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WITH JAMIE DAVIDSON, TERENCE LEE, AND CHEN AN



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[Introduction]

FASS Bookshare celebrates and showcases books authored by faculty members who have dedicated years of research into their publications.

In previous years **Bookshare** has highlighted '*Books with an Asian Focus*', '*Books by our Young Scholars*', '*Books on Asian mobility, power, and representation*', and '*Books on India and Indians*'. The fifth edition of **Bookshare** focuses on '*Books on Asian Nations in the Discipline of Political Science*' published during the past year. Today three faculty members will share their research experiences and motivations, they are:

Dr. Jamie S. Davidson

Dr. Terence Lee

Dr. An Chen

Please read on for more information about their books.

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Indonesia's Changing Political Economy: Governing the Roads

Cambridge University Press

Dr. Jamie S. Davidson

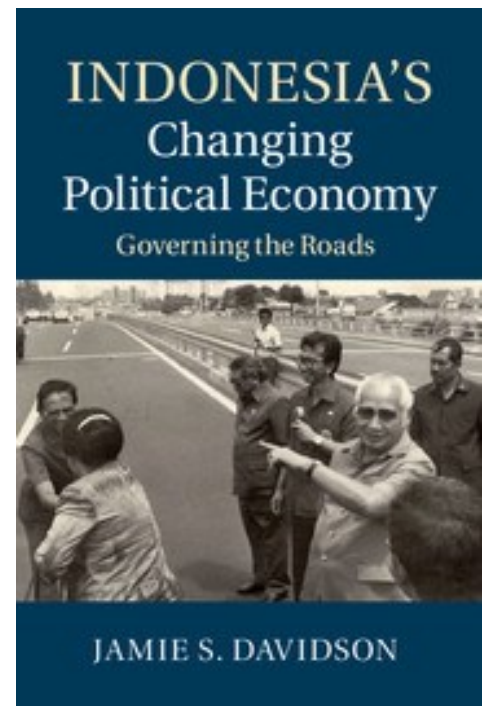
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Indonesia is Southeast Asia's largest economy and freest democracy yet vested interests and local politics serve as formidable obstacles to infrastructure reform. In this critical analysis of the politics

inhibiting infrastructure investment, Jamie S. Davidson utilizes evidence from his research, press reports and rarely used consultancy studies to challenge mainstream explanations for low investment rates and the sluggish adoption of liberalizing reforms. He argues that obstacles have less to do with weak formal institutions and low fiscal capacities of the state than with entrenched, rent-seeking interests, misaligned central-local government relations, and state-society struggles over land. Using a political-sociological approach, Davidson demonstrates that 'getting the politics right' matters as much as getting the prices right or putting the proper institutional safeguards in place for infrastructure development.



Jamie S. Davidson moved to Yogyakarta after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. He did his Masters at SOAS at the University of London, and later received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Washington. Dr Davidson subsequently joined the Asia Research Institute as a post-doc. After a second post-doc in Leiden, he returned to NUS as an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. He is currently working on a research project that compares rice policy (and its politics) in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

Defect or Defend: Military Responses to Popular Protests in Authoritarian Asia

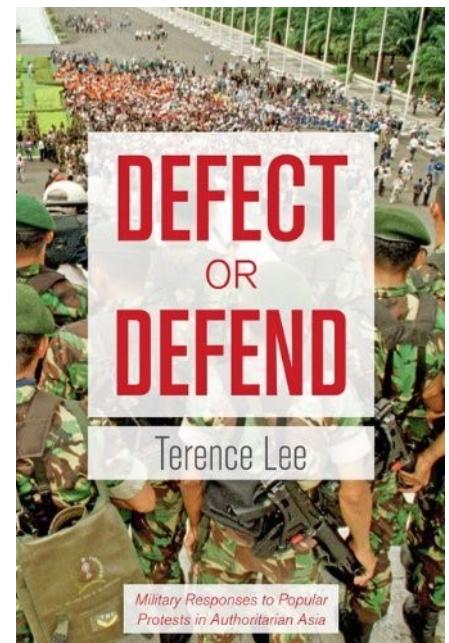
Johns Hopkins University Press

Dr. Terence Lee

Associate Professor

Department of Political Science

Although social movements and media can help destabilize authoritarian governments, not all social protest is effective or culminates in the toppling of dictatorships. Frequently, the military's response determines the outcome. In *Defect or Defend*, Terence Lee uses four case studies from Asia to provide insight into the military's role during the transitional phase of regime change. Lee compares popular uprisings in the Philippines and Indonesia—both of which successfully engaged military support to bring down authoritarian rule—with protest movements in China and Burma which were violently suppressed by military forces. Lee's theory of "high personalism" and power-sharing among the armed forces leadership provides a framework for understanding the critical transitory phases of democratization. He uses this theory to review and assess Eastern Europe's democratization events in 1989, the Colored Revolutions of the early 2000s, and the protests and revolutions unfolding in the Middle East.



Terence Lee joined the NUS Dept. of Political Science in 2008. He specializes in the study of civil-military relations, military organizations, and international security. Dr. Lee was previously Assistant Professor at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU and Postdoctoral Fellow in National Security Studies at Harvard's John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies. He earned his Ph.D. and M.A degrees in Political Science from the University of Washington and holds a M.Sc. in Strategic Studies from NTU and a Bachelor of Arts (Distinction) degree in Political Science and Southeast Asian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Lee twice received the FASS Teaching Excellence Award and the NUS Annual Teaching Excellence Award (2013, 2014).

The Transformation of Governance in Rural China: Market, Finance, and Political Authority

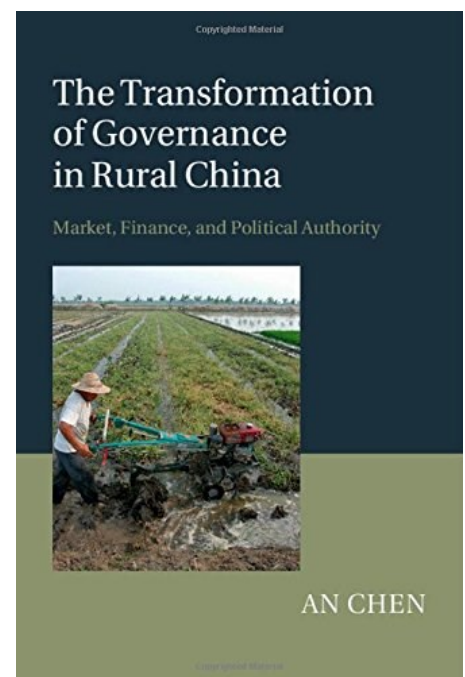
Cambridge University Press

Dr. Chen An

Associate Professor

Department of Political Science

The outbreak of organised, violent peasant protests across the Chinese countryside from the late 1990s to early 2000s has attracted much scholarly interest. In this study, An Chen endeavours to understand from these protests the question of the Chinese government's control in the countryside and the impact of this violent resistance on China's rural governance in the context of market liberalisation. Utilising extensive field research and data collected from surveys across rural China, the book provides an in-depth exploration of how rural governance in China has been transformed following two major tax reforms: the tax-for-free reform of 2002–2004, and the abolition of agricultural taxes (AAT) in 2005–2006. In a multidimensional analysis which combines approaches from political science, economics, finance and sociology, Chen argues that private economic power has merged with political power in a way that has reshaped village governance in China, threatening to fundamentally change its political structure.



Chen An (陈安) (LL.M., M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.) received his Ph.D in political science from Yale University in 1993. He is also a former senior research fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing, China). Dr. Chen studies China's political and economic reforms, its rural politics, its modern political history, and its social stratification, as well as class politics, democratization, comparative study of political developments in East Asia, models of democratic transition and consolidation, and democratic theory.

