India Is Broken
A People Betrayed, Independence to Today
Ashoka Mody

When Indian leaders first took control of their government in 1947, they proclaimed the ideals of national unity and secular democracy. Through the first half century of nation-building, leaders could point to uneven but measurable progress on key goals. But today, many Indians live in a state of underemployment, and are one crisis away from despair. Public goods—like health, education, and the judiciary—are in woeful condition. And good jobs will remain scarce as long as that is the case. The lack of jobs will further undermine democracy, which will further undermine job creation. India is Broken provides the most persuasive account available of this economic catch-22.

Combining statistical data with strong, people-driven narratives, this book is a meditation on the interplay between democracy and economic progress, with lessons extending far beyond India. Mody proposes a path forward that is fraught with its own peril, but which nevertheless offers something resembling hope.
1368
*China and the Making of the Modern World*
Ali Humayun Akhtar

The establishment of the Great Ming dynasty in 1368 was a monumental event in world history. A century before Columbus, Beijing sent a series of diplomatic missions across the South China Sea and Indian Ocean that paved the way for China's first modern global era. In 1368, Ali Humayun Akhtar maps China's ascendance from the embassies of Admiral Zheng He to the arrival of European mariners and the shock of the Opium Wars. In Akhtar's new picture of world history, China's current rise evokes an earlier epoch, one that sheds light on where Beijing is heading today. This book provides much-needed context for understanding China's rise and to see into the future of its connections with the West and a resurgent Asia.

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Academic Outsider
*Stories of Exclusion and Hope*
Victoria Reyes

Tenure-track, published author, recipient of fellowships and awards—these credentials mark Victoria Reyes as somebody who has achieved the status of insider in the academy. Woman of color, family history of sexual violence, first generation, mother—these qualities place Reyes on the margins of the academy; a person who does not see herself reflected in its models of excellence.

This contradiction allows Reyes to theorize the conditional citizenship of academic life—a liminal status occupied by a rapidly growing proportion of the academy, as the majority white, male, and affluent space simultaneously transforms and resists transformation. Reyes confronts the impossibility of success amid competing and contradictory needs—from navigating coded language, to combating the literal exclusions of outmoded and hierarchical rules. Her searing commentary takes on, with sensitivity and fury, the urgent call for academic justice.

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How to Live at the End of the World
*Theory, Art, and Politics for the Anthropocene*
Travis Holloway

Assessing the dawn of the Anthropocene era, a poet and philosopher asks: How do we live at the end of the world?

The irony of the Anthropocene era is that, in a neoliberal culture of the self, it is forcing us to consider ourselves as a collective again. *How to Live at the End of the World* is a hopeful exploration of how we might inherit the name “Anthropocene,” renarrate it, and revise our way of life or thought in view of it. In his book on time, art, and politics in an era of escalating climate change, Holloway takes up difficult, unanswered questions in recent work by Donna Haraway, Kathryn Yusoff, Bruno Latour, Dipesh Chakrabarty, and Isabelle Stengers, sketching a path toward a radical form of democracy—a *zoocracy*, or, a rule of all of the living.

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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 unravelling of human-animal domination and exploitation is an integral component of liberal, progressive, democratic politics.

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Rights Refused
Grassroots Activism and State Violence in Myanmar
Elliott Prasse-Freeman

The outside world has mostly known Myanmar as the site of a valiant human rights struggle against an oppressive military regime, predominantly through the figure of Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi. And yet, a closer look at Burmese grassroots sentiments reveals a significant schism between elite human rights cosmopolitans and subaltern Burmese subjects maneuvering under brutal governance who often go so far as to refuse rights, seeing in them no more than empty promises. Such alternative perspectives became apparent during Burma’s much-lauded decade-long “transition” from military rule that began in 2011, a period of massive change that saw an explosion of political and social activism.

Taking the reader from protest camps, to flop houses, to prisons, and presenting practices as varied as courtroom immolation, occult cursing ceremonies, and land occupations, Rights Refused shows how Burmese subaltern politics compel us to reconsider how rights frameworks operate everywhere.

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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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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 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.

Special Treatment
Student Doctors at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences
Anna Ruddock
The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is iconic in the landscape of Indian healthcare. Established in the early years of independence, this enormous public teaching hospital rapidly gained fame for the high-quality treatment it offered at a nominal cost; at present, an average of ten thousand patients pass through the outpatient department each day. With its notorious medical program acceptance rate of less than 0.01%, AIIMS also sits at the apex of Indian medical education. To be trained as a doctor here is to be considered the best.

In the first-ever ethnography of AIIMS, Anna Ruddock untangles the threads of intellectual exceptionalism, social and power stratification, and health inequality that are woven into the health care taught and provided at AIIMS, asking what is lost when medicine is used not as a social equalizer but as a means to cultivate and maintain prestige.

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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.”

