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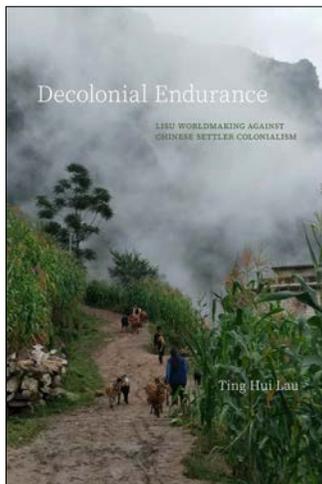


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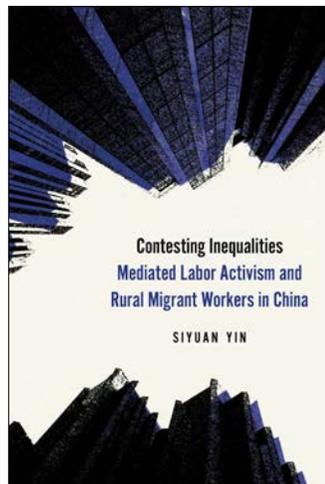
Decolonial Endurance *Lisu Worldmaking against Chinese Settler Colonialism* Ting Hui Lau

What does it mean to live through a world coming undone? *Decolonial Endurance* explores this question through the turbulent lives of Indigenous Lisu subsistence farmers in China's Eastern Himalayas, bordering Myanmar and Tibet. Like many of China's Indigenous borderlands, this mountainous region has long borne the force of encroaching Chinese state power. In exchange for the so-called gifts of development—healthcare, income, and education—Lisu suffer environmental and social catastrophes such as mass landslides, strange new illnesses, and toxic food. Drawing on over a decade of fieldwork, Lau takes readers into the world of the Lisu as they grapple with the fallout from state development, which Lau argues is the latest phase in a centuries-long project of settler colonialism along China's Southwest frontier.

"One of the best examinations of the contemporary effects of Chinese coloniality that I have seen."

—Darren Byler,
Simon Fraser University

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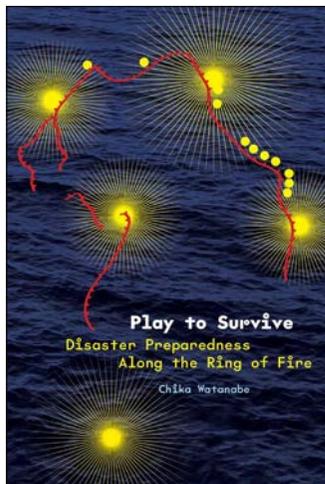
Contesting Inequalities *Mediated Labor Activism and Rural Migrant Workers in China* Siyuan Yin

After four decades of market reform, China has developed a fast-growing, prosperous economy. Despite this prosperity, social inequality has persisted and expanded. China's authoritarian political context has led burgeoning forms of alternative mediated practices to become key, if complicated, components of worker resistance. In *Contesting Inequalities*, Siyuan Yin traces the historical and structural forces surrounding the plight of migrant workers, especially women workers, and examines the relationship between media and different forms of collective action in China. By explicating how mediated labor activism has enabled new subjectivities, counter-discourses, and informal networks, Yin demonstrates that the surge in Chinese working-class resistance highlights the interconnectedness of class struggles and feminist activism.

"A vital contribution to scholarship on China, specifically on the searing social inequalities in the country today."

—Lisa Refel,
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Play to Survive
Disaster Preparedness along the Ring of Fire
 Chika Watanabe

How can we survive the future amid intensifying climate change? This question is particularly poignant along the Ring of Fire, a tectonic belt in the Pacific region that routinely faces some of the most devastating disasters in the world. Based on ethnographic research spanning seven years, *Play to Survive* examines the work of preparedness training in Japan and Chile, two primary nations along the Ring of Fire that experience frequent disasters. Experts from these countries have often collaborated to create some of the most advanced disaster preparedness systems in the world. In a time of political and environmental destabilization globally, this book offers a unique look at how playful preparedness can reset relationships to environments, to the future, and to each other.

"A timely, poignant, and hopeful ethnography of how survival just might be possible in a world shaped by disasters."

—Vivian Choi,
 St. Olaf College

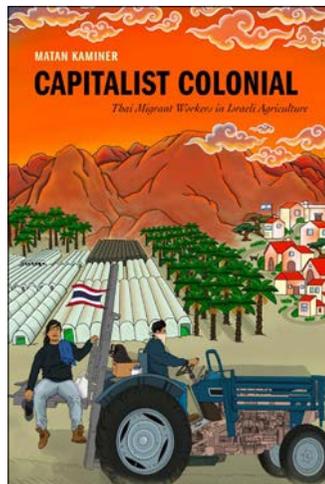
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Borderland Solidarity
Indigenous Law, Media, and Environmental Activism in Kachinland
 Emily Hong

Kachinland is an unrecognized state in the borderlands of Myanmar, India, China, and Thailand. The area's rich natural resources—including jade and hydropower—are coveted by the junta-led Myanmar government and China. As resource extraction and land confiscation intensifies, Kachin activists and artists turn to Indigenous law and media to stem the tide of displacement and dispossession. Hong examines how they draw on the infrastructures of the borderlands to sustain activism for the long-haul. With critical awareness of the colonial legacies of the region and of anthropology itself, Hong uncovers the limitations and liberatory potential of borderland solidarity, offering a powerful lens for understanding global activism and for navigating collaborative ethnography. Hong's book asks what activists, artists, and anthropologists alike can learn from centering non-Western ways of theorizing and embodying political sensation and collective action.

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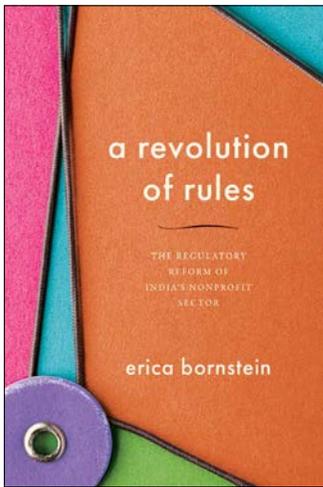
Capitalist Colonial
Thai Migrant Workers in Israeli Agriculture
 Matan Kaminer

In the 1980s, the agrarian economy of Israel's Central Arabah was transformed by a shift to export-oriented monoculture and an influx of migrants from northeast Thailand. The labor of Thai migrants was essential to resolving clashing demands between an economic bottom line and Zionist ideology. This book mobilizes capitalism and colonialism as a combined analytical frame, and draws connections between the violent takeover of peripheral regions, the imposition of agrarian commodity production, and the emergence of transnational labor flows. Kaminer insists on the liberatory possibilities immanent in the "interaction ideologies" found among both migrant workers and settler employers, and raises the question of the place of migrants who are neither Jewish nor Arab in visions of decolonization.

"An anthropological exploration of connection between international labor flows, capitalist production, and violent colonial transformation both timely and valuable."

