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# Recent Additions: September 2021

## 1. Harkness, Geoff

**Changing Qatar : culture, citizenship and rapid modernization / Geoff Harkness. - New York: New York University Press, 2020. 328p.**



**Abstract:** A cultural study of modern Qatar and how it navigates change and tradition Qatar, an ambitious country in the Arabian Gulf, grabbed headlines as the first Middle Eastern nation selected to host the FIFA World Cup. As the wealthiest country in the world—and one of the fastest-growing—it is known for its capital, Doha, which boasts a striking, futuristic skyline. In *Changing Qatar*, Geoff Harkness takes us beyond the headlines, providing a fresh perspective on modern-day life in the increasingly visible Gulf. Drawing on three years of immersive fieldwork and more than a hundred interviews, he describes a country in transition, one struggling to negotiate the fluid boundaries of culture, tradition, and modernity. Harkness shows how Qataris reaffirm—and challenge—traditions in many areas of everyday life, from dating and marriage, to clothing and humor, to gender and sports. A cultural study of citizenship in modern Qatar, this book offers an illuminating portrait that cannot be found elsewhere.

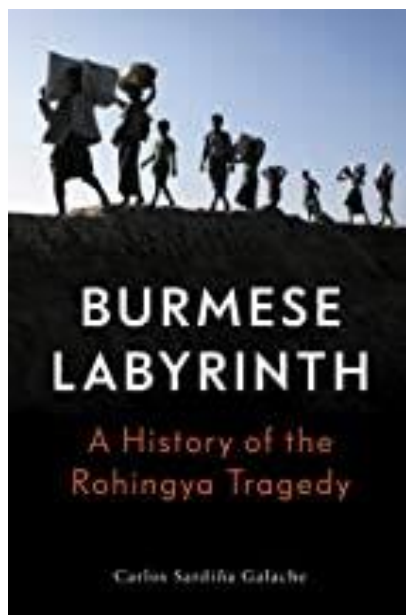
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1. Qatar - Women - Social conditions 2. Qatar - Foreign workers 3. Qatar - Social life and customs. I. Title

**305.42095363 HAR20**

## 2. Galache, Carlos Sardina

**Burmese labyrinth : a history of the Rohingya tragedy / Carlos Sardina Galache. - New York: Verso, 2020. 336p.**



**Abstract:** A first-hand account of the complex, bloody history of Myanmar: and the origins of the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingyas In 2011, Burma/Myanmar embarked in a democratic transition from a brutal military rule that culminated four years later, when the first free election in decades saw a landslide for the party of celebrated Nobel prize-winner Aung San Suu Kyi. Yet, even as the international community was celebrating a new dawn, old wars were raging in the northern borderlands and a crisis was emerging in western Arakan State, as the regime intensified its oppression of the vulnerable Muslim Rohingya community. The trigger of the latter was a series of episodes of intercommunal violence between Muslims and Buddhists in 2012, in which the army and police took sides attacking the former. By 2017, the conflict had escalated into a military onslaught against the Rohingya that provoked the most desperate refugee crisis of our times, as over 750,000 of them fled their homes to neighbouring Bangladesh. In *The Burmese Labyrinth*, journalist Carlos Sardina Galache, gives the in depth story of the country, combining reportage and history. Burma has always been an uneasy balance between multiple ethnic groups and religions. He examines the deep roots behind the ethnic divisions that go back prior to the colonial period, and so shockingly exploded in recent times. This is a powerful portrait of a nation in perpetual conflict with itself.

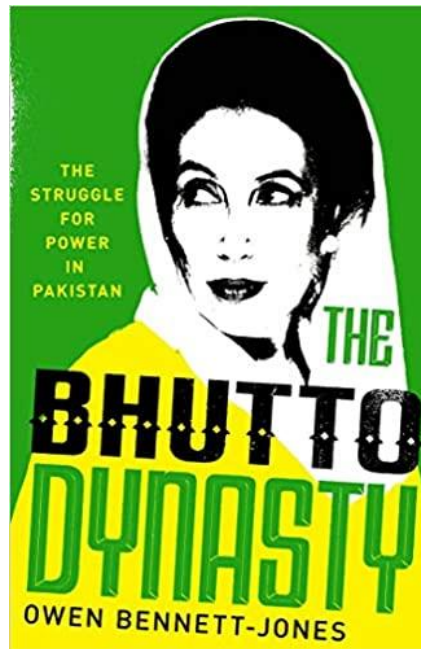
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1. Burma - Rohingya (Burmese people) 2. Burma - Ethnic relations 3. Burma - Minorities 4. Burma - Muslims - Social conditions. I. Title

**305.8958 GAL20**

### 3. Bennett-Jones, Owen

**Bhutto dynasty : the struggle for power in Pakistan / Owen Bennett-Jones. - New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020. 319p.**



**Abstract:** A major new investigation into the Bhutto family, examining their influence in Pakistan from the colonial era to the present day “Fluently written, impeccably researched and never short of extraordinary insights, this is a landmark publication.”—Farzana Shaikh, Literary Review The Bhutto family has long been one of the most ambitious and powerful in Pakistan. But politics has cost the Bhuttos dear. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, widely regarded as the most talented politician in the country’s history, was removed from power in 1977 and executed two years later, at the age of 51. Of his four children, three met unnatural deaths: Shahnawaz was poisoned in 1985 at the age of 27; Murtaza was shot by the police outside his home in 1996, aged 42; and Benazir Bhutto, who led the Pakistan Peoples Party and became Prime Minister twice, was killed by a suicide bomber in Rawalpindi in 2007, aged 54. Drawing on original research and unpublished documents gathered over twenty years, Owen Bennett-Jones explores the turbulent existence of this extraordinary family, including their volatile relationship with British colonialists, the Pakistani armed forces, and the United States.

