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303.625 TERRORISM

1 El-Said, Hamed

Deradicalizing violent extremists: counter-radicalization and deradicalization programmes and their impact in Muslim majority states / Hamed El-Said and Jane Harrigan. -- London: Routledge, 2013. 278p.

ISBN : 9780415525190.

303.625 SAI13 104635

Terrorism remains one of the major threats facing the world community. While literature on the subject is dominated by discussion of the factors leading individuals and groups to join violent extremist, terrorist groups, the question of what can lead them to disengage from such groups is an equally important one. This book is the first study to provide a detailed analysis of both counter-radicalization and deradicalization programmes in eight Muslim-majority states, representing hitherto one of the largest, detailed, and most systematic inventory of such programmes in the world.

** Islamic countries - Terrorism; Islamic countries - Terrorism -Prevention; Radicalism - Religious aspects - Islam; Islam - Terrorism

305 SOCIAL GROUPS

2 Mascarenhas, Michael

Where the waters divide: neoliberalism, white privilege, and environmental racism in Canada / Michael Mascarenhas. -- Lanham: Lexington Books, 2012. 163p.

ISBN : 9780739168271.

305.800971 MAS12 104474

This timely and important scholarship advances an empirical understanding of Canada's contemporary "Indian" problem. Where the Waters Divide is one of the few book monographs that analyze how contemporary neoliberal reforms (in the manner of de-regulation, austerity measures, common sense policies, privatization, etc.) are woven through and shape contemporary racial inequality in Canadian society.

** Canada - Racism; Canada - White privilege; Canada - Water supply; Canada - Neoliberalism

322 RELATIONS OF THE STATE TO ORGANIZED GROUPS

3 Chen, Xi

Social Protest and contentious authoritarianism in China / Xi Chen.-- New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012. ISBN : 9781107014862.

322.40951 CHE12 104645

Xi Chen explores the question of why there has been a dramatic rise in and routinization of social protests in China since the early 1990s. Drawing on case studies, in-depth interviews, and a unique data set of about 1,000 government records of collective petitions, this book examines how the political structure in Reform China has encouraged Chinese farmers, workers, pensioners, disabled people, and demobilized soldiers to pursue their

interests and claim their rights by staging collective protests.

** China - Protest movements; China - Social conflict;
China - Politics and government; China - Market reforms

327.172 PEACE

4 Weissmann, Mikael

East Asian peace: conflict prevention and informal
peacebuilding / Mikael Weissmann.-- London: Palgrave
Macmillan, 2012. 219p.

ISBN : 9780230313965.

327.172095 WEI12 104503

The East Asian peace is a mystery of the modern age. To many theorists and analysts alike, the post-Cold War calm has been seen as a temporary anomaly, potential military conflicts dominating predictions for the future. Despite this, two decades have passed in which a relative peace has been sustained and it is time to question existing forecasts. Comparing the Taiwan Strait, the South China Sea and the Korean Nuclear conflict, the author explores the informal processes that can help explain the persistence of peace, leading to hope for a future era of stability.

** East Asia - Peace building; East Asia - Conflict management; East Asia - Security, International; East Asia - Economic conditions; East Asia - Politics and government

327.73 UNITED STATES - FOREIGN POLICY

5 Bader, Jeffrey A.

Obama and China's rise: an insider's account of America's
Asia strategy / Jeffrey A. Bader.-- Washington: Brookings
Institution Press, 2012. 171p.

ISBN : 9780815722427.

327.73051 BAD12 104601

In 2005 Jeffrey Bader, a veteran U.S. diplomat and Asia policy analyst, was asked to meet and discuss international trade policy with the junior U.S. senator from Illinois. Bader came away greatly struck and impressed by Barack Obama and eventually came to co-chair the presidential candidate's advisory team on Asia policy. When Obama assumed the presidency, Bader became the senior director for East Asian affairs with the National Security Council. In *Obama and China's Rise*, Bader discusses what he did, what he saw, and what it meant for Obama's policy toward the all-important East Asia region -first in the presidential campaign, and then in his administration. The result is a fascinating backstage view of the formulation and execution of American foreign policy as well as a candid evaluation of the same, including recommendations for future policy.

