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Strike Patterns
Notes from Postwar Laos
Leah Zani

VIVID MEDITATION ON THE AFTERMATH OF WAR AND THE INFINITE REGISTERS OF LOSS AND REPAIR.

A strike pattern is a signature of violence carved into the land—bomb craters or fragments of explosives left behind, forgotten. In *Strike Patterns*, poet and anthropologist Leah Zani journeys to a Lao river community where people live alongside such relics of a secret war. From 1964 to 1973, the United States carried out a covert air war against Laos. Frequently overshadowed by the war with Vietnam, the Secret War was the longest and most intense air war in history. Today, much of Laos remains contaminated with dangerous left-over explosives. With sensitive and arresting prose, Zani investigates these shadows of war, spending time with silk weavers and rice farmers, bomb clearance crews and black market war scrap traders, ritual healers and survivors of explosions. Combining rigorous observation with poetry, fiction, and memoir she reflects on the power of building new lives in the ruins.

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Paletó and Me
Memories of My Indigenous Father
Aparecida Vilaça

WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS CASA DE LAS AMÉRICAS PRIZE, THIS WORK SPINS A HEARTFELT STORY OF AN IMPROBABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN ANTHROPOLOGIST AND HER CHARISMATIC INDIGENOUS FATHER.

When Aparecida Vilaça first traveled down the remote Negro River in Amazonia, she expected to come back with notebooks and tapes full of observations about the Indigenous Wari’ people—but not with a new father. In *Paletó and Me*, Vilaça shares her life with her adoptive Wari’ family, and the profound personal transformations involved in becoming kin. Begun the day after Paletó’s death at the age of 85, *Paletó and Me* is a celebration of life, weaving together the author’s own memories of learning the lifeways of Indigenous Amazonia with her father’s testimony to Wari’ persistence in the face of colonization. Speaking from the heart as both anthropologist and daughter, Vilaça offers an intimate look at Indigenous lives in Brazil over nearly a century.

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Global Burning
Rising Antidemocracy and the Climate Crisis
Eve Darian-Smith

Recent years have seen out-of-control wildfires rage across remote Brazilian rainforests, densely populated California coastlines, and major cities in Australia. In Global Burning, Eve Darian-Smith contends that using fire as a symbolic and literal thread connecting different places around the world allows us to better understand the parallel, and related, trends of the growth of authoritarian politics and climate crises and their interconnected global consequences.

The fires in Australia, Brazil and the United States demand acknowledgment of the global systems of inequality that undergird them, connecting the political erosion of liberal democracy with the corrosion of the environment. Darian-Smith argues that these wildfires are closely linked through capitalism, colonialism, industrialization, and resource extraction. In thinking through wildfires as environmental and political phenomenon, Global Burning challenges readers to confront the interlocking powers that are ensuring our future ecological collapse.

Translating Food Sovereignty
Cultivating Justice in an Age of Transnational Governance
Matthew C. Canfield

In its current state, the global food system is socially and ecologically unsustainable: nearly two billion people are food insecure, and food systems are the number one contributor to climate change. While agro-industrial production is promoted as the solution to these problems, growing global “food sovereignty” movements are challenging this model by demanding local and democratic control over food systems. Translating Food Sovereignty accompanies activists based in the Pacific Northwest of the United States as they mobilize the claim of food sovereignty across local, regional, and global arenas of governance. In contrast to social movements that frame their claims through the language of human rights, food sovereignty activists are one of the first to have articulated themselves in relation to the neoliberal transnational order of networked governance. Matthew C. Canfield reveals how activists are leveraging this order to make more expansive social justice claims, and illustrates how food sovereignty activists are cultivating new forms of transnational governance from the ground up.
The Souls of White Jokes
How Racist Humor Fuels White Supremacy
Raúl Pérez

A RIGOROUS STUDY OF THE SOCIAL MEANING AND CONSEQUENCES OF RACIST HUMOR, AND A DAMNING ARGUMENT FOR WHEN THE JOKE IS NOT JUST A JOKE.

