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320.9 POLITICAL SITUATION & CONDITION

- 1 Baral, Lok Raj  
Nepal nation-state in the wilderness: managing state, democracy and geopolitics / Lok Raj Baral.-- New Delhi: Sage Publication India Pvt. Ltd., 2012. 308p.  
ISBN : 9788132108757.  
320.95496 BAR12 104599  
Nepal Nation-state in the Wilderness takes a critical look at three important aspects of modern Nepal: viability of the Nepali State, prospects and challenges of its liberal democracy, and strategies for managing the emerging geopolitical trends. The author analyzes the transformation of Maoists into a systemic party within the liberal-democratic set-up and the mutual distrust that developed afterwards. The book further explores the state of Nepal's physical location between China and India and Nepal's own incapacity to manage the geopolitical pulls and pressures arising out of its unique position.  
\*\* Nepal - Politics and government; Nepal - Democracy; Nepal - Geopolitics

324 POLITICAL PROCESS

- 2 Political conflict in Western Europe / Hanspeter Kriesi

...[et al.]-- New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.  
ISBN : 9781107625945.

324.094 KRI12 104608

What are the consequences of globalization for the structure of political conflicts in Western Europe? How are political conflicts organized and articulated in the twenty-first century? And how does the transformation of territorial boundaries affect the scope and content of political conflicts? This book sets out to answer these questions by analyzing the results of a study of national and European electoral campaigns, protest events and public debates in six West European countries.

\*\* Europe, Western - Politics and government; Europe, Western - Globalization - Political aspects

327.172 PEACE

3 Suhrke, Astri

When more is less: the international project in Afghanistan / Astri Suhrke.-- London: Hurst and Company, 2011. 293p.

ISBN : 978-023170272.

327.17209581 SHU11 104143

Western-led efforts to establish a post-Taliban order in Afghanistan are in serious jeopardy. Beginning with the dynamics of Western intervention and its parallel peacebuilding mission, Astri Suhrke examines the forces that have shaped this grand international project and the apparent systemic bias toward deeper and broader international involvement.

\*\* Afghanistan - Peace-building; Afghanistan - International cooperation; Afghanistan - Peacekeeping forces; Afghan War; Afghanistan - Foreign relations.

327.54 INDIA - FOREIGN RELATIONS

4 Vivekanandan, Jayashree

Interrogating international relations: India's strategic practice and the return of history / Jayashree Vivekanandan.-- New Delhi: Routledge, 2011. 255p.

ISBN : 978415598125.

327.54 VIV11 102867

The book interrogates the disciplinary biases and firewalls that inform mainstream international relations today, and problematises the several tropes that have come to typify the strategic histories of post-colonial societies such as India. Questioning a range of long-held cultural representations on India, the book challenges such portrayals and underscores the centrality of context and contingency in any cultural explanation of state behaviour. It argues for a historico-cultural understanding of power and critiques IR's tendency to usher in a selective 'return of history'.

\*\* Mughal Empire - Foreign relations; Mughal Empire - Politics and government; India - History

5 China and India in Asia: paving the way for a new balance of power / Edited by Claudia Astarita and Yves-Heng Lim.-

New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2012.  
ISBN : 9781613248508.

327.54051 AST12 104518

It is, of course, too early to propose an assessment of the final impact of the Chinese and Indian ascents on the world affairs, as their rise is still an ongoing process and is still eroding the foundation of the current international system. The dynamic side of the question makes us risk both risks of under- and overestimation of China and India's future influence. China and India have gained considerable weight in Asian affairs, to the point that, in the Chinese case, one might wonder about the possibility for a future power transition at the regional level, with the United States in the unenviable role of the declining power.

\*\* China - Foreign relations - India; India - Foreign relations - China; China - Foreign relation-1949; India - Foreign relations-1984

### 333.79 ENERGY AND ENERGY RESOURCES

- 6 Dynamics of energy governance in Europe and Russia / edited by Caroline Kuzemko, [et...al].-- London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 292p.  
ISBN : 9780230307902.

333.79094 KUZ12 104418

Energy in Europe and Russia is in flux. This book presents a rich set of case studies for analyzing the complex and intertwined regional dynamics of multiple actors, levels, and policy fields in energy throughout Europe and Russia, with the aim of offering an alternative view to the prevalent geopolitical or neoliberal approaches.

\*\* Europe - Energy policy; Russia (Federation) - Energy policy

- 7 Politics of Space: a survey / Edited by Eligar Sadeh.--1st- New York: Routledge, 2011.  
ISBN : 9781857434194.

333.94 SAD11 103015

The development and exploration of space are scientific and engineering pursuits.

However, politics determine which space programmes and projects are pursued, and establish cost, performance and schedule parameters for these ends. The goal of this volume, The Politics of Space: A Survey, is to provide an overview of the politics of space with regard to national space efforts, and national and international organizations.

\*\* Astronautics - Political aspects; Astronautics and state; Outer space - Exploration - Political aspects

### 341 INTERNATIONAL LAW

- 8 International law in a multipolar world / edited by Matthew Happold.-- London: Routledge, 2012. 330p.  
ISBN : 9780415565219.

341 HAP12 104011

With contributors from a variety of countries providing

perspectives from the disciplines of international law and international relations theory, International Law in a Multipolar World addresses the implications that multipolarity poses for the international legal system. Contributors including Jean d'Aspremont, Jörg Kammerhofer, Alexander Orakhelashvili, Christian Pippan and Nigel White, explore issues such as the use of force, governance and democracy, regionalism and the relevance of the United Nations in a multipolar world, while considering the overarching theme of the relationship between power and law.

\*\* International law - Congresses; International organization - Congresses

#### 947 EASTERN EUROPE AND RUSSIA

- 9 Waiting for reform under Putin and Medvedev / edited by Lena Jonson and Stephen White.-- London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 252p.  
ISBN : 9781137011190.

947 JON12 104516

In September 2009 Russia's Dmitrii Medvedev unveiled the term that was to become the defining objective of his presidency: 'modernization.' Leaving office in the spring of 2012 it was apparent that no serious changes of this kind had taken place, and popular resistance was mounting. Why so? And why has resistance to reform been so significant in post communist Russia, not just in this but in other cases as well? The various contributors to this book, drawn from a group of intellectuals who have shaped the discussion in Russia itself as well as leading scholars from other countries, focus on the contested nature of the concept of modernization and the obstacles that arose in attempting to carry it into practical effect obstacles that leave a challenging agenda for a new Russian presidency in the years to come.

\*\* Russia (Federation) - Politics and government-21st century; Russia (Federation) - Economic conditions-21st century ; Russia (Federation) - Social conditions-21st century

#### 956 MIDDLE EAST - GENERAL HISTORY

- 10 Harvey, Frank P  
Explaining the Iraq war: counterfactual theory, logic and evidence / Frank P. Harvey.-- New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012. 349p.

ISBN : 9781107676589.

956.704431 HAR12 104036

The almost universally accepted explanation for the Iraq war is very clear and consistent the US decision to attack Saddam Hussein's regime on March 19, 2003 was a product of the ideological agenda, misguided priorities, intentional deceptions and grand strategies of President George W. Bush and prominent 'neoconservatives' and 'unilateralists' on his national security team. Despite the widespread appeal of this version of history, Frank P. Harvey argues that it remains an unsubstantiated assertion and an underdeveloped argument without a

logical foundation. His book aims to provide a historically grounded account of the events and strategies which pushed the US-UK coalition towards war.  
 \*\* Iraq war - Causes; United States - Foreign relations

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