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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 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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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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Antinuclear Citizens
Sustainability Policy and Grassroots Activism in Post-Fukushima Japan
Akihiro Ogawa

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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Unruly Speech
Displacement and the Politics of Transgression
Saskia Witteborn

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Boats in a Storm
Law, Migration, and Decolonization in South and Southeast Asia, 1942–1962
Kalyani Ramnath

For more than a century before World War II, traders, merchants, financiers, and laborers steadily moved between places on the Indian Ocean. This all changed as India, Burma, Ceylon, and Malaya wrested independence from the British empire. Set against the tumult of the postwar period, Boats in a Storm centers on the legal struggles of migrants to retain their traditional patterns of life, illustrating how they experienced citizenship and decolonization. Kalyani Ramnath narrates how former migrants battled legal requirements in a postwar context of rising ethno-nationalisms that accused migrants of stealing jobs and hoarding land. Ultimately, Ramnath shows how decolonization was marked not only by shipwrecked empires and nation-states assembled and ordered from the debris of imperial collapse, but also by these forgotten stories of wartime displacements, their unintended consequences, and long afterlives.

City of Sediments
A History of Seoul in the Age of Colonialism
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Drawing from and analyzing a wide range of materials, from architecture and photography to print media and sound recordings, City of Sediments traces how, during Japanese colonial rule, the Korean capital of Seoul became a site to articulate a new mode of time—modernity—that defined the place of the colonized in accordance with the progression of history, and how the underbelly of the city, latent places of darkness filled with chatters of the alleyway, challenged this visual language of power.

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**The Vulgarity of Caste**  
*Dalits, Sexuality, and Humanity in Modern India*  
Shailaja Paik

This book offers the first social and intellectual history of Dalit performance of Tamasha—a form of popular, secular, traveling theater. Shailaja Paik argues that Dalit performers, activists, and leaders negotiated the violence, brutality, exploitation, and stigma in Tamasha as they struggled to claim manuski (human dignity) and transform themselves from ashilil (vulgar) to assli (authentic) and manus (human beings). In doing so, Paik illuminates how Dalit Tamasha women bent patriarchal pressures both inside and outside the Dalit community and became foundational actors in conflicts over caste, class, culture, gender, and sexuality.

Placing Dalit Tamasha women at the heart of modernization in India, Paik illustrates how the choices that communities make about culture speak to much larger questions about inclusion, inequality, and structures of violence of caste within Indian society, and opens up new approaches for the transformative potential of Dalit politics and the global history of gender, sexuality, and the human.

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**Dust on the Throne**  
*The Search for Buddhism in Modern India*  
Douglas Ober

Received wisdom has it that Buddhism disappeared from India, the land of its birth, between the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Its full-fledged revival, so the story goes, only occurred in 1956, when the Indian civil rights pioneer Dr. B.R. Ambedkar converted to Buddhism along with half a million of his Dalit (formerly “untouchable”) followers. This, however, is only part of the story. Through an extensive examination of disparate materials held at archives and temples across South Asia, Douglas Ober reframes discussions about the place of Buddhism in the subcontinent from the early nineteenth century onwards, uncovering the numerous ways that Buddhism gave powerful shape to modern Indian history.

While Buddhism in contemporary India is often disparaged as being little more than tattered manuscripts and crumbling ruins, *Dust on the Throne* opens new avenues for understanding its substantial socio-political impact and intellectual legacy.

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**Delhi Reborn**  
*Partition and Nation Building in India’s Capital*  
Rotem Geva

Delhi, one of the world’s largest cities, has faced momentous challenges—mass migration, competing governing authorities, controversies over citizenship, and communal violence. To understand the contemporary plight of India’s capital city, this book revisits one of the most dramatic episodes in its history, telling the story of how the city was remade by the twin events of partition and independence.

Treating decolonization as a process that unfolded from the late 1930s into the mid-1950s, Rotem Geva traces how India and Pakistan became increasingly territorialized in the imagination and practice of the city’s residents, how violence and displacement were central to this process, and how tensions over belonging and citizenship lingered in the city and the nation. She argues for an understanding of state formation as a contest between various lines of power, charting the links between different levels of political struggle and mobilization during the churning early years of independence in Delhi.

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Birth of the Geopolitical Age
Global Frontiers and the Making of Modern China
Shellen Xiao Wu

From the 1850s until the mid-twentieth century, a period marked by global conflicts, anxiety about dwindling resources, and closing opportunities after decades of expansion, the frontier became a mirror for historical and geographical hopes and fears. From Asia to Europe and the Americas, countries around the world engaged with new interpretations of empire and the deployment of science and technology to aid frontier development. Through a century of political turmoil and war, China nevertheless is the only nation to successfully navigate the twentieth century with its imperial territorial expanse largely intact.

In this book, Shellen Wu weaves a narrative that moves through time and space, the lives of individuals, and empires’ rise and fall and rebirth, to show how Chinese geopolitical ambitions in the twentieth century, and the global transformation of frontiers into colonial laboratories, continues to reorder global power dynamics in East Asia and wider world to this day.

