

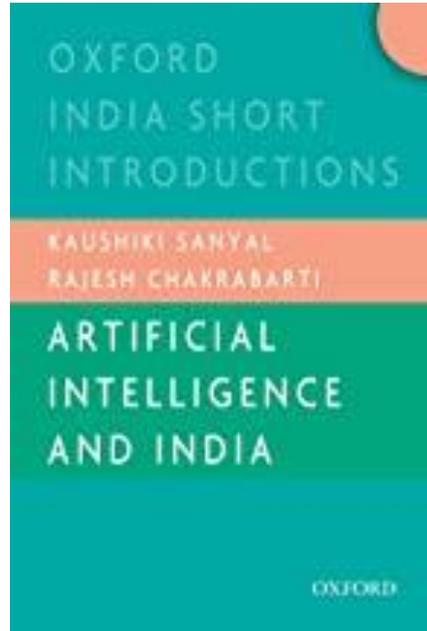
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Recent Additions: July 2021

1. Sanyal, Kaushiki

Artificial intelligence and India / Kaushiki Sanyal and Rajesh Chakrabarti. - New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020. 152p.



Abstract: What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)? How did it evolve over the years and what is it going to look like in the future? What are the opportunities and risks associated with AI? Where does India stand among the global AI ecosystems? This book answers these questions and gives a bird's eye view of the field of AI, with a special focus on India. In clear, jargon-free language it explains what is and, more importantly, what is not AI. It provides a well-rounded summary of the on-going debates on ethics, regulation, bias, and data privacy surrounding the development and use of AI technology. Using up-to-date data, the book looks at India's contributions to and adoption of AI, as the country has a significant stake in the AI revolution as one of the fastest growing economies.

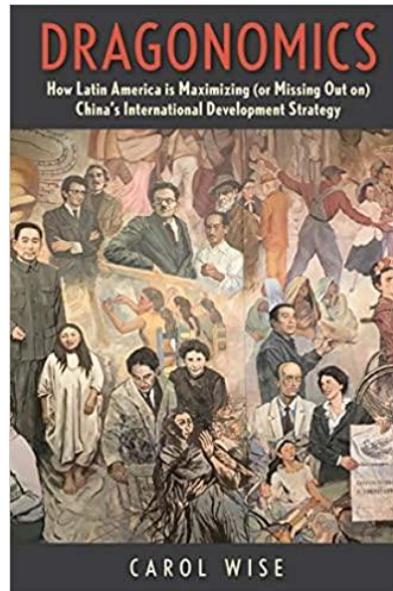
ISBN : 9780190128548.

1. Artificial intelligence. I. Chakrabarti, Rajesh II. Title

006.3 KAU20

2. Wise, Carol

Dragonomics : how Latin America is maximizing or missing out on China's international development strategy / Carol Wise. - London: Yale University Press, 2020. 308p.



Abstract: This book explores the impact of Chinese growth on Latin America since the early 2000s. Roughly twenty years ago, Chinese entrepreneurs headed to the Western Hemisphere in search of profits and commodities, specifically those that China lacked and that some Latin American countries held in abundance -- copper, iron ore, crude oil, soybeans, and fish meal. Focusing largely on Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Peru, Carol Wise traces the evolution of political and economic ties between China and these countries and analyzes how success has varied by sector, project, and country. She also assesses the costs and benefits of Latin America's recent pivot toward Asia. Wise argues that while opportunities for closer economic integration with China are seemingly infinite, so are the risks, and contends that the best outcomes have stemmed from endeavors where the rule of law, regulatory oversight, and a clear strategy exist on the Latin American side.

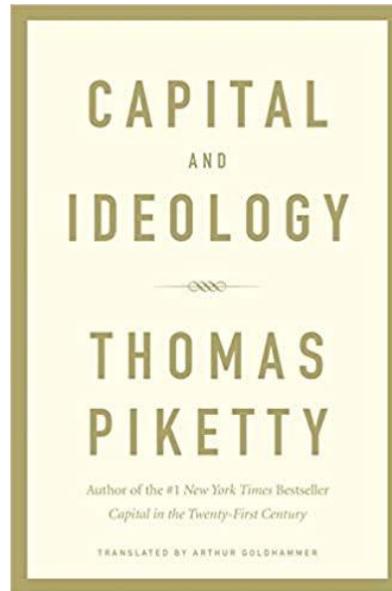
ISBN : 9780300224092.

1. Latin America – Foreign relations - China 2. China - Foreign relations - Latin America 3. Latin America - Economic policy 4. China - Economic policy 5. International Relations - Trade & Tariffs. I. Title

303.48251 WIS20

3. Piketty, Thomas

Capital and ideology / Thomas Piketty. - Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2020. 1093p.



Abstract: Thomas Piketty’s best-selling *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* galvanized global debate about inequality. In this audacious follow-up, Piketty challenges us to revolutionize how we think about politics, ideology, and history. He exposes the ideas that have sustained inequality for the past millennium, reveals why the shallow politics of right and left are failing us today, and outlines the structure of a fairer economic system. Our economy, Piketty observes, is not a natural fact. Markets, profits, and capital are all historical constructs that depend on choices. Piketty explores the material and ideological interactions of conflicting social groups that have given us slavery, serfdom, colonialism, communism, and hypercapitalism, shaping the lives of billions. He concludes that the great driver of human progress over the centuries has been the struggle for equality and education, and not, as often argued, the assertion of property rights or the pursuit of stability. The new era of extreme inequality that has derailed that progress since the 1980s, he shows, is partly a reaction against communism, but it is also the fruit of ignorance, intellectual specialization, and our drift toward the dead-end politics of identity. Once we understand this, we can begin to envision a more balanced approach to economics and politics. Piketty argues for a new “participatory” socialism, a system founded on an ideology of equality, social property, education, and the sharing of knowledge and power. *Capital and Ideology* is destined to be one of the indispensable books of our time, a work that will not only help us understand the world, but that will change it.