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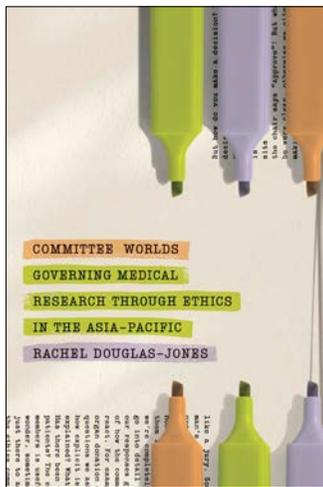
A Revolution of Rules
The Regulatory Reform of India's Nonprofit Sector
Erica Bornstein

In India, laws regulating the nonprofit sector were dramatically reformed between 2010-2020. In 2015 dozens were put on a state-sponsored watch list. While many assume that nonprofits are defined by the causes they champion, Bornstein demonstrates that the nonprofit form is shaped primarily through its regulation, in a dynamic process of democratic and political negotiation. She examines how members of nonprofit organizations are the unsung heroes of democracy as they struggle to protect civil society. To understand nonprofits and their relationship to democracy in the world, Bornstein asserts, one must look to the deceptively unassuming sites of struggle over the nonprofit form and its regulation.

"Powerfully reframes the study of nonprofits, focusing not on the impact of their work but on the laws that shape who they are and what they can and cannot do. A must-read for anyone interested in state power, governance, and democratic politics today."

—Aradhana Sharma,
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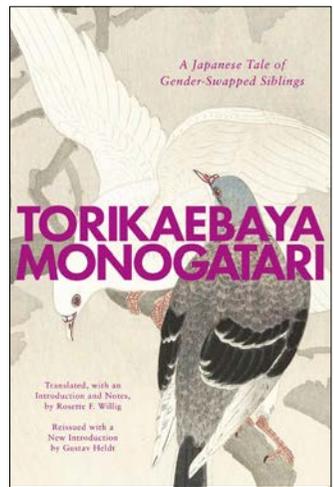
Committee Worlds
Governing Medical Research through Ethics in the Asia-Pacific
Rachel Douglas-Jones

Medical research is a global endeavor; a complex network of international drugs trials and data collection in the pursuit of novel treatments. The Asia-Pacific region is considered an ideal “market” for such trials, with large populations and good hospitals. Through a decade of ethnographic engagement with the Forum of Ethics Review Committees of Asia and the Pacific (FERCAP), following members from their base in Thailand to workshops across Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Taiwan, and mainland China, Rachel Douglas-Jones demonstrates that research ethics committees are spaces of contestation where the futures of global medical research are decided. Understanding how ethics review committees do their work allows anthropologists of policy, global health, and bureaucracy to consider the values embedded in ethics as a bureaucratic practice.

"Eminently weaves the best of anthropologies of policy in analytical conversation with science and technology studies."

—Ayo Wahlberg,
University of Copenhagen

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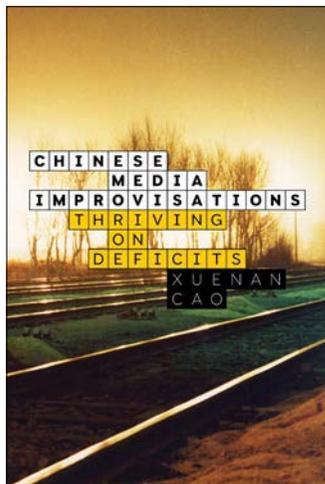
Torikaebaya Monogatari
A Japanese Tale of Gender-Swapped Siblings
Translated, with an Introduction and Notes, by Rosette F. Willig
Willig Reissued with a New Introduction by Gustav Heldt

Torikaebaya monogatari is a twelfth-century Japanese tale like no other. It follows the complications that arise when a nobleman has his two children swap genders—his son living as a woman, and his daughter living as a man. What unfolds is a tale of tragicomedy, familial love, and oblique social commentary that subverts and satirizes literature of the period—most notably *The Tale of Genji*. First published in English under the title *The Changelings* in 1983, this reissued edition of the translation by Rosette F. Willig, with an illuminating new introduction from Gustav Heldt, makes this enduring and inventive landmark of Japanese literature available to readers for the first time in decades.

"Fantastic to see this translation back in print! A shockingly modern exploration of the tension between who we are and who the world wants to be."

—Charo D'Etcheverry,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

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**Chinese Media
Improvisations**
Thriving on Deficits
Xuenan Cao

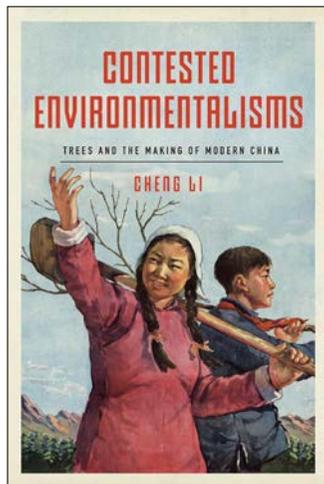
Equal parts media-historical and literary analysis, the book connects several moments in Chinese history: Mao's Great Leap Forward that demanded the country produce mountains of books, notwithstanding the shortage of papers and printers; the compressed development that pushed key industries—such as China Railway—to informatize amidst hazards; the information-theoretical explosion in which scientists impersonated computing devices when there was none for them to access; and the ironic present, when municipals have scrambled to update their smart-cities with low-budget AI gadget theatrics. Ultimately, Cao persuades that the critique and deconstruction of the canonicity of Western media theory requires an understanding of media improvisations in China.

“Original in both form and theoretical intervention.”

—Fan Yang, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

SENSING MEDIA: AESTHETICS, PHILOSOPHY, AND CULTURES OF MEDIA

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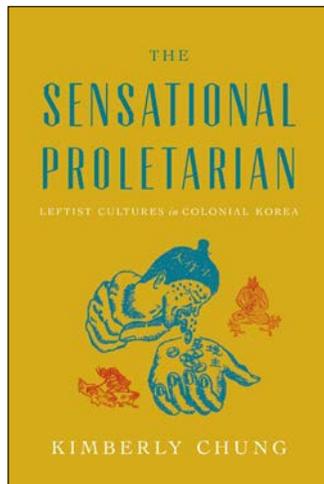
**Contested
Environmentalisms**
*Trees and the Making of Modern
China*
Cheng Li

Contested Environmentalisms explores the seemingly contradictory rhetoric and desires of Chinese conservation. Combining literary, historical, and environmental studies approaches, Li shows that these ideas acquired their value and assumed their power precisely because of their malleability and adaptability. He historicizes authoritarian environmentalism and probes the global-local dynamics underlying conservationist ideas that energize environmental impulses in China. Examining ethnic borderlands, the Beijing political center, and China's growth on the world stage, this book demonstrates the strength of Chinese environmentalism to adapt and survive through tumultuous change lies in what seems to be a weakness: its inconsistency and contestation.

“Skillfully analyzes central yet heretofore underexamined tensions and ambiguities in Chinese environmentalisms.”