Department of Chinese Studies

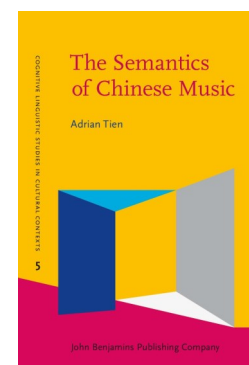
The Semantics of Chinese Music:

Analysing selected Chinese musical concepts

Adrian Tien

John Benjamins

Music is a widely enjoyed human experience. It is, therefore, natural that we have wanted to describe, document, analyse and, somehow, grasp it in language. This book surveys a representative selection of musical concepts in Chinese language, i.e. words that describe, or refer to, aspects of Chinese music. Important as these musical concepts are in the language, they have been in wide circulation since ancient times without being subjected to any serious semantic analysis. The current study is the first known attempt at analysing these Chinese musical concepts linguistically, adopting the Natural Semantic Metalanguage (NSM) approach to formulate semantically and cognitively rigorous explications. Readers will be able to better understand not only these musical concepts but also significant aspects of the Chinese culture which many of these musical concepts represent. This volume contributes to the fields of cognitive linguistics, semantics, music, musicology and Chinese studies, offering readers a fresh account of Chinese ways of thinking, not least Chinese ways of viewing or appreciating music. Ultimately, this study represents trailblazing research on the relationship between language, culture and cognition.



The Education Gap between China and the Western World

Shi Yuzhi

Jiangxi Education Press

How do we boost one's creativity? How do we nurture talents who are globally influential? These are two critical challenges faced by China's education system today. Through comparison with the developed West, this book will seek to highlight the current state of China's education system and pinpoint the gap and differences between the Chinese way of education and those of western countries that have long been regarded as more educationally advanced and successful. This is in the hope of changing the values, ethos, and mindsets underlying the current Chinese system and reinforcing the need for a reform in order for China to tackle these challenges successfully.

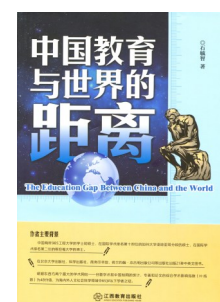


Chinese Language: the Software of Chinese People's Thinking

Shi Yuzhi

Jiangxi Education Press

The Chinese language crystallizes the wisdom of the Chinese people, reflecting five thousand years of Chinese civilization. Through an examination of the language, this book introduces the characteristic thought processes and cultural achievements of the Chinese people. The Chinese language is the software of Chinese people's thinking, inextricably linked to how people accept information, think about problems, come to conclusions and decide on actions. Written in an engaging style and replete with interesting examples, this book describes, among other things, the history of the Chinese language, its evolution in different locales, and its vocabulary and grammar. In the process, it reveals how the language influences people's cognitive processes, explains the aesthetics of the language and the literary forms that result, and discusses the importance of the mother tongue in intellectual development and talent cultivation. All Chinese should have an understanding of their mother tongue which forms the basis for personal cultivation. This book will serve to deepen one's understanding and command of the Chinese language.

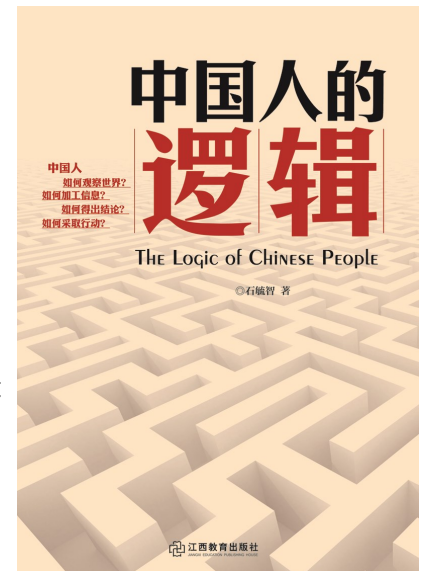


The Logic of Chinese People

Shi Yuzhi

Jiangxi Education Press

Aside from discussing the various principles of thought that the process of scientific exploration should adhere to, this book also pays particular attention to how the Chinese people process information and how they tend to make observations from a certain angle and employ certain normative frameworks in decision making when facing a situation or dealing with a matter. These are deeply rooted in the principles of thought of the Han Chinese, influencing their cognition and behaviour. An important point of discussion includes cognitive habits that should be re-examined as they have a negative effect on talent development, limiting the improvement of the cultural standard of the Chinese people, the development of science and technology and the increase in the country's international competitiveness.

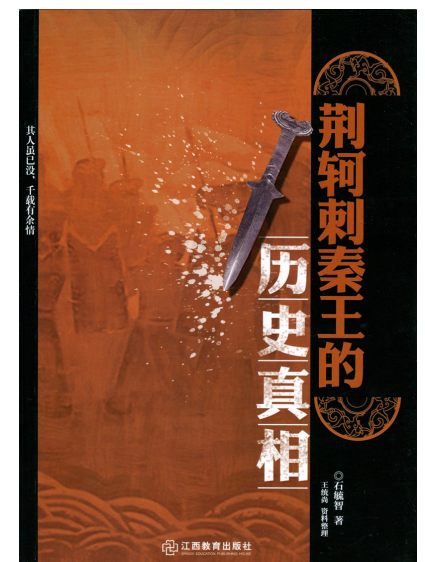


The Truth of Jing Ke's Assassinating King Qin

Shi Yuzhi

Jiangxi Education Press

With a refreshing layout, unique viewpoints and romantic language that captures the spirit of the age, this book offers a correction of misinterpretations of the Jing Ke incident that have occurred over the dynasties, providing detailed and concise analyses and presenting an incisive and insightful overview.



Children and War: Culture, Nation and Education in Modern China, 1937-1945

Xu Lanjun

Peking University Press

Based on the notion that children are the focal point of the discourse system of various cultural constructions, this book analyzes important topics in modern Chinese literature and the cultural field from 1937 to 1945 that revolve around the theme of "children and the war of resistance", such as education for national salvation as well as colonial and wartime education for the masses. Current research on children in academia in contemporary China has been largely limited to the specific genre of children's literature. Hence, based on a more diverse array of popular culture materials that range from comics, movies, children's games, children's writings to wartime magazines, this book examines the cultural history and the history of social thought of mid and late twentieth century.



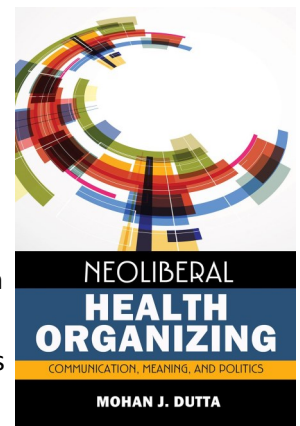
Department of Communications and New Media

Neoliberal Health Organizing: Communication, Meaning, and Politics

Mohan J. Dutta

Left Coast Press

Mohan J. Dutta closely interrogates the communicative forms and practices that have been central to the establishment of neoliberal governance. In particular, he examines cultural discourses of health in relationship to the market and the health implications of these cultural discourses. Using examples from around the world, he explores the roles of public-private partnerships, NGOs, militaries, and new technologies in reinforcing the link between market and health. Identifying the taken-for-granted assumptions that constitute the foundations of global neoliberal organizing, he offers an alternative strategy for a grassroots-driven participatory form of global organizing of health. This inventive theoretical volume speaks to those in critical communication, in health research, in social policy, and in contemporary political economy studies.



