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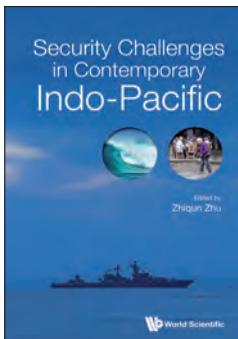
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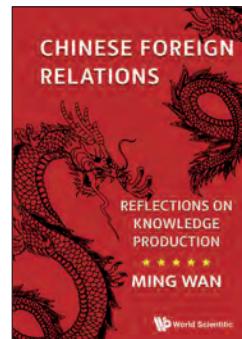
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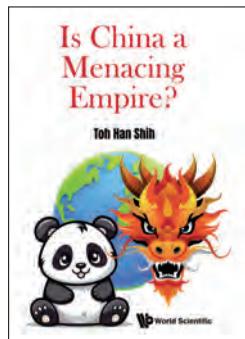
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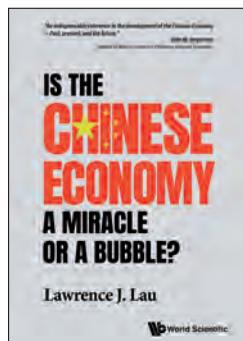
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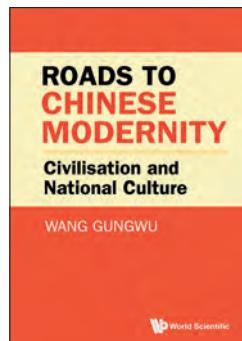
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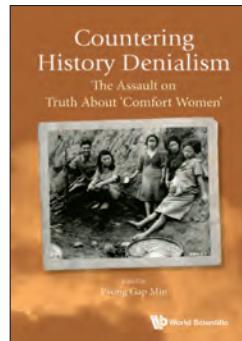
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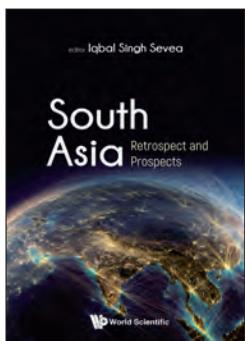
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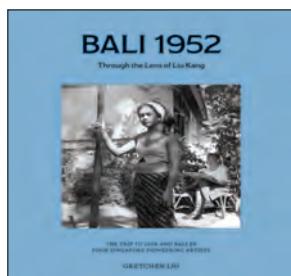
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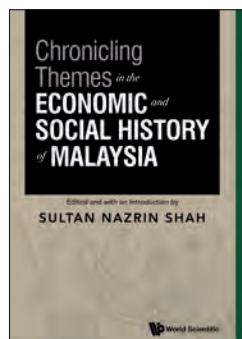
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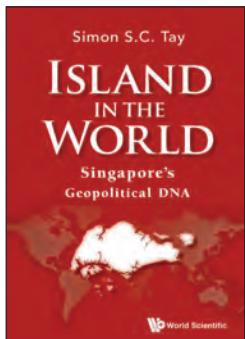
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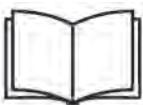
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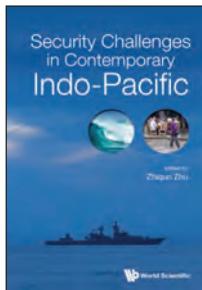
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The Indo-Pacific is arguably the most important and dynamic region today, with numerous opportunities and challenges. This book covers major security challenges in the Indo-Pacific, including traditional concerns such as border and maritime disputes, arms races, WMDs, and sovereignty, as well as non-traditional issues like demography, public health, climate change, and the environment. Contributors from Australia, China, India, Japan, and beyond examine country-specific and regional challenges, offering key policy insights.

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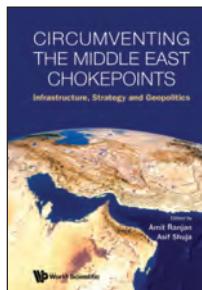
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Infrastructure, Strategy and Geopolitics
 edited by **Amit Ranjan** (National University of Singapore, Singapore) & **Asif Shuja** (Geoconsult, UAE)

This book examines the impact of chokepoints in Middle East geopolitics. As regional conflicts and tensions rise, chokepoints have emerged as a tactic to hinder adversaries. In response, regional actors—backed by extra-regional powers—are investing in new ports like Duqm, Gwadar, and Chabahar. The book explores the geopolitical significance of old, new, and developing seaports, analyzing how chokepoints like the Strait of Hormuz shape regional strategy and global oil trade, and how the USA, India, and China engage in port infrastructure competition.

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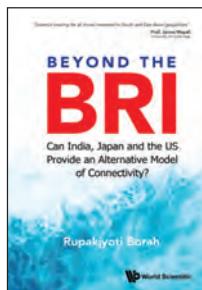
**Beyond the BRI**

Can India, Japan and the US Provide an Alternative Model of Connectivity?
 by **Rupakjyoti Borah** (Dr Vishwanath Karad MIT-World Peace University, India)

The Indo-Pacific has emerged as a key area of collaboration between India, Japan, and the United States (US). In 2018, the US renamed its Pacific Command the Indo-Pacific Command. The US and Japan support the Build Back Better World (B3W) initiative to meet global infrastructure needs, while sharing a vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. India's Act East Policy aligns with this vision. This book analyzes whether these three democracies can offer an alternative to China's BRI in connectivity and infrastructure development.

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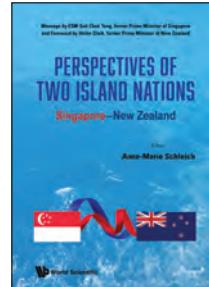
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(S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU, Singapore)

Singapore and New Zealand, two island nations with close ties for nearly sixty years, face similar global challenges. This book brings together 27 experts to explore a wide range of topics, including history, foreign policy, trade, economy, climate policy, creative industries, and ageing populations. It highlights cooperation in defence, trade, and business. With contributions from Nobel laureates, former ministers, and top diplomats, this is the first comprehensive comparison of both countries and their evolving roles in a changing world.

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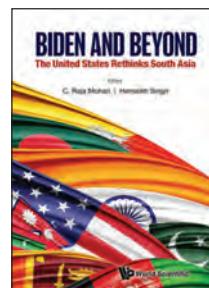
edited by **C Raja Mohan & Hernaikh Singh**

(Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore)

Biden and Beyond: The United States Rethinks South Asia explores major shifts in US policy toward South Asia across the Trump and Biden administrations. With the 2021 military withdrawal from Afghanistan, Washington has moved from a Pakistan-focused strategy to viewing South Asia through an Indo-Pacific lens. This shift has elevated India in US priorities, while concerns over China have enhanced the strategic value of the region's land and maritime spaces. The book highlights these evolving dynamics and their implications for future US-South Asia relations.

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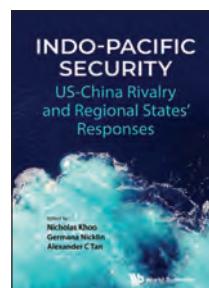
US – China Rivalry and Regional States' Responses

edited by **Nicholas Khoo** (University of Otago, New Zealand), **Germana Nicklin** (Massey University, New Zealand) & **Alexander C Tan** (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)

Following the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Global Financial Crisis, China's foreign policy grew more assertive, leading to a steady decline in US-China relations. In 2017, the US shifted from a policy of 'engagement' to 'strategic competition'—a stance maintained under Biden. *Indo-Pacific Security: US-China Rivalry and Regional States' Responses* examines how Indo-Pacific states—from Australia and India to Taiwan and Pacific Islands—are adjusting to this rivalry. The book fills a critical gap in regional security literature, offering regional perspectives from leading experts.

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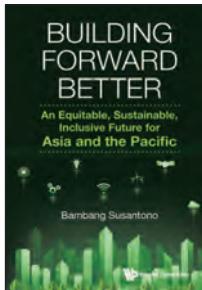
Building Forward Better

An Equitable, Sustainable, Inclusive Future for Asia and the Pacific
by **Bambang Susantono**
(*Diponegoro University, Indonesia*)

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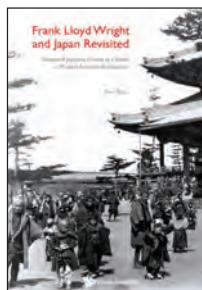
Frank Lloyd Wright and Japan Revisited

Traditional Japanese Culture as a Means to Modern American Architecture
by **Kevin Nute** (*University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, USA*)

Although it's long been accepted that Frank Lloyd Wright was influenced by Japanese culture, this book argues Japan shaped his design philosophy—particularly his concept of the organic—more deeply than previously acknowledged. It highlights the pivotal influence of Ernest Fenollosa, a leading authority on Japanese art and cousin of Wright's first employer. This revised edition adds new material on Western perceptions of Japan, cultural appropriation, and Wright's adaptation of Japanese forms.

