22.00 / HB

650 gm.

In the late 19th century, India played a pivotal role in creating global conversations around population and reproduction. Among the questions posed by colonial administrators, nationalists, eugenicists, demographers and policy-makers, were: age at marriage and its effect on the health and the vitality of a population; how many children married couples should have and how they should be raised: practices like remarriage, monogamy and celibacy and their impact on individual bodies, families, and wider communities. It was these early discussions that led to the emergence of new ideas linking reproduction, population and the economy. Myheli Sreenivas's detailed examination of existing scholarship from the 1870s to the 1970s—histories of marriage and birth control, of ideas of 'population' and 'economy' as abstractions, and of famine and crises of subsistence—offers a compelling analysis of how reproduction became an economic question and was targeted for regulation, with serious implications for women's fertility and reproductive rights. The author's deep-dive into archival texts, sourced from three continents, reveals that concerns about reproduction surfaced within a range of political questions—around poverty and survival, migration and claims of sovereignty, normative heterosexuality and drives for development—which produced the very grounds on which reproduction was called into question in the modern world.

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Sunrise over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times / Salman Khurshid

Penguin Random House India Pvt/ Ltd, Haryana India 2021

xiv, 365p.; 23cm.

9780670096145

\$ 17.50 / HB

640 gm.

On 9 November 2019, the Supreme Court, in a unanimous verdict, cleared the way for the construction of a Ram temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya. As we look back, we will be able to see how much we have lost over Ayodhya through the years of conflict. If the loss of a mosque is preservation of faith, if the establishment of a temple is emancipation of faith, we can all join together in celebrating faith in the Constitution. Sometimes, a step back to accommodate is several steps forward towards our common destiny. Through this book, Salman Khurshid explores how the greatest opportunity that the judgment offers is a reaffirmation of India as a secular society.

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Union Pour La Democratie et le Progress Social (UDPS) : Reperes Historiques et Perspective D'Avenir / Raphael Musampa Thsibalabala

Mediaspaul, Kinshasa, Congo 2021

192p.

Includes Bibliography

9789995167035

\$ 45.00 / null

208 gm.

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Violence Urbaine et Reaction Policiere a Kinshasa (RD Congo) : Sens et Non-Sens / Raoul Kienge-Kienge Intudi and Sara Liwerant

Academia-L'Harmattan s.a., Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium 2017

232p.

Includes Bibliography

9782806103123

\$ 45.00 / null

300 gm.

Nouvelle "forme de criminalité" à Kinshasa, le phénomène "kuluna" est au coeur des problèmes sociaux, politiques et économiques ainsi que des pratiques de leur gestion en République démocratique du Congo. Face aux actes violents des jeunes regroupés en bandes, et à la forte expression populaire d'un sentiment d'insécurité, une opération policière "spéciale" d'envergure a été menée en 2013 : l'opération "Likofi".

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La Participation Politique : Ethique Civique et Politique Pour Une Culture de Paix, de Démocratie et de Bonne Gouvernance / P. Ngoma-Binda

Pifep-Publications de L'Institut de Formation et D'Etudes Politiques, Kinshasa, Congo 2020

1v.

\$ 120.00 / null

1002 gm.

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Pen and Politics : Resistance in Pakistan / Dr Naazir Mahmood

Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

xviii, 360p.

9789694026473

\$ 90.00 / HB

610 gm.

This impressive collection of short essays by Dr. Naazir Mahmood centers upon the theme of resistance to hegemonic domination. What resistance means, of course, depends upon the particular context. His canvas is super-sized, spanning continents and drawing examples as different as the Bhakti movement in India to the birth of Protestantism in Europe. But most of the book deals with forms of resistance on the Indian subcontinent about which, quite naturally, the author has the most to say and in some cases has intimate knowledge of. By excerpting particularly poignant parts of Urdu novels and short stories, the author brings before us the wealth of Urdu literature -both prose and poetry - created under the shadow of military rule. This deals with how West Pakistanis sneered at and trod upon Bengalis, the plight of Biharis who had fought for Pakistan but were abandoned, the resistance literature that Zia-ul-Haq's oppression gave birth to, how the Baloch have struggled for their rights under different governments, and so much more. There are well-deserved eulogies to those Pakistanis who have stood up to the powers-that-be and refused the ideological straitjacket. Among them are Aslam Azhar, Fahmida Riaz, Kishwar Naheed, and Sobho Gianchandani. The author's impressive breadth of reading and familiarity with left-wing politics is most evident here and therefore, in my opinion, this is perhaps the strongest part of this book. To question received wisdom is not in our culture or habit. But the author is unusual in having been born into a family that was different. A passion for reading and interactions with people from different parts of Pakistan has made the author different from most. Not everyone will be comfortable with his views. Some will question the author's patriotism but he knows how to answer them: patriotism is a farce if it does not involve loving all people, including the disabled, the transgender, and the other marginalized peoples. Patriotism cannot be built on hating others.