Department of English Language and Literature

The Language of Organizational Styling

Lionel Wee

Cambridge University Press

The ways in which commercial organizations and service providers 'style' themselves – creating the image they wish to portray to their potential consumers – is a long-established area of research in the fields of sociology and business studies. However language also plays an important role in organizational styling, something which until now has been largely overlooked in the literature. This is the first book-length study of the linguistics of organizational styling, looking at the language and semiotic resources used by holiday resorts, pharmaceutical companies, restaurants and insurance companies in order to project their identities, and style themselves. It discusses in detail a number of case studies and presents an innovative take on the notion of style, as well as bringing together work from linguistics, business studies and sociology.

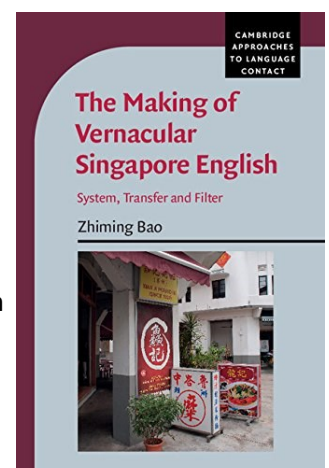


The Making of Vernacular Singapore English: System, Transfer, and Filter

Bao Zhiming

Cambridge University Press

Singapore English is a focal point across the many subfields of linguistics, as its semantic, syntactic and phonetic/phonological qualities tell us a great deal about what happens when very different types of language come together. Sociolinguists are also interested in the relative status of Singapore English compared to other languages in the country. This book charts the history of Singapore English and explores the linguistic, historical and social factors that have influenced the variety as it is spoken today. It identifies novel grammatical features of the language, discusses their structure and function, and traces their origins to the local languages of Singapore. It places grammatical system and usage at the core of analysis, and shows that introspective and corpus data are complementary.

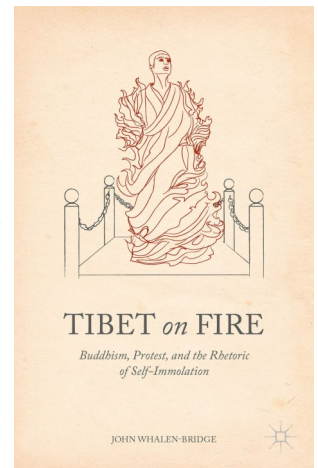


Tibet on Fire: Buddhism, Protest, and the Rhetoric of Self-Immolation

John Whalen-Bridge

Palgrave Macmillan

Extreme conditions lead to extreme protest, and contradictions between the Buddhist-inflected rhetoric of non-harm and the agony of self-immolation have been accounted for variously. The interpreters reate descriptions that reflect, select, and sometimes deflect the reality of the burning corpse, calling attention to a certain place and time. In this volume, John Whalen-Bridge applies Kenneth Burke's interpretive suggestions to the phenomenon of a Buddhist-inflected self-immolation movement. *Tibet on Fire* considers the possibility that the self-burnings could be interpreted as an extension of the struggle that constitutes part of what Kenneth Burke called a 'logomachy.' The volume seeks to: open up the possibility of multiple motivations, explain the significance of shifting contexts, and explore the pervasive substitutions in which the self-immolator and the Dalai Lama trade places in attempts to understand the Tibetan situation.

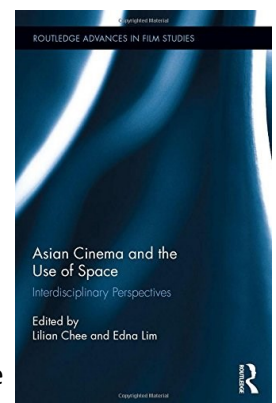


Asian Cinema and the Use of Space: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Edited by Lilian Chee and Edna Lim

Routledge

Asian cinemas are connected to global networks and participate in producing international film history while at the same time influenced and engaged by spatial, cultural, social and political transformations. This interdisciplinary study forwards a productive pairing of Asian cinemas and space, where space is used as a discursive tool to understand cinemas of Asia. Concentrating on the performative potential of cinematic space in Asian films, the contributors discuss how space (re)constructs forms of identities and meanings across a range of cinematic practices. Cities, landscapes, buildings and interiors actively shape cinematic performances of such identities and their significances. The essays are structured around the spatial themes of ephemeral, imagined and contested spaces. They deal with struggles for identity, belonging, autonomy and mobility within different national and transnational contexts across East, Southeast and parts of South Asia in particular, which are complicated by micropolitics and subcultures, and by the interventions and interests of global lobbies.

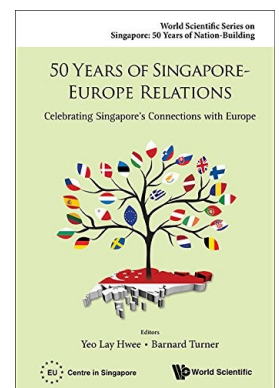


50 Years of Singapore-Europe Relations: Celebrating Singapore's Connections with Europe

Edited by Yeo Lay Hwee and Barnard Turner

World Scientific

As Singapore enters its 50th year of independence, it is a good time to reflect on its past as well as look to the future. *50 Years of Singapore-Europe Relations: Celebrating Singapore's Connections with Europe* is one such contribution to the wide collection of books commemorating Singapore's 50th birthday. The essays and articles in this edited volume capture historical moments, reveal the heartfelt wishes and thoughtful comments of Europeans who have made Singapore home, chronicle some of the long-standing partnerships and ponder the future challenges of Singapore. This unique book contains a wide range of essays and articles reflecting on the strong connections that Singapore enjoys with Europe, not only at the official level, but also through the contributions that Europeans and European companies have made - and continue to make—which enrich Singaporean society. These essays provide a kaleidoscope of views on Singapore—they explore how close ties and partnerships are forged between nations, how businesses see Singapore as a trustworthy partner and place to invest and establish roots, and, at a more personal level, the articles also present different perspectives on the strengths, and at times, the weaknesses of Singapore as viewed through the eyes of Europeans who live and work in Singapore and consider it as their home. In commemorating Singapore's 50th birthday, this book will add to the understanding of the richness and diversity of Singapore society, and help readers appreciate and reflect on how openness and connectivity have contributed to the success of the Singapore in its first 50 years.



Department of Economics

Managerial Economics, 5th Edition

Ivan Png

Routledge



The new fifth edition of *Managerial Economics* is an ideal text for any course focusing on the practical application of micro-economic principles to management. It includes fresh up-to-date discussion questions from all over the world and is enhanced with detailed instructor supplements. The book is a popular, useful choice for managers learning economics.

An accompanying website, featuring a wealth of supplementary material, is available at <https://sites.google.com/site/pngecon/>

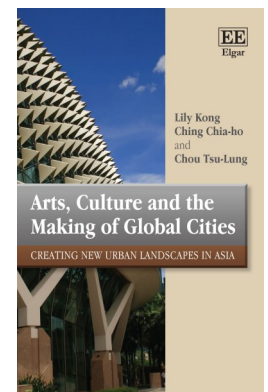
Department of Geography

Arts, Culture and the Making of Global Cities:

Creating New Urban Landscapes in Asia

Lily Kong, Chia-ho Ching, and Tsu-Lung Chou

Edward Elgar



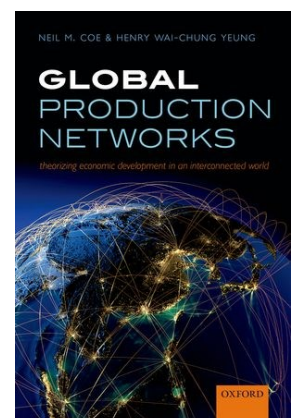
While global cities have mostly been characterized as sites of intensive and extensive economic activity, the quest for global city status also increasingly rests on the creative production and consumption of culture and the arts. *Arts, Culture and the Making of Global Cities* examines such ambitions and projects undertaken in five major cities in Asia: Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Taipei and Singapore. Providing a thorough comparison of their urban imaging strategies and attempts to harness arts and culture, as well as more organically evolved arts activities and spaces, this book analyses the relative successes and failures of these cities. Offering rich ethnographic detail drawn from extensive fieldwork, the authors challenge city strategies and existing urban theories about cultural and creative clusters and reveal the many complexities in the art of city-making.