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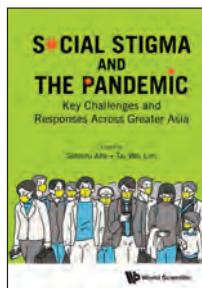
Social Stigma and the Pandemic

Key Challenges and Responses Across Greater Asia
edited by **Satoshi Abe** (*Kyushu University, Japan*) & **Tai Wei Lim** (*Soka University, Japan*)

This book examines five Asian countries/regions—Iran, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, and Japan—and their distinct responses to infectious disease, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. It explores how stigma emerged in historical and sociocultural contexts, how communities debated and addressed it, and how institutions mobilized in response. Through expert contributions, it offers a comparative analysis across Greater Asia, blending insights from religion, technology, and cultural practices

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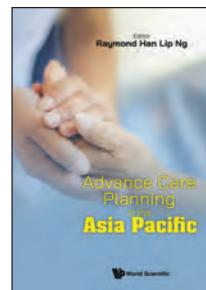
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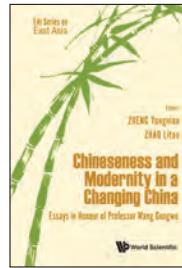
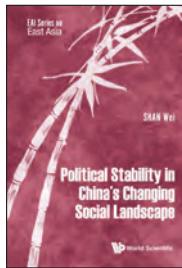
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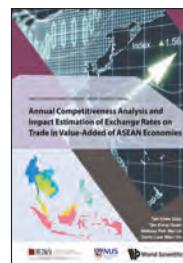
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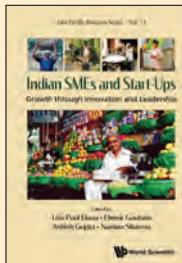
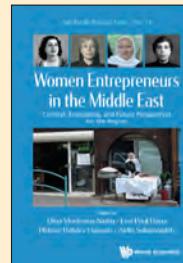
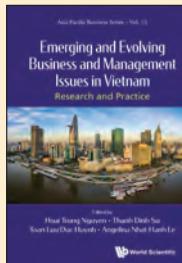
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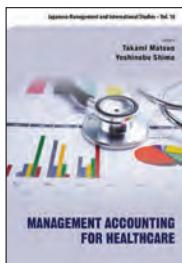
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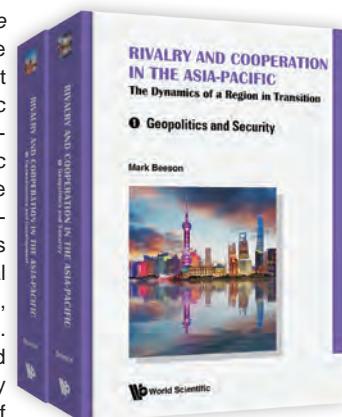
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Readership: Students of international relations and geoeconomics, and those interested in Asia-Pacific contemporary issues.

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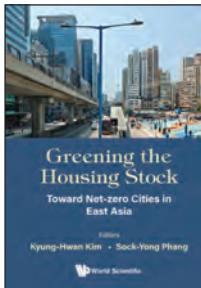
Greening the Housing Stock

Toward Net-zero Cities in East Asia
edited by **Kyung-Hwan Kim** (Korea Housing Finance Corporation, South Korea & Sogang University, South Korea) & **Sock-Yong Phang** (Singapore Management University, Singapore)

This book assesses the state of greening the housing sector in Tokyo, Beijing, Seoul, Hong Kong, and Singapore. For each city, it reviews housing trends, green building schemes, and policy tools like incentives and regulations. Challenges in retrofitting and redevelopment are discussed, alongside successful green projects and the role of green finance. Findings from case studies offer practical insights for policy redesign and urban regeneration, useful to cities facing similar issues.

Readership: Researchers in urban, environmental, and real estate economics; professionals in real estate, construction, housing policy, city planning, and green finance.

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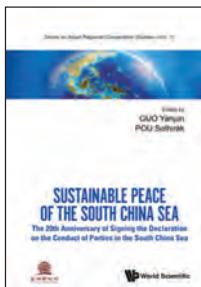
Sustainable Peace of the South China Sea

The 20th Anniversary of Signing the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea
edited by **Guo Yanjun** (China Foreign Affairs University, China) & **Pou Sothirak** (Cambodian Center for Regional Studies, Cambodia)

Marking the 20th Anniversary of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), this book reflects on the Joint Statement by China and ASEAN reaffirming their shared vision of the South China Sea as a region of peace, cooperation, and stability. A collaboration between CICP and CFAU, it explores DOC and COC negotiations and implementation through contributions from Chinese and ASEAN scholars, highlighting diplomatic efforts and evolving regional dynamics.

Readership: Advanced undergraduates, graduate students, researchers, and practitioners in international relations, Asian politics, policy studies, security studies, and diplomacy.

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This book explores how the war in Ukraine has reshaped defense thinking in East Asia, especially in light of rising tensions in the Taiwan Strait. The invasion of Ukraine shattered the belief that territorial aggression was obsolete, prompting renewed urgency in planning for a Taiwan contingency. With Japan and Taiwan at the center of regional security concerns, the volume emphasizes the importance of effective defense strategies.

Readership: Academics, researchers, students of strategic studies, policymakers, security analysts, government officials, investors, and practitioners focused on Asia-Pacific geopolitics.

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Towards More Vibrant, Sustainable and Smart Cities
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This book uses Singapore's smart urban initiatives to explore how urban planning, digital technology, and sustainability shape people's lives and business practices. Chapters span urban innovation, Industry 4.0, ESG, AI-readiness in education, climate resilience, smart aging, and inclusiveness. Through case studies and questions, it addresses how smart cities can create sustainable impact and human-centered innovation.

Readership: Essential for undergraduate and graduate students, educators, policymakers, business leaders, and municipal stakeholders interested in smart cities, sustainability, digital innovation, and inclusive urban development.

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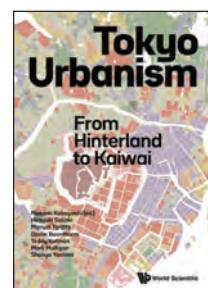
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From Hinterland to Kaiwai
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Tokyo, one of Asia's iconic mega-cities, is known for its efficiency and livability, yet often overlooked are its *kaiwai*—unique neighborhoods that reflect a distinct Asian urbanism and hint at future regional autonomy in a post-COVID world. This book explores Tokyo's spatial and sociocultural layers, from Edo's pre-modern structure to vibrant community life and alleyway networks. It offers an interdisciplinary analysis combining urban planning, sociology, anthropology, and architecture.

Readership: Advanced graduate students, researchers in urban design, architecture, and Japan studies, and anyone interested in Asian urbanism.

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**K-pop Innovation**

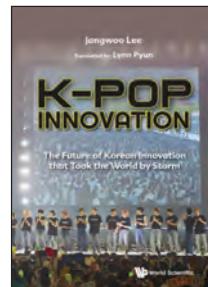
The Future of Korean Innovation that Took the World by Storm
by **Jangwoo Lee** (Kyungpook National University, South Korea)

Translated by: **Lynn Pyun** (Ewha Womans University, South Korea)

K-pop's global success stems not from luck or policy, but from constant innovation by bold entrepreneurs. This book, the first in English to explore K-pop's managerial and structural dynamics, applies innovation management theory to explain the rise of the Hallyu Wave. Focusing on SM Entertainment, it reveals how strategy, tech adoption, and parallels with Korea's IT sector fuel the industry's growth. With insights on future models integrating AI, robotics, and AR, it is essential reading for anyone intrigued by innovation and K-pop.

Readership: Scholars, students, innovation experts, pop culture specialists, policymakers, and global K-pop fans.

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CHINA-GEOPOLITICS

Political Economy of Foreign Policies in Contemporary China

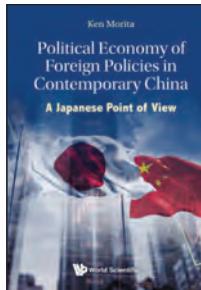
A Japanese Point of View

by **Ken Morita** (Hiroshima University, Japan & Hiroshima Shudo University, Japan)

This book analyzes Chinese foreign policies, focusing on whether China acts as a "status quo" or "hegemon" through offensive realism theory. It contrasts China's "excess saving" with the US's "excess consumption." The second part develops methods to predict "non-economic situations" via economic frameworks. It examines Sino-Japanese relations as a "cold peace" maintaining military balance among China, the US, and Japan, emphasizing the US nuclear umbrella's role for Japan. Interdisciplinary approaches reveal geopolitical risks in East Asia.

Readership: Advanced students, researchers, and practitioners in international relations, economics, and politics focusing on China.

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edited by **Chow Bing Ngeow**

(Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)

This book provides an updated assessment of Malaysia–China relations, discussing political engagements, South China Sea views, and Malaysia's foreign policy posture toward China. It examines the evolution of economic ties from trade to integrated supply chains, highlighting China's growing investment role in Malaysia's economic resilience, especially in digital and clean energy sectors. The book also reviews educational, cultural, and media relations.

Readership: Policymakers, think tanks, academics, journalists, advanced graduate students, and industry leaders interested in Malaysia–China foreign relations.

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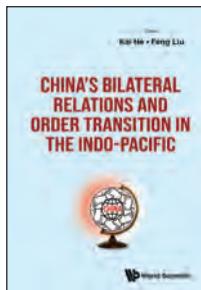
China's Bilateral Relations and Order Transition in the Indo-Pacific

edited by **Kai He** (Griffith University, Australia) & **Feng Liu** (Tsinghua University, China)

This edited volume systematically explores China's multifaceted interactions with five key Indo-Pacific players: the United States, Japan, India, Australia, and ASEAN. It examines theoretical and empirical aspects of China's strategic bilateral ties, highlighting the complexity of its regional relationships. By presenting diverse perspectives from Chinese and international scholars, the book deepens understanding of the US–China rivalry and its impact on the Indo-Pacific's international order transition.

Readership: Academics in international relations, foreign policy analysts, upper-level undergraduates, and Masters students in international relations.

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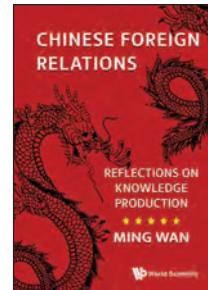
Reflections on Knowledge Production

by **Ming Wan** (George Mason University, USA)

With China's global ascendancy, this book reflects on the field of Chinese foreign policy studies using the author's published and unpublished work. It examines how knowledge has developed, focusing on traditions, values, perspectives, and regionalism. While research has been extensive and competitive, the book critiques current trends—excessive focus on national security, narrowing academic exchange, and rivalry-driven analysis—that may lower future study quality in the West.

Readership: Academic and policy communities focusing on China, Asia, foreign policy, international relations, and graduate-level students.

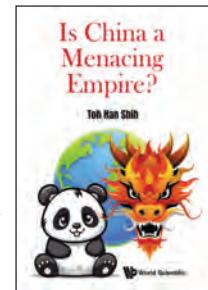
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Is China a Menacing Empire?

by **Toh Han Shih**

China's economic impact through trade, investment, and infrastructure projects is rapidly growing. Officials, including in the US, accuse China of neo-colonialism, debt traps, and corruption in overseas deals. This book objectively examines the validity of these accusations and explores the tensions between China and the US. The rise of China's global economic influence and its complex relationship with the US are critical stories shaping the 21st century, with significant global consequences.



