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020 LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Singh, Chilana Rajwant ed.

Challenges for South Asian resources and information services: essays in honour of Dr. Ravindra N. Sharma / edited by Chilana Rajwant Singh. -- New Delhi: Concept Publication, 2008. 478p. ISBN: 9788180695278.

020.71054 CHI08 100130

The thirty-five papers in this festschrift, in honour of Dr. Ravindra N. Sharma, Dean of the Library at Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey, USA, attempt to analyse the different aspects of South Asian librarianship. Highlighting the wide-ranging contributions of Dr. Sharma towards the development of library and information science, the contributors address issues concerning library and information science education. They also deliberate on the problems and prospects of University libraries, National and Public libraries and special libraries; information systems and networks; bibliographical control; and technical services.

** Library education - India; Libraries – Information technology - India; Library and information networks - India

303.6 CONFLICT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Francis, David J. ed.

Peace & Conflict in Africa / edited by David J. Francis.- London: Zed Books, 2008. 242p. ISBN: 9781842779545.

303.6096 FRA08 100247

Nowhere in the world is the demand for peace more prominent and challenging than in Africa. From state collapse and anarchy in Somalia to protracted wars and rampant corruption in the Congo; from bloody civil wars and extreme poverty in Sierra Leone to humanitarian crisis and authoritarianism in Sudan, the continent is the focus of growing political and media attention. This book presents the first comprehensive overview of conflict and peace across the continent. The book's stress on the importance of indigenous Africa approaches to creating peace makes it an innovative and exciting intervention in the field.

** Africa - Conflict resolution

305.6 SOCIAL GROUPS

Yen, Ching-Hwang

The Chinese in Southeast Asia and Beyond / Socioeconomic and Political Dimensions.-- London: World Scientific, 2008. 457p. ISBN: 978981279074.

305.8951059 YEN08 100334

The Southeast Asian Chinese as an economic force and their growing importance with China are, to a certain extent, determined by the nature and development of their communities. This book uses a multifaceted approach to unravel the forces that helped to transform the communities in the past. Containing 17 papers written within a span of six and a half years, from 2000 to 2006, the book focuses on the social, economic and political aspects of these communities, with special emphasis on the Chinese in Malaysia and Singapore.

** Chinese - Asia, South Eastern; Chinese - Foreign countries

320 POLITICAL SCIENCE

Brenkman, John

The cultural contradictions of democracy: political thought since September 11 / John Brenkman. -- Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007. 205p. ISBN: 9780691116648.

320.01 BRE07 100329

Since 9/11, American foreign policy has been guided by grand ideas like tyranny, democracy, and freedom. And yet the course of events has played havoc with the cherished assumptions of hawks and doves alike. The Cultural Contradictions of Democracy picks apart the intellectual design and messianic ambitions of the neoconservative American foreign policy articulated by figures such as Robert Kagan and Paul Berman; it casts the same critical eye on a wide range of liberal and leftist thinkers, including Noam Chomsky and Jürgen Habermas, and probes the severe crisis that afflicts progressive political thought. Brenkman draws on the contrary visions of Hobbes, Kant, Max Weber, Hannah Arendt, and Isaiah Berlin in order to disclose the new contours of conflict in the age of geo-civil war, and to illuminate the challenges and risks of contemporary democracy.

** Political science - Philosophy; Democracy

320.9 POLITICAL SITUATION & CONDITION

Corman, Steven R. ed.

Weapons of Mass Persuasion: strategic communication to Combat Violent Extremism / edited by Steven R. Corman. -- New York: Peter Lang, 2008. 209p.

320.973014 COR08 100044

Complementing and extending scholarship in three areas - terrorism; the media, mediated representations, and propaganda in contemporary culture; and the political and diplomatic environment post-9/11 - this book articulates the role of human communication in the «war of ideas». Drawing on contemporary research from a variety of disciplines, this book offers analyses and recommendations for people to make use of informed, inspired, and ethical communication to counter ideological support for terrorism and to promote more effective public diplomacy.