W.E.B. Du Bois’s prescient essay “The Souls of White Folk” was one of the first to theorize whiteness as a social and political construct based on a feeling of superiority over racialized others—a kind of racial contempt. Raúl Pérez extends this theory to the study of humor, connecting theories of racial formation to parallel ideas about laughter at another’s misfortune. Critically synthesizing scholarship on race, humor, and emotions, he uncovers a key function of humor as a tool for producing racial alienation, dehumanization, exclusion, and even violence. Pérez tracks this use of humor from blackface minstrelsy to contemporary contexts, including police culture, politics, and far-right extremists. Rather than being harmless fun, humor plays a central role in reinforcing and mobilizing racist ideology and power under the guise of amusement.

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Life Beyond Waste
Work and Infrastructure in Urban Pakistan
Waqas H. Butt

Over the last several decades, life in Lahore has undergone profound transformations, from rapid and uneven urbanization to expanding state institutions and informal economies. What do these transformations look like if viewed from the lens of waste? In Lahore, waste workers—whether municipal employees or informal laborers—are drawn from low- or noncaste (Dalit) groups and dispose the refuse of 11 million inhabitants. Bringing workers into contact with potentially polluting materials reinforces their marginalization, and yet, their work allows city life to go on. This historical and ethnographic account examines how waste work has been central to transforming the city of Lahore from the colonial period to the present.

Life Beyond Waste maintains that processes reproducing life in a city like Lahore must be critically assessed along the lines of caste, class, and religion, which have been constitutive features of urbanization across South Asia.

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Mother Cow, Mother India
A Multispecies Politics of Dairy in India
Yamini Narayanan

India imposes stringent criminal penalties for cow slaughter, based on a Hindu ethic of revering the cow as sacred. And yet India is also among the world’s leading producers of beef, leather, and milk. Using ethnographic and empirical data gathered across India, this book reveals the harms caused to cows in industrial dairying, and the exploitation required of the diverse, racialized labor throughout India’s dairy production continuum to obscure such violence. Yamini Narayanan argues that the dominant Hindu framing of the cow as ‘mother’ is one of human domination, wherein bovine motherhood is simultaneously capitalized for dairy production, and weaponized by right-wing Hindu nationalists to oppress Muslim and “low” caste Hindus. Ultimately, Narayanan traces how the unraveling of human-animal domination and exploitation is an integral component of liberal, progressive, democratic politics.

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Laboring for Justice  
*The Fight Against Wage Theft in an American City*  
Rebecca Berke Galemba

Drawing on a long-term community-engaged research project that received the 2022 Setha M. Low Engaged Anthropology Award, this book analyzes the widespread problem of wage theft and its disproportionate impact on low-wage immigrant workers. Rebecca Galemba focuses on the plight of day laborers in Denver, Colorado—a quintessential purple state that has swung between some of the harshest and more welcoming policies around immigrant and labor rights—to reveal how labor abuses like wage theft persist, and how advocates, attorneys, and workers struggle to redress and prevent those abuses using proactive policy, legal challenges, and direct action tactics. This book uses the pressing issue of wage theft to offer a methodologically rigorous, community-engaged, and pedagogically innovative approach to the study of immigration, labor, inequality, and social justice.

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The Ends of Paradise  
*Race, Extraction, and the Struggle for Black Life in Honduras*  
Christopher Loperena

The future of Honduras begins and ends on the white sand beaches of Tela Bay on the country’s northeastern coast where Garifuna, a Black Indigenous people, have resided for over two hundred years. In *The Ends of Paradise*, Christopher Loperena examines the Garifuna struggle for life and collective autonomy. Using a combination of participant observation, courtroom ethnography, and archival research, Loperena reveals how purportedly inclusive tourism projects form part of a larger neoliberal, extractivist development regime, which remakes Black and Indigenous territories into frontiers of progress for the mestizo majority. By demanding to be accounted for on their terms, Garifuna anchor Blackness to Central America—a place where Black peoples are presumed to be nonnative inhabitants—and to collective land rights. Steeped in Loperena’s long-term activist engagement with Garifuna land defenders, this book is a testament to their struggle and to the promise of “another world” in which Black and Indigenous peoples thrive.

