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Conference Proceedings 2013 : The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya /

Social Science Baha, Nepal 2018

216p.

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340 gm.

This book discusses topics such as cultural politics, caste in contemporary Nepal, decentralizing farmer to farmer, modernity prior to the era of development and many more papers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421736>

Nepal : Corruption Conundrum / Kedar Khadka

Eureka Publication Pvt. Ltd., Nepal 2018

xvi, 172p.

9789937708395

\$ 12.00 / null

250 gm.

Kedar Khadka is a known name in the field of anti-corruption activities like research, advocacy, campaign and civil society movements. His involvement in these activities goes back to more than two decades. He has wide experience working with development partners and as well the government. Fight against corruption requires utmost personal confidence and dedication. He has proved it by his hard work. A book, entitled Nepal: Corruption Conundrum coming from such a personality naturally is enriching in content and wide in coverage. This book would add greatly to the literature on anti-corruption and good governance. Unfortunately, Nepal lags far behind in its achievement in this sector. I highly appreciate the effort made by Khadka in bringing out this book which is yet another milestone in his crusade against corruption and establishment of good governance.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421739>

Sustaining a state in conflict : Politics of foreign aid in Sri Lanka / Sunil Bastian

The International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo 2018

xxxiv, 214p.

Includes Bibliography

9789555802192

\$ 40.00 / null

450 gm.

This study focuses on the politics of foreign aid to Sri Lanka from developed capitalist countries of the West, Japan and multilateral agencies during the period 1977 to the end of the armed conflict between Sri Lankan security forces and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. This period is characterised by economic policies that emphasised openness to global capitalism, markets and the private sector, and an armed conflict resulting from the demand by the Tamil minority for a separate state.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416175>

Till Debt Do Us Part : The Growth of the Global Banking Industry and Its Insidious Effects / Mohd Nazari Ismail

University Malaya Press, Malaysia 2018

xx, 234p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789674880507

\$ 32.00 / null

400 gm.

1. Debt

2. Finance

3. Government publications – Malaysia

This book provides a timely reminder of the problems created by the indebtedness of individuals, corporate entities and countries. It traces the history of the “debt for profit industry” to provide a substantive context for the ensuing discussion, which includes the cyclical economic crises that occur regionally and globally. The analysis goes into some detail regarding the recent crises in SE Asia, Argentina, Africa and many other countries, clearly linking the occurrences with the increasing mountains of debt being incurred. The book also considers the impact of hyper-competition on the growth of debt as well as looking at the role that Islamic Banking could or should be playing as a viable alternative. This well-written and well-researched book opens the door to both reflection and further rigorous research in order to establish viable alternatives to the current debt-based global banking system, which appears to be spiralling out of control. The genie is already out of the bottle; what we can do, however, is to understand better what is happening and to use our knowledge and appreciation of the situation to create an environment of understanding that will help contain and mitigate the terrible consequences of excessive debt. Till Debt Do Us Part helps to guide us along the right path.

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Searching for Work: Small-Scale Mobility and Unskilled Labor in Southeast Asia / Silvia Vignato & Matteo Carlo Alcano

Silkworm Books, Thailand 2018

xii, 300p.

Includes Index

9786162151439

\$ 55.00 / null

480 gm.

More and more, in Southeast Asia, low-skilled labor is expected to be mobile and job-seeking implies leaving. In factories, plantations, fields, extraction, commerce, services, and construction, a whole nebula of low-paid, mostly young, small-scale migrants allows the regional economy to function. This volume brings together a unique collection of bottom-up accounts of the work and life of locally mobile workers who are highly representative in their countries and throughout the region: contractual farmers in Laos, miners, young urban workers in services, construction workers in Indonesia, Filipino shoemakers, and Vietnamese factory workers. The chapters focus on these laborers' gendered ideas of work and life at large but also on the ideology of work they have constructed. In addition to telling these stories, the contributors analyze how ill-defined mobile work leads to lives of structural and symbolic precariousness. In different ways, precarization is questioned as a specific gendered economic policy within neoliberal contexts. The workers' reflexive considerations of their makeshift life projects lead to descriptions of embodied forms of resilience and creativity, however diverse. Through interdisciplinary approaches, heightened attention is paid to the interaction between localities, moral economies, and global neoliberal politics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421713>

Evaluating Varieties of Rice Adapted to Lowland Rainfed Conditions in Central Myanmar : A Farmer Participatory Approach / Khin Swe Hlaing Tun

Regional Center for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (RCSD),
Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand 2016

x, 52p.

9786163981431

\$ 20.00 / null

150 gm.