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Turkey's Middle East Policy / Hanefi Yazici , Tayyar Ari

Ideal Kultur Yayincilik, Istanbul, Turkey 2021

254p.

Includes Bibliography

9786257059626

\$ 55.00 / null

300 gm.

Since the beginning of the Arab Spring, whether or not the "Turkish Model" will be the best democratic model for the countries in the Middle East has become one of the crucial discussion issues. However, it has caused misperceptions because of the misinterpretation of the model. The study claims that the full application of the "Turkish Model" to the Middle Eastern countries is not possible due to cultural and political differences; however, despite these differences, the "Turkish Model" is a good alternative for several areas such as the state-religion relations, economic development and advanced democracy.

This book focuses on the global and regional effects of the Arab Spring in Egypt and particularly in Syria examining both advantages and disadvantages of the Arab Spring for Turkey's Middle East Policy. This book, thus, is an intellectual effort to comprehend Turkish foreign policy in the Middle East in recent times. The events in the Middle East are moving so quickly as usual. It is also quite difficult thinking about a focus that would not be different in a few months in the region. I hope that this book will serve as guide in understanding Turkey's foreign policy in the Middle East during the Arab Spring.

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Nepal's Instability Conundrum : Navigating Political, Military, Economic and Diplomatic Landscape / Maj Gen Purna B. Silwal (Retd)

Institute for National Security Studies, Lalitpur, Nepal 2021

xx, 376p.

Includes Index

9789937091442

\$ 35.00 / HB

580 gm.

Instead of focusing on advancing its interests, Nepalese stakeholders have often compromised them while serving the interest of external powers and dislodging or defending the system and government.

Without civilian control over the military, democracy cannot effectively control armed insurgency and deliver political stability. "Prithivian Trinity" could be a mantra to deter or defeat external threats and critical internal challenges.

The government's handling of the Maoist insurgency was a political mess. Had the RNA leveraged the palace-military relations for its preemptive mobilization in Dunai, subsequent major events like Holeri, Dang, and the dissolution of the twin-pillar system would have been prevented. The sovereign monarch is quite an old concept, hence became untenable in 2006.

India's core interests in Nepal are to continue with the 1950 Treaty, maintain influence in internal affairs, prevent security threats from the Nepali front, recruit youths for Gorkha regiments, maintain an open border regime, and harness water resources.

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Triumph and Trauma of Transition / Shambu Ram Simkhada

SANRAB Publication, Kathmandu, Nepal 2021

296p.

9789937092791

\$ 30.00 / HB

640 gm.

The Climate Crisis, COVID 19 Afghanistan serious pandemic and represent the most challenges to global academic, and wisdom and action. If all three have one common thread, it is in posing a question to our understanding of "Power" and what makes us "Powerful", concepts so central in all human affairs, not just politics, economics, diplomacy (International Relations) but even individual human behavior, as we relate to who we see as "other", human beings, species and creations of God or Mother Nature. Based acquired knowledge defined by my personal life experience further refined by the innate unique human quality of "Gyana", Trauma political, diplomatic-security economic and security externally uo Triumph Transition is my commentary pund the erroneous uo understanding, acquisition and use of Power and its consequent outcome of Transition Mismanagement in Nepal in particular but also the World in general, as the Human Family leaves behind the second and embarks on towards the third decade of what we call the 21st Century and beyond.

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From the Bagmati to the Potomac : In the Vortex of Change and Upheaval / M. R. Josse

Periwinkle Prakashan Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal 2021

192p.