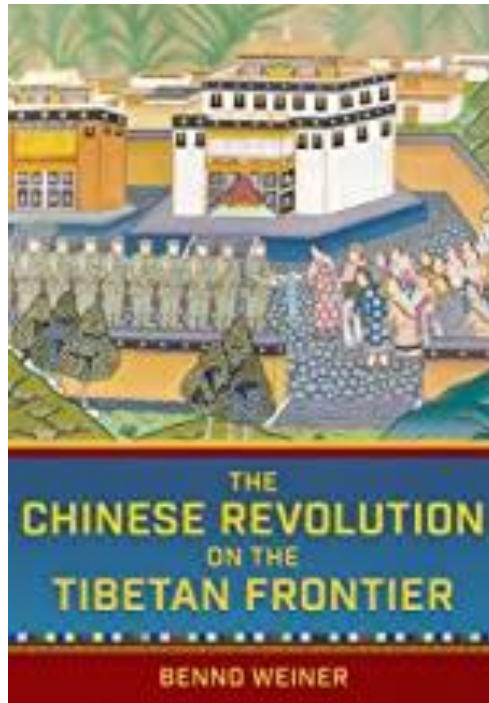
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1. Bhutto family 2. Pakistan - Politics and government I. Title

**320.95491 JON20**

#### 4. Weiner, Benno

**Chinese revolution on the Tibetan frontier / Benno Weiner. - London: Cornell University Press, 2020. 283p.**



**Abstract:** In *The Chinese Revolution on the Tibetan Frontier*, Benno Weiner provides the first in-depth study of an ethnic minority region during the first decade of the People's Republic of China: the Amdo region in the Sino-Tibetan borderland. Employing previously inaccessible local archives as well as other rare primary sources, he demonstrates that the Communist Party's goal in 1950s Amdo was not just state-building, but also nation-building. Such an objective required the construction of narratives and policies capable of convincing Tibetans of their membership in a wider political community. As Weiner shows, however, early efforts to gradually and organically transform a vast multiethnic empire into a singular nation-state lost out to a revolutionary impatience, demanding more immediate paths to national integration and socialist transformation. This led in 1958 to communization, then to large-scale rebellion and its brutal pacification. Rather than joining voluntarily, Amdo was integrated through the widespread, often indiscriminate use of violence, a violence that lingers in the living memory of Amdo Tibetans and others.

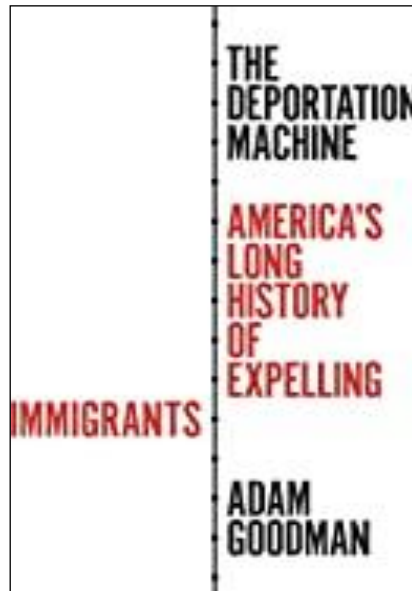
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1. China - Minorities - Government Policy - History 2. China - Communism - History 3. China - Politics and Government 4. China - Ethnic relations - Political aspects 5. Sino-Tibetan borderland 6. China - Tibetans 7. Amdo Tibetans. I. Title

**323.119541 WEI20**

## 5. Goodman, Adam

**Deportation machine : America's long history of expelling immigrants / Adam Goodman. - New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2020. 322p**



**Abstract:** By most accounts, the United States has deported around five million people since 1882-but this includes only what the federal government calls "formal deportations." "Voluntary departures," where undocumented immigrants who have been detained agree to leave within a specified time period, and "self-deportations," where undocumented immigrants leave because legal structures in the United States have made their lives too difficult and frightening, together constitute 90% of the undocumented immigrants who have been expelled by the federal government. This brings the number of deportees to fifty-six million. These forms of deportation rely on threats and coercion created at the federal, state, and local levels, using large-scale publicity campaigns, the fear of immigration raids, and detentions to cost-effectively push people out of the country. Here, Adam Goodman traces a comprehensive history of American deportation policies from 1882 to the present and near future. He shows that some of the country's largest deportation operations expelled hundreds of thousands of people almost exclusively through the use of voluntary departures and through carefully-planned fear campaigns that terrified undocumented immigrants through newspaper, radio, and television publicity. These deportation efforts have disproportionately targeted Mexican immigrants, who make up half of non-citizens but 90% of deportees. Goodman examines the political economy of these deportation operations, arguing that they run on private transportation companies, corrupt public-private relations, and the creation of fear-based internal borders for long-term undocumented residents. He grounds his conclusions in over four years of research in English- and Spanish-language archives and twenty-five oral histories conducted with both immigration officials and immigrants-revealing for the first time the true magnitude and deep historical roots of anti-immigrant policy in the United States.