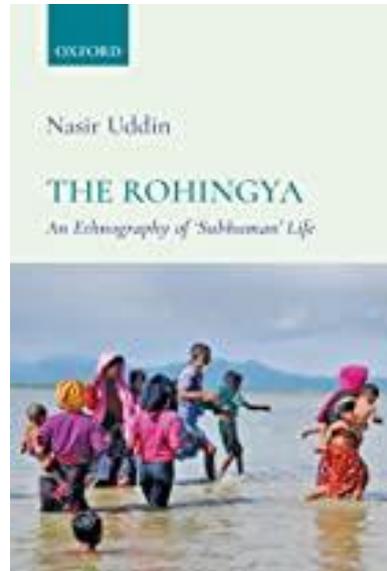
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1. Equality 2. Ideology - Economic aspects 3. Socialism 4. Economics - Political aspects. I. Title

305 PIK20

4. Uddin, Nasir

Rohingya : an ethnography of 'Subhuman' life / Nasir Uddin. - New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020. 248p.



Abstract: The Rohingya are known as the most persecuted minority population in the world. They do not belong to any state as Myanmar stripped of the citizenship rendering them stateless and Bangladesh does not recognise them even as refugees. With the case of Rohingya people, the book offers a comprehensive portrait of the hidden transcript of statelessness, non-citizenship, transborder movements and refugee-hood in the legal structure of modern nation-state. It illuminates pains, sufferings, and struggle of carrying out the state of statelessness and refugee-hood at home-state and host-state across the world in general and the Rohingya people in the borderland of Bangladesh and Myanmar in particular. The book with ethnographically informed analysis critically engages with the existing scholarship on migration and refugee studies, asylum seekers and camp-people, and citizenship and human-rights issue with proposing a new theoretical perspective called “subhuman” life. It could be used for a better understanding of an extreme vulnerability and deep uncertainty of human life apart from the broad spectrum of genocide, ethnocide, ethnic cleansing, homicide and domicide. The idea of "subhuman life" offers a new frame of thought towards an understanding of the life in the struggle for existence and the process of extinction. The book thus offers both an appealing theoretical potential and a solid piece of ethnography regarding refugee situation, stateless people, asylum seekers, transborder movements, and camp people with the case of Rohingya.

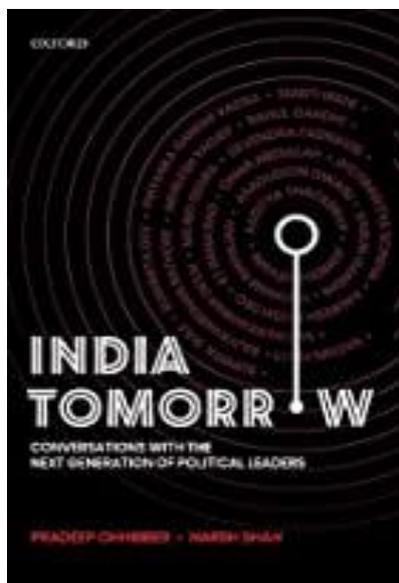
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1. Rohingya (Burmese people) - History 2. Rohingya (Burmese people) - Social conditions. I. Title

305.8958 UDD20

5. Chhibber, Pradeep

India tomorrow : conversations with the next generation of political leaders / Pradeep Chhibber and Harsh Shah. - New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020. 319p.



Abstract: This book takes a deep-dive into the current domain of Indian politics and pre-empt the course the young republic will take in decades to come. In its format, the authors interview many prominent young and dynamic politicians in India-below the age of 50-from across the country and the vast political parties' spectrum. The exercise taps into their brand of politics; local, national, and global concerns; challenges and goals, as well as the political future each of them imagines for their constituencies and the country. The interviews include those from Priyanka Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav, Omar Abdullah, Aditya Thakeray etc.

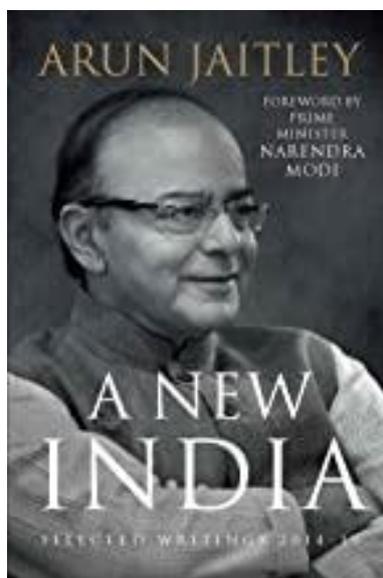
ISBN : 9780190125837.

1. India - Politicians - Interviews 2. India - Politics and government. I. Shah, Harsh II. Title

320.954 CHH20

6. Jaitley, Arun

New India : selected writings 2014-2019 / Arun Jaitley. - New Delhi: Juggernaut Book, 2020. 369p.