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Raising Two Fists  
*Struggles for Black Citizenship in Multicultural Colombia*  
Roosbelinda Cárdenas

*Raising Two Fists* is a historically grounded ethnography of Afro-Colombian political mobilization. Roosbelinda Cárdenas explores three major strategies that Afro-Colombians’ developed in their struggles against racialized dispossession—the defense of culturally specific livelihoods through the creation of Black Territories; the demand for differential reparations for Afro-Colombian war victims; and the fight for inclusion in Colombia’s peace negotiations and post-conflict rebuilding. Although rights-based claims to the state have become necessary and pragmatic tools in the intersecting struggles for racial, economic, and social justice, Cárdenas argues that they continue to be ineffective due to Colombia’s entrenched colonial racial hierarchies. She shows that while Afro-Colombians pursue rights-based claims, they also forge African Diasporic solidarities and protect the flourishing of their lives outside of the frame of rights, and with or without the state’s sanction—a “two-fisted” strategy for Black citizenship.

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Involuntary Consent
The Illusion of Choice in Japan’s Adult Video Industry
Akiko Takeyama

The popularity of pornography is predicated on the idea that participants have given consent. Looking at behind-the-scenes negotiations and abuses in Japan’s massive $5 billion a year adult video industry, Akiko Takeyama challenges this notion with the idea of “involuntary consent”. This phenomenon, she argues, is ubiquitous, not only in the porn industry, but in our everyday lives, and yet modern society, built on beliefs of free choice, renders it all but invisible.

Takeyama argues that contract-making writ large is based on fundamentally dualistic terms, implying consent and pleasure on the one hand, and coercion and pain on the other. Taking consent as her starting point, Takeyama illustrates the nuances of Japan’s pornographic and sex work industries and the legal structures, or lack thereof, that govern them.

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Lawful Sins
Abortion Rights and Reproductive Governance in Mexico
Elyse Ona Singer

Mexico is at the center of the global battle over abortion. In 2007, a watershed reform legalized the procedure in the national capital, making it one of just three places across Latin America where it was permitted at the time. Abortion care is now available on demand and free of cost through a pioneering program of the Mexico City Ministry of Health, which has served hundreds of thousands of women. At the same time, abortion laws have grown harsher in several states outside the capital as part of a coordinated national backlash.

By analyzing the moral politics of clinical encounters in Mexico City’s public abortion program, Lawful Sins offers a critical account of the relationship among reproductive rights, gendered citizenship, and public healthcare. With timely insights on global struggles for reproductive justice, Elyse Ona Singer reorients prevailing perspectives that approach abortion rights as a hallmark of women’s citizenship in liberal societies.

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The Right to Dignity
Housing Struggles, City Making, and Citizenship in Urban Chile
Miguel Pérez

In the poorest neighborhoods of Santiago, Chile, low-income residents known as pobladores have long lived at the margins—and have long advocated for the right to housing as part of la vida digna (a life with dignity). From 2011 to 2015, anthropologist Miguel Pérez conducted fieldwork among the pobladores of Santiago, where the urban dwellers and activists he met were part of an emerging social movement that demanded dignified living conditions, the right to remain in their neighborhoods of origin, and, more broadly, recognition as citizens entitled to basic rights.

Pérez considers the limits and potentialities of urban movements, framed by poor people’s involvement in subsidy-based programs, as well as the capacity of low-income residents to struggle against the commodification of rights by claiming the right to dignity: a demand based on a moral category that would ultimately become the driving force behind Chile’s 2019 social uprising.

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Oaxaca Resurgent
Indigeneity, Development, and Inequality in Twentieth-Century Mexico
A. S. Dillingham

Oaxaca Resurgent examines how indigenous people in one of Mexico’s most rebellious states shaped local and national politics during the twentieth century. Focusing on the experiences of anthropologists, government bureaucrats, trade unionists, and activists, A. S. Dillingham explores the relationship between indigeneity, rural education and development, and the political radicalism of the Global Sixties. By centering indigenous expressions of anticolonialism, Oaxaca Resurgent offers key insights into the entangled histories of indigenous resistance movements and the rise of state-sponsored multiculturalism in the Americas. This revelatory book provides crucial context for understanding post-1968 Mexican history and the rise of the 2006 Oaxacan social movement.