9789937092395

\$ 20.00 / null

160 gm.

In this tome – 'From the Bagmati to the Potomac: In the Vortex of Change and Upheaval' presenting the latest compilation of write-ups by consultant editor emeritus, M.R. Josse, spanning the period from 30 June, 2020 to 19 January, 2021. Of the 26 thoughtful and incisive pieces contained herein, all of which have been published in the print editions of The People's Review weekly, 14 are essays drafted by the veteran columnist in Kathmandu and 12 are think-pieces penned from Gaithersburg, in the U.S. state of Maryland. The 'Bagmati and the Potomac' in the volume's title are metaphors for Nepal and the United States of America. The expositions were driven or inspired by the swirling political tides and dramatic geopolitical developments, including those that resulted in change and/or upheaval in Nepal and the wider U.S.-centric world, in the age of the disruptive Covid-19 pandemic. The opening write-up deals with the 'Sino-Indian face-off on the high Himalayas; the book concludes with 'Transition and violent threats and military lockdown' centred on the charged political scene in Washington, D.C., as the curtain came down on Donald J. Trump administration.

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Pride Prejudice And Punditry: The Essential / Shashi Tharoor

Aleph Book Company, New Delhi, India 2021

xxiii, 574p.; ill.; 24cm.

9789390652273

\$ 30.00 / HB

900 gm.

Shashi Tharoor is one of India's greatest living writers. In the course of a career that has lasted more than half a century (his first short story made it into print when he was ten), he has published over five million words in books, newspapers, magazines, journals, and online media on a variety of subjects. Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry brings together the very best fiction, non-fiction, and poetry from his published books and journalism as well as many pieces that have been written specially for this volume.

There are ten sections in the book, each devoted to a particular topic.

\* 'In the Company of Giants' looks at some of the most important figures of modern Indian history

\* 'Into the Maelstrom of Indian Politics' contains work on the Indian political scene

\* 'Our Unruly World' covers international relations and diplomacy

\* 'The Hindu Way' examines various aspects of the faith

\* 'Musings of a Cricket Tragic' includes some of his finest writing on the sport

\* 'You Cannot Be Serious!' is a light-hearted take on sundry matters

\* 'Fragments of an Autobiography' has poignant essays about his parents and an evocative look at his Kerala heritage

\* 'The Spoken Word' is a selection of his most famous speeches

\* 'The Writerly Life' comprises ruminations on writing and writers

\* 'Selected Fiction and Poetry' showcases his masterpieces of fiction and poetry.

This book will give those new to the author's work a panoramic view of the range and depth of his writing. Long-time fans will find fresh material to delight them as also ageless pieces that continue to enchant. Dazzling, inventive, and exuberant, Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry presents readers with the essential work of a literary genius.

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Post – War Reconciliation Process in Sri Lanka / Dr. S. W. Premaratne

S. Godage and Brothers (Pvt) Ltd, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2021

112p.;  
9786240009737  
\$ 20.00 / null  
200 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=780500>

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Nuclear-Free Nation : The Power of the People vs. Nuclear Power in the Philippines / Roland G. Simbulan, (Ed)

Central Book Supply Inc., Quezon City, Philippines 2021

xiv, 250p.;  
9786210215991

\$ 30.00 / null

320 gm.

"Movements against nuclear power plants have become rooted in many Asian countries. It has also been a movement for democratization. It is well-known that the people of Bataan never allowed the operation of the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP). Many people opposed to nuclear power in Asia and in the world have been very much encouraged and inspired by the people of the Philippines. This book tells us why." - Daisuke Sato, Secretary-General, No-Nukes Asia Forum Japan and Co-convenor, No-Nukes Asia Forum (NNAF), an international network of anti-nuclear power national movements

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"From 1976 to 1986, Ferdinand Marcos had the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant built on the dormant Natib Volcano, at a site dissected by an active fault. Assuming the God-like powers of a dictator, he gave little consideration for geology and the environment, or social and financial consequences. Risking his notorious wrath, Filipinos of conscience in all walks of life -townspeople; farmers; fisherfolk; clergy and religious groups; academics - coalesced at the grassroots to successfully oppose it, and the emplacement of U.S. nuclear weaponry in the Philippines as well. Each opposing contingent is ably represented in this volume by one such participant. This work is not just of historical interest, because moneyed and politically powerful interests continue strenuous efforts to activate the BNPP to this day. Professor Roland Simbulan is eminently qualified to organize and contribute to this volume, having been intimately involved in the resistance from the outset." - Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, U.S.A.