Abstract: In this book – published posthumously – Arun Jaitley offers the clearest, most authoritative discussions on the policies of the BJP government of 2014–19. Surveying the sweeping changes that the country has seen in the last five years – GST, demonetisation, Kashmir – he is also prescient about the big political trends in the country, such as the end of dynastic politics, the fissures among regional powers and the crisis in the Congress party. Forcefully and astutely argued, a new India is an important book, One that comprehensively maps and explains the BJP’s reforms and analyses the state of the nation.

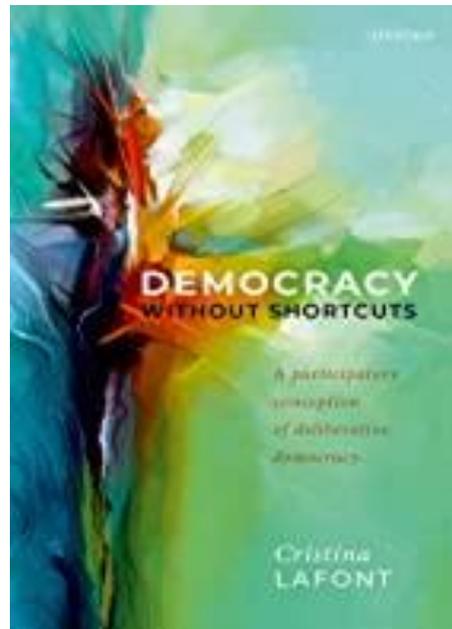
ISBN : 9789353450779.

1. India - Politics and government 2. India - Economy 3. India - Political aspects. I. Title

320.954 JAI20

7. Lafont, Cristina

Democracy without shortcuts : a participatory conception of deliberative democracy / Cristina Lafont.
- United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2020. 266p.



Abstract: This book articulates a participatory conception of deliberative democracy that takes the democratic ideal of self-government seriously. It aims to improve citizens' democratic control and vindicate the value of citizens' participation against conceptions that threaten to undermine it. The book critically analyzes deep pluralist, epistocratic, andlottocratic conceptions of democracy. Their defenders propose various institutional "shortcuts" to help solve problems of democratic governance such as overcoming disagreements, citizens' political ignorance, or poor-quality deliberation. However, all these shortcut proposals require citizens to blindly defer to actors over whose decisions they cannot exercise control. Implementing such proposals would therefore undermine democracy. Moreover, it seems naive to assume that a community can reach better outcomes 'faster' if it bypasses the beliefs and attitudes of its citizens. Unfortunately, there are no 'shortcuts' to make a community better than its members. The only road to better outcomes is the long, participatory road that is taken when citizens forge a collective will by changing one another's hearts and minds. However difficult the process of justifying political decisions to one another may be, skipping it cannot get us any closer to the democratic ideal. Starting from this conviction, the book defends a conception of democracy "without shortcuts". This conception sheds new light on long-standing debates about the proper scope of public reason, the role of religion in politics, and the democratic legitimacy of judicial review. It also proposes new ways to unleash the democratic potential of institutional innovations such as deliberative minipublics.

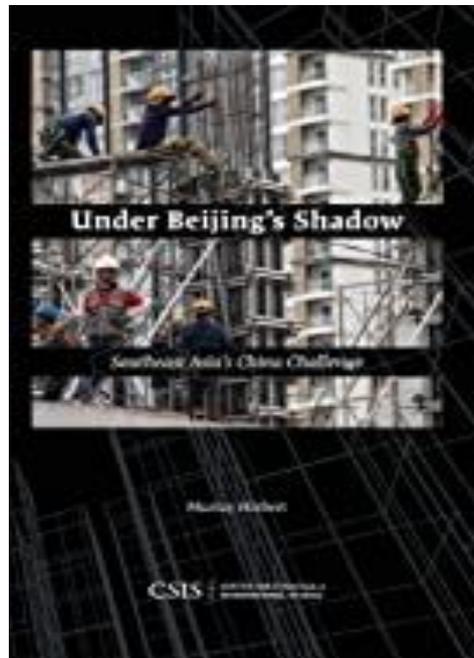
ISBN : 9780198848189.

1. Deliberative democracy. I. Title

321.8 LAF20

8. Hiebert, Murray

Under Beijing's shadow : Southeast Asia's China challenge / Murray Hiebert. - Washington DC: Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2020. 593p.



Abstract: China's rise and stepped-up involvement in Southeast Asia have prompted a blend of anticipation and unease among its smaller neighbors. The stunning growth of China has yanked up the region's economies, but its militarization of the South China Sea and dam building on the Mekong River has nations wary about Beijing's outsized ambitions. Southeast Asians long felt relatively secure, relying on the United States as a security hedge, but that confidence began to slip after the Trump administration launched a trade war with China and questioned the usefulness of traditional alliances. This compelling book provides a snapshot of ten countries in Southeast Asia by exploring their diverse experiences with China and how this impacts their perceptions of Beijing's actions and its long-term political, economic, military, and "soft power" goals in the region.