Forbidden Intimacies
Polygamies at the Limits of Western Tolerance
Melanie Heath

In the past thirty years, polygamy has become a flashpoint of conflict as Western governments attempt to regulate certain cultural and religious practices that challenge seemingly central principles of family and justice. In Forbidden Intimacies, Melanie Heath comparatively investigates the regulation of polygamy in the United States, Canada, France, and Mayotte. Drawing on a wealth of ethnographic and archival sources, Heath uncovers the ways in which intimacies framed as “other” and “offensive” serve to define the very limits of Western tolerance. The matrix of legal and social contexts, informed by gender, race, sexuality, and class, shapes the everyday experiences of these relationships. Heath uses the term “labyrinthine love” to conceptualize the complex ways individuals negotiate different kinds of relationships, ranging from romantic to coercive. This book exposes the huge variety of intimacies, and the power they hold to challenge heteronormative, Western ideals of love.

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After Stories
Transnational Intimacies of Postwar El Salvador
Irina Carlota Silber

This book builds upon Irina Carlota Silber’s nearly 25 years of ethnographic research centered in Chalatenango, El Salvador, to follow the trajectories—geographic, temporal, storied—of several extended Salvadoran families. Traveling back and forth in time and across borders, Silber narrates the everyday unfolding of diasporic lives rich with acts of labor, love, and renewed calls for memory, truth, and accountability in El Salvador’s long postwar. She reflects on the lives of young Salvadorian migrants to the United States—the 1.5 insurgent generation born to forgotten former rank-and-file militants—as well as their intergenerational, transnational families to unpack the assumptions and typical ways of knowing in postwar ethnography. As the 1.5 generation sustains their radical political project across borders, circulates the products of their migrant labor through remittances, and engages in collective social care for their loved ones, they transform and depart from expectations of the wounded postwar that offer us hope for the making of more just global futures.

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Unruly Speech
Displacement and the Politics of Transgression
Saskia Witteborn

Based on a long-term ethnography in China, the United States and Germany, *Unruly Speech* explores how Uyghurs in China and in the diaspora transgress sociopolitical limits with “unruly” communication practices in a quest for change. Saskia Witteborn situates her study against the backdrop of displacement as a communicative and spatial phenomenon and focuses on how naming practices and witness accounts can operate as tools of activism, resistance, and communication. Moreover, she analyzes social media, literatures on surveillance and digitized witness accounts to examine the way Uyghurs, their supporters and the Chinese state each use technology to their own ends: to set limits and to cross over those limits, respectively. The book provides a granular view of disruptive communication: its sociopolitical moorings and socio-technical control. Findings in this book inform studies of migration and displacement, language and social interaction, advocacy and digital surveillance, and a transnational China.

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Aid and the Help
International Development and the Transnational Extraction of Care
Dinah Hannaford

Hiring domestic workers is a routine part of the expat development lifestyle. Whether working for the United Nations, governmental aid agencies, or NGOs such as Oxfam, Save the Children, or World Vision, expatriate aid workers in the developing world employ maids, nannies, security guards, gardeners and chauffeurs. Though nearly every expat aid worker in the developing world has local people working within the intimate sphere of their homes, these relationships are seldom, if ever, discussed in analyses of the development paradigm and its praxis. *Aid and the Help* addresses this major lacuna through an ethnographic analysis of the intersection of development work and domestic work. Examining the reproductive labor cheaply purchased by aid workers posted overseas opens the opportunity to assess the multiple ways that the ostensibly “giving” industry of development can be an extractive industry as well.

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Between Dreams and Ghosts
Indian Migration and Middle Eastern Oil
Andrea Wright

More than one million Indians travel annually to work in oil projects in the Gulf. This book follows their migration, across sites in India, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait, from villages to oilfields. Engaging the migrants themselves, the recruiting agencies that place them, the government bureaucrats that regulate their emigration, and the corporations that hire them, Wright examines labor migration as a social process, one deeply informed both by workers’ dreams for the future and the ghosts of colonial capitalism. Placing migrants at the center of global capital, Wright shows how migrants are not passive bodies at the mercy of abstract forces—and reveals a new understanding of contemporary resource extraction, governance, and global labor.