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On the People's Democratic Revolution / Jose Maria Sison, Julieta de Lima (Ed)

International Network for Philippine Studies (INPS), Philippines 2021

xii, 502p.

\$ 75.00 / HB

800 gm.

On the People's Democratic Revolution explains the basic concepts and the instruments for achieving the Philippine revolution. The program of the people's democratic revolution seeks to realize the basic demands of the people in the political, economic, social and cultural fields in opposition to the semicolonial and semifeudal ruling system of big compradors, landlords and bureaucrat capitalists subservient to foreign monopoly capitalism.

The Filipino people and their revolutionary forces have persevered in carrying out the new democratic revolution for more than half a century. They cannot accept the escalating conditions of oppression and exploitation under the semicolonial and semifeudal ruling system in chronic crisis.

Sounding stronger than the psywar and gunfire of the oppressors and exploiters is the outcry of the people for national liberation, democracy, social justice and all-round development amid the worsening crises of the semicolonial and semifeudal ruling system and the world capitalist system.

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Republique du Congo Reflexion sur la Pratique Parlementaire Au Senate /  
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Regards Courageux / Edgar Senga  
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Dans ce livre, l'auteur analyse les circonstances qui ont établi le sort d'une génération sacrifiée en République Démocratique du Congo et montre comment cette génération doit opérer un choix difficile mais somme toute inévitable. Cette génération des années 2000, qui est aussi la sienne et celle de nombreux Congolais, peut influencer et même réécrire l'Histoire du Congo Kinshasa. L'ouvrage propose une vision de l'avenir politique, social et économique avec de grands défis à surmonter dans le temps.

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La Révolte Métaphysique d'un Jeune Congolais : Dialogues et Ajustements  
Raisonnables / Pepin Guillaume Manjolo

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A travers une correspondance entre un fils et son père, Manjolo nous amène à visiter le tréfonds du Mutumbu, l'homme congolais qui s'ausculte pour se libérer du mauvais soi-même afin que, comme diamant extrait et taillé, brille et brise tout ce qui veut le détruire.

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L'Homme et La Structure : De La revolution politique : une certitude, si... /  
Manjolo Pepin Guillaume

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La République Démocratique du Congo traverse comme toutes les entités politiques actuelles, une phase transitoire vers un monde qu'on espère empreint d'une certaine prospérité, dont malheureusement la seule prétention de leader (sans substance ni vision) ne permettrait pas de maîtriser les graves conséquences.

A l'occasion des discussions institutionnalisant l'actuelle République, le goût du pouvoir et le bénéfice du lucre ont dans une large mesure obstrué et castré la réflexion. En y regardant de plus près, les quelques rescapés de cette situation ayant encore la juste mesure de ce qu'il faut dire, se sont mis au denkverbot.

Par ailleurs, le fanatisme politique a mis de côté le sens de la mesure, de sorte que le positionnement politique en RDC et plus particulièrement à Kinshasa est devenu totalement folklorique : on pense noir ou blanc, l'entre deux étant devenu inconfortable.

"L'Homme et la Structure" à la suite de "Ma Nation", propose une déflagration, une déconstruction et une reformulation d'une nouvelle vision de la philosophie politique RD Congolaise fondamentalement ancrée dans la Révolution Conservatrice Congolaise.

Nous nous sommes scrutés à l'endroit et à l'envers, et nous nous sommes mis en devoir de proposer des pistes de solution pour une autre voie, celle de la Révolution politique et économique. Ainsi pouvons-nous certifier être restés les esprits libres.

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Pour Une Theorie Politique de L'Adaptation au Congo-Kinshasa / Leon O. Engulu  
III

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L'auteur présente d'une manière très personnelle les problèmes posés par l'usage du français comme langue de développement et jette les bases d'une réflexion sur les mécanismes adaptatifs indispensables à l'essor du Congo-Kinshasa.