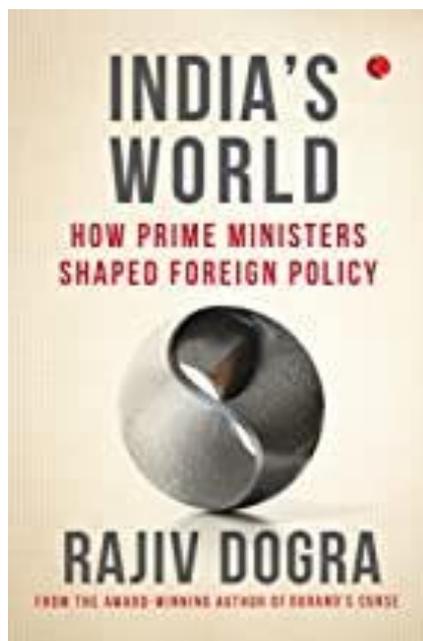
ISBN : 9781442281387.

1. Southeast Asia - Foreign relations - China 2. China - Foreign relations - Southeast Asia 3. Diplomatic relations. I. Title

327.51059 HIE20

9. Dogra, Rajiv

India's world : how prime ministers shaped foreign policy / Rajiv Dogra. - New Delhi: Rupa Publications India, 2020. 218p.



Abstract: When Narasimha Rao became the prime minister in 1991, just a billion dollars separated India from bankruptcy. He was told by Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, that petrol pumps would run dry after two weeks. India was forced to ship 46.8 million tonnes of gold to secure \$400 million in loans from the Bank of England and Bank of Japan. This blow to the national pride may not have been comparable to the military humiliation of 1962, but it was bad enough. Carved in riveting prose, India's World is about such trials and many triumphs of the country. Since Independence, eight prime ministers, in particular, have been the principal architects of India's rise. From Nehru, venerated as a resolute statesman and one of the great political minds of the last century, to Modi who is acknowledged as a determined doer, the book offers a crystal clear portrait of India's leaders. This lively volume celebrates the myriad ways in which they have made history. It asks and answers questions that people often debate about. Who was the great Indian prime minister, complete in every respect? If there was one, could it be Nehru, Indira or Rao? Or, is it Modi? Elegantly written by one of India's finest strategic minds, it is a must-read for those curious about India's place in the world. There are messages too for a future Indian prime minister on what to expect.

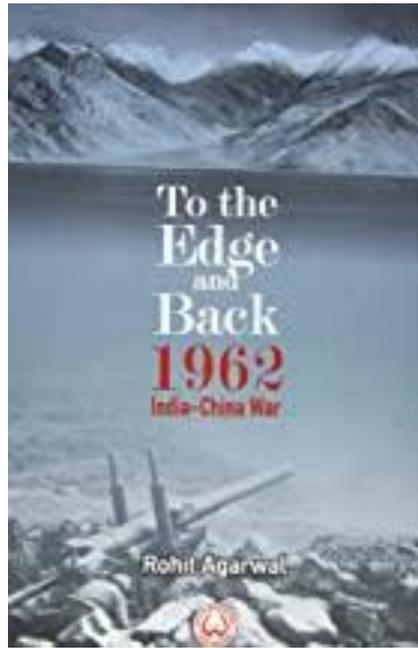
ISBN : 9789389967401.

1. India - Foreign relations 2. India – Foreign policy. I. Title

327.54 DOG20

10. Agarwal, Rohit

To the edge and back : 1962 India-China war / Rohit Agarwal. - New Delhi: Penguin Press, 2020. 190p.



Abstract: The saga of 1962 is one of failure at multiple levels. Starting from the failure of the Prime Minister and the government to formulate a coherent national security policy, to the failure of the diplomats to effectively engage and gauge the Chinese. It was a failure on the part of the senior military leadership to provide sound military advice to the political leadership. In fact, they are guilty of ignoring basic military precepts in order to meet political requirements. This book traces the historical background of the boundary dispute and the slow build-up of mistrust, suspicion and acrimony between India and China that started sometime after the `Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai` phase of relationships and resulted in the outbreak of war in October 1962. It documents the course of the battle, where the robust junior leadership and steadfastness of the Indian Jawan are the two factors that stand out as saving grace amidst the overall disaster. Everywhere small bodies of men fought isolated battles under desperate conditions and extreme shortages. In every instance, the junior leaders on the spot led from the forefront, often to their last breath. And the jawans followed their leaders unquestioningly, unhesitatingly and uncomplainingly. Never once were the `Naam, NamakaurNishaan` let down. This was a testimony to the strong esprit de corps forged by the regimental system of the army, which continues to stand the test of time even to date. 1,383 soldiers had lost their lives, 1,696 were missing and 3,968 had been captured, of which 36 died in captivity. Written with the lay reader in mind, this book avoids military jargon and can be easily followed by readers without any prior knowledge of military matters . It is suitable for students, youth and others who are interested in learning more about the dispute and the war.

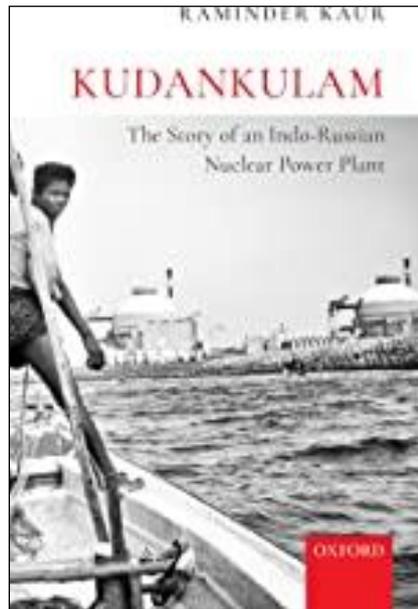
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1. Sino-Indian Border Dispute, 1957 2. China - History - 1949 3. India - History -1947 4. India - Military relations - China 5. China - Military relations - India. 6. India - Foreign relations - China I. Title

327.54051 AGA20

11. Kaur, Raminder

Kudankulam : the story of an Indo-Russian nuclear power plant / Raminder Kaur. - New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020. 374p.