“A landmark contribution that pushes our understanding of oil, labor, and migrant lives in new and unexpected directions.”
—Adam Hanieh, SOAS University of London

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Racial Baggage
Mexican Immigrants and Race Across the Border
Sylvia Zamora

Racial Baggage examines how immigration reconfigures U.S. race relations, illuminating how the immigration experience can transform understandings of race in home and host countries. Drawing on interviews with Mexicans in Los Angeles and Guadalajara, sociologist Sylvia Zamora illustrates how racialization is a transnational process that not only changes immigrants themselves, but also everyday understandings of race and racism within the United States and Mexico. This racialization process complicates notions of race that they bring with them, as the “pigmentocracy” of Mexican society, in which their skin color may have afforded them more privileges, collides with the American racial system. Within their communities that span an international border, Zamora argues, immigrants come to define “race” in a way distinct from both the color-conscious hierarchy of Mexican society and the Black-White binary prevalent within the United States. In the process, their stories demonstrate how race is not static, but rather an evolving social phenomenon forever altered by immigration.

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Crossing the Current
Aftermaths of War along the Huallaga River
Richard Kernaghan

In contemporary accounts of the Shining Path insurgency and Peru’s internal war, the Upper Huallaga Valley has largely been overlooked—despite its former place as the country’s main cocaine-producing region. How have ordinary encounters with land, territory, and law, and with the Huallaga River that runs through them all, been altered in the aftermaths of war? Gathering stories of transportation workers who have ferried passengers and things across and along the river for decades, Richard Kernaghan elaborates a notion of legal topographies to understand how landscape interventions shape routes, craft territories, and muddle temporalities. This ethnography conveys how prior times of violence have silently accrued: in bridges and roads demolished, then rebuilt; in makeshift moorings that facilitate both licit and illegal trades; and above all through the river, a liquid barrier and current with unstable banks, whose intricate mesh of tributaries partitions terrains now laden with material traces and political effects of a recent yet far from finished past.

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Feel the Grass Grow
Ecologies of Slow Peace in Colombia
Angie Lederach

On November 24, 2016, the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia signed a revised peace accord that marked a political end to a half-century of war. This book traces the far less visible aspects of moving from war to peace: the decades of campesino struggle to defend life, land, and territory prior to the national accord, as well as their engagement with the challenges of the state’s post-accord reconstruction efforts.

Drawing on nearly a decade of extensive ethnographic and participatory research, Angela Jill Lederach advances a theory of “slow peace.” Slowing down does not negate the urgency that animates the defense of territory in the context of the interlocking processes of political and environmental violence that persist in post-accord Colombia. Instead, Lederach shows how the spaces that give primacy to the everyday, where relationships are deepened, ancestral memories reclaimed, and ecologies regenerated.

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Political Children
Violence, Labor, and Rights in Peru
Mikaela Luttrell-Rowland

Grounded in extensive interviews, longitudinal ethnography, historical analysis, and archival work, Mikaela Luttrell-Rowland shows how two distinct groups of working young people in Lima, Peru, have become political protagonists, resisting and critiquing the daily inequality and injustice they face. She details the ways marginalized youth interpret and address a range of issues affecting their lives—from environmental degradation to second-rate public facilities, gender-based violence to dangerous working conditions—and reveals a range of ways they make sense of their systematic marginalization and their own labor, and in doing so, how they navigate everyday state violence. These “political children” expose the contradictions of public policy narratives in which the Peruvian state is cast as a neutral site for engagement and action. Through their criticism and activism, the young people demonstrate that such narratives divorce state power from the very places in which it is experienced as structural violence.

Crossing a Line
Laws, Violence, and Roadblocks to Palestinian Political Expression
Amahl Bishara

Palestinians in Israel and those in the West Bank have long asserted that they share a single political struggle for national liberation. Yet, obstacles inhibit their ability to speak to each other and as a collective, and political boundaries fragment Palestinians into ever smaller groups. This book draws on participant-observation, interviews, and analysis of public culture to examine political expression of both Palestinians in Israel and those in the West Bank. Bishara looks to specific sites of political practice—journalism, historical commemorations, street demonstrations, social media, in prison, and on the road—to analyze how Palestinians rebuild collectivities in these circumstances. In considering these different environments for political expression and action, Bishara illuminates how political expression is always grounded.