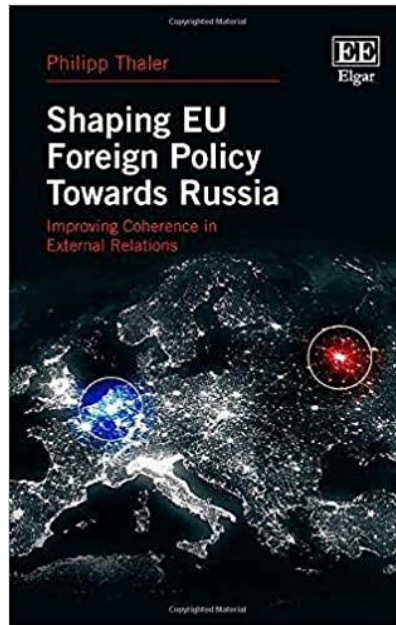
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1. United States - Deportation - History 2. Emigration and immigration law - History 3. United States - Immigrants - History. I. Title

**325.73 GOO20**

## 6. Thaler, Philipp

**Shaping EU foreign policy towards Russia : improving coherence in external relations / Philipp Thaler.**  
- United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020. 242p.



**Abstract:** Offering a comprehensive and structured analysis of the reasons why the EU lacks external coherence towards Russia, this book presents important new insights to the topic beyond conventional institutionalist arguments. Philipp Thaler utilises key cases in external energy and human rights policies to highlight the on-going difficulties in creating a coherent position, despite the EU's formally stated objective to achieve this. Providing new avenues to understanding the meaning of coherence, the book explores why this frequently used term is undefined and why it became a guiding principle in EU foreign policy. Thaler includes a thorough overview of how the EU's institutional architecture and successive reforms have been designed to improve external coherence, and highlights elements that impede this aim. Placing the challenges in the EU–Russia relationship into their historical context, the book demonstrates that the quest for coherence is not a marginal normative claim, but practically incorporated into the EU's foreign policy. Timely and inquisitive, this is a critical read for European studies and international relations scholars. It will be particularly helpful for those focusing on energy governance and EU foreign policy.

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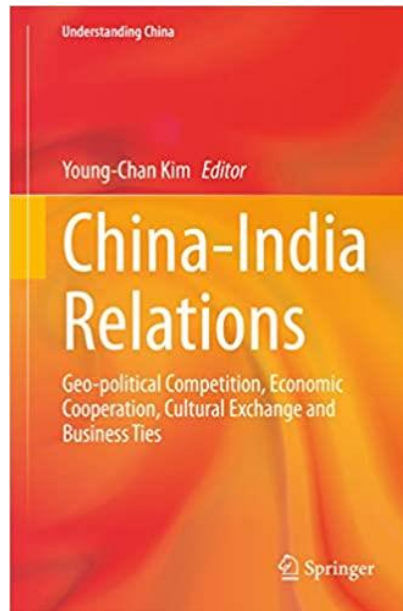
1. European Union countries - Foreign relations - Russia (Federation) 2. Russia (Federation) - Foreign relations - European Union countries 3. European Union countries 4. European Union - Foreign policy. I. Title

**327.4047 THA20**



## 7. Kim, Young-Chan

**China-India relations : geo-political competition, economic cooperation, cultural exchange and business ties / Young-Chan Kim. - Switzerland: Springer, 2020. 228p.**



**Abstract:** This book examines India-China relations throughout history as well as in the context of current business cooperation and competition. It also explores geo-political and societal factors, such as religion or class models, that influence and shape bilateral relations, and provides thorough analyses and comparisons of networks between the two countries. This book will appeal to researchers and graduate students interested in India-China relations as well as Chinese and Indian business ties.

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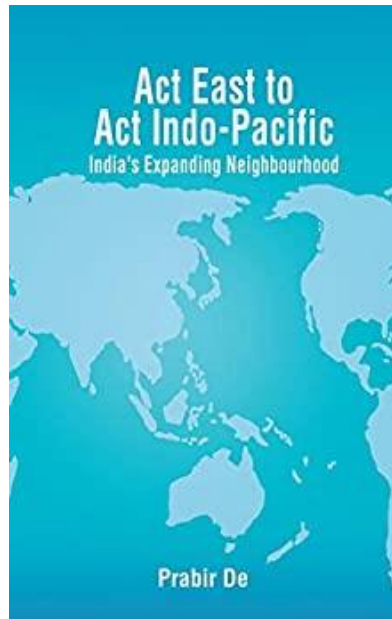
1. China - Foreign relations - India 2. International business 3. India - Foreign relations - China. I. Title