Global Production Networks:

Theorizing Economic Development in an Interconnected World

Neil Coe and Henry Yeung

Oxford University Press



Accelerating processes of economic globalization have fundamentally reshaped the organization of the global economy towards much greater integration and functional interdependence through cross-border economic activity. In this interconnected world system, a new form of economic organization has emerged: Global Production Networks (GPNs). This brings together a wide array of economic actors, most notably capitalist firms, state institutions, labour unions, consumers and non-government organizations, in the transnational production of economic value.

National and sub-national economic development in this highly interdependent global economy can no longer be conceived of, and understood within, the distinct territorial boundaries of individual countries and regions. Instead, global production networks are organizational platforms through which actors in these different national or regional economies compete and cooperate for a larger share of the creation, transformation, and capture of value through transnational economic activity. They are also vehicles for transferring the value captured between different places.

Challenging Southeast Asian Development: The shadows of success

Jonathan Rigg

Routledge

Over the course of the last half century, the growth economies of Southeast Asia – Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam – have transformed themselves into middle income countries. This book looks at how the very success of these economies has bred new challenges, novel problems, and fresh tensions, including the fact that particular individuals, sectors and regions have been marginalised by these processes.

Contributing to discussions of policy implications, the book melds endogenous and exogenous approaches to thinking about development paths, re-frames Asia's model(s) of growth and draws out the social, environmental, political and economic side-effects that have arisen from growth. An interesting analysis of the problems that come alongside development's achievements, this book is an important contribution to Southeast Asian Studies, Development Studies and Environmental Studies.



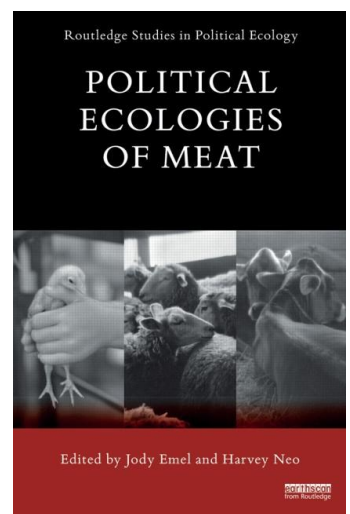
Political Ecologies of Meat

Edited by Jody Emel and Harvey Neo

Earthscan (from Routledge)

Livestock production worldwide is increasing rapidly, in part due to economic growth and demand for meat in industrializing countries. Yet there are many concerns about the sustainability of increased meat production and consumption, from perspectives including human health, animal welfare, climate change and environmental pollution. This book tackles the key issues of contemporary meat production and consumption through a lens of political ecology, which emphasizes the power relations producing particular social, economic and cultural interactions with non-human nature. Three main topics are addressed: the political ecology of global livestock production trends; changes in production systems around the world and their implications for environmental justice; and existing and emerging governance strategies for meat production and consumption systems and their implications.

Case studies of different systems at varying scales are included, drawn from Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe. The book includes an editorial introduction to set the context and synthesize key messages for the reader.



Transnational Labour Migration, Remittances and the Changing Family in Asia

Edited by Lan Anh Hoang and Brenda S. A. Yeoh

Palgrave Macmillan

The authors investigate the inter-relationships between migrant remittances and the family in Asia. By treating remittances not simply as economic activities but as complex and nuanced transnational processes that embody values and relations transcending national boundaries, they reveal how remittances reconstitute the family structures and relations in which these are embedded. The focus of the research is on 'transient' low-waged labourers whose circular mobility entails unique sets of meanings and expectations. The contributors argue that, in the context of Asian transnational labour migration where remittances tend to become a primary currency of care, the making or breaking of the family unit is essentially contingent on how individuals handle remittance processes. The case studies featured in this edited collection enrich our thinking about migrant remittances as a major driver of social change and at the same time bring up important questions about meanings and purpose of the family in an increasingly mobile world.



Department of History

Cold War Crucible: The Korean Conflict and the Postwar World

Masuda Hajimu

Harvard University Press

The end of World War II did not mean the arrival of peace. The major powers faced social upheaval at home, while anticolonial wars erupted around the world. American–Soviet relations grew chilly, but the meaning of the rivalry remained disputable. *Cold War Crucible* reveals the Korean War as the catalyst for a new postwar order. The conflict led people to believe in the Cold War as a dangerous reality, a belief that would define the fears of two generations.

In the international arena, North Korea's aggression was widely interpreted as the beginning of World War III. At the domestic level, the conflict generated a wartime logic that created dividing lines between "us" and "them," precipitating waves of social purges to stifle dissent. The United States allowed McCarthyism to take root; Britain launched anti-labor initiatives; Japan conducted its Red Purge; and China cracked down on counterrevolutionaries. These attempts to restore domestic tranquility were not a product of the Cold War, Masuda Hajimu shows, but driving forces in creating a mindset for it. Alarmed by the idea of enemies from within and faced with the notion of a bipolar conflict that could quickly go from chilly to nuclear, ordinary people and policymakers created a fantasy of a Cold War world in which global and domestic order was paramount. In discovering how policymaking and popular opinion combined to establish and propagate the new postwar reality, *Cold War Crucible* offers a history that reorients our understanding of what the Cold War really was.

Cold War Crucible

The Korean Conflict and the Postwar World

Masuda Hajimu

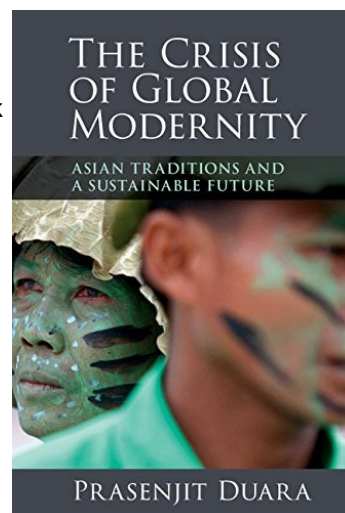


The Crisis of Global Modernity: Asian Traditions and a Sustainable Future

Prasenjit Duara

Cambridge University Press

In this major new study, Prasenjit Duara expands his influential theoretical framework to present circulatory, transnational histories as an alternative to nationalist history. Duara argues that the present day is defined by the intersection of three global changes: the rise of non-western powers, the crisis of environmental sustainability and the loss of authoritative sources of what he terms transcendence—the ideals, principles and ethics once found in religions or political ideologies. The physical salvation of the world is becoming—and must become—the transcendent goal of our times, but this goal must transcend national sovereignty if it is to succeed. Duara suggests that a viable foundation for sustainability might be found in the traditions of Asia, which offer different ways of understanding the relationship between the personal, ecological and universal. These traditions must be understood through the ways they have circulated and converged with contemporary developments.

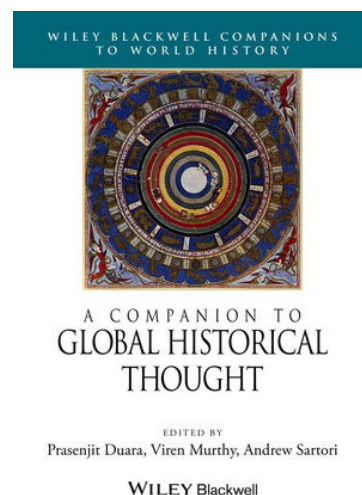


A Companion to Global Historical Thought

Edited by Prasenjit Duara, Viren Murthy, and Andrew Sartori

Wiley-Blackwell

A Companion to Global Historical Thought provides an in-depth overview of the development of historical thinking from the earliest times to the present, across the world, directly addressing the issues of historical thought in a globalized context.