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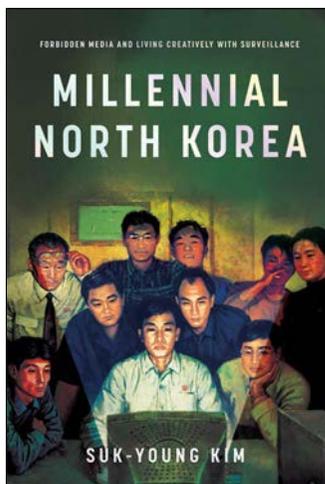
The Sensational Proletarian
Leftist Cultures in Colonial Korea
Kimberly Chung

Starving ghosts, anguished farmers, and grieving mothers. Such are the suffering subjects that characterized leftist Korean cultural production in the 1920s and 1930s. *The Sensational Proletarian* focuses on these textual and visual representations to tell the story of how new affects and everyday experiences introduced by imperial capitalism and colonial modernity were mediated through the lower-class body. Chung traces the emergence of “the sensational proletariat” as a central figure of colonial Korean print culture and reads its varied manifestations as emblematic of Korean efforts not only to grapple with modernity, imperialism, and capitalism, but to do so using the new political ideology and imaginary of Marxism. This book brings to light the centrality of sensational cultures in the development of class politics in Korea.

“Essential reading for those interested in Korean cultural history.”

—Sunyoung Park,
University of Southern California

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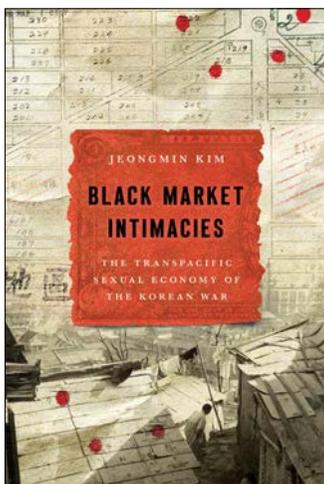
Millennial North Korea
Forbidden Media and Living Creatively with Surveillance
Suk-Young Kim

Millennial North Korea traces how the rapidly expanding media networks impact the country's millennial generation, especially their perspective on the outside world. Kim argues that millennials in North Korea play a crucial role in exposing the increasing tension between the state and its people, between risktakers who dare to transgress strict social rules and compliant citizens accustomed to the state's centralized governance, and between thriving entrepreneurs and those left out of the growing market economy. Combining a close reading of North Korean state media with original interviews with defectors, Kim explores how the tensions between millennial North Korea and North Korean millennials leads to a more nuanced understanding of a fractured and fragmented society that has been frequently perceived as an unchanging, monolithic entity.

"This remarkable new book is an essential contribution to the study of contemporary North Korean life."

—Sandra Fahy,
Carleton University

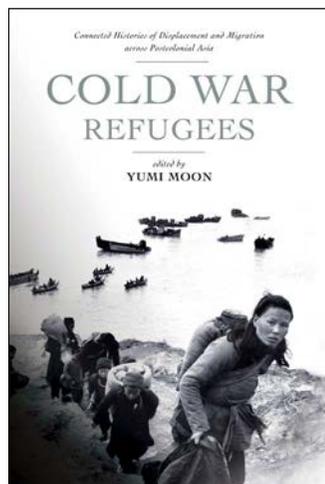
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Black Market Intimacies
The Transpacific Sexual Economy of the Korean War
Jeongmin Kim

Black Market Intimacies reveals how illicit exchanges of money and commodities involving sexual encounters between Korean and Japanese women and US soldiers provided the material foundations of the regional economy across Korea and Japan during the Korean War. Going beyond what is commonly categorized as prostitution and violence in Cold War archives, Kim weaves together stories from the myriads of mundane records scattered around multilingual archives to document larger transnational webs of the war economy. From Korean women who brought camel blankets and whiskey to local markets in Seoul, to middle-aged Okinawan women dealing in US military notes, Kim uncovers the crucial roles that local women played in circulating war supplies and currency across the region through their sexual and intermediary labor. The result is an intimate and global history of the Korean War that urges us to rethink the often-antithetical relationship between sexual intimacy and market economies in the context of war and occupation.

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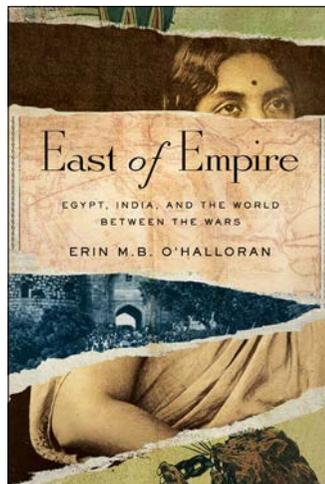
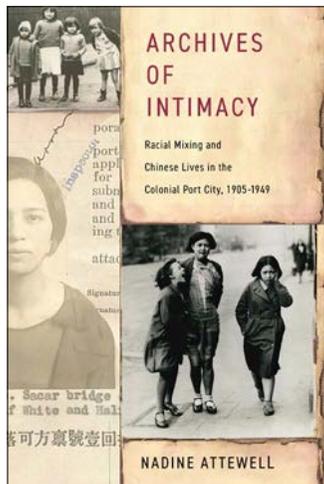
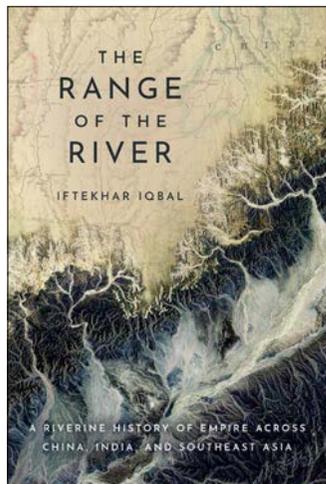
Cold War Refugees
Connected Histories of Displacement and Migration across Postcolonial Asia
Edited by Yumi Moon

Despite their symbolic prominence, the experiences and trajectories of refugees have remained relatively obscure in Cold War history. This book meticulously investigates and connects refugee history across East, Southeast, and South Asia. The collection illuminates the massive mobility of refugee populations across Asia, emphasizing the critical roles of artificial borders, displacement, and violence in shaping the global Cold War. Authors draw from multi-lingual archival sources to explore the local, regional, and global contexts of displacement through five cases: Taiwan, Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. By revisiting key Cold War events in Asia, this book provides a critical revision of Cold War history through the lens of refugee experiences and agency.

"In foregrounding refugees' own narratives, the authors reconceptualize Cold War refugees as complex historical actors. Highly recommended!"

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The Range of the River

A Riverine History of Empire across China, India, and Southeast Asia
Iftekhar Iqbal

Spanning nearly 4 million square kilometers, the Tibetan river system forms the largest contiguous network of rivers on the planet. It fostered connections across Asia, driving commerce, mobility, and cultural encounters that transformed societies, political powers, and economic interests. Tracing six major rivers across eight countries, Iqbal argues that these river systems formed the core of a discursive space where empires, regional political forces, ethnic groups, boaters, peddlers, explorers, merchants, and mules encountered each other in layered meanings and movements. This groundbreaking book reimagines the river not as merely a tool of empire but as a dynamic force in itself, shaping a truly transregional Asia.

"A panoramic history of Asia's waterways. Moving, lyrical, expansive, and deeply insightful, Iqbal crosses borders and academic specialties with rare skill."