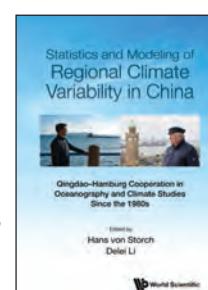
Readership: General public, university students, academics, financial and geopolitical analysts interested in China and Sino-US relations.

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Statistics and Modeling of Regional Climate Variability in China

Qingdao – Hamburg Cooperation in Oceanography and Climate Studies Since the 1980s

edited by **Hans von Storch** (Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon, Germany & Ocean University of China, China) & **Delei Li** (Institute of Oceanology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China & Laoshan Laboratory, China)



This anthology reviews cooperation between scientists from Qingdao and Hamburg from the 1980s to about 2020. Initially driven by Professors Jürgen Sündermann and Wen Shengchang, the collaboration laid groundwork on China's marginal seas and hydrodynamical models. Since 2010, Professors Hans von Storch and Chen Xueen expanded this work.

Statistics and Modeling of Regional Climate Variability in China focuses on this second phase, featuring 12 articles on methodologies, reconstructions, and future climate scenarios, emphasizing international cooperation's role in advancing ocean and climate understanding.

Readership: Regional climatologists, physical oceanographers, postdoctoral and PhD students.

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China and America's Spheres of Influence

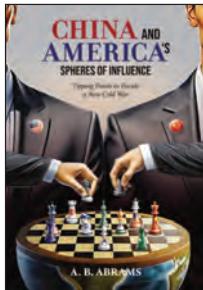
Tipping Points to Decide a New Cold War by **A B Abrams**

A B Abrams' book is the first to focus specifically on the global contest for influence between China and the United States, offering groundbreaking insights into their differing strengths and the factors that may determine the outcome of their new cold war.

China and America's Spheres of Influence situates this multifaceted competition within historical context, analyzing trade, currency, military power, international institutions, colonial influence, tech rivalry, and geopolitical alignments in eight focused chapters.

Readership: Ideal for students of international relations, geopolitics, China/Asia studies, international security, and general IR enthusiasts.

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Strategic Currents

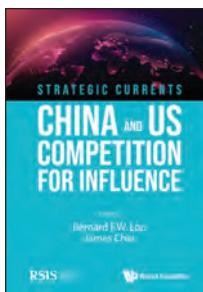
China and US Competition for Influence

edited by **Bernard F W Loo** (*S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*), **James Char** (*S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*)

The advent of the 4th Industrial Revolution, amid escalating US–China rivalry, marks a major inflection point in history. This volume offers a sober assessment of the techno-nationalist contest and its global implications. It analyses military technologies and the technoeconomic dynamics of the Great Powers' competition, and outlines how smaller states like Singapore can navigate and sustain relevance in the Asia-Pacific region.

Readership: Suitable for students of international relations and strategic studies, researchers of US–China dynamics, policymakers, government officials, academics, and tech-savvy IR enthusiasts.

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Geography of Technology Transfer in China

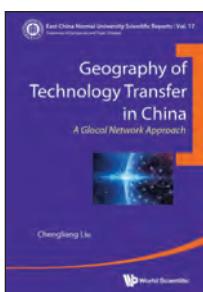
A Glocal Network Approach

by **Chengliang Liu**
(East China Normal University, China)

Most technology transfer studies stem from Economics and Management, with few exploring its geographical dimensions. *Geography of Technology Transfer in China* fills this gap by investigating how global and local forces shape technology transfer, drawing on innovation geography, urban and regional economics. It presents theoretical and empirical research, outlining an urban technology transfer framework, analysing China's innovation hierarchy, and exploring the spatial evolution of its technology systems.

Readership: Advanced undergraduates, graduate students, researchers, and practitioners in geography, economics, urban studies, and business management.

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Preventive Diplomacy in Non-Traditional Security Issues

ASEAN-China Public Health and Environmental Cooperation
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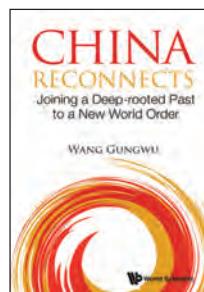
As a vital component of ASEAN-China sustainable development, cooperation on non-traditional security is a growing focus. This book examines 30 years of public health collaboration via PPPs, including digital health and vaccine distribution. It explores reconnecting ASEAN and China through travel protocols and vaccine multilateralism and addresses climate change via Nature-Based Solutions, such as low-carbon strategies and adaptation in the Mekong Delta.

Readership: For readers interested in ASEAN-China relations and cooperation on non-traditional security, including public health, environmental policy, regional development, and sustainable growth.

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China Reconnects

Joining a Deep-rooted Past to a New World Order
 by **Wang Gungwu** (*National University of Singapore, Singapore*)



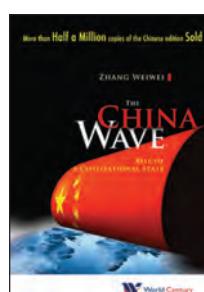
The book shows how the Chinese are confident in learning from the developed world while re-evaluating their past to build a modern civilization. Aware of U.S. challenges, China seeks ways to respond to a superpower defending the status quo. The book explains China's actions and interests without judgment, urging readers to understand why history matters deeply to China. It highlights how China's view of the past is shaped by present ambitions and future hopes.

Readership: Academics, professionals, policymakers, and students interested in how China might see its future.

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The China Wave

Rise of a Civilizational State
 by **Zhang Weiwei** (*Fudan University, China & Chunqiu Institute, China & Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Switzerland*)



This best-seller in China presents a timely geopolitical study. Zhang Weiwei, a leading Chinese thinker, explores China's unique rise as a civilizational state with its own development model and political discourse. He argues that China challenges many Western assumptions about democracy, governance, and human rights. The book is both analytical and provocative, central to China's ongoing internal debate on its future and global role, and offers key insights into a sui generis nation redefining modern power.

Readership: Researchers, policymakers, and general readers interested in China's rise, development model, and global impact.

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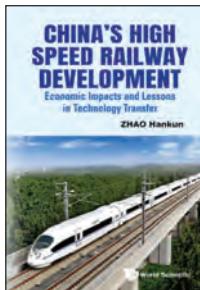
China's High Speed Railway Development

Economic Impacts and Lessons in Technology Transfer
by **Zhao Hankun** (Vision Holding Group, Singapore)

This book explores the impact of China's high-speed rail (HSR) network on regional development and the sustainability of the GIUR (Government-Industry-University-Research) system. It examines how HSR affects urban industrial structure, creativity, and income gaps, and assesses the evolution of China's innovation system from government-led to market-oriented. The book provides policy insights for developing countries and sheds light on how HSR influences technological and economic progress across regions and city types, helping propel innovation in emerging industries.

Readership: Researchers and students interested in China's HSR development and its economic policy implications.

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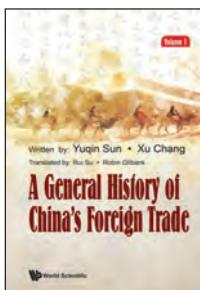
A General History of China's Foreign Trade

Volume 2
by **Yuqin Sun** (University of International Business and Economics, China),
Jinwen Chen (Beijing Technology and Business University, China), **Qinghong Jiang** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China) & **Xu Chang** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China)
Translated by: **Baiqing Zheng** (University of International Business and Economics, China)

China's foreign trade has deep historical roots, dating back to the pre-Qin period and flourishing during the Han Dynasty via the Silk Roads. Trade has continually deepened China's economic and cultural exchanges with the world, fostering mutual benefit and shared progress. This second volume traces China's foreign trade from the Opium War to the founding of the People's Republic of China, offering valuable insights into its evolution.

Readership: Professionals and general readers interested in China's foreign trade history, students studying economic and trade history.

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Demystifying China's Economic Emergence

Origin, Model, and Characteristics — A Festschrift in Honor of Prof. Jun Zhang
edited by **Y Y Kueh** (Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China), **Qu Feng** (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) & **Zhao Chen** (Fudan University, China)

Since 1978, China has achieved remarkable economic growth, raising questions worldwide about the reasons behind its rise. This book explores the origins, models, and characteristics of China's economic ascent, offering a comprehensive, systematic analysis rooted in history, development paths, and unique national traits. It argues China's rise reflects global trends, historical momentum, civilizational wisdom, and collective national effort under state leadership.

Readership: Advanced undergraduates, graduate students, researchers, and practitioners.

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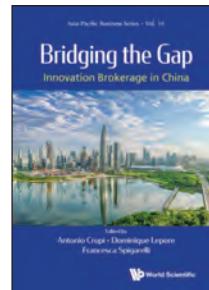
Bridging the Gap

Innovation Brokerage in China
edited by **Antonio Crupi** (University of Messina, Italy), **Dominique Lepore** (Universitas Mercatorum, Italy) & **Francesca Spigarelli** (University of Macerata, Italy)

Bridging the Gap: Innovation Brokerage in China explores how innovation intermediaries—public and private—bridge knowledge gaps, foster collaboration, and accelerate innovation across sectors. Through case studies spanning aerospace, construction, AI, and SMEs, it reveals the mechanisms behind innovation brokerage, from national platforms to transnational cooperation with countries like Italy. The book emphasizes open innovation, sustainability, and the strategic role of brokers in aligning technology with policy and commercialization.

Readership: Graduate students in innovation, policy, and Asian studies; professionals in R&D, tech transfer, sustainability, and innovation management.

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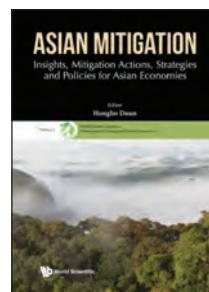
Asian Mitigation

Insights, Mitigation Actions, Strategies and Policies for Asian Economies
edited by **Hongbo Duan** (University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)

Asian countries play a significant role in emission mitigation, a central pillar of the global effort to meet the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C and 2°C climate goals. This book presents essays exploring mitigation actions, strategies, and policies in Asian economies using quantitative models like CGE, DSGE, LEAP, LCA, and input-output methods. It examines climate governance regionally, sectoral distributional effects, and firm-level policy effectiveness. The studies contribute novel insights on implementing Paris Agreement goals and policymaking at regional scales in both Asian and non-Asian economies.