Abstract: Since the 1980s, the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu has faced multiple forms of resistance. Women and men from different walks of life — fishers, farmers, environmentalists, activists, writers, scholars, teachers, journalists, doctors, and lawyers among many others — have come together to combat the deadly radioactive repercussions and repression that come with the development of a high-security nuclear installation. Drawing upon their experiences, this historical and ethnographic study accounts for the anti-nuclear campaign's part in 'right-to-lives' movements while engaging with the (re)production of knowledge and ignorance in the understanding of radiation, and efforts to create an evidence base in response to the otherwise unavailable or insufficient data on the environment and public health in India. Tracing the grassroots struggle for 'energy justice' off- and on-line, the author looks into the larger questions of development, democracy, and nationalism. These have marked not just parts of India identified for large-scale constructions, but also other regions of the world where state functionaries have much to gain from corporate collaborations at the cost of local residents who lose their livelihoods, and are forcibly displaced, persecuted, or even killed in order to execute governmental designs in the name of the nation.

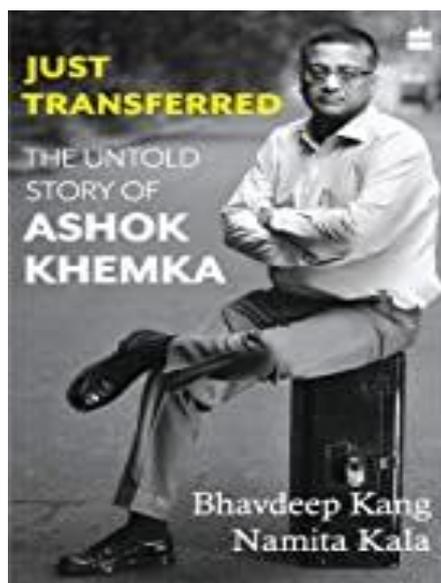
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1. India - Nuclear power plants - Social aspects - Kudankulam 2. India - Kudankulam. I. Title

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12. Kang, Bhavdeep

Just transferred : the untold story of Ashok Khemka / Bhavdeep Kang and Namita Kala. - India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2020. 265p.



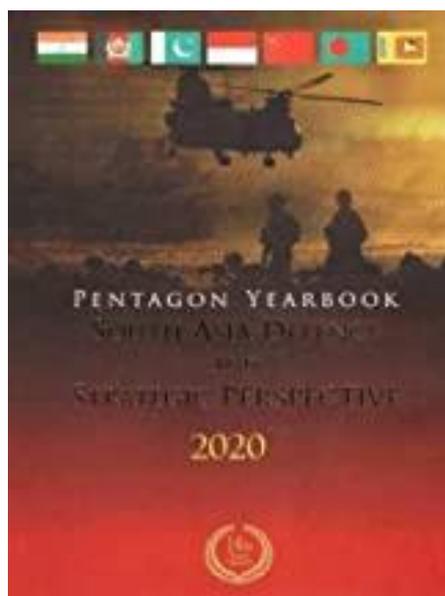
Abstract: Twenty-seven years in service and fifty-three transfers: that's an average of six months in each posting. Meet the forever-in-transit man of the Indian bureaucracy, Ashok Khemka. The IAS officer shot into the limelight in 2012, when he cancelled the mutation of a land deal between realty major DLF and a company which belonged to Congress president Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra. With the Congress party in power, most people called it a suicidal move. But, true to his reputation for being scrupulously honest, Khemka didn't budge. Throughout his career, Khemka has suffered at the hands of his political masters for his refusal to compromise. Be it being stripped of his official car for defying a chief minister, or being charge-sheeted for frivolous reasons, the actions of those with vested interests have not been able to shake his indomitable spirit. Why has the man never given up against a 'system' that always tends to go with the flow? Why do political parties use Khemka's example to score brownie points during elections and conveniently forget the man afterwards? Why are there just admirers and no takers for the officer when it comes to his deputation with the central government? And, most importantly, will honest officers like Ashok Khemka continue to suffer under successive regimes? Offering an insider's view of India's administrative machinery, *Just Transferred* is the riveting story of a man whose example may well become an inspiration to civil servants across the country.

ISBN : 9789353576622.

1. Khemka, Ashok 2. Indian Administrative Service - Officials and employees - Biography I. Kala, Namita II. Title

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13. Pentagon yearbook 2020 : South Asia defence and strategic perspective / Edited by Vijay Sakhuja. - New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2020.250p.