—Sunil Amrith,
UMass Boston

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Archives of Intimacy

Racial Mixing and Chinese Lives in the Colonial Port City, 1905-1949
Nadine Attewell

This book offers a rich and innovative study of multiracial social worlds in early-twentieth-century London, Liverpool, and Hong Kong—three port cities linked by their importance to global British shipping networks and circuits of Chinese migration. In these cities, Chinese, Black, South Asian, and European people came together to foster multiracial communities which have been largely forgotten, remembered only through sensationalist fictions that reflected white anxieties about racial mixing. Nadine Attewell considers these vibrant multiracial worlds through the eyes of those who knew them best: people of mixed Chinese descent, for whom interracial intimacies were features of everyday life. Mobilizing a wide range of archival materials, drawing on queer and feminist scholarship, and integrating British, Asian, and diasporic histories, Attewell presents new ways of thinking about the everyday meanings of interracial intimacy, and practices of relation and survival under global conditions of colonial capitalist rule.

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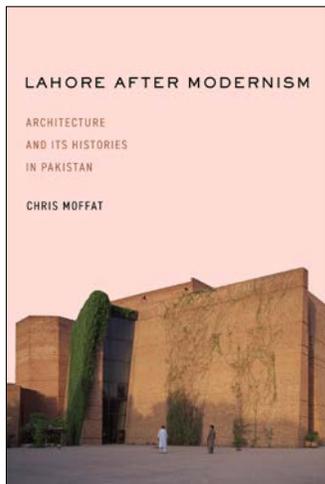
East of Empire

Egypt, India, and the World between the Wars
Erin M.B. O'Halloran

From the outset of the twentieth century, Egyptian and Indian leaders understood their movements for self-determination as part of a shared project. Egypt and India lay at the heart of increasingly complex and multilateral relations. O'Halloran offers a compelling new account of the era immediately preceding decolonization and the partitions of India and Palestine. Alongside well-known figures like Gandhi, Nehru, and Zaghul, she introduces less familiar but no less intriguing personalities: feminists, diplomats, and poets; surrealists, socialists and spies. Each dreamed, wrote, organized, and fought for the liberation of the East. Drawing on a broad cross-section of Indian, Arab, British, and European sources, this book transcends archival partitions to tell a powerful story about the rise of anticolonial nationalism and the end of empire across the Middle East and South Asia.

"A model of comparative scholarship."
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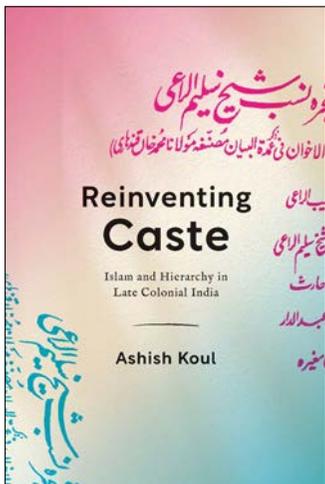
Lahore After Modernism
Architecture and Its Histories in Pakistan
 Chris Moffat

In the decades after independence in 1947, architects in Pakistan were enlisted to build a postcolonial future—a new world after empire. But the debris of the past could not be so easily swept aside. The recalcitrance of local and regional histories was fiercely evident in Lahore, the centuries-old capital of Punjab and a city scarred by the partition of British India. Pakistani architects came to challenge the global consensus around “development” and its close association with modernist architecture. Moving from housing schemes to monuments, shrines to shopping malls, Moffat forges a new conversation between histories of architecture and the history of ideas in South Asia, and locates Lahore at the center of debates around contemporary urbanization, postcolonial aesthetics, and the ethics of dwelling in the modern world.

“Moffat offers us more than just an itinerary of modernism from the global south—this is a truly vibrant intellectual history.”

— Vazira Zamindar,
 Brown University

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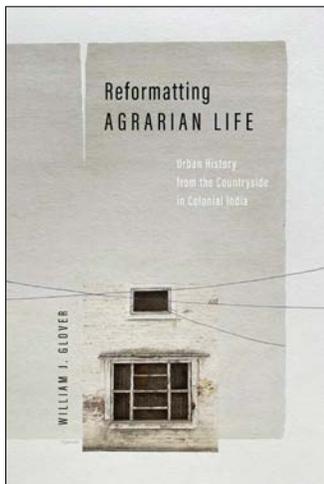
Reinventing Caste
Islam and Hierarchy in Late Colonial India
 Ashish Koul

This book reveals that caste, usually assumed to be a feature of Hindu society, was in fact a trans-religious phenomenon in colonial India, as it is today. Through a focus on one agrarian Muslim caste of colonial India known as Arains, Koul shows how some Muslims transmuted caste and emplaced it within the Islamic tradition of their time. Seeking to refute negative portrayals, a group of elite Arain Muslim landholders and educated professionals came together to develop a new Islamic vocabulary for caste. Through a variety of primary sources in English and Urdu, Koul analyzes the intricacies of caste, religion, and politics among Muslims in colonial India. Ultimately, this book demonstrates that in order to understand why caste persists among South Asians, we must examine how caste consciousness has been entrenched within multiple religious traditions.

“An extraordinarily illuminating window on 20th century Muslim politics.”

—David Gilmartin,
 North Carolina State University

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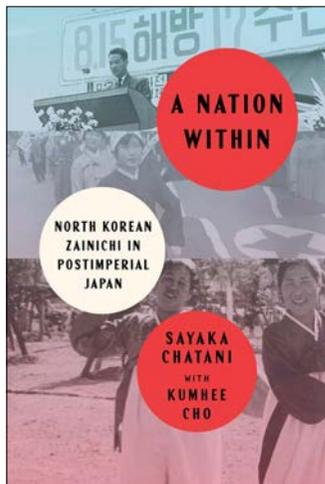
Reformatting Agrarian Life
Urban History from the Countryside in Colonial India
 William J. Glover

Glover argues that rural change and the expert knowledge associated with managing the countryside in colonial India opened paths for urban concepts and forms to permeate agrarian settings where they were previously thought to have little relevance. By illuminating the intellectual paths by which agrarian and urban processes came to be understood as co-constituting, and exploring multiple, vivid, empirically rich case studies of projects where those relations were made evident, this book presents a compelling case to move beyond traditional intellectual silos and enter new theoretical territory to understand processes of urban and rural transformation.

“A deeply researched, innovative book. No other work since Raymond Williams’s The Country and the City and William Cronon’s Nature’s Metropolis has accomplished what Glover has done here.”

—Swati Chattopadhyay,
 University of California, Santa Barbara

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A Nation Within
North Korean Zainichi in Postimperial Japan
Sayaka Chatani, with KumHee Cho

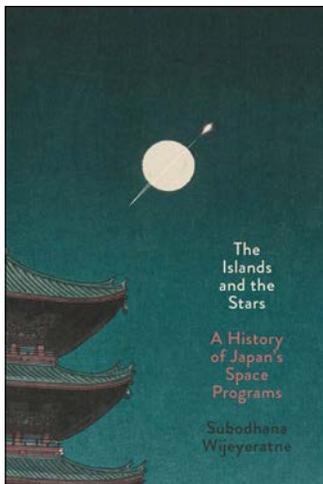
The presence of hundreds of thousands ethnic Koreans in Japan, or “zainichi Koreans,” is one of the visible legacies of Japanese colonialism. A surprising and influential group among zainichi Koreans that persists to this day is Chongryon, the only pro–North Korean diasporic group based in a capitalist society. Based on extensive archival research and nearly 250 original interviews collected with co-researcher KumHee Cho, who was raised within the Chongryon community, Sayaka Chatani offers a sweeping social history of this secretive, protective community in xenophobic Japanese society that reshapes our understanding of Japanese history, Korean history, and the Cold War in Asia.