Sextarianism
Sovereignty, Secularism, and the State in Lebanon
Maya Mikdashi

Whether women or men, Muslims or Christians, queer or straight, all people in Lebanon have one thing in common—they are biopolitical subjects forged through bureaucratic, ideological, and legal techniques of the state. This book offers a new way to understand state power, theorizing how sex, sexuality, and sect shape and are shaped by law, secularism, and sovereignty. Drawing on court archives, public records, and ethnography of the Court of Cassation, the highest civil court in Lebanon, Mikdashi shows how political difference is entangled with religious, secular, and sexual difference. She presents state power as inevitably contingent, like the practices of everyday life it engenders, focusing on the regulation of religious conversion, the curation of legal archives, state and para-statal violence, and secular activism. Sextarianism locates state power in the experiences, transitions, uprisings, and violence that people in the Middle East continue to live.

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POLITICAL AND LEGAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Screen Shots
State Violence on Camera in Israel and Palestine
Rebecca L. Stein

This book studies state violence on camera in the context of Israel’s military occupation. Stein investigates the wide range of communities and institutions—Palestinian activists, Israeli and international human rights workers, Israeli military, and Jewish settlers—who have placed increasing value on photographic technologies and networked visuals as political tools. While these constituencies have dramatically divergent political aims, they all invested in the same camera dream: that the advances in photography of the digital age would not only capture reality with greater fidelity, but also deliver on their respective visions of justice and accountability. Palestinian and Israeli activists and human rights workers would painfully learn the lesson that even the most “perfect” visual evidence of state violence—even when shot from multiple angles, or when visible at the scale of the pixel—typically failed to persuade either the Israeli justice system or the Israeli public of military wrongdoing.

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Administering Affect
Pop-Culture Japan and the Politics of Anxiety
Daniel White

How do the worlds that state administrators manage become the feelings publics embody? Based on 16 months of ethnographic fieldwork among rarely accessible government bureaucrats, Daniel White addresses this question by documenting the rise of a new national figure he calls “Pop-Culture Japan.” Emerging in the wake of Japan’s dramatic economic decline in the early 1990s, Pop-Culture Japan reflected the hopes of Japanese state bureaucrats and political elites seeking to recover their country’s standing on the global stage.

Invoking the term “administering affect” to illustrate how anxiety becomes a bureaucratic target, technique, and unintended consequence of promoting Japan’s national popular culture, the book presents an ethnographic portrait of the at-times surprisingly emotional lives of Japan’s state bureaucrats. In examining how anxious feelings come to drive policymaking, White delivers an intimate anthropological analysis of the affective forces interconnecting state governance, popular culture, and national identity.

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Supercorporate
Distinction and Participation in Post-Hierarchy South Korea
Michael M. Prentice

In Supercorporate, anthropologist Michael M. Prentice examines a central tension in visions of big corporate life in South Korea’s twenty-first century: should corporations be sites of fair distinction or equal participation?

As South Korea distances itself from images of a hierarchical past, Prentice argues that the drive to redefine the meaning of corporate labor echoes a central ambiguity around corporate labor today. Even as corporations remain idealized sites of middle-class aspiration in South Korea, employees are torn whether they want greater recognition for their work or meaningful forms of cooperation. Through an in-depth ethnography of the Sangdo Group conglomerate, the book examines how managers attempt to perfect corporate social life through new office programs while also minimizing the risks of creating new hierarchies. Ultimately, this book reveals how office life is a battleground for working out the promises and the perils of economic democratization.

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**Acts of Growth**

*Development and the Politics of Abundance in Peru*

Eric Hirsch

Over the last decade, Peru has experienced a spectacular mining boom and astronomical economic growth. Yet, for villagers in Peru’s southern Andes, few have felt the material benefits. With this book, Eric Hirsch considers what growth means—and importantly how it feels. Hirsch proposes an analysis of boom-time capitalism that starts not from considerations of poverty, but from the premise that Peru is wealthy. He situates his work in a network of villages near new mining sites, agricultural export markets, and tourist attractions, where Peruvian prosperity appears tantalizingly close, yet just out of reach.