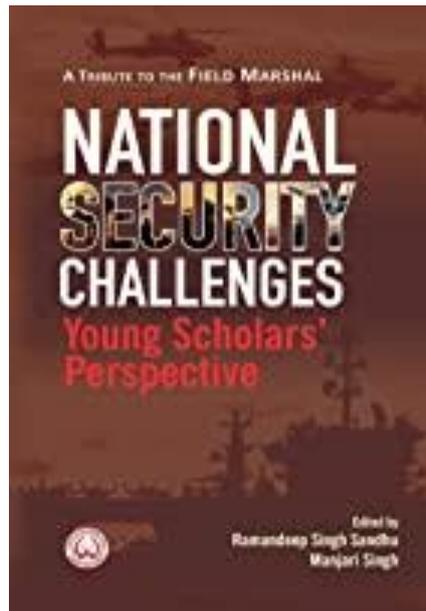
Abstract: Among the many defining developments in South Asia, perhaps the most momentous event is the second term of Prime Minister Modi as the Prime Minister of India, which is being referred to as Modi 2.0. The swearing-in was marked by invitations to leaders of most of the South Asian nations (except Pakistan). Some BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) nations were also invited thus reiterating the primacy of the `Neighbourhood First` policy in New Delhi`s politico-diplomatic, economic and strategic framework.

ISBN : 9788194465935.

1. South Asia - Defence - Periodicals 2. South Asia - Strategic aspects - Periodicals. I. Sakhuja, Vijay ed. II. Title

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14. National security challenges : young scholars' perspective / Edited By Ramandeep Singh Sandhu and Manjari Singh. - New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2020. 228p.



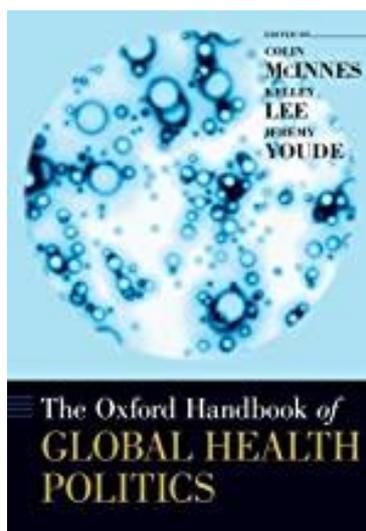
Abstract: National security is paramount for an all inclusive development. Along with a holistic approach in place, there is an urgent need to first recognise the challenges to national security of the country. National Security Challenges: Young Scholars' Perspective primarily deals with India's national security challenges from a hardcore, predominantly traditional security point of view. The main aim of the book is to develop strategic thinking amongst the youth of this country. To provide a suitable platform to the university students, CLAWS has initiated an unprecedented pan-India essay competition – Field Marshal Manekshaw Essay Competition (FMMEC). The book is the outcome of an overwhelming response to the competition over past two years, and 12 select essays have been compiled, edited, and published. Dealing with wide range of subjects from conceptual understandings, threats and challenges emanating from technological advancements, to learning from national, regional and global experiences; the book provides a fresh approach to the subject. It also gives a sneak peek into what the youth of India feels about national security in the form of policy recommendations. To boost the morale of the young authors and university students, the book carries messages from Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Hon'ble National Security Advisor and Chief of the Army Staff.

ISBN : 9789390095049.

1. India - National security. I. Sandhu, Ramandeep Singh ed. II. Singh, Manjari ed. III. Title

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15. Oxford handbook of global health politics / Edited by Colin McInnes, Kelley Lee and Jeremy Youde. - New York: Oxford University Press, 2020. 734p.



Abstract: Protecting and promoting health is inherently a political endeavor that requires a sophisticated understanding of the distribution and use of power. Yet while the global nature of health is widely recognized, its political nature is less well understood. In recent decades, the interdisciplinary field of global health politics has emerged to demonstrate the interconnections of health and core political topics, including foreign and security policy, trade, economics, and development. Today a growing body of scholarship examines how the global health landscape has both shaped and been shaped by political actors and structures. The Oxford Handbook of Global Health Politics provides an authoritative overview and assessment of research on this important and complicated subject. The volume is motivated by two arguments. First, health is not simply a technical subject, requiring evidence-based solutions to real-world problems, but an arena of political contestation where norms, values, and interests also compete and collide. Second, globalization has fundamentally changed the nature of health politics in terms of the ideas, interests, and institutions involved. The volume comprises more than 30 chapters by leading experts in global health and politics. Each chapter provides an overview of the state of the art on a given theoretical perspective, major actor, or global health issue. The Handbook offers both an excellent introduction to scholars new to the field and also an invaluable teaching and research resource for experts seeking to understand global health politics and its future directions.

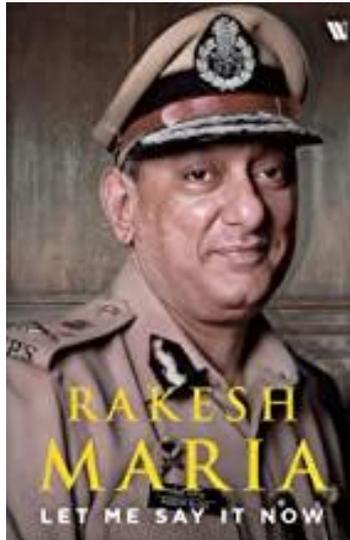
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1. Global health - International cooperation 2. World health - International cooperation 3. Medical policy - International cooperation. I. Lee, Kelley ed. II. McInnes, Colin ed. III. Youde, Jeremy ed. IV. Title

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16. Maria, Rakesh

Let me say it now / Rakesh Maria. - Chennai: Westland Publications, 2020. 614p.