Readership: Graduate students, researchers, analysts, and policymakers in climate science, economics, Asia studies, and environmental policy.

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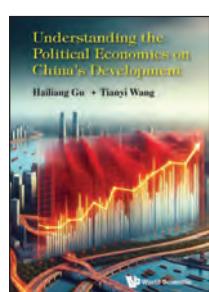
Understanding the Political Economics on China's Development

by **Hailiang Gu & Tianyi Wang**

This book answers key questions about China's "developing" political economy, principles of socialist political economy with Chinese characteristics, and paths to economic development. From the "new normal" to "innovation driven development strategy," "supply side structural reform," the "Belt and Road," and "new urbanization," the author explains economic laws and key traits of Chinese socialist political economy. It offers forward-looking insights, presenting China's development as scientific, sustainable, and inclusive. The book is a collaborative work with scholars from the CPC Central Committee's Party School and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Readership: Academics and students interested in China's development and political economy.

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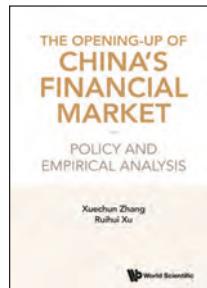
The Opening-Up of China's Financial Market

Policy and Empirical Analysis
by Xuechun Zhang & Ruihui Xu
(People's Bank of China, China)

This comprehensive work is essential for understanding the dynamics and strategic considerations of China's financial market liberalization. It analyzes policies and events shaping China's stock and bond markets, highlighting the balance between financial openness and security. The book explores the historical context, current developments, and future trajectory of financial liberalization, emphasizing its role in economic growth and financial security. Written by experienced professionals with access to in-depth market analysis, it offers balanced, policy-based insights and addresses key issues in Sino-US competition.

Readership: Academics, students, policymakers, and finance professionals researching China's financial reforms.

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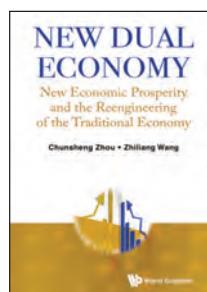
**New Dual Economy**

New Economic Prosperity and the Reengineering of the Traditional Economy
by Chunsheng Zhou (Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, China) & Zhiliang Wang (University of International Business and Economics, China)

This book establishes a new theoretical framework analyzing economic growth, structural transformation, and momentum shifts in the digital economy era. It discusses interactions between limitless and limited sectors, labor and capital migration, and knowledge capital accumulation. It explores growth mechanisms in the new dual economy and the digital transformation of traditional enterprises. Combining theory with China's economic realities, it offers valuable insights for researchers, government, and entrepreneurs.

Readership: Advanced undergraduate and graduate students, researchers, and practitioners in digital economy fields.

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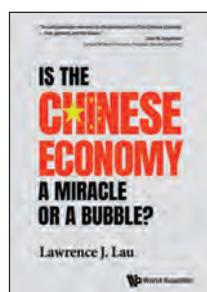
**Is the Chinese Economy a Miracle or a Bubble?**

by Lawrence J Lau (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

Since China's economic reform in the late 1970s, its economy has grown over 9% annually for four decades—unmatched in history. Was this a miracle or a bubble? Will China stagnate like Japan or escape the "middle-income trap"? This book analyzes China's growth sources, scrutinizes the "dual-track" approach transitioning from a planned to market economy, and evaluates the sustainability and replicability of China's model. It offers balanced insights into China's rise, making it essential for understanding its economic transformation and future prospects.

Readership: General readers, economists, scholars, policymakers, students, and business professionals interested in China's development.

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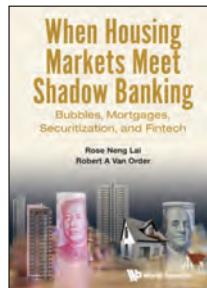
**When Housing Markets Meet Shadow Banking**

Bubbles, Mortgages, Securitization, and Fintech
by Rose Neng Lai (University of Macau, Macao S.A.R.) & Robert A Van Order (George Washington University, USA)

This book contends that housing markets and shadow banking have "danced" over two decades, comparing the US and China since the 1980s. Both had booms, but the US bubble burst in 2007, while China's rising property values reflected rent growth. US shadow banks held securitized debt and faced fragile runs causing the crash, whereas China's shadow banks acted as traditional intermediaries with fewer run risks but efficiency challenges.

Readership: Academics, researchers, practitioners, students, and general readers interested in US and Chinese banking, finance, and real estate.

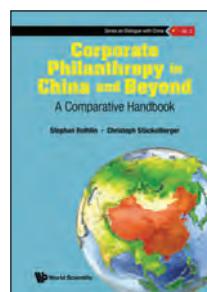
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This handbook on corporate philanthropy in China compares it to best practices in Europe, especially Switzerland. It reviews China's recent philanthropic history, aiding foreign businesses and NGOs wishing to engage in China. The book helps students and others understand how corporate philanthropy in China develops, highlighting both convergences and divergences with other countries.

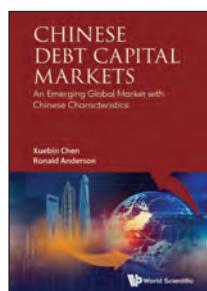
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Chinese Debt Capital Markets

An Emerging Global Market with Chinese Characteristics
by Xuebin Chen (Sichuan University, China & Fudan University, China) & Ronald Anderson (London School of Economics, UK & Guangzhou Xinhua University, China)

With China's reform and economic growth, its bond market has become a key global player, ranking second worldwide and largest in Asia by 2022 with RMB14.48 trillion custodial balance. As a maturing emerging market, it follows global bond market rules yet has unique features. This book, from a joint research project between Fudan University and LSE, provides a systematic analysis of China's bond market's institutional framework, structure, functions, and development, covering macro effects, microstructure, government and corporate bonds, derivatives, and regulation.



Readership: Investors, researchers, graduate students specializing in bond markets.

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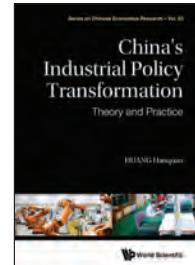
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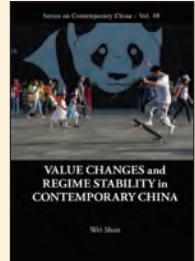
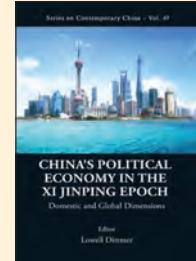
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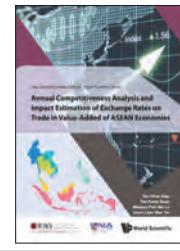


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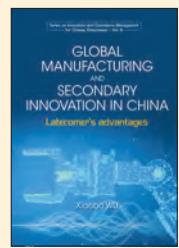
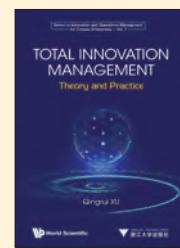
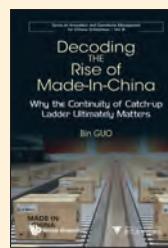
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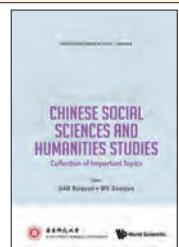
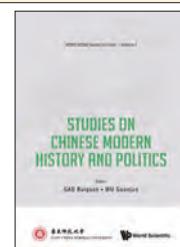
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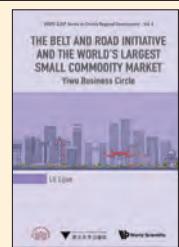
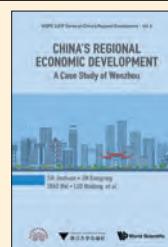
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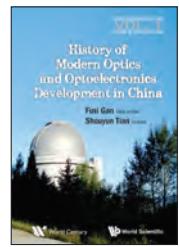
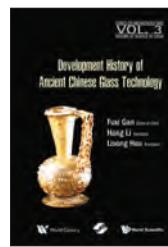
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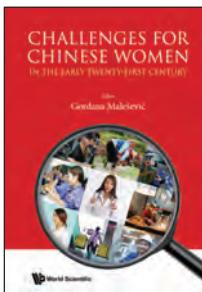
CHINA-SOCIETY

Challenges for Chinese Women in the Early Twenty-First Centuryedited by **Gordana Malešević**
(Stockholm University, Sweden)

This anthology explores persistent gender-based inequalities in contemporary China through 17 chapters examining welfare, labor, land rights, and divorce, where legal and practical equality remains inadequate. It also covers less-explored areas like propaganda language, diverse family rights, forced confessions, migration, grassroots labor organizing, and Sinophone-Tibetan feminism. The introduction highlights the hukou system's role in perpetuating patriarchal power and situates China's gender inequality within a global context.

Readership: Academics in China, Women's, Gender, and Human Rights studies; graduate students; China analysts; UN and human rights organizations; diplomats; journalists; and specialized course instructors.

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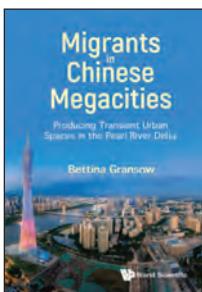
**Migrants in Chinese Megacities**

Producing Transient Urban Spaces in the Pearl River Delta
by **Bettina Gransow** (Free University of Berlin, Germany)

This book examines how diverse migrant groups, primarily internal Chinese, produce transient (mega-) urban spaces and affect urbanization. Between 2010 and 2012, the author conducted over 120 qualitative interviews with migrants of various categories in the Pearl River Delta as part of a larger study funded by the German Research Foundation. It challenges the homogenous view of migrants, focusing on their diverse agencies and survival strategies, contributing to debates on migration policies in Chinese megacities.

Readership: Academics in China Studies, Migration, Urban Research; urban planners; policymakers; advanced research students.

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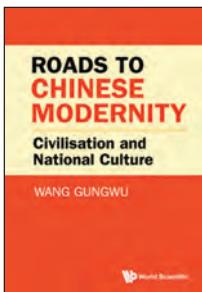
**Roads to Chinese Modernity**

Civilisation and National Culture
by **Wang Gungwu**

This book, based on edited lectures by historian Professor Gungwu Wang, challenges the view of China as a rising power competing with the West. It traces China's roots as an ancient, borderless Sinic civilisation, its shift from dynastic rule to republic, and its evolving national culture. Wang offers unique insights from his position as an overseas Chinese, explaining how China's ambitions are shaped by its long history and transformation into a modern nation-state.