**327.51054 KIM20**



## 8. De, Prabir

**Act East to Act Indo-Pacific : India's expanding neighbourhood / Prabir De. - New Delhi: KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, 2020. 346p.**



**Abstract:** India is known as a leading voice in international affairs. India's economic size, vast and growing market, democratic institutions, access to ocean and foundation of science largely explain why India continues to play an important role in global and regional affairs. India is the only country in Asia having the heft to counterbalance China and thus welcomed by many countries in Asia and the Pacific. India has embarked on a period of radical changes in its foreign and economic policies. Faced with a major slowdown of India's trade with Southeast and East Asia in 2014-15, the government responded by initiating far-reaching Act East Policy (AEP) aimed at greater economic integration with South, Southeast and East Asian nations. Started with a fresh vigour in 2014, AEP has gained a new momentum while acting on the east. The Act 'East' is now getting transformed into Act 'Indo-Pacific'. This book presents short essays written by the author on several key aspects of India's economic relations and the challenges faced by India in the post-AEP period. Ten broad themes are analysed in this book: BBIN, BIMSTEC, SAARC, ASEAN, MGC, Act East - North East, BCIM, BRI, Act Far East and Indo-Pacific. This volume highlights what, in author's best judgement, should be the direction for India's expanding neighbourhood. It is an economist's insight and field experience based analysis that offers guidelines for international cooperation. This volume is an invaluable companion for the policymakers, academia, students of international relations, diplomats and the general readership as well. India's foreign policy started attracting renewed global attention since the beginning of the economic reforms in 1991 which led to the gradual opening of the Indian economy. India's trade has expanded manifold and today contributes over 40 per cent of its GDP, as compared about 3 per cent before. In PPP terms, India is the world's one of the top five largest economies. Clearly, the world expects India to play a larger role, commensurate with its size and growing power. In rising protectionism worldwide, countries, particularly developing and LDCs are looking towards a greater regional cooperation.

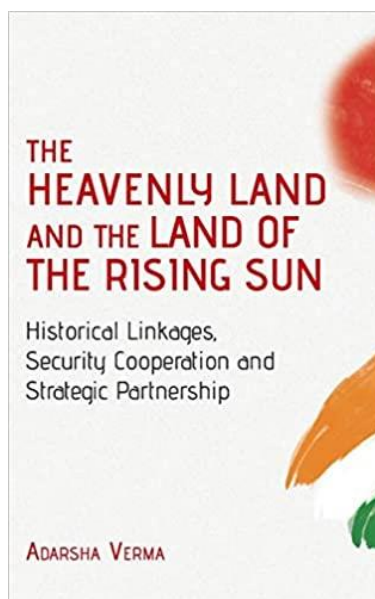
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1. India - Foreign relations 2. India - Foreign policy 3. India - Economy 4. India - Economic reforms. I. Title

**327.54 PRA20**

## 9. Verma, Adarsha

**Heavenly land and the land of the rising sun : historical linkages, security cooperation and strategic partnership / Adarsha Verma. - New Delhi: KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, 2020. 271p.**



**Abstract:** Security relations between India and Japan hold great potential to shape the future security architecture of the Indo-Pacific region. This book delves into this aspect holistically tracing the linkages between the two countries with advent of Buddhism into Japan from India, through China and Korea. Geography and strategic factors shaping the security of Japan have been evaluated and issues of defence cooperation, maritime security, cooperation in UN Peace Keeping Operations and strategic partnership between Indian and Japan have been deliberated. Set in both, a bilateral as well as a regional context, the security dynamics between the two countries have been analysed to arrive at pragmatic recommendations that must be implemented for an enhanced relationship in the security realm. Quantitatively assessing India-Japan security cooperation, the book carries out a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT) analysis to arrive at the strategies for enhancement of such cooperation. A must read for strategists, defence personnel and all scholars of East Asian affairs. India-Japan cultural and security relations is a subject that has always been intriguing considering the potential it holds for the future security architecture in the Indo-Pacific region. The opportunity to do a research fellowship at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (Manohar Parrikar IDSA) came as a blessing and gave direction to my interest of writing on the subject.

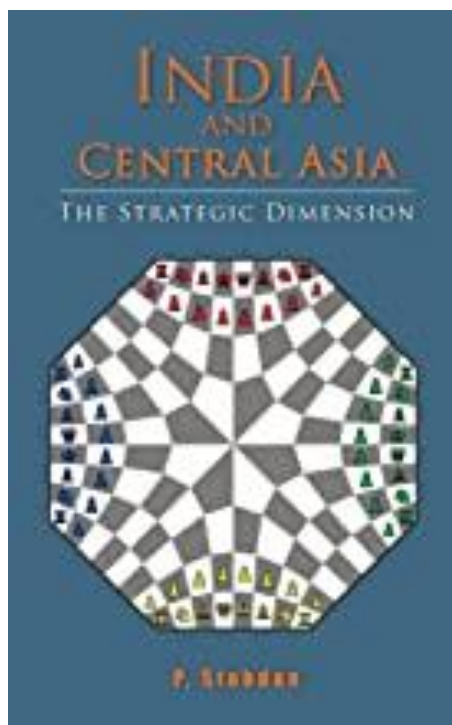
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1. India - National security 2. Japan - National security 3. India - Foreign relations - Japan. I. Title

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10. Stobdan, P.