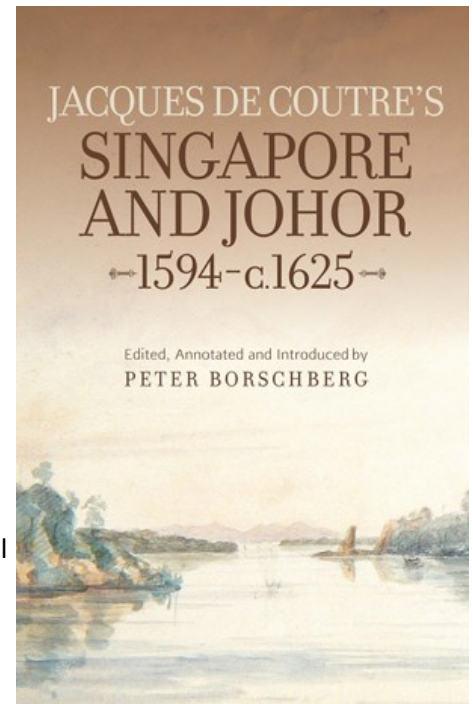


Jacques de Coutre's Singapore and Johor, 1594-c. 1625

Edited, Annotated, and Introduced by Peter Borschberg
NUS Press

The Flemish gem trader Jacques de Coutre visited Southeast Asia in the early 17th century, and his lengthy account of his experiences provides a glimpse of Singapore, Johor and the Straits of Melaka during an era for which little written material has survived. This special edition, which presents highlights from the full translation, is designed to provide students, teachers and the wider public with a glimpse of this tumultuous region when it was still controlled by local rulers, and Western colonialism was just gaining a foothold. The author describes dangerous intrigues involving fortune hunters and schemers, as well as local rulers and couriers, adventures that on several occasions nearly cost him his life.

The manuscripts come from a bundle of documents preserved at the National Library of Spain in Madrid that includes De Coutre's autobiography and several memorials to the Crowns of Spain and Portugal. Chapters from the autobiography have been excerpted from book I, which covers the writer's life in Southeast Asia between 1593 and 1603. A glossary and list of place names provide information about officials, goods and places mentioned in the text that will be unfamiliar to readers of English.



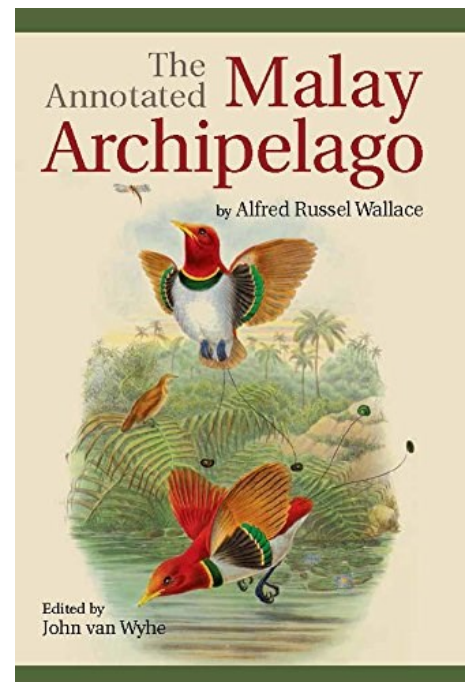
The Annotated Malay Archipelago by Alfred Russel Wallace

Edited by John van Wyhe
NUS Press

The Malay Archipelago, the classic account of Victorian naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace's travels through Southeast Asia, first appeared in 1869 and has been much loved by generations of readers ever since. Despite numerous modern reprints with appreciative introductions, this edition is the first - long overdue - fully annotated version to appear in English. The treasure trove of new information it contains illuminates *The Malay Archipelago* like never before.

Through an examination of the historical context, the editor reveals new aspects of Wallace's life, his sources and the original meanings of this famous book. Following conventions of the time, Wallace often left people, places and publications unidentified, and he referred to most species only by the scientific name current in the 19th century, terms that are unintelligible to most readers today. John van Wyhe's explanatory notes, running into the hundreds, provide the common names for species and update their scientific names. People, places and other details that Wallace mentions have been tracked down and identified.

The book famously raises provocative questions, but did tigers actually "kill on an average a Chinaman every day" in Singapore during the 1850s? Did a Dutch Governor General really commit suicide by leaping from a waterfall in Celebes? John van Wyhe deals with these and many other matters by comparing the text of *The Malay Archipelago* with Wallace's letters, notebooks and a wealth of other contemporary sources. Greatly enriched by an extensive introduction, explanations that make the book accessible to modern readers, a detailed itinerary of Wallace's voyage and a full bibliography of related materials, this is the definitive edition of Wallace's great work.

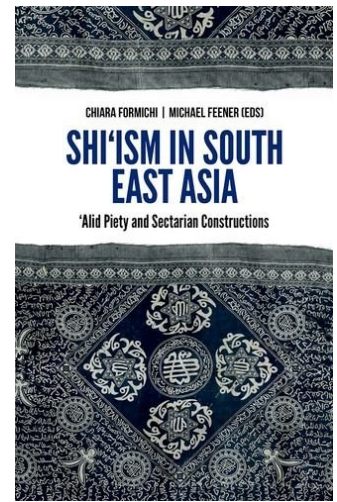


Shi'ism in South East Asia: 'Alid Piety and Sectarian Constructions

Edited by Michael Feener and Chiara Formichi

Oxford University Press

This is the first work available in any language to extensively document and critically discuss traditions of 'Alid piety and their modern contestations in the region. The concept of 'Alid piety allows for a reframing of our views on the widespread reverence for 'Ali, Fatima and their progeny that emphasizes how such sentiments and associated practices are seen as part of broad traditions shared by many Muslims, which might or might not have their origins in a specifically Shi'a identity. In doing so, it facilitates the movement of academic discussions out from under the shadow of polemical sectarian discourses on 'Shi'ism' in Southeast Asia. The chapters include presentations of new material from previously unpublished early manuscript sources from Muslim vernacular literatures in the Malay, Javanese, Sundanese, Acehnese and Bugis languages, as well as rich new ethnography from across the region. These studies engage with cultural, intellectual, and performative traditions, as well as the ways in which 'Alid piety has been transformed in relation to more strictly sectarian identifications since the Iranian revolution in 1979.



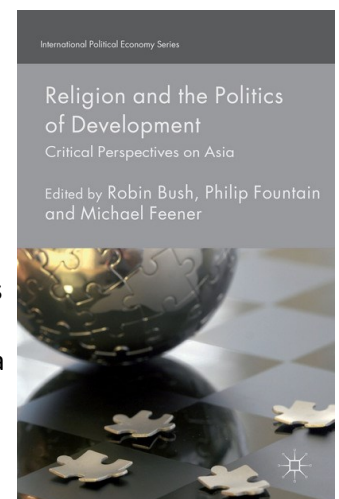
Religion and the Politics of Development:

Critical Perspectives on Asia

Edited by Philip Fountain, Robin Bush, and Michael Feener

Palgrave Macmillan

Eschewing tired doctrines of strict demarcation between development, religion and politics, this volume takes up the task of critically analysing this triple nexus. The chapters brought together in this landmark collection draw on detailed empirical studies from around contemporary Asia. Through their engagements with Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, and secularism, among other traditions, the chapters argue persuasively for a new research agenda that attends to the ways in which development, religion, and politics are dynamically interconnected. In doing so, they deploy innovative conceptual approaches that rework taken-for-granted frames.