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PANAFRICANISME : Le Cauchemar de l'Afrique : Essai / Pat Le Gourou

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Ma Nation : De la Degenerescence d'Une Nation et De Sa Renaissance :

Reflexions et Idees Politiques / Manjolo Pepin Guillaume

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220p.

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Au regard du constat sur le dépérissement accéléré de la Nation congolaise à laquelle il tient farouchement, son essai se veut une vibrante plaidoirie en faveur de la liberté et de la responsabilité devant sous-tendre toute démarche intellectuelle de recherche de l'âme congolaise.

Par-delà l'absurdité de l'apathie de la population et la médiocrité de sa classe dirigeante qu'il dénonce à travers une argumentation serrée extraite de la philosophie politique, de l'histoire contemporaine de son pays, du droit et des relations internationales, l'auteur en appelle au surgissement réfléchi d'une personnalité politique consciente des enjeux nationaux, dotée de la qualité indispensable de leader naturel, ayant une nouvelle conception de la notion de « Soldat » congolais.

L'agir impitoyable de ce nouveau Soldat balisera les fondements de la régénérescence du Congo à travers la mise en oeuvre de la révolution conservatrice. Cette nouvelle perspective idéologique rompt avec l'amateurisme politique ambiant ; elle emporte un intérêt immédiat en faveur de l'autodétermination des peuples congolais ainsi qu'elle envisage en même temps les axes de la responsabilité du nouveau Soldat congolais à l'égard des générations futures.

Ainsi bat-il en brèche les idées reçues de la théorie idéologique séculaire et essentialiste de la hiérarchie des races que d'aucuns évoquent de manière simpliste pour justifier la déconfiture des structures organiques de la Nation congolaise.

Dans la même optique, son herméneutique de la réalité politique de son pays se trouve à mille lieues et s'oppose fondamentalement à la lecture erronée de la bien-pensante européocentriste laquelle demeure coincée entre une analyse historique frileuse qui ne se départira que très difficilement des horreurs de l'occupation léopoldienne, de la colonisation belge en Afrique et une idéologie de la surexploitation de l'espace vital congolais par la négation de la qualité d'homme à son propriétaire.

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Politics in a Pandemic: Jacinda Ardern and New Zealand's 2020 Election / Stephen Levine (ed)

Victoria University of Wellington Press, New Zealand 2021

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2020 was a year unlike any other. Still in her first term as prime minister, Jacinda Ardern found herself facing her biggest challenge yet – protecting New Zealanders against a worldwide pandemic. By year's end New Zealand had kept its nerve, protected its borders, and for the most part kept its residents alive and well. In the midst of all this an election was held. *Politics in a Pandemic* provides a deeper understanding of what happened during the election, which was held in the most difficult circumstances facing New Zealand since the Second World War. It includes contributions from the New Zealander of the Year, Jacinda Ardern, and the Wellingtonian of the Year, epidemiologist Professor Michael Baker, as well as the National Party's Judith Collins, Greens' co-leaders James Shaw and Marama Davidson, ACT's leader David Seymour, the Minister for Covid-19 Response Chris Hipkins, and award-winning journalists Tova O'Brien and Henry Cooke, along with many other reporters, pollsters and academics, together providing 35 perspectives on the election. Personal reflections are complemented by UMR survey results, first-hand campaign accounts, the perspectives of overseas observers, and analysis of everything from political cartoons and billboards to leaders debates, political party funding, policy and populism. It covers the departure of New Zealand First, the return of the Māori Party, nationwide referendums on euthanasia and the legalisation of cannabis, and the Christchurch mosque attacks. But ultimately, the 2020 election was a referendum on Jacinda Ardern's leadership in a time of pandemic. This book explains why she won and what this might mean for the country's future.

*Politics in a Pandemic* is the twelfth in a series of election books going back to 1987 – including *The Baubles of Office* (2007), *Kicking the Tyres* (2012), and *Stardust and Substance* (2018) – essential for anyone interested in New Zealand's government and politics.