**India and Central Asia : the strategic dimension / P. Stobdan. - New Delhi: KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, 2020. 502p.**



**Abstract:** Central Asia is the northern frontier of the Islamic world hitherto unaffected by fundamentalist wave. The Soviet developmental legacy still remains as a bulwark against potential extremist threats emanating from Pakistan and Afghanistan. However, behind the secular settings a major shift to a far more religious pattern of society is underway in the region. Over the years, India has been taking renewed interest in enhancing its strategic presence in Central Asia, but it is yet to capitalise on various opportunities and potentials. India's full membership into the SCO now opens up an opportunity for a closer engagement with region but New Delhi still lacks a political-strategic clarity. This book is an attempt to provide an overview of the political and strategic process at work in Central Asia since its emergence in 1991 and the intricate issues that impinge on India. The book is mostly about identifying critical points that are important for evolving a sound Central Asia policy in India. The book does not in any sense purport to be an academic endeavour on Central Asian studies but merely a narrative, as well as, an analytical account and a result of author's own self-education and understanding gathered through extensive interactions with wide sections of people in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, especially with the think tanks, academia, government officials and the diplomatic community. The chapters in book are capsulated to provide analyses of the impinging issues that shape the dynamic interplay between Central Asia's internal polity and its external outlook. The book contains aspects critical for enhancing India's strategic presence in the region.

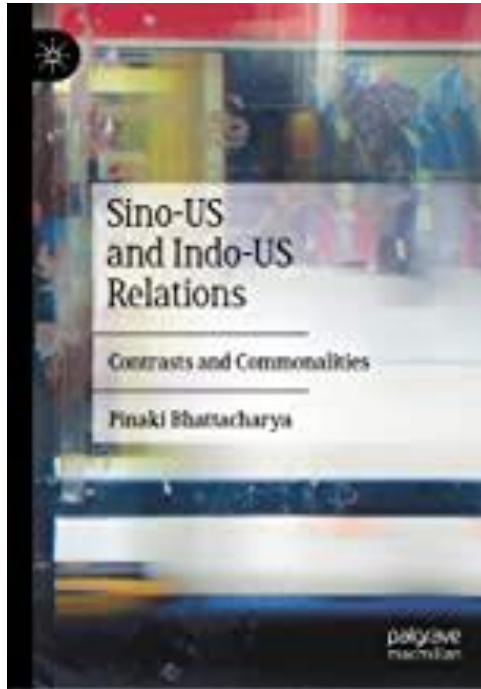
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1. India - Foreign relations - Asia, Central 2. Asia, Central - Foreign relations - India 3. India - Strategic aspects. I. Title

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## 11. Bhattacharya, Pinaki

**Sino-US and Indo-US relations : contrasts and commonalities / Pinaki Bhattacharya. - Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019. 227p.**



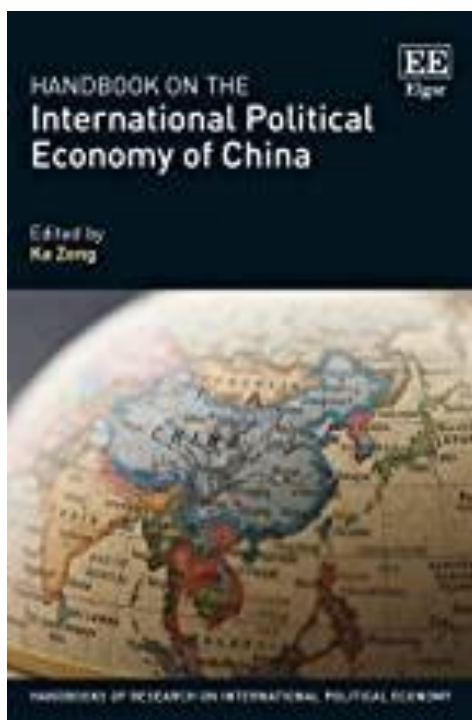
**Abstract:** This book identifies major elements that influenced Sino-US relations before the reform and opening up of said relations. These include the Taiwan question's impact on the policies of both countries, the Korean War, the Cold War, Japan and the Sino-Soviet split. The book is divided into two complementary sections: the first addresses the evolution of Sino-US relations, while the second examines Indo-US relations, especially after 1991 and the end of the Cold War and the 'social-imperialism' of the USSR. In addition, the book explores the mores of the Chinese leadership; the period of the relationship's consolidation and growth, punctuated by China's turning to 'market socialism', led by Deng; the impact of the end of the Cold War; and its lasting influence. In closing, the book calls for responses to India's play as a hedge to Chinese growth, as originally envisioned by the Clinton, Bush, and Obama Administrations. The roles that Japan, Australia and ASEAN play in this matrix are also explored.