“A truly groundbreaking intimate history of the pro-North Korean Zainichi in Japan.”

—Suzy Kim,
Rutgers University

**STUDIES OF THE WEATHERHEAD
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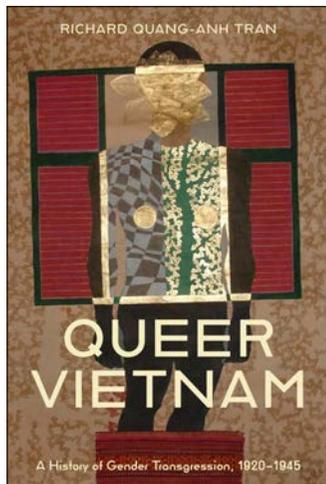
The Islands and the Stars
A History of Japan's Space Programs
Subodhana Wijeyeratne

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) is among the six largest national space agencies in the world. And yet, Japan's significant contributions have largely been absent in the history of space exploration, and space exploration largely absent in the history of technology in Japan. This book corrects this conspicuous oversight. Through meticulous archival research, Wijeyeratne examines the history of Japan's space exploration efforts over nearly a century. He traces the evolution of Japan's space program from its early origins in the 1920s, through the postwar period of rapid technological innovation, to the consolidation of its various institutional elements into JAXA in 2003, and situates Japan's space programs within the broader history of the country's postwar recovery, economic growth, and cultural identity.

“Illuminates both the triumphs and the tensions that shaped one of Japan's most significant technological endeavors.”

—Kate McDonald,
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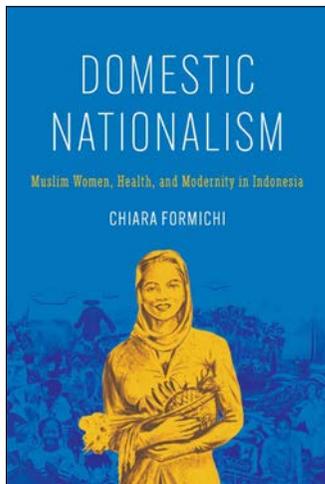
Queer Vietnam
A History of Gender Transgression, 1920–1945
Richard Quang-Anh Tran

This book recovers the forgotten stories of variant genders and sexualities in early twentieth-century Vietnam. By the beginning of the 1900s, European imperialism had spread Western notions of gender across much of Asia, narrowing and delegitimizing what had been a wide range of acceptable gender practices. But in Vietnam, Western influence on gender remained uneven at best. Through archival research and innovative readings of literary sources, Tran argues that Vietnamese culture embraced a much less rigid view of the human body, and that a far more capacious vision of gendered personhood existed in this period than has been previously assumed. In so doing, this book opens up new directions for both the historical study of gender and Vietnam's modernity.

“An original and gripping cultural history of gender transgression in this region of Southeast Asia. The empirical findings are rich and historical insights pathbreaking.”

—Howard Chiang,
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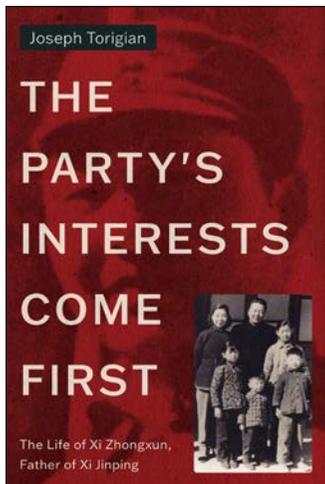
Domestic Nationalism
*Muslim Women, Health, and
Modernity in Indonesia*
Chiara Formichi

Chiara Formichi argues that Muslim women in Java and Sumatra, from the late 1910s to the 1950s, were central to Indonesia's progress as guardians and promoters of health and piety through gendered activities of care work. Largely absent from government archives, their words and acts are evident in vernacular magazines and visual sources drawn from official outreach, news and lifestyle media, and advertisements. Women writers rearticulated scientific mothering, nationalist maternalism, and Islamic ideals of motherhood to create a public voice through gendered care work. *Domestic Nationalism* proposes that as the modern Indonesian nation-state took shape capitalizing on the public function of mothering, so did homemaking become a crossroads of national and international approaches to development, blurring nonaligned self-reliance and global capitalist interests.

"Based on impressive, original research, this book thinks anew the history of gender and modernity in Indonesia. Exciting and timely."

— Chie Ikeya,
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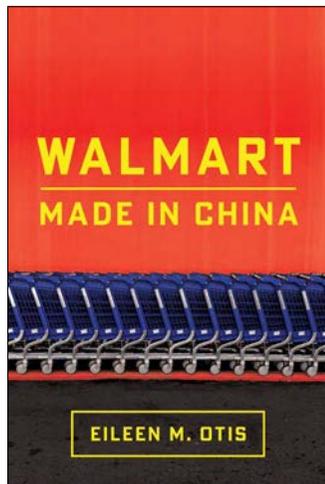


**The Party's Interests Come
First**
*The Life of Xi Zhongxun, Father of
Xi Jinping*
Joseph Torigian

This book is the first biography of Xi Zhongxun (1913–2002) written in English. It offers a sweeping story of the first several decades of the People's Republic of China, and a deeply personal story about making sense of one's own identity within a larger political context. Xi Zhongxun served the Chinese Communist Party for more than seven decades. He helped build the Communist base area that saved Mao Zedong in 1935, and he initiated the Special Economic Zones that launched China into the reform era after Mao's death. He led the Party's United Front efforts toward Tibetans, Uyghurs, and Taiwanese. And though in 1989 he initially sought to avoid violence, he ultimately supported the crackdown on the Tiananmen protesters. Torigian vividly tells the life story of Xi Zhongxun, and reveals the extraordinary organizational, ideological, and coercive power of the CCP—and the terrible cost in human suffering that comes with it

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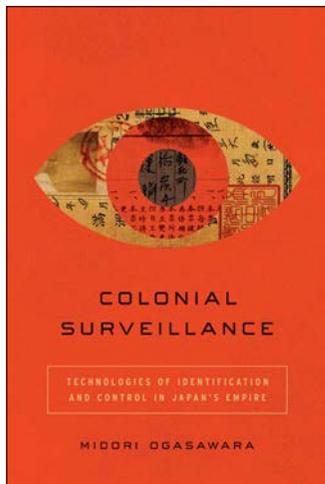


WALMART
MADE IN CHINA
Eileen M. Otis

This book tells the story of Walmart's expansion in China, making the case that it is the story of a major shift in the structure of global capitalism. Walmart, argues Otis, is a leading actor in the rise of merchant capitalism, wherein the role of the merchant has changed from operating at the whim of industrialists, to leveraging control over large consumer markets. Drawing on years of fieldwork in Walmart stores across China, Otis traces an internal supply chain—from warehouse to checkout—where workers stock, promote, explain, and process goods under varying regimes of control. These labor regimes, structured by gender, migration, surveillance, and corporate rules and culture, as well as managerial oversight, reveal how capitalist value is realized, and how it can be contested. At the heart of her analysis is the rise of a new system — merchant capitalism — in which control over consumer markets, rather than production, drives profit.