This book centers small-scale development investments working to transform villagers into indigenous entrepreneurs ready to capitalize on Peru’s new national brand and access the constantly deferred promise of national growth. Theorizing growth as an affective project that requires constant physical and emotional labor, *Acts of Growth* follows a diverse group of Andean residents through the exhausting work of making an economy grow.

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**Jobless Growth in the Dominican Republic**

*Disorganization, Precarity, and Livelihoods*

Christian Krohn-Hansen

The Dominican Republic has posted impressive economic growth rates over the past thirty years. Despite this, the generation of new, good jobs has been remarkably weak. How have ordinary and poor Dominicans worked and lived in the shadow of the country’s conspicuous growth rates? This book considers this question through an ethnographic exploration of the popular economy in the Dominican capital, Santo Domingo. Focusing on the city’s precarious small businesses, including furniture manufacturers, food stalls, street-corner stores, and savings and credit cooperatives, Krohn-Hansen shows how people make a living, tackle market shifts, and the factors that characterize their relationship to the state and pervasive corruption.

EMERGING FRONTIERS IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

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**The Right to Be Counted**

*The Urban Poor and the Politics of Resettlement in Delhi*

Sanjeev Routray

In the last 30 years, Delhi, the capital of India, has displaced over 1.5 million poor people. Resettlement and welfare services are available—but exclusively so, as the city deems much of the population ineligible for civic benefits. Drawing on fieldwork conducted in low-income neighborhoods, Sanjeev Routray describes examines how Delhi’s urban poor stake their claims to housing and life in the city. He traces the process of claims-making as an attempt by the political community of the poor to assert its existence and numerical strength, and demonstrates how this struggle to be counted constitutes the systematic, protracted, and incremental political process by which the poor claim their substantive entitlements and become entrenched in the city. Analyzing various social, political, and economic relationships, as well as kinship networks and solidarity linkages across the political and social spectrum, this book traces the ways the poor work to gain a foothold in Delhi and establish agency for themselves.

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Taxis vs. Uber

Courts, Markets, and Technology in Buenos Aires
Juan Manuel del Nido

Uber’s April 2016 launch in Buenos Aires plunged the Argentine capital into a frenzied hysteria that engulfed courts of law, taxi drivers, bureaucrats, the press, the general public, and Argentina’s president. Economist and anthropologist Juan M. del Nido, who had arrived in the city six months earlier to research the taxi industry, suddenly found himself documenting the unprecedented upheaval in real time. Taxis vs. Uber examines the ensuing conflict from the perspective of the city’s globalist, culturally liberal middle class, showing how notions like monopoly, efficiency, innovation, competition, and freedom fueled claims that were often exaggerated, inconsistent, unverifiable, or plainly false, but that shaped the experience of the conflict such that taxi drivers’ stakes in it were no longer merely disputed but progressively written off, pathologized, and explained away.

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Unholy Catholic Ireland

Religious Hypocrisy, Secular Morality, and Irish Irreligion
Hugh Turpin

For much of the twentieth century, to be considered a good Irish citizen was to be seen as a good and observant Catholic. Today, the opposite may increasingly be the case. The Irish Catholic Church, once a spiritual institution beyond question, is not only losing influence and relevance; in the eyes of many, it has become something utterly desacralized. This book offers an innovative and in-depth account of the nature and emergence of “ex-Catholicism”—a new model of the good, and secular, Irish person that is being rapidly adopted in Irish society.

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Following the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, tsunamis engulfed the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, leading to the worst nuclear disaster the world has seen since the Chernobyl crisis of 1986. Prior to this disaster, Japan had the third largest commercial nuclear program in the world, surpassed only by those in the United States and France. This long period of institutional stasis was, however, punctuated by the crisis of March 11, which became a critical juncture for Japanese nuclear policymaking. As Akihiro Ogawa argues, the primary agent for this change is what he calls “antinuclear citizens”—a conscientious Japanese public who envision a sustainable life in a nuclear-free society. Drawing on over a decade of ethnographic research conducted across Japan, Ogawa presents an historical record of ordinary people’s actions as they sought to survive and navigate a new reality post-Fukushima.

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