** United States - Foreign relations - China; China - Foreign relations - United States; Obama, Barack - Political and social views; United States - Foreign relations - Asia; Asia - Foreign relations - United States

330.9 ECONOMIC SITUATION AND CONDITIONS

6 Beausang, Francesca

Globalization and the BRICs: why the BRICs will not rule the world for long / Francesca Beausang.-- London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 215p.
ISBN : 9780230243149.

330.91724 BEA12 104504

This book documents the recent ascent to economic and political power of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRICs) and provides a vision of their future prospects. At a time when the Euro zone is calling on these countries to salvage it from indebtedness and President Obama struggles to demonstrate that "America is back", this book examines whether the facts support the widespread perception that the BRICs are turning into global economic and political powers. If they are, do the BRICs have what it takes to rule the world in the long-term? In response to this question, this book presents an alternative vision of the BRICs' future. It suggests that any threat to Western domination from BRIC ascendancy is offset by excessive inequality and insufficient innovation, which could cause them to lose their economic dynamism and precipitate BRIC decline.

** Globalization - Economic aspects - BRIC countries;
BRIC countries - Economic conditions

337.1 ECONOMIC COOPERATION

7 China and East Asian regionalism: economic and security cooperation and institution-building / edited by Suisheng Zhao.-- London: Routledge, 2012. 225p.

ISBN : 9780415618144.

337.15 ZHA12 104764

To convey the image of a responsible power willing to contribute to regional stability and cooperation, China has shifted from a single-minded preference for bilateralism to an active participation in East Asian regionalism in the recent decades. This development has inspired discussions over whether a rising China could play a leadership role in building an institutionalized architecture for regional cooperation in East Asia.

** China - Regionalism; East Asia - Regionalism; East Asia - Economic integration; East Asia - Economic conditions; China - Foreign economic relations - East Asia East Asia - Foreign economic relations - China

340 LAW

8 Constitutionalism in Islamic countries: between upheaval and continuity / edited by Rainer Grote and Tilmann J. Roder.-- Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. 730p.
ISBN : 9780199759880.

340.59 GRO12 104553

Constitutionalism in Islamic Countries: Between Upheaval and Continuity examines the question of whether something similar to an "Islamic constitutionalism" has emerged out of the political and constitutional upheaval witnessed in many parts of North Africa, the Middle East, and Central

and Southern Asia. In order to identify its defining features and to assess the challenges that Islamic constitutionalism poses to established concepts of constitutionalism, this book offers an integrated analysis of the complex frameworks in Islamic countries, drawing on the methods and insights of comparative constitutional law, Islamic law, international law and legal history.

** Islamic countries - Constitutional law; Law - Islamic influences; Constitutional law (Islamic law)

363 SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SERVICES

9 Carpenter, Susan

Japan's nuclear crisis: the routes to responsibility / Susan Carpenter.-- London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 248p.

ISBN : 9780230354920.

363.1799 CAR12 104205

Investigation of the disaster will pose questions regarding why Daiichi was constructed in an earthquake-prone zone and was still operating despite problems that had been plaguing the reactors since 1989 such as cracks in infrastructure and leaks in radioactivity. This book analyses and explores the impact of Japans 2011 nuclear crisis.

** Japan - Nuclear industry -Political aspects; Japan - Civil service - Corrupt practices; Japan - Business and politics; Fukushima Nuclear Disaster; Japan - Politics and government; Japan - Economic policy; Japan - Bureaucracy

959 SOUTHEAST ASIA - GENERAL HISTORY

10 Rogers, Benedict

Burma: a nation at the crossroads / Benedict Rogers.-- London: Rider Books, 2012. 272p.

ISBN : 9781846043468.

959.1053 ROG12 104649

For more than 50 years, Burma has been ruled by a succession of military regimes which rank among the most oppressive dictatorships in the world. Accused of crimes against humanity, they have brutally mistreated their people. Yet in the last couple of years, and in spite of sham elections, the pace of change has been breathtaking. Much is now hoped for. However, Burma is one of the most ethnically diverse nations in Southeast Asia: there are roughly seven major ethnic groups living along its borders. They have a long history of conflict with the government and have been cruelly treated by the current regime. Their future affects the country as a whole, as Benedict Rogers explains. Drawing heavily on his many fact-finding visits both inside Burma and along its frontiers, he gives a unique appraisal of the current ethnic situation and its implications for the nation as a whole.

** Burma - History; Burma - Politics and government; Burma - Social conditions - 21st century; Myanmar - History

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