Readership: Academics and students in history, political science, IR, Chinese studies; policymakers; general readers interested in China.

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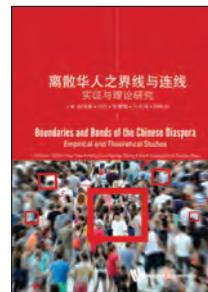
**Boundaries and Bonds of the Chinese Diaspora**

Empirical and Theoretical Studies
edited by **Cheun Hoe Yow, Hong Liu, Huimei Zhang, Soon Keong Ong & Taomo Zhou** (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

This bilingual book contains three keynote chapters, six in English, and six in Chinese, with contributors from Asia, the Americas, Australia, and Europe. It explores how the Chinese diaspora transcends boundaries and fosters interconnectedness through diverse case studies. This interdisciplinary volume offers empirical and theoretical perspectives on migration, identity, economic development, and cultural adaptation. By combining English and Chinese texts, it engages a broad audience and provides a rich understanding of the diaspora's experiences, challenges, and opportunities.

Readership: Academics, graduate students, and professionals in sociology, anthropology, culture, migration studies, and cross-cultural communication.

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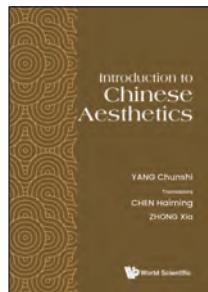
by **Yang Chunshi** (Xiamen University, China)

Translated by: **Chen Haiming & Zhong Xia** (Xiamen University, China)

This book systematizes traditional Chinese aesthetic thought, revealing its internal logic and engaging in dialogue with modern Western aesthetics to rebuild the Chinese aesthetic system. Chinese aesthetics emphasizes inter-subjectivity, unity between heaven and humanity, and aesthetic experience as communication between self and world, contrasting Western sensory perception. It highlights emotionality, corporeality, and the integration of body and mind, viewing aesthetics as an idealized way of life and a mode of experiencing the Way through intuition and imagery. It bridges ancient and modern, Eastern and Western perspectives.

Readership: Postgraduate students, researchers, and professors of aesthetics, philosophy, literature, and poetics.

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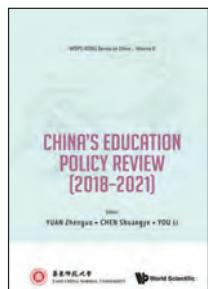
China's Education Policy Review (2018 – 2021)

edited by **Zhenguo Yuan, Shuangye Chen & Li You** (East China Normal University, China)

China's Education Policy Review (2018–2021) collects key research on China's education policies, mainly by East China Normal University (ECNU) academics. It covers various aspects including regulatory policies on private supplementary tutoring, AI education acceleration, new higher education policies, and non-governmental education. The book highlights significant contributions to scholarship in Chinese education policy studies. This eighth volume of the WSPC-ECNU Series is jointly published by World Scientific Publishing and ECNU, a leading Chinese university with strong international academic ties.

Readership: Policymakers, academics, professionals, and undergraduate and graduate students interested in Chinese education.

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CHINA-HISTORY**The Ontology of Confucius Jen (Humanity)**

by Lai Chen (Tsinghua University, China)

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The author adopts the methodology of “discussing philosophy by studying history of philosophy.” Chapters cover The Study of Renxue Ontology, Ren’s development in pre-Qin and Han periods, and Ren theories in the Song and Ming Dynasties. Topics range from Confucius and Mencius to Li Zehou’s ontology of emotions, historical development, and contemporary interpretations. The book develops a new Ren-centered ontology, blending classical Confucianism with modern Chinese philosophy, promoting contemporary Confucianism and harmony between China and the world.

Readership: Academics, undergraduate and graduate students interested in contemporary Chinese philosophy, Confucianism, neo-Confucianism, and China studies.

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An Ancient World Map Tells All

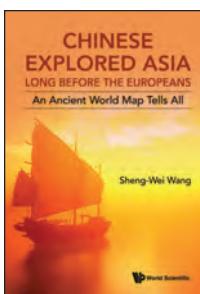
by Sheng-Wei Wang

(China-US Friendship Exchange, USA)

Chinese Explored Asia Long Before the Europeans: An Ancient World Map Tells All is the result of the author’s research into exploration history before the European Age of Discovery. It thoroughly analyses the Asian regions on Matteo Ricci’s 1602 *Kunyu Wanguo Quantu* (KWF) map, revealing these areas are of Chinese origin, dating back centuries before European arrival. The book challenges previous views and offers multilayer evidence of Chinese presence across Asia from the 9th to 15th centuries, providing new insights into global exploration history.

Readership: Historians, map collectors, archaeologists, teachers, students, researchers, and geopoliticians interested in Chinese exploration of Asia.

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The Assault on Truth About ‘Comfort Women’

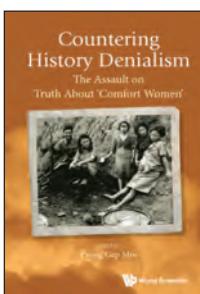
edited by Pyong Gap Min

(City University of New York, USA)

Countering History Denialism: The Assault on Truth about “Comfort Women” critically examines and refutes Mark Ramseyer’s revisionist claim that “comfort women” engagements were voluntary. Written by leading scholars and redress activists, the book uses primary sources to defend victims’ experiences and uphold academic rigor. It dismantles unsubstantiated arguments and critiques of the Korean Council’s redress movement, providing a rigorous, evidence-based counter-narrative to historical denialism surrounding wartime sexual slavery.

Readership: Academic researchers in sociology, East Asian history, gender studies, international law, human rights, redress activists, university libraries, and the general public.

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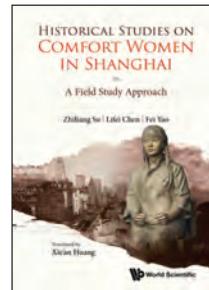
A Field Study Approach

by Zhiliang Su, Lifei Chen & Fei Yao
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This book examines the history of the military comfort women system in China, providing insight into the origin, establishment, and operations of comfort stations. It reveals the sufferings of many comfort women, many coerced into service, based on 25 years of field studies from 172 comfort stations in Shanghai, which had the largest number during the Japanese occupation. Offers reliable information gathered from extensive field research and is the most comprehensive book on Shanghai’s comfort stations.

Readership: Undergraduates, postgraduates, researchers of Asian and Chinese history, and readers interested in comfort women history.

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The Ancient Sports Cultures of the Silk Road

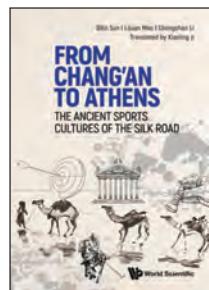
by Qilin Sun (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)

, Lijuan Mao (Shanghai University of Sport, China) & Chongshen Li (Lanzhou University of Technology, China)

This book collects and studies the colourful sports and history of countries along the historical Silk Road from Chang'an to Athens, including sports from polo and chess to archery and lion dance. It examines and analyses numerous sports cultural relics and archaeological materials, many illustrated with pictures to help readers appreciate the beauty of ancient sports cultures. By comprehensively classifying these materials from different Silk Road countries, it aims to promote these sports forms and raise awareness of the exchange and dissemination of sports culture between ancient China and Western countries.

Readership: Researchers, teachers, students, and readers interested in sports history, Chinese sports studies, Dunhuang studies, and ancient sports culture.

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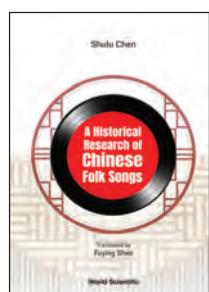
by Shulu Chen (Nanjing Normal University, China)

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This book advances the study of Chinese folk songs through theoretical innovation in literature-based folk songs and methodological innovation in multidisciplinary interaction. It traces the historical development of folk songs, explores their integration with literature, art, merchants, folk customs, and regional culture, and analyses folk song literature from past dynasties. It is vital for preserving cultural heritage and promoting folk song research. The book holds strong academic and practical value for understanding the transmission of folk songs across generations.

Readership: Advanced undergraduate and graduate students, researchers, and practitioners in Chinese literature.

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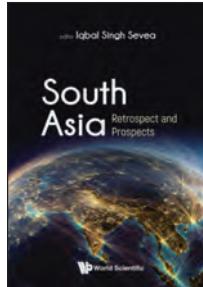
Retrospect and Prospects

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In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) at the National University of Singapore presents this milestone publication examining key facets of contemporary South Asia. Structured around five themes—geopolitics, economics, domestic politics, human development, and climate change—it adopts an interdisciplinary approach to study the eight South Asian countries. The book explores challenges and opportunities shaped by demographic shifts, economic dynamism, and regional geopolitics, offering deep insight into the region's future.

Readership: Academics, researchers, policymakers, students of South Asian Studies, and interested general readers.

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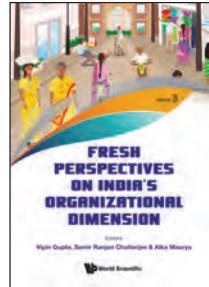
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Readership: Academics, MBA students, professional managers, and readers interested in India's organizational design and policies.

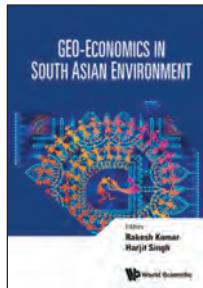
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**Geo-economics in South Asian Environment**edited by **Rakesh Kumar** (*University of Delhi, India*) & **Harjit Singh** (*Symbiosis International (Deemed University), India*)

Drawing on empirical research, this book offers rigorous insight into evolving geopolitics, regional trade agreements, and the revival of geo-economics for mutual gains. It examines post-pandemic challenges and opportunities in South Asian economic cooperation and explores how shared cultural, religious, linguistic, and historical ties could bridge trade gaps. The chapters deepen understanding of why regional trade remains limited and propose progressive policy approaches for a fast-changing geopolitical landscape in South Asia.