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1. United States - Foreign relations - China 2. India - Foreign relations - United States 3. China - Foreign relations - United States. I. Title

**327.73051 BHA19**

**12. Handbook on the international political economy of China / Edited by Ka Zeng. - Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019. 452p.**



**Abstract:** This book examines the processes, evolution and consequences of China's rapid integration into the global economy. Through analyses of Beijing's international economic engagement in areas such as trade, investment, finance, sustainable development and global economic governance, it highlights the forces shaping China's increasingly prominent role in the global economic arena. Chapters explore China's behavior in global economic governance, the interests and motivations underlying China's international economic initiatives and the influence of politics, including both domestic politics and fore.

ISBN : 9781786435057.

1. China - Foreign economic relations 2. China - Economic policy 3. China - Economic conditions. I. Zeng, Ka ed. II. Title

**337.51 ZEN19**

13. **Can science and technology save China / Edited by Susan Greenhalgh and Li Zhang. - New York: Cornell University Press, 2020. 226p.**



**Abstract:** *Can Science and Technology Save China?* assesses the intimate connections between science and society in China, offering an in-depth look at how an array of sciences and technologies are being made, how they are interfacing with society, and with what effects. Focusing on critical domains of daily life, the chapters explore how scientists, technicians, surgeons, therapists, and other experts create practical knowledges and innovations, as well as how ordinary people take them up as they pursue the good life. Editors Greenhalgh and Zhang offer a rare, up-close view of the politics of Chinese science-making, showing how everyday logics, practices, and ethics of science, medicine, and technology are profoundly reshaping contemporary China. By foregrounding the notion of "governing through science," and the contested role of science and technology as instruments of change, this timely book addresses important questions regarding what counts as science in China, what science and technology can do to transform China, as well as their limits and unintended consequences.

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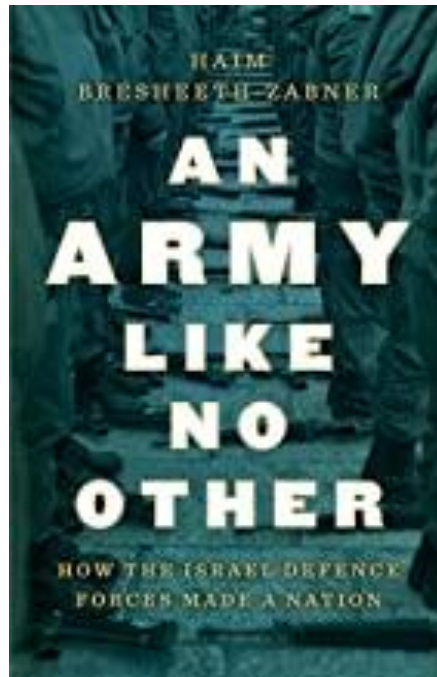
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**338.951 GRE20**



#### 14. Bresheeth - Zabner, Haim

**Army like no other : how the Israel defence forces made a nation / Haim Bresheeth - Zabner. - London: Verso, 2020. 425p.**



**Abstract:** The Israeli army, officially named the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), was established in 1948 by David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, who believed that 'the whole nation is the army'. In his mind, the IDF was to be an army like no other. It was the instrument that might transform a diverse population into a new people. Since the foundation of Israel, therefore, the IDF has been the largest, richest and most influential institution in Israel's Jewish society and is the nursery of its social, economic and political ruling class. In this fascinating history, Bresheeth charts the evolution of the IDF from the Nakba to the continued assaults upon Gaza, and shows that the state of Israel has been formed out of its wars. He also gives an account of his own experiences as a young conscript during the 1967 war. He argues that the army is embedded in all aspects of daily life and identity. And that we should not merely see it as a fighting force enjoying an international reputation, but as the central ideological, political and financial institution of Israeli society. As a consequence, we have to reconsider our assumptions on what any kind of peace might look like.

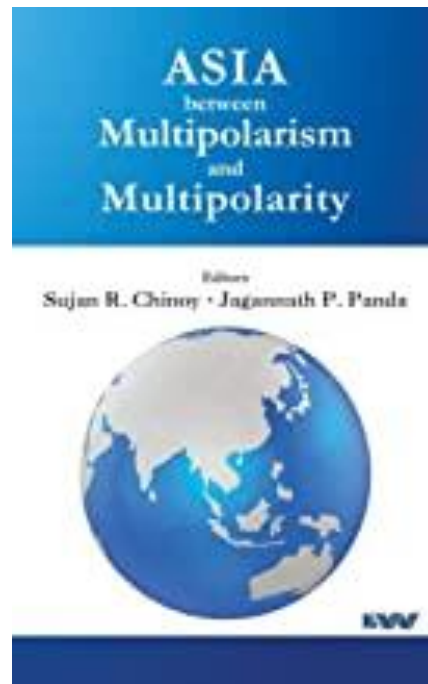
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1. Israel – Defence 2. Israel – History 3. Israel – Militarism. I. Title

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**15. Asia between multipolarism and multipolarity / Edited by Sujan R. Chinoy and Jagannath P. Panda. - New Delhi: KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, 2020. 587p.**