Owing to traditional farming techniques and uneven rainfall, rice productivity in the central dry zone of Myanmar is low, especially in areas with inherent low soil fertility. Rice production—integral to the socio-cultural and economic lives of the people—is becoming ever more challenging and the people of the area live with constant insecurity and vulnerability. This research is a broad effort to help the farmers of Central Myanmar improve their rice production by reducing production costs and maintaining sustainable, stable yield through adverse environmental conditions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421905>

The Role of General Practitioners in the Myanmar Health Care System : A Study of Private Clinics in Yangon Region, Myanmar / Pyone Mjinzu Lwin

Regional Center for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Chiang Mai University Press, Chiang Mai, Thailand 2016

x, 52p.

9786163981417

\$ 20.00 / null

150 gm.

In this third volume of the UMD series, Pyone Mjinze Lwin conducted qualitative research surveying 15 independent general practitioner clinics, exploring how general practitioners manifest their practice within the constraints of Myanmar's healthcare system, both in relation to patients' experiences dealing with the health care system, and in how patients develop health care preferences for different services.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421904>

A Threatened Identity : Social Structure and Traditional Leadership in Cho Chin Society before Christianity / Salai Myochit

Chiang Mai University Press, Chiang Mai, Thailand 2016

xii, 162p.

9786163981257

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

Salai Myochit—himself an ethnic Chin—conducted a focused ethnographic study on several Cho communities in Chin state. He set out to record the oral history of the Cho Chin people prior to their conversion to Christianity in the 1960's and 1970's. More than just a cultural archive, this research provides insight into the social structure and leadership rituals of a subsistence, community-based society and people with unique practices of status and power, conferred by the possession of the ox-like mithun. This research is especially precious now as these rituals and practices are under serious threat from modernization, globalization, and the government policies of today's Myanmar.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421903>

Factors Influencing the Uses and Effects of Small Loans : The Case of Lamzaang, a Rural Village in Northern Chin State / Cin Khan En Do Pau

Regional Center for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Chiang Mai University, Thailand 2016

xii, 162p.

9786163981189

\$ 20.00 / null

300 gm.

In this –first volume of the Understanding Myanmar's Development series, the author Cin Khan En Do Pau (also known as John takes a deep and methodical look into micro–finance in the community of Lamzaang village. Through careful analysis of the entire process of debt-taking and the provision of small scale loans, John penetrates to the heart of the issues and social context in which villagers decide to enter micro–nance schemes and, in the end, how they utilize that capital—for better or for worse.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421902>

Border Development, Resettlement and Adaptation in a Special Economic Zone : A Case Study of Khuan Village, Tonpheung District, Bo Kaeo Province in Lao PDR / Souksamone Sengchanh , Chayan Vaddhanaphuti

Chiang Mai University Press,Chiang Mai, Thailand 2018

xiv, 104p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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250 gm.

Tonpheung District of Bo Kaeo Province is one of the poorest areas in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), which is one of the World's Least Developed Countries (LDCs). As the district faces major shifts from subsistence agriculture to a market economy, many local villagers have been deeply affected and forced to adapt; some rather successfully and with strenuous- if not continuing-difficulty,

Khuan Village is one site of specific and influential economic change, In hopes of participating in the neoliberal global economy, the lao PDR government has adopted a strategy of constructing Special Economic Zone (SEZs), where economic policies-unique to the rest of the country -foster economic growth. This case study investigates the SEZ in Tonpheung District and analyzes the effects of new economic enterprises on the livelihoods and quality of life of locals in Khuan Village. Most families received little to no legal assistance in the negotiation processes for thier land and resources; the result is that most locals did not, or feel they di not, receive appropriate compensation, This study focuses on how the amount of financial and social capital possessed by a family prior to the changes caused by SEZ policies has directly affected thier ability to adapt to these changes and form new livelihood.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421909>

Shifting Identities : Perceptions and Experiences of the Burmese Nepali Diaspora in Urban Chiang Mai, Thailand / Chayan Vaddhanaphuti

Chiang Mai University Press,Chiang Mai, Thailand 2018

xx, 186p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
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380 gm.

- 1.Cultural relations
- 2.Burmese
- 3.Rural-urban migration

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421908>

Burmese Migrant Domestic Workers : Tactics of Negotiation of Muslim Female Domestic Workers in the Chang Klan Community of Chiang Mai, Thailand // Duangkamon Doncha-Um

Chiang Mai University Press,Chiang Mai, Thailand 2018

xiii, 120p.

9786163983442

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280 gm.

Burmese Muslim female migrant domestic workers live their lives in a host society—the predominantly Muslim Chang Klan neighborhood of Chiang Mai city in northern Thailand. These women seek to transform their vulnerable, marginalized identities as Burmese (race), Muslims (religion), migrants (migration status), domestic workers

(class), and women (gender) into social capital via various tactics of negotiation in the community in which they have resettled.