Readership: Researchers, students of International Trade, Public Policy, IR, South Asian Studies, and policymakers from South Asia and beyond.

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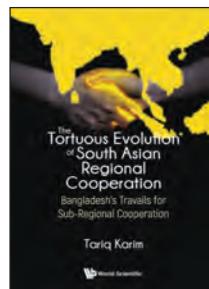
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This book explores the rapid shift of the Indian subcontinent from a millennium of integration to one of the least integrated regions post-Partition in 1947. Ambassador Tariq Karim, drawing on his diplomatic and World Bank experience, examines SAARC's struggles and contrasts them with the successes of the EU and ASEAN. Traversing history and cooperation models, he envisions extending collaboration across the Bay of Bengal. This volume offers unique insights into South Asia's integration challenges and prospects.

Readership: Scholars of South Asian cooperation, international relations analysts, professionals, and policymakers.

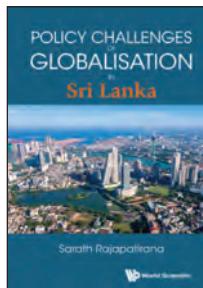
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**Policy Challenges of Globalisation in Sri Lanka**by **Sarath Rajaparatirana**

This book offers a fresh look at the policy challenges faced by small countries like Sri Lanka in a rapidly globalising world. It goes beyond economics, incorporating history, politics, and ideology across governments over time, while also drawing parallels with similar nations. The speed and scale of globalisation are examined through variables such as foreign direct investment, migration, trade openness, and macroeconomic policy.

Readership: Students of International Trade, International Economics, Advanced Macroeconomics; professionals in international organisations; investors; financial practitioners; policymakers; and government officials.

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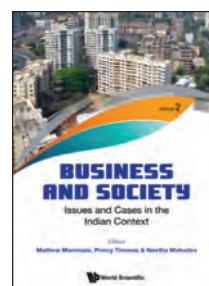
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This book examines why managers often fail to integrate people-centrism and planet sensitivity alongside profit goals, emphasizing the need for tools and frameworks to do so. It explores two competing norms: developing organizations solely for profit, or aligning profit with social and environmental responsibility. With growing awareness of stakeholders beyond shareholders, the book emphasizes the importance of the triple bottom line—people, planet, and profit—for sustainable business. Drawing on real-life case studies, it explores corporate social responsibility, social entrepreneurship, and business-society relations.

Readership: Academic researchers, practitioners, and policymakers focused on business and society in India.

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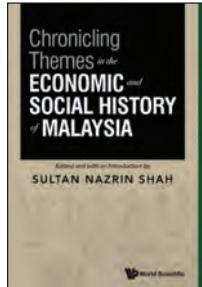
SOUTHEAST ASIA

Chronicling Themes in the Economic and Social History of Malaysia

edited by **Sultan Nazrin Shah** (*Ruler of Perak and the Deputy King of Malaysia, Malaysia*)

Sultan Nazrin Shah convenes leading scholars to examine Malaysia's economic, administrative, and social evolution. The book explores how the nation managed ethnic pluralism, particularly policies addressing inequality such as the New Economic Policy of the early 1970s. Essays revisit key moments—the Japanese occupation, the communist Emergency—and highlight both urban and small-town experiences, including the voices of ordinary workers. Government action emerges as a central theme, from colonial infrastructure building and export reliance on tin and rubber, to post-independence reforms emphasizing industrialization. While urbanization and technological hubs now define Malaysia, the chapters also question uneven progress, especially in education and gender roles.

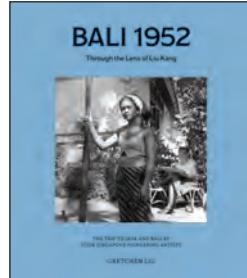
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Bali 1952

Through the Lens of Liu Kang
by **Gretchen Liu**

In 1953, four China-born artists who had made their home in Singapore held an exhibition titled *Bali*. It was a sensation. The works were inspired by their sketching trip to Java and Bali in June and July the previous year. While the exhibition is recognised as a major milestone in Singapore's art history, few details of the trip have ever been revealed. Thanks to the discovery of over 1,000 photographs taken by Liu Kang during the seven-week adventure, the chronicle of their travels can now be told. With over 250 black-and-white photographs, fleshed out by Liu Kang's private diary, letters to his wife and other archival sources, this book tells the story of an inspiring journey that left a lasting legacy on Singapore's art history. With an artist's eye, Liu Kang focused his lens on landscapes, architecture and scenes of daily life that preserve a moment in time, and captured the dignity of individuals in portraits. The painterly photographs are a time capsule of Indonesian history.



Readership: Readers who are interested in the story of the Bali Field Trip and who wish to find out more about Singapore's pioneer artists.

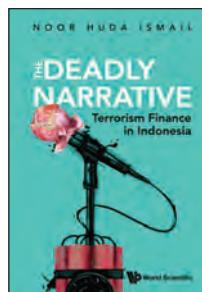
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The Deadly Narrative

Terrorism Finance in Indonesia

by **Noor Huda Ismail** (*S. Rajaratnam School of International, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*)

The Deadly Narrative: Terrorism Finance in Indonesia blends academic research, journalism, and activism to explore how extremist groups craft narratives that drive individuals to fund terrorism. Based on exclusive interviews with convicted terrorists from groups like JI and JAD, it uncovers the motivations behind terrorism financing in Indonesia. Moving beyond technical analysis, the book investigates the psychological and social factors that sustain extremist networks and reflects on counter-narratives needed to disrupt them.



Readership: Scholars, practitioners, policymakers in counterterrorism, security, international relations; students in strategic and international studies.

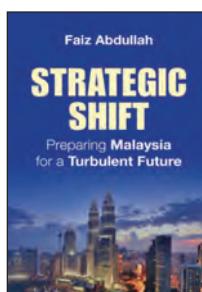
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Strategic Shift

Preparing Malaysia for a Turbulent Future

by **Faiz Abdullah** (*Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, Malaysia*)

This volume examines how Malaysia positions itself in an era of U.S.–China rivalry, Indo-Pacific uncertainty, and rapid technological shifts. The essays analyze Malaysia's strategic approach to great-power competition, ASEAN's future, and the role of economic diplomacy in securing national interests. Contributors also address pressing themes such as sustainability, climate policy, and governance of artificial intelligence. By assessing how Malaysia can adapt to global transformation while shaping regional outcomes, the collection offers timely insights. It is an essential reference for policymakers, academics, and readers interested in Malaysia's capacity to navigate challenges and opportunities in a volatile world order.



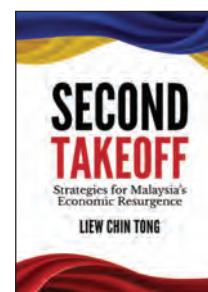
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Second Takeoff

Strategies for Malaysia's Economic Resurgence

by **Chin Tong Liew** (*Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Malaysia*)

The Malaysian economy stands at a crossroads amid shifting geopolitics, poised to benefit from renewed regional investment. This updated collection of Chin Tong's writings on economics, society, and governance offers policy suggestions to elevate Malaysia to high-income status. Central to his thesis is creating a middle-class society supported by dignified jobs with decent pay. Drawing from his working-class upbringing and political experience, Chin Tong explores Malaysia's socio-economic history, failures since 1988–1997, and a hopeful path forward toward inclusive growth and responsible governance.



Readership: General readers, researchers, and professionals interested in Malaysia's economy.

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Standing Firm for Indonesia's Democracy

An Oral History of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

edited by **Takashi Shiraishi** (*Kumamoto Prefectural University, Japan*), **Nobuhiro Aizawa** (*Kyushu University, Japan*), **Jun Honna** (*Ritsumeikan University, Japan*) &

Wahyu Prasetyawan (*National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan & Syarif Hidayatullah Islamic State Univ., Indonesia*)



Through interviews, SBY discusses his military role, ministerial challenges, leadership style, and critical decisions. Conducted by Indonesia specialists over 30 hours, this oral record reveals SBY's thoughts in his own voice, offering unique personal stories and insights into Indonesia's political transition and stability.

Readership: Students and researchers interested in Indonesian politics.

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IPS-Nathan Lecture Series

Living with Civilisations

Reflections on Southeast Asia's Local and National Cultures

by **Gungwu Wang**

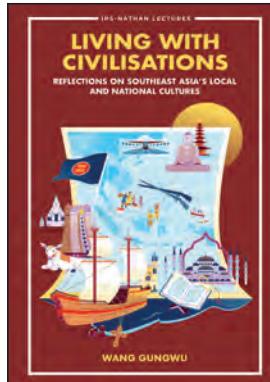
Professor Wang Gungwu, the 12th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore, presents an edited collection of his four IPS-Nathan Lectures delivered between November 2022 and March 2023, including highlights from audience Q&A. The lectures explore how great civilizations—the Indic, Sinic, Islamic, and later Christian European—shaped Southeast Asia's local identities and cultures, particularly Singapore's national identity and development. This perspective offers insight into Singapore's modern identity and the region's place in the modern world order.

Readership: Readers interested in culture, history, and identity in Singapore and Southeast Asia.

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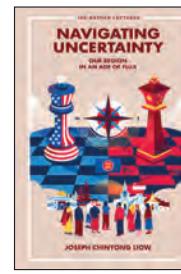
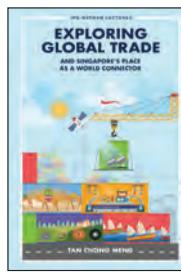


SINGAPORE-BOOK SERIES

IPS-Nathan Lecture Series

The IPS-Nathan Lecture series was launched by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) in 2014, under its S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore. The Fellowship was set up to support research on Singapore policy issues. Each S R Nathan Fellow delivers between three and six lectures. These lectures aim to advance public understanding and discussion of issues of critical national interest.