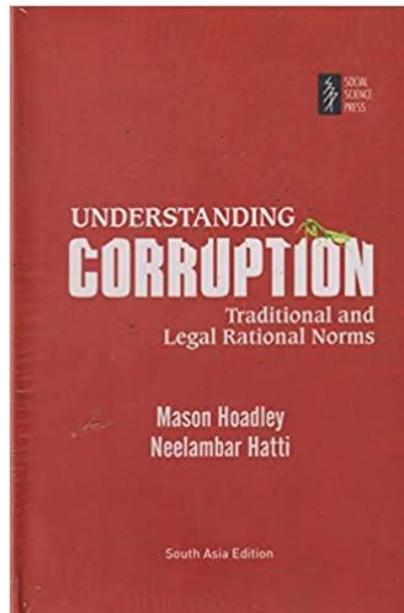
Abstract: Let Me Say it Now ‘Son, I think you have made a mistake. You have written IPS five times.’ ‘No, sir, it’s not a mistake,’ I said. ‘It is deliberate. Sir, give me IPS or nothing.’ Rakesh Maria’s entry into the elite Indian Police Service and rise to the coveted post of Mumbai’s Police Commissioner is a gripping and inspiring story. One of India’s best-known police officers, Maria’s life is the stuff police legends are made of. Time and again his bosses and various political masters took him off his regular postings to detect serious crimes. But he successfully steered challenging and monumental investigations -- the 1993 serial blasts and the audacious 26/11 terror attack being two such instances. His work confined him to the Urbs Prima in Indis for the better part of his career. It constantly kept him under the spotlight, attracting the ire of many and resulting in some deeply distressing moments.. Just when he was about to complete his tenure as Commissioner, the sensational Sheena Bora murder case came to light. As usual, Rakesh Maria ensured that no stone was left unturned to unravel the roles of the influential accused. Just then, he was abruptly transferred on promotion. The treatment meted out to one of Mumbai’s top cops created a huge controversy. Several explanations were offered; guesses hazarded. However, Maria held his silence, as always. He was not new to controversies. They dogged him as they do all public servants who choose to act rather than take the easy way out, seeking shelter under rules of hierarchy and office. In Let Me Say It Now, Maria breaks his silence for the first time, letting the reader into his side of the stories built around him. It is the chronicle of a conscientious and steadfast cop who found himself in the midst of sensitive cases and created benchmarks in complicated investigations. The book is also an unusually frank and penetrating look into the criminal justice system and the socio-political set-up it operates in. The Myth of Hindu Terror: Insider account of Ministry of Home Affairs 2006-2010 Chilling account of a man who was almost traded for release of Ajmal Kasab What role did ministers like Shivraj Patil, P Chidambaram, A R Antulay, Digvijay Singh and officials like Chitkala Zutshi, Dharmendra Sharma, Hemant Karkare, R V Raju play in the Hindu Terror narrative? Here is a version of a man who almost was taken captive and was to be traded for release of Ajmal Kasab, but saved by sheer providence. In his insider account, author RVS Mani discloses how the country’s internal security establishment functioned in the period of 2004-2014 when India faced some of the bloodiest terrorist carnages. This former Home Ministry official posted in the Internal Security Division between 2006-2010 also poses several questions which the nation should seek answers to.

ISBN : 9789389152067.

1. Maria, Rakesh - 1957 2. India - Police chiefs - Mumbai - Biography. I. Title

363.2092 MAR20

17. Understanding corruption : traditional and legal rational norms / Edited by Mason C. Hoadley and Neelambar Hatti. - New Delhi: Social Science Press, 2020. 238p.



Abstract: Neelambar Hatti and Mason Hoadley the editors of this volume, have brought together scholars specializing in different parts of the world to give us a comparative understanding of the persistence of corruption in some societies. The reader is privileged to learn from the many global variations that are skilfully presented for further analyses. Corruption is a salient feature of human condition in any organized society. Further, where risks are low and the returns high, corruption is almost inevitable. Apart from this, traditional public behaviour comes precariously close to what in the West might amount to corrupt practices. Bureaucratic corruption should be understood in the light of a clash of morality on the one hand and legality on the other. There is a contradiction between traditional values, which are held in respect and are a part of everyday life of a people, and norms of the larger society which stand out as compelling forces. The idea of the modern division between the public and private office is alien to a traditional culture and corruption finds space when this division is not strictly observed. Seven essays in this volume cover a range of countries which include India, South Africa, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and Indonesia. As the essays unfold themselves, the problem of corruption takes on an added dimension, that of a legacy left behind by colonialism.

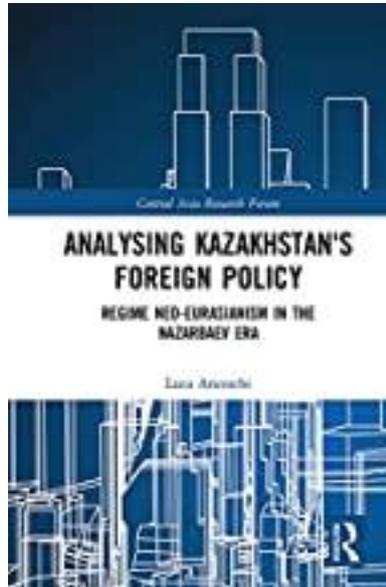
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1. Asia - Corruption 2. Africa - Corruption 3. Asia - Corruption - Law and legislation 4. Africa - Corruption - Law and legislation. I. Hoadley, Mason C. ed. II. Hatti, Neelambar ed. III. Title

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18. Anceschi, Luca

Analysing Kazakhstan's foreign policy : regime Neo-Eurasianism in the Nazarbaev Era / Luca Anceschi. - London: Routledge, 2020. 196p.