GLOBALIZATION IN EVERYDAY LIFE

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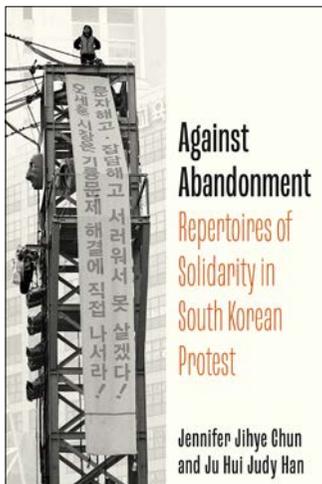
Colonial Surveillance
Technologies of Identification and Control in Japan's Empire
 Midori Ogasawara

Taking a historical and sociological perspective informed by surveillance studies, this book shows how biometric identification became a powerful means of policing and racialization of ethnic others in Japan's empire. Based on archival research in Japan and China, as well as interviews with the Chinese survivors of Japanese occupation, Ogasawara explores the transformation of identification techniques from Japan to its colonies and the lasting impacts of colonial surveillance on everyday people. Against the historical backdrop of Japan's colonial expansion, Ogasawara invites readers to delve into the little-known genealogy of modern-day identification systems, and the colonial roots of the troubling and often-invisible surveillance technologies that saturate our digital lives today.

"This book does not simply build upon but innovates a way of thinking about identification and surveillance systems. An absolutely original contribution to the study of Japan and its empire."

—Miriam Kingsberg Kadia,
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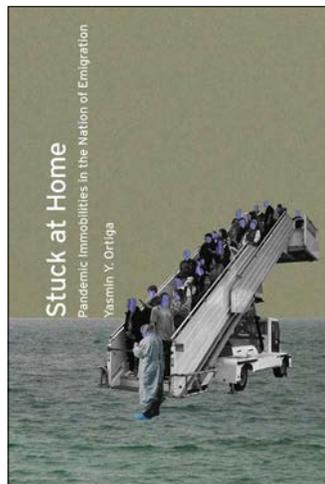
Against Abandonment
Repertoires of Solidarity in South Korean Protest
 Jennifer Jihye Chun and Ju Hui Judy Han

Based on long-term ethnographic research with labor and social movement activists, *Against Abandonment* is at once a chronicle of the life-and-death character of protesting precarity in South Korea and a searing examination of repertoires of solidarity for upending injustice. Chun and Han situate South Korean protest in transnational context to demonstrate how the struggles of South Korean workers are inextricably tied to the globalized conditions of neoliberal capitalism. The book theorizes protest as a political form with far-reaching resonance and underscores the significance of collective survival, self-determination, and emancipatory transformation.

"Based on inspiring ethnographic research, and written by two leading figures in Korean studies, this a rich, comprehensive account of South Korean protests—their unknown histories, contexts, and unexpected twists and turns. A rare study that puts theory and history in productive dialectics."

—Hyun Ok Park,
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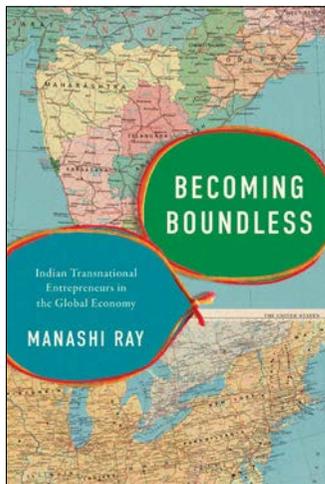
Stuck at Home
Pandemic Immobilities in the Nation of Emigration
 Yasmin Y. Ortiga

The Philippines is amongst the most successful migrant-sending nations in the world, both lauded and critiqued for exporting its own citizens to a global labor market. *Stuck at Home* examines how the Philippine state and its aspiring migrants negotiated the meaning of immobility amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ortiga studies the narratives that emerged around two groups of Filipino workers: nurses banned from leaving the country and cruise workers who returned home after COVID-19 shut down the travel industry. A gripping account of political interests, frustrated dreams, and an unprecedented crisis, this book reveals how migration governance is not only about regulating people's movement, but also defining the meaning and implications of remaining in place.

"This rich study expands our lens of what migration is by establishing immobility to be a constitutive element of both migration experience and governance."

—Rhacel Salazar Parreñas,
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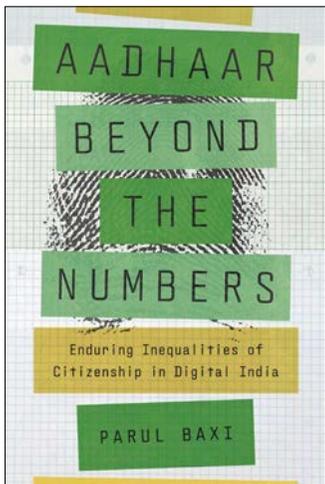
Becoming Boundless
*Indian Transnational
Entrepreneurs in the Global
Economy*
Manashi Ray

How do Indian men and women migrant entrepreneurs play a part in repositioning India as a pivotal actor in the twenty-first century's multipolar world order? In *Becoming Boundless*, Ray draws on ethnographic and archival research to uncover how they create and participate in transnational networks, and how these networks in turn drive the growth of global capitalism. Covering a 10-year period in India's post-reform era, Ray deftly highlights complex connections between the social and spatial mobility of this diverse, bi-cultural population, and uniquely theorizes the intersection of class, caste, and gender.

"Ray offers a fresh perspective on the men and women who build transnational businesses, across the US and India, in their quest to balance economic success with meaningful family lives."

—Bandana Purkayastha,
University of Connecticut

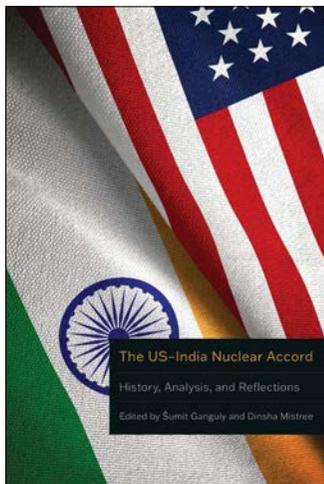
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**Aadhaar Beyond the
Numbers**
*Enduring Inequalities of Citizenship
in Digital India*
Parul Baxi

What can the world's most acclaimed yet controversial state-led universal biometric identification program, Aadhaar, reveal about contemporary Indian society and citizenship? Drawing upon eighteen months of fieldwork in three Indian cities, Parul Baxi offers a compelling analysis about Aadhaar's encounter with different groups, everyday citizenship, and stratification in Indian society. The book's unique methodological focus details the anxieties and aspirations of the technocratic and political elites who launched Aadhaar, the nonprofit leaders who mediate state-poor relations, and the middle class and poor internal migrants. This book provides insights and opens new spaces of inquiry that call us to urgently examine whether long-lasting change is possible when it is sought from within the very structures it seeks to reform.