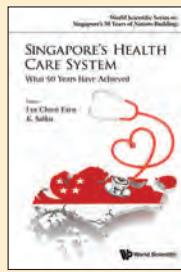
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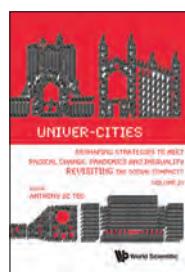
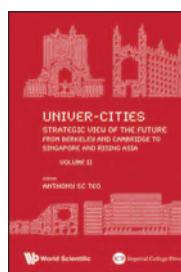
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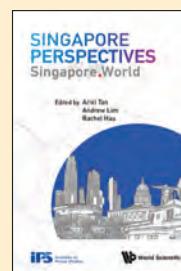
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SINGAPORE-GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS

How Singapore Beat the Odds

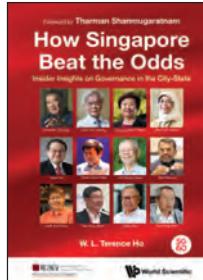
Insider Insights on Governance in the City-State
by **W L Terence Ho** (Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore)

Foreword by: **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**

This book tells the inside story of how Singapore defied odds to build a dynamic economy and cohesive society over 60 years. Through in-depth interviews with 12 influential leaders—including Abdullah Tarmugi, Chan Sek Keong, Cheong Koon Hean, Halimah Yacob, and others—it explores key public policies that shaped Singapore's transformation. Their firsthand accounts inform, enlighten, and inspire readers seeking insights into successful governance, revealing how Singapore continually reinvented itself to achieve growth.

Readership: General readers in Singapore and abroad interested in Singapore's development and governance lessons.

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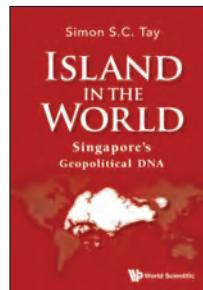
Island in the World

Singapore's Geopolitical DNA
by **Simon S C Tay** (Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Singapore)

Island in the World: Singapore's Geopolitical DNA is a curated collection of Simon S C Tay's public commentaries from the mid-1990s to today. Organized thematically, it explores Singapore's engagement amid geopolitical tension, linking past, present, and future. Tay offers reflections that provide deeper context on Singapore's evolution and enduring principles. Combining journalism, policy, and personal insight, the book captures Singapore's journey in a complex global landscape and the author's evolving thought over decades.

Readership: Advanced students, researchers, policymakers, professionals in political science, public policy, international relations, law, and environmental studies.

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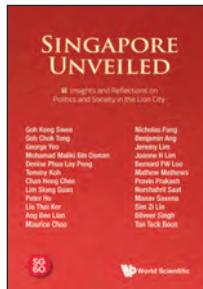
Singapore Unveiled

Volume 1: Insights and Reflections on Politics and Society in the Lion City
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Island in the World reflects on Singapore's politics and society through works by leading government figures, academics, and practitioners. It details key drivers of Singapore's success—good governance, a renewed social compact, and enduring bilateral relations. Part I covers governing values, leadership, and political systems; Part II discusses social issues like arts, healthcare, and housing; Part III explores foreign policy, diplomatic relations, and national security. This volume celebrates 60 years of nation-building, offering insights into Singapore's past and future success.

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Future-Ready Governance

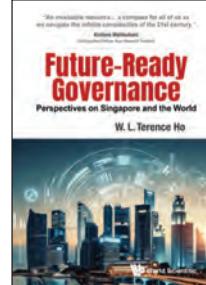
Perspectives on Singapore and the World by **W L Terence Ho** (Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore)

How can governments prepare for the future amid transforming economies and societies?

In essays for Singapore's leading news outlets, policymaker-turned-academic Terence Ho explores Singapore's responses to technological disruption, climate change, social stresses, leadership transitions, and fiscal sustainability. Tackling these challenges requires nimble policy adaptation, anticipating change, building resource buffers, and measured risks. Drawing from Singapore's experience, these essays illuminate governance and leadership issues vital for any nation's long-term success.

Readership: Students of public policy and Singapore studies, public sector officers, and citizens interested in policy and current affairs.

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Non-Constituency Members of Parliament

What's Next for the Scheme?
edited by **Hoe Yeong Loke & Jenn Jong Yee**

Four decades have passed since the Non-Constituency Member of Parliament (NCMP) scheme began in 1984. Debated at every election, it emerged when the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) nearly dominated Parliament.

Proponents see it as the PAP's magnanimity allowing 'best losers' from opposition parties into Parliament; cynics argue it guarantees minimal opposition to encourage PAP votes.

This book traces the scheme's evolution with contributions from NCMPs, PAP and opposition voices, and observers, discussing its relevance and possible reforms amid Singapore's changing political landscape.

Readership: Those interested in Singapore's politics and society.

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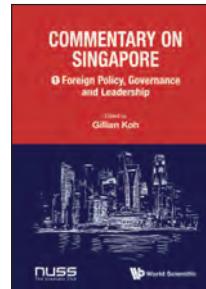
Thought-leaders contributing to this volume include Tommy Koh, Tan Tai Yong, Kishore Mahbubani, Bilahari Kausikan, Han Fook Kwang, and more!

This volume comprises essays by Singapore thought-leaders republished from the National University of Singapore Society's journal, *Commentary*.

The first section provides historical context and analyses of Singapore's foreign policy. The second explores values and orientations the fourth generation of national leaders might adopt to face emerging challenges crucial to the city-state's survival.

Readership: Students, academics, policymakers, corporate officials, activists, and general readers interested in Singapore.

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SINGAPORE-BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Singapore Unveiled

Volume 2: Insights and Reflections on the Economy and Society in the Lion City
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This volume reflects on Singapore's past, present, and future economy and society through works from leading government figures, academics, and practitioners.

Organised by evolving societal types—inclusive, tech-adept, silver, sustainable, and globalised—it covers social mobility, labour models, digitalisation and AI under Smart Nation 2.0, ageing population challenges, sustainability efforts, and Singapore's role as a global city amid deglobalisation.

Celebrating progress and innovations, this timely volume offers insights for anyone invested in Singapore's ongoing success in a rapidly changing world.

Readership: Students, academics, policymakers, corporate officials, activists, and the general public interested in Singapore.

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Exploring Global Trade and Singapore's Place as a World Connector

by Chong Meng Tan

Mr Tan Chong Meng, the Institute of Policy Studies' 14th S R Nathan Fellow, presents an edited collection of his three IPS-Nathan Lectures (March–May 2024) with Q&A highlights.

Amid COVID-19, US-China trade tensions, and deglobalisation, Tan explores the past, present, and future of global trade, focusing on supply chains, ports, and Singapore's role as a maritime hub. He discusses challenges from geopolitical tensions, climate risk, and technology, highlighting PSA's evolution and strategies for sustainability and resilience.

Readership: Students, professionals, and the general public interested in global trade and Singapore's trade hub role.

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Extraordinary

From Stay-at-Home Mum to World-Class Entrepreneur
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How did an "ordinary" stay-at-home mother build a hundred-million-dollar global business? After leaving the corporate world, Yvon Bock thought she was settling for an ordinary life. A life-changing experience inspired her to empower 100 million mothers with her invention, the Hegen feeding bottle. Through her roles as daughter, wife, mother, and entrepreneur, Yvon shares a message of hope, illustrating the power of intention and human potential. Her story inspires courage, compassion, and relentless pursuit of greatness.

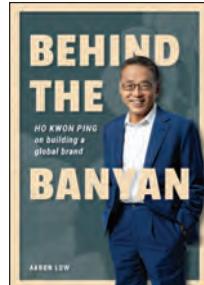
Readership: Aspiring entrepreneurs, working mothers, women leaders, and those passionate about starting their own business.

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**Behind the Banyan**

Ho Kwon Ping on Building a Global Brand
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While searching for a holiday home at 32, Ho Kwon Ping found a cratered, tin-mined land at Phuket's Bang Tao Bay. Unlike others, he saw business potential, sparking the story of Banyan Tree Holdings, a global hospitality icon. In *Behind the Banyan*, Ho shares how he and co-founders built the company from almost nothing, overcoming crises like the 2004 tsunami. He offers insights on handling disruptions, company culture, and succession in Asian family businesses.

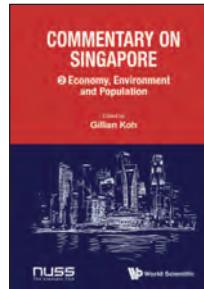


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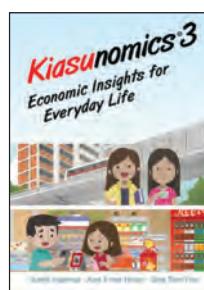
Thought-leaders like Piyush Gupta, Laurence Liew, Lee Tzu Yang, and Geh Min contribute to this volume of essays republished from the National University of Singapore Society's *Commentary*. The chapters provide a historical review of Singapore's economic, ecological, and social development, centred on sustainability. They address issues like immigration, energy choices, and competition amid Industrial Revolution 4.0. Though not new material, the debates remain fresh and accessible, offering insights into enduring national wealth.

Readership: Students, academics, policymakers, corporate officials, civil society activists, and general readers interested in Singapore.

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Economic Insights for Everyday Life
by **Sumit Agarwal (National University of Singapore, Singapore), Swee Hoon Ang (National University of Singapore, Singapore) & Tien Foo Sing (National University of Singapore, Singapore)**



Have you ever wondered whether the Build-To-Order scheme affects marriage and divorce? Or if haze impacts babies' physical and intellectual traits? *Kiasunomics[©] 3* explores such questions in an easy-to-understand, light-hearted style. Each self-contained chapter discusses research from the National University of Singapore using simple economic logic. Topics include climate change's effect on property prices, online security breaches, parental bankruptcy's impact on children, and food orders during COVID lockdown. This book reveals how research relates to daily life and policy issues like housing and retirement.

Readership: General readers.

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SINGAPORE-ARTS AND CULTURE

Home, Truly

A History of Singapore National Songs
by **Kenneth Lyen** (*Musical Theatre Ltd., Singapore*)

The book covers the history of Singapore National songs, beginning with the search for folk songs as potential National songs. It traces *Majulah Singapura* by Zubir Said, adopted as the national anthem in 1959, and follows the first three National Day Parade songs by Hugh Harrison (1985–1987). It then explores the Sing Singapore competition, which produced Dick Lee's *Home*. The book covers all National Day Parade songs up to the present, highlighting key contributors. Published for Singapore's 60th Independence and 40th National Day songs anniversaries.