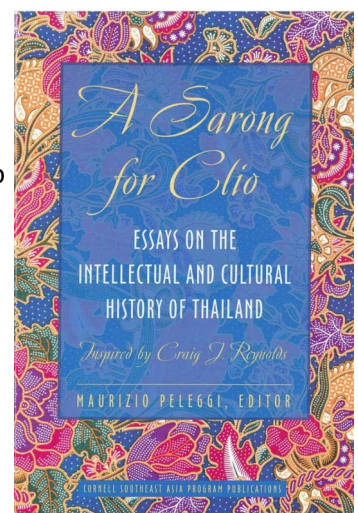
A Sarong for Clio: Essays on the Intellectual and Cultural History of Thailand

—Inspired by Craig J. Reynolds

Edited by Maurizio Peleggi

Cornell University Press—Southeast Asia Program Publications

A Sarong for Clio testifies to an ongoing intellectual dialogue between its ten contributors and Craig J. Reynolds, who inspired these essays. Conceived as a tribute to an innovative scholar, dedicated teacher, and generous colleague, it is this volume's ambition to make a concerted intervention on Thai historiography—and Thai studies more generally—by pursuing in new directions ideas that figure prominently in Reynolds's scholarship. The writings gathered here revolve around two prominent themes in Reynolds's scholarship: the nexus of historiography and power, and Thai political and business cultures—often so intertwined as to be difficult to separate. The chapters examine different types of historical texts, Thai political discourse and political culture, and the media production of consumer culture.



International Migration and Development in South Asia

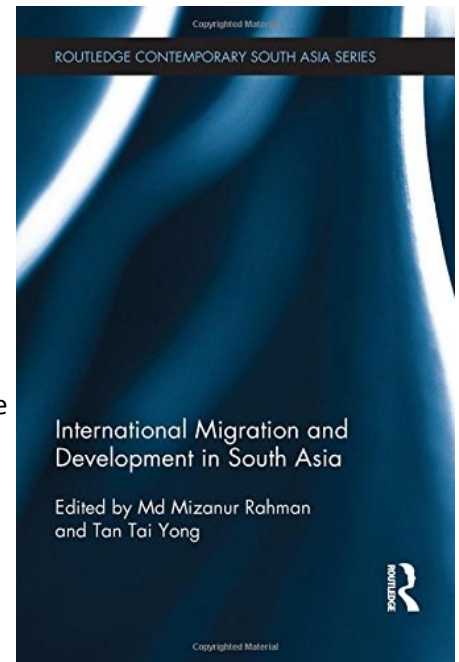
Edited by Md Mizanur Rahman and Tan Tai Yong

Routledge

In migration studies, the nexus between migration and development in the global South has been meticulously debated. However, a unanimous resolution to this debate has not been found, due to the ever-changing nature of international migration. This book advances knowledge on the global debate on the migration-development relationship by documenting experiences in a number of countries in South Asia.

Drawing on the experiences of global South Asians, this volume documents the impact of migration on the social, economic, and political fields in the broader context of development. It also presents a regional experience by looking into the migration-development nexus in the context of South Asia, and analyses the role South Asian migrants and diaspora communities play in the South Asian society. Contributions from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, including sociology, anthropology, political science, international relations and economics, document the development implications of South Asian migration.

Broad in scope in terms of contents, timeline of migration, and geographical coverage, the book presents empirically-based case studies involving India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Nepal and their emigrants living and working in different parts of the world. Going beyond reporting the impacts of migration on economic development by highlighting the implications of 'social development' on society, this book provides a fascinating contribution to the fields of Asian Development, Migration Studies and South Asian Studies.



Department of Malay Studies

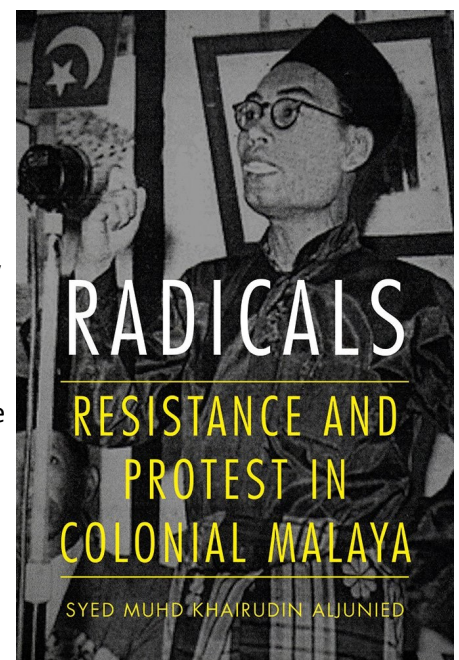
Radicals: Resistance and Protest in Colonial Malaya

Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied

Northern Illinois University Press

Radicals tells the story of a group of radical Malay men and women from ordinary social backgrounds who chose to oppose foreign rule of their homeland, knowing full well that by embarking on this path of resistance, they would risk imprisonment or death. Their ranks included teachers, journalists, intellectuals, housewives, peasants, preachers, and youths. They formed, led, and contributed to the founding of political parties, grassroots organizations, unions, newspapers, periodicals, and schools that spread their ideas across the country in the aftermath of the Great Depression, when colonialism was at its height and evident in all areas of life in their country. But when their efforts to uproot foreign dominance faltered in the face of the sanctions the state imposed upon them, some of these radicals chose to take up arms, while others engaged in aggressive protests and acts of civil disobedience to uphold their rights. While some died fighting and hundreds were incarcerated, many lived to resist colonialism until their country attained its independence in August 1957, all of these Malay radicals were devoted to becoming free men and women and to claiming their right to be treated as equals in a world riddled with prejudice and contradictions.

Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied's innovative study brings to light the less charted and unanalyzed terrain of the radical experience—becoming and being radical. He argues that the experiences and histories of radicals in colonial Malaya can be elucidated in a more nuanced way by interrogating them alongside evolving local and global circumstances and by analyzing them through the lenses of a set of overarching and interconnected mobilizing concepts—a set of ideas, visions, and notions that the radicals used to reason and justify their advent—that were internalized, lived, and utilized in the course of their activism. These mobilizing concepts were their weapons and armor, employed to organize, strategize, protect, and consolidate themselves when menaced by the tentacles of the colonial state as they embarked upon the agonizing path towards independence.



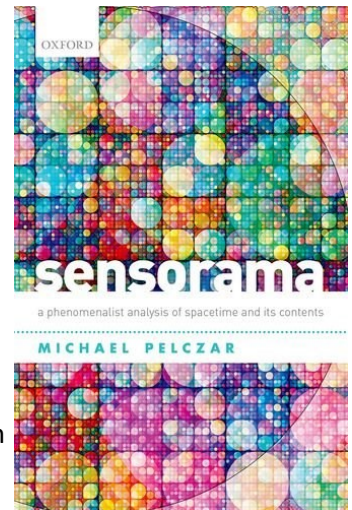
Department of Philosophy

Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and Its Contents

Michael Pelczar

Oxford University Press

Michael Pelczar presents an original account of space, time and conscious experience. How does the modern scientific conception of time constrain the project of assigning the mind its proper place in nature? On the scientific conception, it makes no sense to speak of the duration of a pain, or the simultaneity of sensations occurring in different parts of the brain. Such considerations led Henri Poincaré, one of the founders of the modern conception, to conclude that consciousness does not exist in spacetime, but serves as the basic material out of which we must create the physical world. The central claim of *Sensorama* is that Poincaré was substantially correct. The best way to reconcile the scientific conception of time with the evidence of introspection is through a phenomenalist metaphysic according to which consciousness exists in neither time nor space, but serves as a basis for the logical construction of spacetime and its contents.