**Abstract:** This book aims to map the Asian power trajectory and the continent's contemporary journey towards greater multipolarity. This volume examines the impact of plurilateral and multilateral dialogues and cooperative mechanisms on Asia's security and economic architecture. It is based on the proceedings of the thought-provoking 20th edition of the Asian Security Conference which was held from March 26-28, 2019 at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. Multilateral engagements to frame various regional economic architectures in Asia are becoming more usual than ever before. These engagements must also be seen from the context of anxiety that prevails because of the ongoing US-China trade conflict and debt trap situations arising for small countries from Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Increasing multilateral interactions have become a way to hedge economic uncertainties arising from these incidents. Regional economic initiatives like Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), etc., are some that are shaping the regional economic edifices across Asia. Further, grand connectivity and infrastructure initiative like BRI is met with other such approaches namely, Platform for Japan-India Business Cooperation in Asia-Africa Region and the US-led Blue Dot Network. Along with being strategic in nature, these initiatives are larger in scale and envision transcontinental level integrations. They are also backed by financing from multilateral institutions like Asian Development Bank (ADB), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

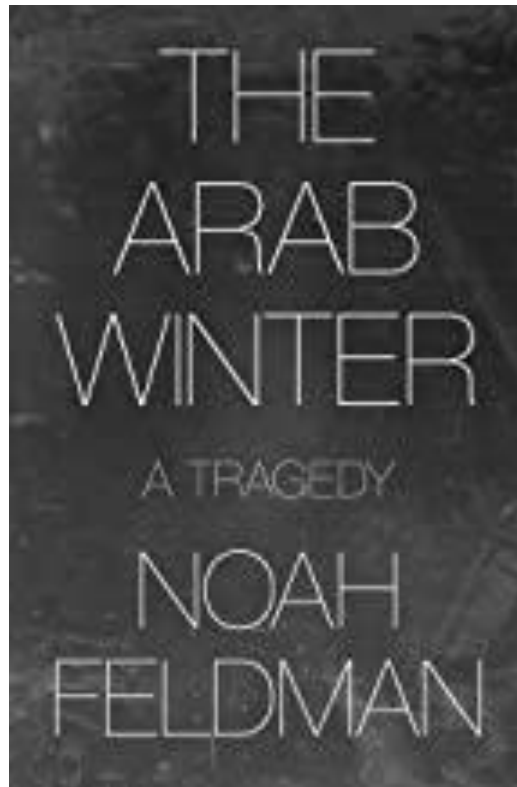
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1. Asia - National security 2. Asian cooperation - Congresses 3. Asia - Security, International 4. Asia - Economic integration 5. Asia - Foreign relations. I. Chinoy, Sujan R. ed. II. Panda, Jagannath P. ed. III. Title

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## 16. Feldman, Noah

Arab winter : a tragedy / Noah Feldman. - New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2020. 192p.



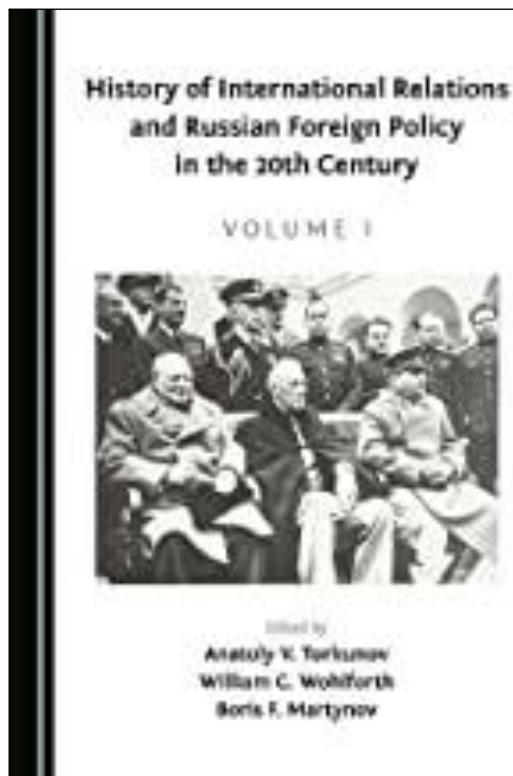
**Abstract:** The Arab Spring promised to end dictatorship and bring self-government to people across the Middle East. Yet everywhere except Tunisia it led to either renewed dictatorship, civil war, extremist terror, or all three. In *The Arab Winter*, Noah Feldman argues that the Arab Spring was nevertheless not an unmitigated failure, much less an inevitable one. Rather, it was a noble, tragic series of events in which, for the first time in recent Middle Eastern history, Arabic-speaking peoples took free, collective political action as they sought to achieve self-determination. Focusing on the Egyptian revolution and counterrevolution, the Syrian civil war, the rise and fall of ISIS in Syria and Iraq, and the Tunisian struggle toward Islamic constitutionalism, Feldman provides an original account of the political consequences of the Arab Spring, including the reaffirmation of pan-Arab identity, the devastation of Arab nationalisms, and the death of political Islam with the collapse of ISIS. He also challenges commentators who say that the Arab Spring was never truly transformative, that Arab popular self-determination was a mirage, and even that Arabs or Muslims are less capable of democracy than other peoples. Above all, *The Arab Winter* shows that we must not let the tragic outcome of the Arab Spring disguise its inherent human worth. People whose political lives had been determined from the outside tried, and for a time succeeded, in making politics for themselves. That this did not result in constitutional democracy or a better life for most of those affected doesn't mean the effort didn't matter. To the contrary, it matters for history—and it matters for the future.