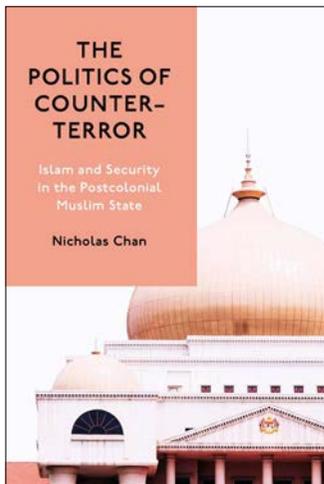
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**The US–India Nuclear
Accord**
History, Analysis, and Reflections
Sumit Ganguly and Dinsha
Mistree, with a preface by
Condoleezza Rice

The United States–India Civil Nuclear Agreement of 2008 marked a pivotal turning point in the relations between the two global powers, a partnership that has come to be recognized as one of the most consequential bilateral relationships of the 21st century. The accord helped reset the US–India relationship and provided a base of trust from which future leaders could work together. Bringing together reflections from key decision-makers, this is the first comprehensive account of the motivations and processes that led up to the path-breaking accord. This volume includes original essays from prominent scholars and analysts on various aspects of the agreement—outlining how it has (or has not) lived up to its initial promises—as well as the future of US–India cooperation. Readers are given a simultaneously intimate and wide-ranging view of what is considered a genuine masterclass in diplomatic relations.

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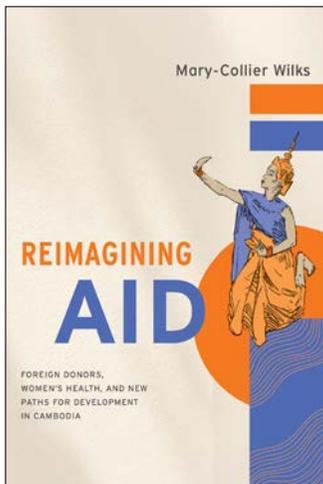


The Politics of Counter-Terror
Islam and Security in the Postcolonial Muslim State
Nicholas Chan

There is a fundamental paradox in counter-terrorism: while Muslim state elites insist that Islam has nothing to do with terrorism, the way Muslim states deal with terrorism has everything to do with Islam. In Malaysia, Islamic expertise is often considered interchangeable with counter-terror expertise.

In this theoretically innovative and empirically rich book, Chan argues that Malaysia's "Islamized" counter-terrorism is an outcome filtered through a matrix of factors, including postcolonial elite status-seeking, modernist state-building, and the immediacies of governmental problem-solving. Drawing from historical as well as contemporary data, Chan centers the Global War on Terror (GWOT) on Malaysia's experience and fills a void in the Western-centric GWOT literature that often fails to examine the social dynamics of the GWOT in Muslim-majority settings and its practical implications.

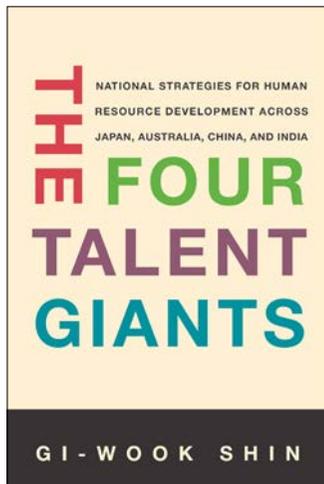
STUDIES IN ASIAN SECURITY
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Reimagining Aid
Foreign Donors, Women's Health, and New Paths for Development in Cambodia
Mary-Collier Wilks

It was long assumed that Western liberal democracy and free-market capitalism held all the answers for development and national progress. Today, in the face of growing inequality and global power imbalances, this post-Cold War narrative has faltered. New players on the international scene, many from South and East Asia, have emerged to vie for influence and offer new models of development. Despite these recent changes, however, prominent international aid organizations still work under the assumption there are one-size-fits-all best practices. Wilks takes readers to Cambodia, a country at the heart of this transformation. This book is a clarion call for practitioners, policymakers, and scholars to rethink what development means in a multipolar world. *Reimagining Aid* is a powerful reminder that the next chapter of global advancement is being written in unexpected places.

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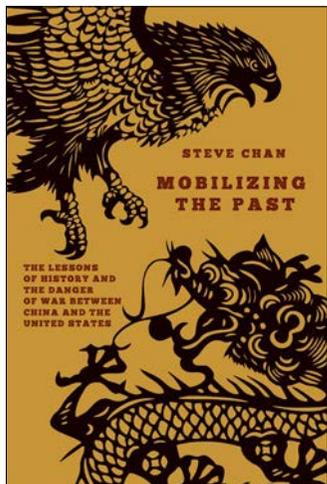


The Four Talent Giants
National Strategies for Human Resource Development Across Japan, Australia, China, and India
Gi-Wook Shin

The Asia-Pacific region has seen extraordinary economic achievements. Japan's post-World War II transformation into an economic powerhouse challenging US dominance by the late 1980s was miraculous. China's rise as the world's second-largest economy is one of the 21st century's most stunning stories. India, now a top-five economy by GDP, is rapidly ascending. Despite its small population, Australia ranked among the top ten GDP nations in 1960 and has remained resilient. While cultivating, attracting, and leveraging talent has been crucial to growth in these countries, their approaches have varied widely, reflecting significant cultural, historical, and institutional differences.

In this sweeping analysis of talent development strategies, Gi-Wook Shin investigates how these four "talent giants" achieved economic power.

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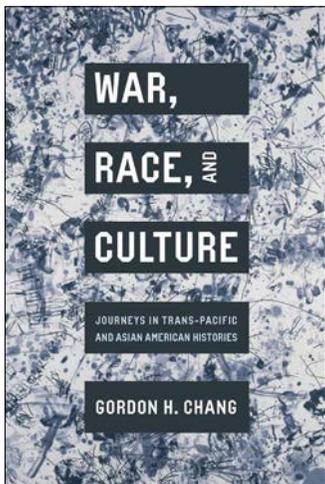


Mobilizing the Past
The Lessons of History and the Danger of War between China and the United States
Steve Chan

Historical analogies are often utilized to frame and formulate foreign policies, illuminate issues of war and peace, and mobilize support for particular political programs. The historical record, however, can be distorted in a variety of ways, leading to overly simplistic, misleading conclusions that impair sound policy and scholarship.

By highlighting serious errors of commission or omission in popular narratives and scholarly studies concerning international relations in general and Sino-American relations in particular, Steve Chan challenges commonly accepted “lessons of history” and cautions against the misuse and misunderstanding of the past in examining China’s rise and its implications for international peace and stability. This far-reaching book presents alternative, overlooked historical accounts that are highly pertinent to Sino-American relations today.