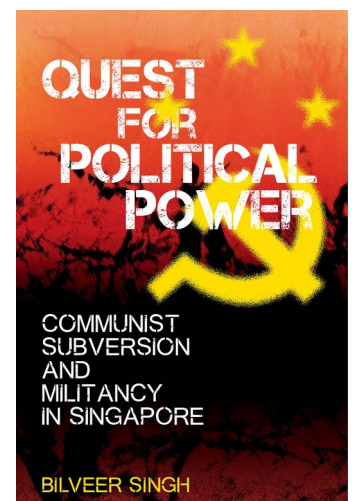
Department of Political Science

Quest for Political Power: Communist Subversion and Militancy in Singapore

Bilveer Singh

Marshall Cavendish

The history of communism in Malaya (including Singapore) almost coincided with the rise and fall of communism worldwide, best epitomized in Europe by the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Operating through the Malayan Communist Party, communism posed an existential threat to Malaya. While the communist threat in peninsular Malaya was manifested dramatically in armed struggle with guerrillas in the jungle, in Singapore it was primarily in the form of united front subversive activities, interspersed with episodes of violence and assassinations. This new book examines the MCP's quest for political power in Singapore in the midst of a raging Cold War between communism and the free world, with particular focus on events in the 1950s and 1960s. From its close collaboration with the two leading communist great powers (USSR and China) to its united front strategy of infiltrating student, trade union and political organizations, the MCP's activities are related here in a clear and engaging manner.



Michael Oakeshott's Cold War Liberalism

Edited by Terry Nardin

Palgrave Macmillan

During the Cold War, political thinkers in the West debated the balance between the requirements of liberal democracy and national security. This debate resonates in today's East Asia and especially Korea, where an ideological-military standoff between democracy and a totalitarian system persists. The thinkers often identified as 'Cold War liberals'—Isaiah Berlin, Karl Popper, Raymond Aron, Friedrich Hayek, and Michael Oakeshott—are worth revisiting in this context. Of these, Oakeshott is the least-well understood in East Asia and therefore particularly deserving of attention. Especially valuable are his ideas about the limits of rationalism in politics, the irrelevance of conventional views of liberalism and conservatism, and how constitutional democracy should be defined and defended against various forms of anti-liberal politics. In this book, leading Oakeshott scholars from around the world explore these ideas and their implications for East Asia in ten illuminating and readable essays.

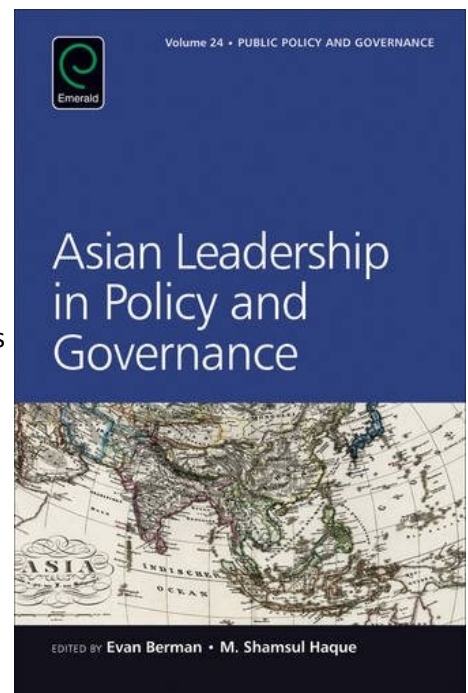


Asian Leadership in Policy and Governance

Edited by Evan Berman and M. Shamsul Haque

Emerald

Asian Leadership in Policy and Governance examines contemporary challenges facing public leaders in Asia, providing insight into leadership processes and contexts past practices affecting effective governance and policy leadership. The book provides a broad range of insightful and detailed cases of international and domestic interest in East and Southeast Asia, and is relevant to all disciplines concerned with politics, public governance and public affairs. The cases cover such topics as regional development and integration, transnational migration, and domestic topics of economic, political and educational development. The volume is informed by modern notions of leadership which include governance in a polycentric world (including civil society), the rise of a new generation, regionally and globally connected problems, expectations for increased integrity, transparency and effectiveness from its leaders, and enduring expectations that leaders and nations meet their populace's needs for health, prosperity and security. Such a focus on Asian leadership in modern context makes this book timely and interesting.



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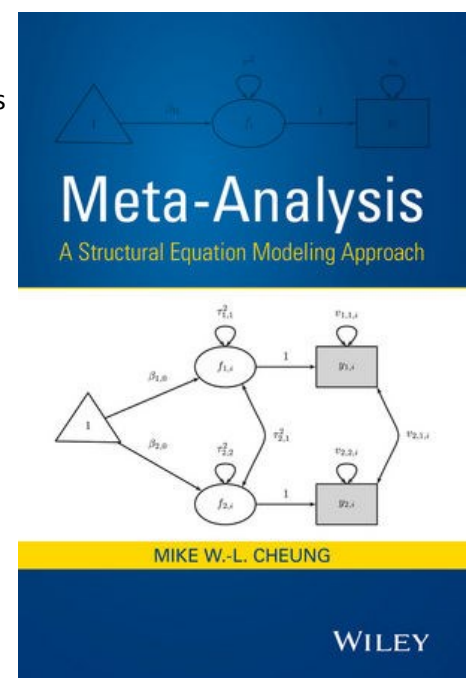
Meta-Analysis: A Structural Equation Modeling Approach

Mike W.-L. Cheung

Wiley

Structural equation modeling (SEM) and meta-analysis are two powerful statistical methods in the educational, social, behavioral, and medical sciences. They are often treated as two unrelated topics in the literature. This book presents a unified framework on analyzing meta-analytic data within the SEM framework, and illustrates how to conduct meta-analysis using the metaSEM package in the R statistical environment.

Meta-Analysis: A Structural Equation Modeling Approach begins by introducing the importance of SEM and meta-analysis in answering research questions. Key ideas in meta-analysis and SEM are briefly reviewed, and various meta-analytic models are then introduced and linked to the SEM framework. Fixed-, random-, and mixed-effects models in univariate and multivariate meta-analyses, three-level meta-analysis, and meta-analytic structural equation modeling, are introduced. Advanced topics, such as using restricted maximum likelihood estimation method and handling missing covariates, are also covered. Readers will learn a single framework to apply both meta-analysis and SEM. Examples in R and in Mplus are included. This book will be a valuable resource for statistical and academic researchers and graduate students carrying out meta-analyses, and will also be useful to researchers and statisticians using SEM in biostatistics. Basic knowledge of either SEM or meta-analysis will be helpful in understanding the materials in this book.



Department of Sociology

Worlding Multiculturalisms: The Politics of Inter-Asian Dwelling

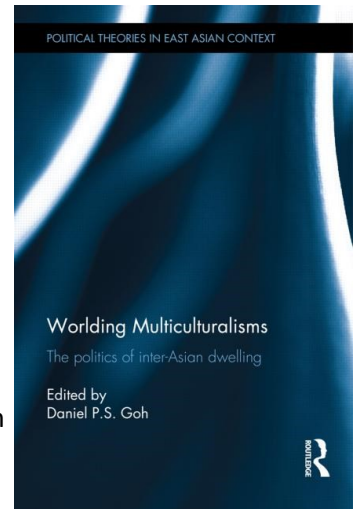
Edited by Daniel Goh

Routledge

Worlding multiculturalisms are practices that infuse our arbitrary cultural lives with new things from other cultures in poetic ways to enable us to dwell and be at home with the complexity of the world. In the context of the crisis of multiculturalism in the West and the growing obsolescence of state-based multiculturalism in the postcolonial world, this book offers examples of new practices of worlding multiculturalisms that go beyond issues of immigration, integration and identity.