** Communication in politics - United States; Terrorism and mass media; national security; Mass media; Public opinion

324.2 POLITICAL PARTIES

Roper, Steven D. ed.

Public Finance and Post-Communist Party Development / edited by Steven D. Roper and Janis Ikstens. -- Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing, 2008. 158p. ISBN: 9780754671794.

324.21091717 ROP08 100039

This key volume explores how party and campaign finance in post-communist countries have influenced the development of the party system. Based on an analysis of nine case studies, the work examines how the implementation of public finance affects the pattern of party competition and the role of money in elections.

** Campaign funds - Former communist countries; Elections - Former communist countries; Political parties - Former communist countries

327.54 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Behera, Navnita Chadha ed.

International relations in South Asia: search for an alternative paradigm / edited by Navnita Chadha Behera. -- New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2008. 342p. ISBN: 9788178298702.

327.54 BEH08 100381

This collection explores 'state of the art' methods to understand International Relations in South Asia from disciplinary, pedagogic and epistemological standpoints. It probes alternative methods to comprehend international politics in the region: through constructivism, critical theories, post-colonial traditions of thought and feminist approaches. International Relations in South Asia: Search for an Alternative Paradigm offers perspectives from various Asian countries like Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and India and captures contemporary thinking with articles that are being published for the first

time. It is a compelling read for researchers and academicians working in the fields of political science, international relations, strategic/security studies and South Asian studies.

** South Asia - Politics and government; International relations - Study and teachings - South Asia

Pant, Harsh V.

Contemporary Debates in Indian Foreign and Security Policy: India negotiates its rise in the international system / Harsh V. Pant. -- New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. 202p.

ISBN: 9780230604582.

327.54 PAN08 100337

As a consequence of India's attempts to carve out a foreign policy that is in sync with India's rising stature in the international system, Indian foreign and security policy is currently dealing with a range of issues that are controversial but central to the future of Indian global strategy. These include India's relations with the US, the idea of a strategic triangle involving Russia, China and India, India's nuclear doctrine and its impact on the emerging civil-military relations, India's position of the ballistic missile defense system, India's relations with Iran and Israel, and India's quest for energy security. On almost all these issues, there is an intense debate in the Indian polity and the strategic community and how this debate resolves itself will in many ways determine the direction of Indian foreign policy for years to come. This book attempts to examine these issues so as to deduce some major trends in the Indian foreign policy of today.

** India - Foreign relations; National security - India; India - Politics and government - 21st century

Tripathi, A.K. ed.

Foreign policy: theory and practice / edited by A. K. Tripathi. -- New Delhi: Murari Lal & Sons, 2008. 248p. ISBN: 9788189239718.

327.54 TRI08 100373

The foreign policy of any country must be related to its history, traditions and culture in order to provide a continuing basis for the formulation of its basic principles. In this book an attempt has been taken regarding the knowledge of features, goals and relations of foreign policy. Indian relations with West Asia, U.S., China and Russia have been described in simple and effective manner to the students and teachers of political science.

** India - Foreign policy; India - Foreign relations; India - Non-alignment; India - SAARC

341.37 TREATIES-INTERPRETATION

Gardiner, Richard K.

Treaty Interpretation / Richard K Gardiner. -- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008. 407p. ISBN: 9780199277919.

341.37 GAR08 100087

The rules of treaty interpretation codified in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties now apply to virtually all treaties which may be encountered in an international

context and also within national legal systems where treaties have an impact on a large and growing range of matters, this book explains the rules for interpretation of treaties and gives examples of their application in national and international jurisdictions.

** Treaties - Interpretation and construction

Sadat-Akhavi, Seyed Ali

Methods of Resolving Conflicts between Treaties / Seyed Ali Sadat-Akhavi. -- Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2008. 273p. ISBN: 9789041120319.