Although these women are frequently subject to exploitation from their employers, host society, and the Thai state due to their stigmatized and marginalized identities, they are not simply victims and passive agents of structures of inequality. In their daily lives these women employ various methods to turn their ethnic identity as Burmese, religious identity as Muslim, and gender identity as women into forms of social capital. Despite holding “weak” positions in unequal structures, they manage to use their class and migration status as tactics of negotiation to further their goals of upward mobility.

The setting of the Chang Klan Muslim migrant enclave community helps to facilitate the lives of Burmese Muslim female migrants, and has become a space of exception for Burmese Muslim migrants, where they are increasingly able to fulfill their religious, economic, and social aspirations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421907>

Changes and Challenges : The Khami Chin People of Southern Chin State and Their Adaptive Livelihood Strategies / Kyin Lam Mang

Regional Center for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Chiang Mai University, Thailand 2017

x, 82p.

9786163981868

\$ 20.00 / null

150 gm.

In this fifth volume of the Understanding Myanmar’s Development series, anthropologist Kyin Lam Mang—himself an ethnic Chin—has conducted an extended case study of the Khami Chin people of the Sami area of Myanmar’s southwestern Chin State. In the past the Khami Chin made their livelihood through shifting subsistence cultivation, using natural resources of the area and largely left alone by the Burmese state. The modern era—beginning with British colonization—has wrought drastic cultural, economic, and environmental changes on the Khami Chin way of life.

Kyin Lam Mang takes a holistic look at how political and economic policies and administrative mismanagement of the last three decades, compounded by ecological degradation and a natural disaster called the mautam crisis in 2010, have resulted in grinding poverty and a host of transformations to the community’s cultural practice, livelihood, and well-being.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421906>

Rethinking Development Studies in Southeast Asia : State of Knowledge and Challenges / Victor T. King

Regional Center for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (RCSD),
Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University Press, Thailand 2016

vii, 84p.

9786163981387

\$ 25.00 / HB

200 gm.

This is a compilation of a forum exploring the development of DS (development studies) in Southeast Asia. Should it be an academic field or a process and network for knowledge sharing? What should be the curriculum, implementation and research areas of DS and how should it be balanced? It is undeniable that DS in Southeast Asia is a multi-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary approach that requires cross-border cooperation. King's article explores the evolution of DS; Salemik reflects on the positioning of today's DS; Kim discusses the possibilities of South Korea's DS; and finally, Middleton links DS to the cross-disciplinary actors who teach the course.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421910>

The Philippine Economy: No Longer the East Asian Exception? / Ramon L. Clarete, Emmanuel F. Esguerra & Hal Hill (ed)

ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2018

xxxvi, 440p.

Includes Index

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600 gm.

1. Philippine – Economic conditions – 1946-1986
2. Philippine – Economic conditions – 1986-
3. Poverty – Philippines
4. Infrastructure (Economics) – Philippines
5. Urbanization – Philippines
6. Education – Philippines
7. Public health – Philippines
8. Philippines – Environmental conditions
9. Energy security – Philippines
10. Investments – Philippines
11. Philippines – Politic and government – 1986-

In this volume, a leading group of scholars pose the question, has the Philippine economy rejoined the dynamic East Asian mainstream and, if so, what set of policies and priorities are required to maintain the strong economic momentum of recent years? Successive chapters address issues related to growth and poverty, infrastructure and urbanization, education, health, the environment, energy, development finance, and governance and institutions.

This volume has been written with a broad audience in mind. First and foremost it is for readers in, and interested in, this fascinating and important country with a population that now exceeds 100 million people. Second, it will appeal to those in the broader development community with an interest in the analytical and policy challenges that democratic, middle-income countries face as they struggle to lift their citizens out of poverty and to achieve broad-based and environmentally sustainable growth.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422033>

Ensuring A Square Meal: Women And Food Security In Southeast Asia / Theresa W. Devasahayam

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., Singapore 2018

252p.

9789813231894

\$ 45.00 / HB

Research on women and food security in Southeast Asia has been limited. The collection of chapters in *Ensuring a Square Meal: Women and Food Security in Southeast Asia* is one of the first attempts at providing a lens into the linkages between women and food security at the household, community, national and transnational levels. More broadly, the chapters examine women's contribution to the food security of households, resource distribution to produce food, and the purchasing power to buy food. In analysing the various facets to food security in relation to gender, the analyses focus on women and food security within the meanings of "private" and "public", and the extent to which the effects of the two spheres spill over into each other. Given women's critical role in food and agricultural production and provision, *Ensuring a Square Meal: Women and Food Security in Southeast Asia* assesses the structural forces that enable women to access productive resources and, in turn, ensure sustainable strategies for food security at the household level.

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