Abstract: This book investigates the roles that ideas and constructs associated with Eurasia have played in the making of Kazakhstan's foreign policy during the Nazarbaev era. This book delves into the specific Eurasia-centric narratives through which the regime, headed by Nursultan Nazarbayev, imagined the role of post-Soviet Kazakhstan in the wider Eurasian geopolitical space. Based on substantive fieldwork and sustained engagement with primary sources, the book unveils the power implications of Kazakhstani neo-Eurasianism, arguing that the strengthening of the regime's domestic power ranked highly in the list of objectives pursued by Kazakhstani foreign policy between the collapse of the Soviet Union and Nazarbayev's apparent withdrawal from the Kazakhstani political scene (19 March 2019). This book, ultimately, is a study of inter-state integration, which makes use of a rigorous methodological approach to assess different incarnations of post-Soviet multilateralism, from the Commonwealth of Independent States to the more recent, and highly controversial, Eurasian Economic Union. This book offers a ground-breaking analysis of Kazakhstani foreign policy in the Nazarbaev era. It will be of interest to students and scholars of Central Asian Politics, International Relations and Security Studies.

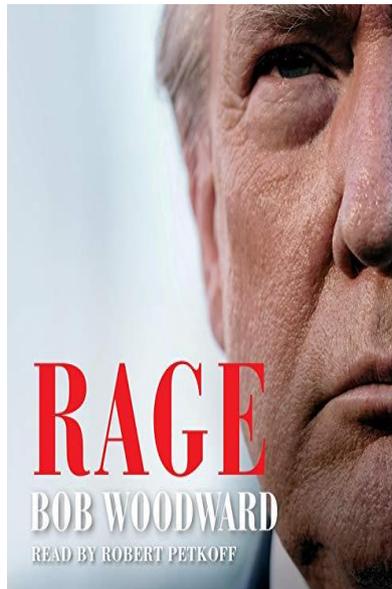
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Abstract: Woodward, the number one international best-selling author of *Fear: Trump in the White House*, has uncovered the precise moment the president was warned that the Covid-19 epidemic would be the biggest national security threat to his presidency. In dramatic detail, Woodward takes listeners into the Oval Office as Trump's head pops up when he is told in January 2020 that the pandemic could reach the scale of the 1918 Spanish Flu that killed 675,000 Americans. In 17 on-the-record interviews with Woodward over seven volatile months - an utterly vivid window into Trump's mind - the president provides a self-portrait that is part denial and part combative interchange mixed with surprising moments of doubt as he glimpses the perils in the presidency and what he calls the "dynamite behind every door." At key decision points, *Rage* shows how Trump's responses to the crises of 2020 were rooted in the instincts, habits and style he developed during his first three years as president. Revisiting the earliest days of the Trump presidency, *Rage* reveals how Secretary of Defense James Mattis, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats struggled to keep the country safe as the president dismantled any semblance of collegial national security decision making. *Rage* draws from hundreds of hours of interviews with firsthand witnesses as well as participants' notes, emails, diaries, calendars and confidential documents. Woodward obtained 25 never-seen personal letters exchanged between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, who describes the bond between the two leaders as out of a "fantasy film." Trump insists to Woodward he will triumph over Covid-19 and the economic calamity. "Don't worry about it, Bob. Okay?" Trump told the author in July. "Don't worry about it. We'll get to do another book. You'll find I was right."

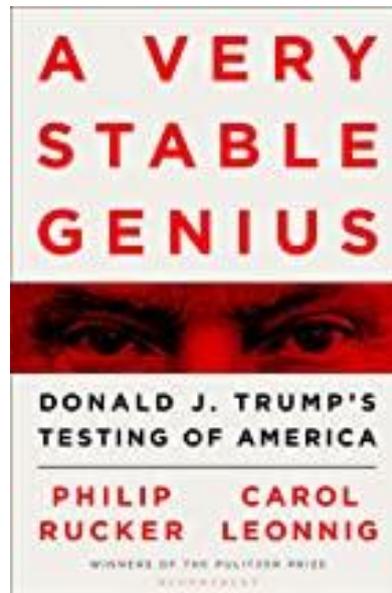
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20. Rucker, Philip

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Abstract: Drawing on nearly three years of reporting, hundreds of hours of interviews and more than two hundred sources, including some of the most senior members of the administration, friends and first-hand witnesses who have never spoken before, Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig take us inside some of the most controversial moments of Trump's presidency. They peer deeply into Trump's White House - at the aides pressured to lie to the public, the lawyers scrambling to clear up norm-breaking disasters, and the staffers whose careers have been reduced to ashes - to paint an unparalleled group portrait of an administration driven by self-preservation and paranoia. Rucker and Leonnig reveal Trump at his most unvarnished, showing the unhinged decision-making and incompetence that has floored officials and stunned foreign leaders. They portray unscripted calls with Vladimir Putin, steak dinners with Kim Jong-un, and calls with Theresa May so hostile that they left her aides shaken. They also take a hard look at Robert Mueller, Trump's greatest antagonist to date, and how his investigation slowly unravelled an administration whose universal value is loyalty - not to country, but to the president himself. Grippingly told, *A Very Stable Genius* is a behind-the-scenes account of Trump's vainglorious pursuit of power in his first term.

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