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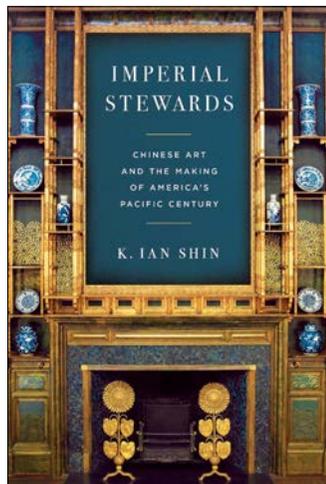
War, Race, and Culture
Journeys in Trans-Pacific and Asian American Histories
Gordon H. Chang

This career-spanning anthology brings together significant essays by the esteemed historian Gordon H. Chang, developing conversations across Chang’s broad-ranging research interests, from diplomatic history to art history, and personal history. Themes of geopolitical conflict, race, and transnational methods link writing produced over several decades, illustrating the arc of an intellectual career and the development of the field of Asian American studies. Ultimately, this book highlights Chang’s abiding interest in providing historical context for issues facing Asian Americans, particularly during a time of rising geopolitical tensions and anti-Asian violence.

“Gordon Chang has given us a profound gift with this collection of essays written across a distinguished career tied together by a lifetime of personal and academic interest in China’s impact on America and the Chinese in America. The book is a reminder to some, an introduction to others, to the work of an exemplary humanist.”

—Mae Ngai,
Columbia University

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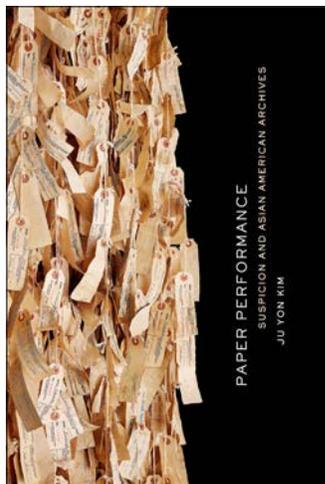
Imperial Stewards
Chinese Art and the Making of America’s Pacific Century
K. Ian Shin

From the Gilded Age to World War II, elite collectors and museums in the United States transformed from owning a smattering of Chinese porcelain as curios, to possessing some of the world’s largest collections of Chinese art. Shin argues that, beyond aesthetic taste and economics, geopolitics were critical to this transformation. Collecting and studying Chinese art and antiquities honed Americans’ belief that they should dominate Asia and the Pacific Ocean through the ideology of imperial stewardship. By examining Chinese art collecting and scholarship in the United States around the turn of the twentieth century, Shin reveals both the cultural impetus behind Americans’ long-standing aspirations for a Pacific Century, and a way to understand—and critique—the duality of US imperial power around the globe.

“A dynamic history of institutions and individuals across the Pacific that brought the Chinese artifacts to the United States.”

—Mari Yoshihara,
University of Hawai’i at Mānoa

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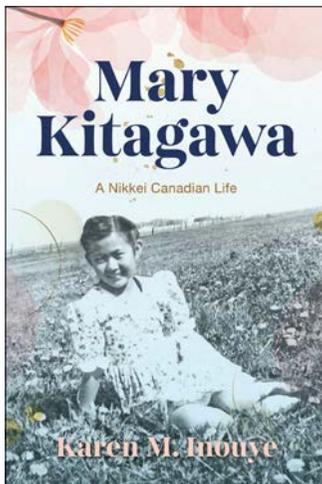
Paper Performance
Suspicion and Asian American Archives
Ju Yon Kim

Closely examining a range of archival documents on “suspect” Asian Americans, including immigration interview transcripts, colonial surveillance forms, loyalty questionnaires, and informant reports, Kim argues for a dramaturgical approach to interacting with these archives, one that recognizes suspicion’s tendency to render certain bodies theatrical while also countering its inexorable pursuit of evidence. Linking histories of Chinese immigration exclusion, the U.S. colonization of the Philippines, the internment of Japanese Americans, and FBI surveillance of political groups, Kim brings together studies of paperwork and performance to demonstrate their continued, intertwined impact on Asian American history and culture.

“A meticulously researched and written book. I kept drawing breath at the surprising and profound insights contained herein.”

—Joshua Chambers-Letson,
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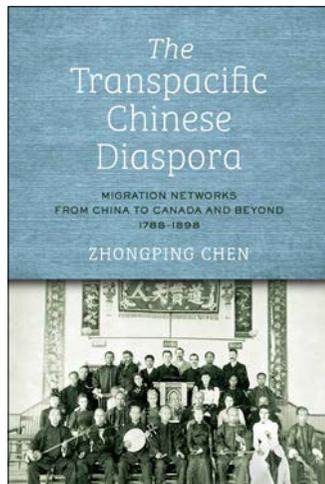
Mary Kitagawa
A Nikkei Canadian Life
Karen M. Inouye

This book tells the story of Japanese Canadian activist Mary Kitagawa. Beginning with Mary’s grandparents, who were among the earliest immigrants to Canada from Japan, this book tracks the family’s experiences from the late 1800s to the present. Concentrating on the interpersonal and intergenerational bonds that shaped Kitagawa, Inouye describes the increasingly activist sensibilities that arose from transformative relationships—with family members, other members of the Nikkei Canadian community, Doukhobors, First Nations peoples, and white allies—as well as in response to the anti-Asian racism that Kitagawa encountered in many forms throughout her life. Inouye presents the Nikkei Canadian experience not as a linear triumph over a single adversity, but as a continual process of identity formation in relation to obstacles and opportunities, suffering and joy, isolation and connection.

“At a time of resurgent anti-Asian racism and xenophobia, this book needs to be read.”

—Christopher Lee,
University of British Columbia

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The Transpacific Chinese Diaspora
Migration Networks from China to Canada and Beyond, 1788–1898
Zhongping Chen

Chen examines the origins, rise, and reform of the Cantonese-dominated Chinese diaspora in Canada between 1788 and 1898. Combining a diasporic approach with both qualitative and quantitative analyses of Chinese and English documents, including previously untapped archival records, this book reveals the transnational mobility of Chinese migrants and the expansion of their migration network across southern China, the American West, and Pacific Canada. Through innovative theoretical approaches and meticulous analysis of archival sources, Chen demonstrates how the Cantonese-dominated diaspora in Canada exerted profound but long-neglected and under-researched influence on sociopolitical changes in Qing China, Canadian society, and the Chinese communities across the Pacific Rim, including American Chinatowns, going beyond the nation-state frameworks in Chinese Canadian and Chinese American studies.

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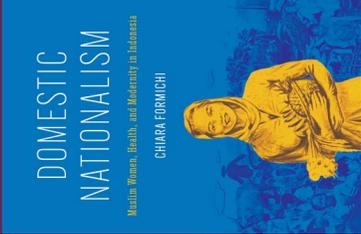
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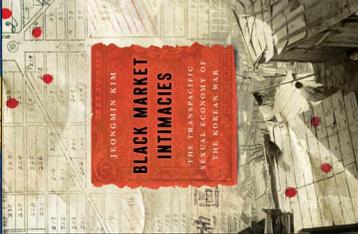
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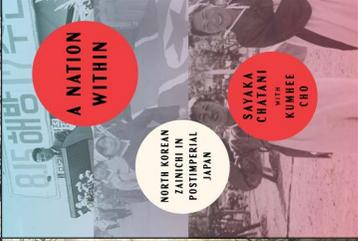
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