Readership: General public, secondary and JC school students.

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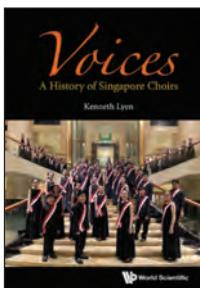
Voices

A History of Singapore Choirs
by **Kenneth Lyen** (*Musical Theatre Ltd., Singapore*)

This book traces the history of Singapore choirs from the early 20th century to today, highlighting choirs that shaped Singapore's history and key personalities who composed, founded choirs, and led them to overseas success. It is the first book documenting how Singapore choirs, once unknown before the 1980s, became internationally acclaimed. Covering large choirs, chamber groups, and acapella ensembles, it explores diverse musical styles—from classical to pop-rock—and the use of ethnic instruments and choral performances combined with dance and actions.

Readership: General public, choir teachers, students, and choir societies.

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Love Connects

My Life in Dance
by **Soo Khim Goh** (*Singapore Ballet Academy, Singapore*) & **Ming Yen Phan** (*The Arts Magazine, Singapore*)

Love Connects: My Life in Dance offers an intimate glimpse into the life of Goh Soo Khim, co-founder and artistic director of Singapore Dance Theatre (SDT). From 1988 to 2008, she shaped Singapore's dance scene, beginning her career in 1971 as Director of the Singapore Ballet Academy. This memoir shares her onstage triumphs and behind-the-scenes memories, highlighting her pivotal role in Singapore's cultural development and providing valuable insights for dancers and educators.

This book is a must-read for those who cherish the transformative power of dance and the remarkable legacy of Goh Soo Khim's contributions to the cultural landscape of Singapore.

Readership: Dance enthusiasts, arts historians, aspiring dancers and educators, and general readers interested in resilience and artistic achievement.

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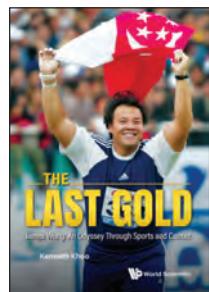
The Last Gold

James Wong: An Odyssey Through Sports and Cancer
by **Kenneth Khoo**

James Wong, Singapore's most successful SEA Games track and field athlete, won 16 medals, including 10 golds, from 1987 to 2013. In January 2023, he was diagnosed with Stage 2 Bile Duct Cancer, which transformed his life. This book details his battle against cancer, drawing on lessons and strengths from his athletic career to aid his fight. It tells a story of hope and inspiration, sharing James's personal experiences and advice for those facing similar battles.

Readership: Sports fans, medical community, cancer patients, survivors, and healthcare professionals.

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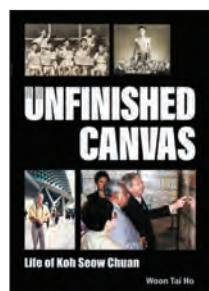
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Life of Koh Seow Chuan
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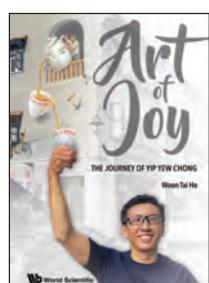
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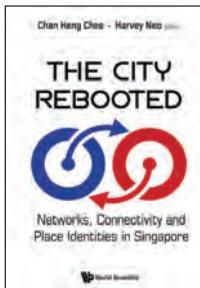
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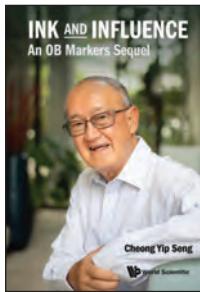
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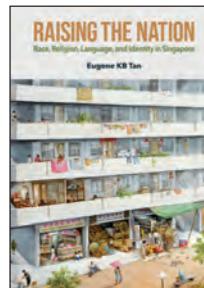
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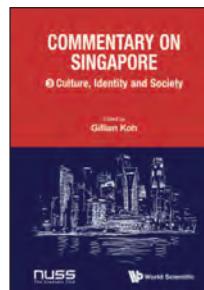
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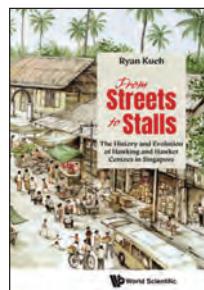
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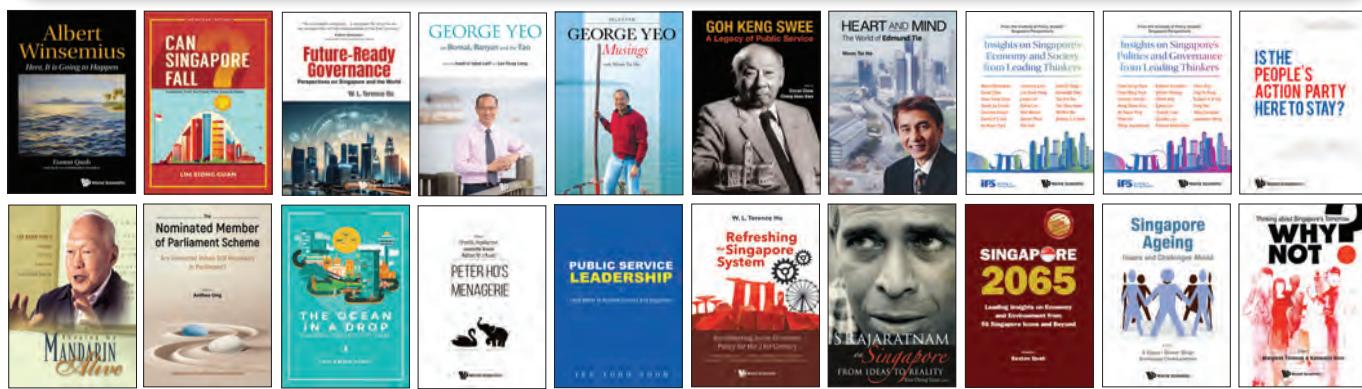
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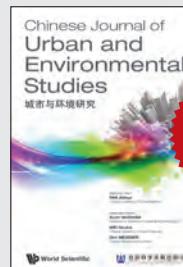
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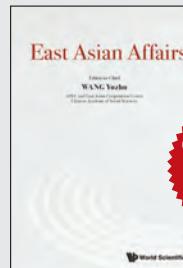


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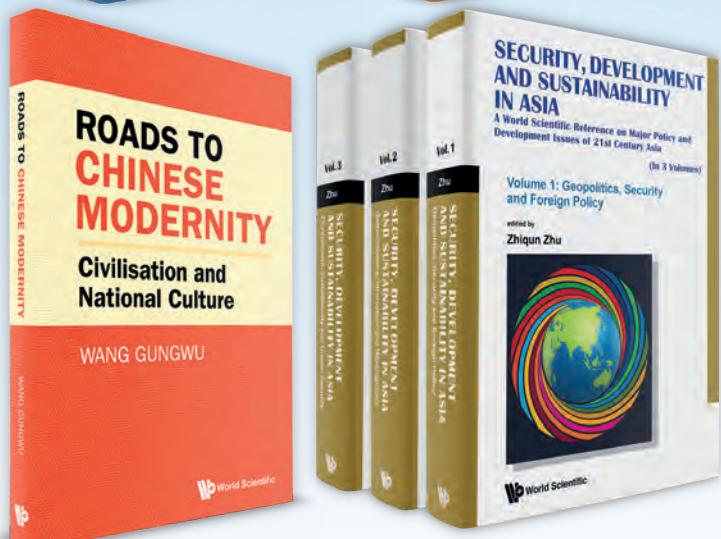
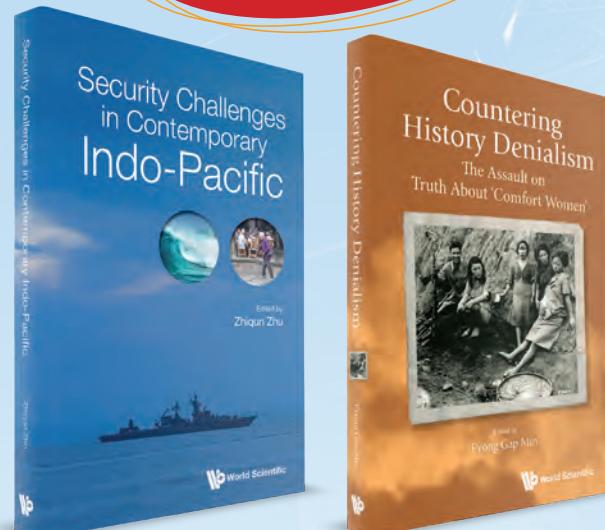
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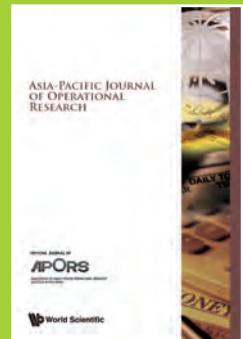
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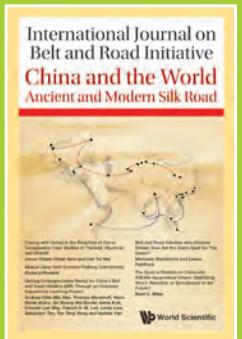
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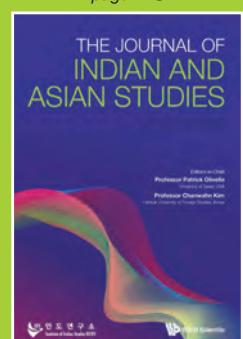
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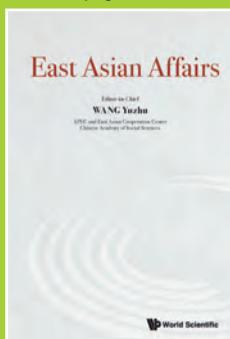
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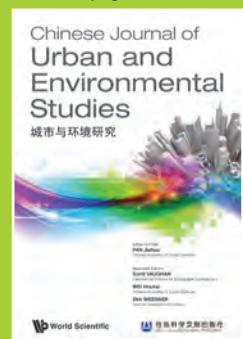
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