341.37 SAD03 100245

Despite the theoretical and practical importance of the question of conflict between treaties, little has been written on the subject. This monograph fills this gap by providing a detailed analysis of the main issues. The book is divided into three parts. The first deals with the definition of conflict, causes of conflict, and different types of conflict. The second part examines different sources of international law in order to identify rules of international law relating to the resolution of conflicts. The third part addresses the actual process of resolving conflicts between treaties. After describing different stages of treaty conflict-resolution, it discusses some special principles advanced for resolving conflicts between certain types of treaties, namely, those relating to the protection of human rights, those concerning dispute settlement, and treaties dealing with private law issues.

** International law; Conflict resolution; Law of treaties

700 ARTS

Tilston, Giles

Taj Mahal / Giles Tillotson. -- New Delhi: Penguin, 2008. 199 p. ISBN: 9780143065296.

725.94TIL08 100165

'The Taj Mahal is the queen of architecture. Other buildings may be as famous but no other has been so consistently admired for a beauty that is seen as both feminine and regal. Imperial tomb, symbol of India, symbol of love, brand of tea-the Taj can be what you want it to be. Drawing on a huge range of sources from Mughal court histories to Bollywood movies, this superb book gives us a history of the Taj and its many meanings. Giles Tillotson recounts the human drama behind the building, particularly the relationship between Shah Jahan and his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, who lie there.

** India - Monuments; India - Architecture

923 BIOGRAPHIES OF PERSONS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Padgaonkar, Dileep

Under her spell: Roberto Rossellini in India / Dileep Padgaonkar. -- Delhi: Penguin, 2008. 263 p. ISBN: 9780670081547.

923 100163

Rossellini had come to India at the invitation of the Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. His aim was to make a series of films which would capture the newly independent country as it came to grips with progress and development after centuries of colonialism. He deliberately eschewed the exotica which had beguiled all too many Western travellers. He refused to be

distracted by the monuments, the spirituality and cultural bric-a-brac, preferring instead to fix his gaze on the actual moment, on the grand endeavours of industrialization, land reform and the then still fledging democratic spirit-- the India of Nehru's vision.

** Biography - Roberto Rossellini;

Bose, Krishna

An Outsider in Politics / Krishna Bose. -- New Delhi: Penguin Books, 2008. 255p. ISBN: 9780670999552.

923.2 BOS08 100383

Writer, educationist and three-time Lok Sabha MP from Kolkata, Krishna Bose gives a compelling account of her journey from the time she was a schoolgirl witnessing some of the tragic scenes that accompanied Partition to her stint as chairperson of the Parliamentary standing committee on external affairs. Married into the family of Subhas Chandra Bose, her acute yet sympathetic observations in *An Outsider in Politics* illuminate the changing world of the Kolkata intelligentsia from the 1940s to the present day.

** Biography - Politician; Biography - Bose, Krishna

954 INDIA/SOUTH ASIA - GENERAL HISTORY

Nayar, Kuldip

Tales of Two Cities / Kuldip Nayar.-- New Delhi: Roli Books, 2008. 126p. ISBN: 978817436676.

954.03 NAY08 100376

In *Tales of Two Cities*, two eminent journalists – Kuldip Nayar and Asif Noorani - give their personal accounts of the Partition of India, the killings and massive migrations which it provoked and their subsequent impact on Indo-Pakistan relations. As a young law graduate, Kuldip Nayar witnessed at first hand the collapse of trust between communities in Sialkot and was forced to migrate with his family to Delhi across the blood-stained plains of Punjab. He vividly describes his own perilous journey and his first job as a young journalist in an Urdu newspaper reporting on Gandhi's assassination. Asif Noorani, while still a schoolboy in Bombay, set off with his family by steamer across the Arabian Sea for the promised land of Pakistan, ultimately settling in Karachi. He gives his own compelling account of the difficulties faced by the new arrivals and the slow emergence of today's megacity with its dominant Mohajir culture.

** India - Partition; India - History; India -Foreign relations - Pakistan

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