Contrasting Western and Asian notions of multiculturalism, this book does not focus on state issues, but rather, highlights manifestations of cultural exchange. The chapters draw on cultural studies approaches to document instances of worlding multiculturalisms that bring Asian cultures into conflict, dialogue and settlement with each other. Instances include an Asian American return novel set in Penang, the cultural productions and street performances of democracy marches in Malaysia, the campaigns to reclaim public spaces and citizenship rights by migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong, the imaginary vistas opened up by Japanese popular culture consumed throughout Asia, the localisations of casino complexes in Macau and a shopping mall in Seoul, and an old municipal cemetery being defended from urban redevelopment in Singapore. Rather than merely globalizing forms of political diversity, these are instances with the potential to transform social relations and the very terms of cultural exchange.

Worlding Multiculturalisms offers a truly interdisciplinary examination of multiculturalism in action. As such, it will appeal to students and scholars of cultural studies, Asian studies, Asian culture and society, cultural anthropology and sociology and political sociology.



Department of Southeast Asian Studies

Three Centuries of Conflict in East Timor

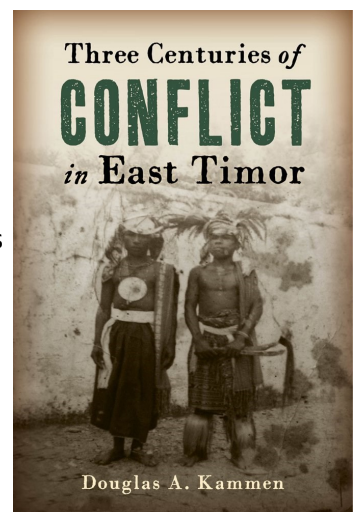
Douglas Kammen

Rutgers University Press

One of the most troubling but least studied features of mass political violence is why violence often recurs in the same place over long periods of time. Douglas Kammen explores this pattern in *Three Centuries of Conflict in East Timor*, studying that region's tragic past, focusing on the small district of Maubara.

Once a small but powerful kingdom embedded in long-distance networks of trade, over the course of three centuries the people of Maubara experienced benevolent but precarious Dutch suzerainty, Portuguese colonialism punctuated by multiple uprisings and destructive campaigns of pacification, Japanese military rule, and years of brutal Indonesian occupation. In 1999 Maubara was the site of particularly severe violence before and after the UN-sponsored referendum that finally led to the restoration of East Timor's independence. Beginning with the mystery of paired murders during East Timor's failed decolonization in 1975 and the final flurry of state-sponsored violence in 1999, Kammen combines an archival trail and rich oral interviews to reconstruct the history of the leading families of Maubara from 1712 until 2012.

Kammen illuminates how recurrent episodes of mass violence shaped alliances and enmities within Maubara as well as with supra-local actors, and how those legacies have influenced efforts to address human rights violations, post-conflict reconstruction, and the relationship between local experience and the identification with the East Timorese nation. The questions posed in *Three Centuries of Conflict in East Timor* about recurring violence and local narratives apply to many other places besides East Timor—from the Caucasus to central Africa, and from the Balkans to China—where mass violence keeps recurring.

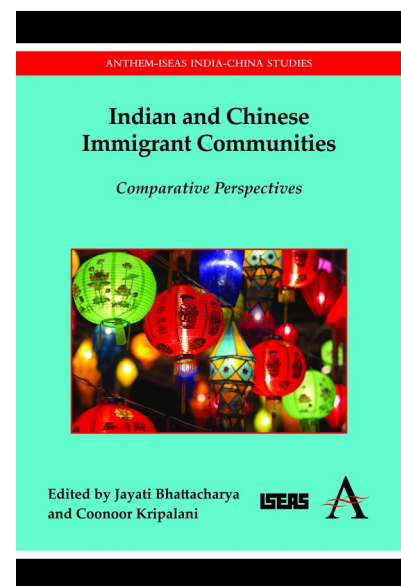


South Asian Studies Programme

Indian and Chinese Immigrant Communities: Comparative Perspectives

Edited by Jayati Bhattacharya and Coonoor Kripalani
Anthem Press

This interdisciplinary collection of essays offers a window onto the overseas Indian and Chinese communities in Asia. Contributors discuss the interactive role of the cultural and religious 'other', the diasporic absorption of local beliefs and customs, and the practical business networks and operational mechanisms unique to these communities. Growing out of an international workshop organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore and the Centre of Asian Studies at the University of Hong Kong, this volume explores material, cultural and imaginative features of the immigrant communities and brings together these two important communities within a comparative framework.

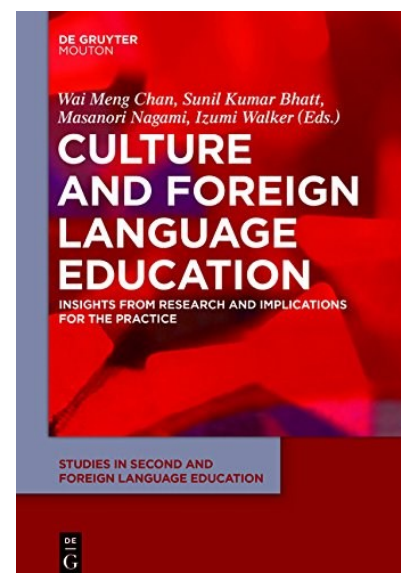


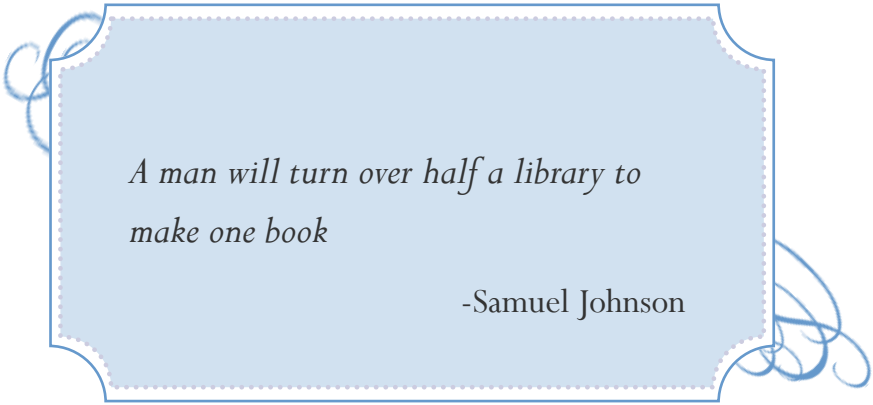
Centre for Language Studies

Culture and Foreign Language Education: Insights from Research and Implications for the Practice (Studies in Second and Foreign Language Education)

Edited by Wai Meng Chan, Sunil Bhatt, Masanori Nagami, and Izumi Walker
Mouton De Gruyter

The teaching of culture and interculturality is today viewed as an integral part of foreign language education. This book presents insights from recent research on the role of culture in second/foreign and heritage language education. It contains 14 chapters including an introductory chapter that discusses diachronically the evolving notion of culture and how the sociocultural view of culture as a complex and dynamic concept informs language teaching and language learning research. The chapters following the introduction are organised in four parts focusing on: 1) the teacher's role in integrated language and culture learning; 2) the interrelationship between culture, identity, and language learning and use; 3) the effect of culture on learner characteristics which impact language learning processes and outcomes; and 4) curriculum development aimed at fostering language and culture learning. The chapters in Parts 1 to 3 present contributions from current research - either in the form of the authors' original studies or comprehensive reviews of relevant essential research - which bears important implications for curricular practice in foreign language and language teacher education. This close link between research, theory and practice is also maintained in the two chapters in Part 4, which present developmental projects based on well-grounded theoretical frameworks.





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make one book*

-Samuel Johnson

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