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1. Arab Spring 2. Arab Countries - Politics and Government. I. Title

**909. 0974927 FEL20**

**17. History of international relations and Russian foreign policy in the 20th century / Edited by Anatoly V. Torkunov, William C. Wohlforth and Boris F. Martynov. - United Kingdom: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020. 310p.**



**Abstract:** These volumes present a compact analytical narrative of 20th century international politics penned by some of Russia's most distinguished historians. Written in accessible prose and designed as an introductory text for students of international relations, the collection will interest all readers curious about perspectives on the twentieth century's most consequential events. This first volume, covering 1914-1945, shows how the short-sightedness of world leaders, the unbound nationalism of the masses and the unpredictable will of destiny led to World War I. It then addresses the core topic of ho.

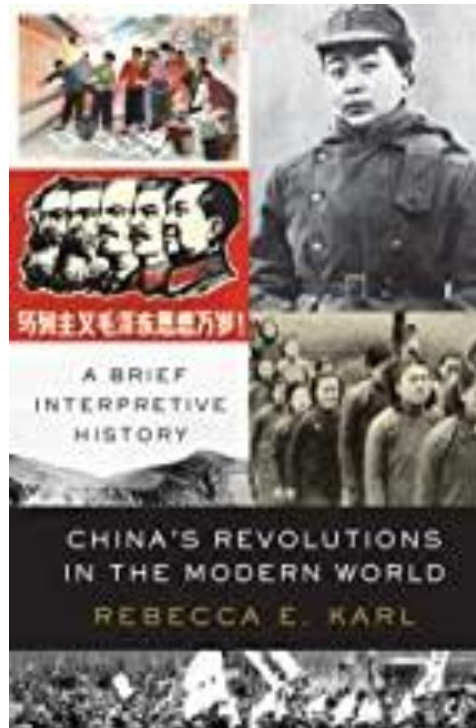
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1. World politics 2. Russia (Federation) - Foreign relations. I. Torkunov, Anatoly V. ed. II. Wohlforth, William C. ed. III. Martynov, Boris F. ed. IV. Title

**909.82 TOR20**

**18. Karl, Rebecca E.**

**China's revolutions in the modern world : a brief interpretive history / Rebecca E. Karl. - New York: Verso, 2020. 230p.**



**Abstract:** China's emergence as a twenty-first-century global economic, cultural, and political power is often presented as a story of what Chinese leader Xi Jinping calls the nation's "great rejuvenation," a story narrated as the return of China to its "rightful" place at the center of the world. In *China's Revolutions in the Modern World*, historian Rebecca E. Karl argues that China's contemporary emergence is best seen not as a "return," but rather as the product of revolutionary and counter-revolutionary activity and imaginings. From the Taipings in the mid-nineteenth century through nationalist, anti-imperialist, cultural, and socialist revolutions to today's capitalist-inflected Communist State, modern China has been made in intellectual dissonance and class struggle, in mass democratic movements and global war, in socialism and anti-socialism, in repression and conflict by multiple generations of Chinese people mobilized to seize history and make the future in their own name. Through China's successive revolutions, the contours of our contemporary world have taken shape. This brief interpretive history shows how.

ISBN : 9781788735599.

1. China - Revolutions - History 2. China - Politics and Government. I. Title

**951 KAR20**

## 19. Bakshi, GD

71 dash to Dhaka / GD Bakshi. - New Delhi: KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, 2020. 191p.



**Abstract:** The 1971 war for the Liberation of Bangladesh was a landmark conflict in the history of South Asia. It dramatically changed the map of this region and marked a historical revival of Indian military power. In just 13 glorious and action packed days – three Indian corps sized spear heads raced for the capital city of Dacca. It was located in the most defensible, riverine terrain in the world. Yet the Indian Blitzkrieg bounced the wide rivers using Helicopters and Paradrops to speed up operations and paralyse the enemy command centre with precision air attacks. The India Air Force generated shock and awe over the battlefields of Bangladesh. Like an expanding torrent of water, the Indian Army bypassed all major centres of opposition in its race for Dacca. Meanwhile the Indian Navy blockaded East and West Pakistan and cut off the two wings of the country. Thus in 13 nail biting days the Indian forces marched on an enemy capital, enforced regime change and induced the largest mass surrender of forces. These were decisive results. This despite the American Seventh Fleet – led by the US aircraft carrier Enterprise, making menacing moves in the bay of Bengal. This is the behind the scenes account of that war – how the critical decisions were arrived at – what major risks were taken and the superb planning and coordination between all organs of the Indian state – political, military, diplomatic and intelligence. It was India's finest hour. It unconsciously revived the Kautilian paradigm of war-fighting.

ISBN : 9789389137323.

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