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Seeking Strategic Convergence : India, South Korea, and Australia in the Indo-Pacific / Evan A Laksmana, Waffaa Kharisma and Rocky Intan

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Do Indo-Pacific countries share common views of their region? Why do some countries develop explicit policies on the Indo-Pacific while others do not? How do regional countries define and defend their interests in the Indo-Pacific? Why do some regional countries align with the Indo-Pacific vision of great powers like the United States while others chart their own path? How do regional countries view the ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP)?

This monograph seeks to answer these questions by examining how India, South Korea, and Australia develop their views of the Indo-Pacific. Specifically, we seek to accomplish two main tasks. First, we seek to assess what drives their Indo-Pacific approaches, how they implement and institutionalize them, and the challenges and opportunities in implementing those approaches. Second, we seek to examine how these three regional countries view the AOIP, their existing engagements with ASEAN, and the broader challenge of developing coherent engagement plans with AOIP. This monograph will also examine the deeper drivers of regional security and consider the different policy options available to engage the Indo-Pacific as well as their opportunities and challenges. This monograph will be of interest to students, analysts, and policymakers seeking to understand the Indo-Pacific strategic theater from the perspective of regional countries, rather than from the US-China vantage point alone.

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Impact Regional Insurgency and Terrorism on Bhutan : Lessons, Possibilities and Engagements / Kinley Wangdi

Kinley Wangdi, Thimphu, Bhutan 2021

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This book is the first of its kind on security and strategic studies on Bhutan based on the author's experience and extensive travel along the southern Indo-Bhutan border. It does not deal with military aspects rather it delves deeper into threats against Bhutan from regional insurgency and terrorism prevailing in other neighbouring countries. The book contains observations and anecdotes that the author has lived with and observed during the southern disturbance in the early 1990s and military operations with Indian insurgents like ULFA, NDFB and KLO. This book presents different threat perspectives and analyses against Bhutan from regional insurgency and terrorism in India, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Though there is no terrorism in Bhutan, countries around it are constantly fighting against insurgency and terrorism directly or indirectly for decades. Lessons from these countries and mega terror events like 9/11 in the US, Mumbai attacks, Kashmir events are discussed in detail and the way these could trigger security threats against Bhutan. Moreover, Bhutan is surrounded by countries with nuclear capabilities and its location is in the hottest security zone of the world. This book presents in-depth discussions on security threats against Bhutan owing to this dangerous location. Threat from long and open Indo-Bhutan border is also presented in detail considering past, present and future security threats from various hostile forces in India's Northeastern states, West Bengal ( Siliguri corridor in particular). Security threats due to the absence of national highways, proliferation in the south and the current border municipal walls installed along the southern border towns are also presented in this book. The author goes to the extent of possible WMD threat against Bhutan and considers construction of border wall right from Sibsoo in extreme southwest to Jomotsangkha in extreme southwest -reality in long future or hypothetical. A special chapter is devoted to the role and leadership of His Majesty the 4th King Jigme Singye Wangchuck during the two-day war with Indian militants. Finally, the housing shortage in Phuentsholing and its effect on security in comparison to BBIN (Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal) agreement is briefly presented. This book is about security history, geostrategic location and border volatility.

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Life and Living in Bhutan Amid Covid-19 Pandemic : Stories and Vignettes from Communities / Gopilal Acharya, Karma Choden and Tashi Dorji (Ed) Needrup Zangpo

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This book contains 39 stories from the communities. The evocative stories recount how individuals from different walks of life have managed to tide over the Covid-19 pandemic through thick and thin. These are people's stories. They are not about public authorities and leadership during the pandemic, but the stellar leadership of His Majesty the King and the Royal Government of Bhutan shines through most stories. Anyone who has closely followed Bhutan's fight against the pandemic will see almost all success stories mirroring His Majesty's visionary leadership. Read together, the stories are a portrait of resilience, solidarity and resourcefulness of Bhutanese people.

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Today, like most countries around the world, Bhutan is looking ahead to re-orient its national strategies in a changed world. This issue of The Druk Journal comes at a time when the country is "reimagining" a future vision for a number of vital areas of growth and development. The articles anticipate governance in critical areas like agriculture, education, health and the national economy. They look at the aspirations of youth and expectations of the elderly. We hope that the thinking and recommendations of well-meaning citizens, observers, and experts bring value to the discourse on nation-building.

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