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The Opium Business
A History of Crime and Capitalism in Maritime China
Peter Thilly

From its rise in the 1830s, to its pinnacle in the 1930s, the opium trade was a guiding force in the Chinese political economy. In this book, Peter Thilly narrates the dangerous lives and shrewd business operations of opium traffickers in southeast China, situating them within a global history of capitalism and demonstrating how the modernizing Chinese state was infiltrated, manipulated, and profoundly transformed by opium profiteers.

Opium merchants carried the drug by sea, over mountains, and up rivers, with leading traders establishing monopolies over trade routes and territories, assembling “opium armies” to protect their businesses. Over time, these organizations became more bureaucratized and militarized, mimicking—and then eventually influencing, infiltrating, or supplanting—the state. Drug traders mattered—not only in the seedy ways in which they have been caricatured, but crucially as shadowy architects of statecraft and China’s evolution on the world stage.

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The Master in Bondage
Factory Workers in China, 1949–2019
Huaiyin Li

Drawing on a rich set of original oral histories conducted with retired factory workers from industrial centers across the country, this book provides a bottom-up examination of working class factory life during socialist and reform-era China, as well as a series of new interpretations that challenge, revise, and enrich the existing scholarship on factory politics during the Maoist years.

In sharp contrast with the ideologically driven goal of promoting grassroots democracy or manifesting workers’ status as the masters of the workplace, Huaiyin Li argues that Maoist era state-owned enterprises operated effectively to turn factory workers into a well-disciplined labor force. The enterprise reforms of the 1980s and 1990s catalyzed the transformation of the industrial workforce from predominantly privileged workers in state owned enterprises to precarious migrant workers of rural origins hired by private firms. Ultimately, this history provides an analytically astute new picture of factory life in the world’s largest manufacturing powerhouse.

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Tiger, Tyrant, Bandit, Businessman
Echoes of Counterrevolution from New China
Brian DeMare

The rural county of Poyang, lying in northern Jiangxi Province, goes largely unmentioned in the annals of modern Chinese history. Yet records from the Public Security Bureau archive hold a treasure trove of data on the everyday interactions between locals and the law. Drawing on these largely overlooked resources, Tiger, Tyrant, Bandit, Businessman follows four criminal cases that together uniquely illuminate the dawning years of the People's Republic.

Using a unique casefile approach, Brian DeMare recounts stories of a Confucian scholar who found himself allied with bandits and secret society members; a farmer who murdered a cadre; an evil tyrant who exploited religious traditions to avoid prosecution; and a merchant accused of a crime he did not commit. Each case is a tremendous tale, complete with memorable characters, plot twists, and drama. Balancing storytelling with historical inquiry, this book is at once a grassroots view of rural China's legal system and a lesson in archival research.

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Civil War in Guangxi
The Cultural Revolution on China's Southern Periphery
Andrew G. Walder

Guangxi, a region on China's southern border with Vietnam, has a large population of ethnic minorities and a history of rebellion and intergroup conflict. In the summer of 1968, during the high tide of the Cultural Revolution, it became notorious as the site of the most severe and extensive violence observed anywhere in China. Several cities saw urban combat resembling civil war, while waves of mass killings in rural communities generated enormous death tolls. More than one hundred thousand died in a few short months.

With evidence from a vast collection of classified materials compiled during an investigation by the Chinese government in the 1980s, this book reveals mass killings as the byproduct of an intense top-down mobilization of rural militia against a stubborn factional insurgency. Moving methodically through the evidence, Andrew Walder provides a groundbreaking new analysis of one of the most shocking chapters of the Cultural Revolution.

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Marriage Unbound
State Law, Power, and Inequality in Contemporary China
Ke Li

China after Mao has undergone vast transformations, including massive rural-to-urban migration, rising divorce rates, and the steady expansion of the country's legal system. Today, divorce may appear a private concern, when in fact it is a profoundly political matter. Marriage Unbound focuses on the politics of divorce cases in contemporary China, following a group of women seeking judicial remedies for conjugal grievances and disputes.

Drawing on extensive archival and ethnographic data, paired with unprecedented access to rural Chinese courtrooms, Ke Li presents not only a stirring portrayal of how these women navigate divorce litigation, but also a uniquely in-depth account of the modern Chinese legal system. With sensitive and fluid prose, Li reveals the struggles between the powerful and the powerless at the front lines of dispute management; the complex interplay between culture and the state; and insidious statecraft that far too often sacrifices women's rights and interests.

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At Risk
Indian Sexual Politics and the Global AIDS Crisis
Gowri Vijayakumar

In the mid-1990s, experts predicted that India would face the world’s biggest AIDS epidemic by 2000. Global public health institutions and the Indian state initiated a massive prevention effort, channeling billions of dollars toward groups designated as at-risk—sex workers and men who have sex with men. At Risk captures this unique moment in which these criminalized and marginalized groups reinvented their “at-risk” categorization. The AIDS crisis created a contradictory, conditional, and temporary opening for sex-worker and LGBTIQ activists to renegotiate citizenship and to make demands on the state.

Working across India and Kenya, Gowri Vijayakumar provides a detailed account of the political struggles at the heart of the Indian AIDS response, and illuminates how the politics of gender, sexuality, and nationalism shape reactions to global crisis. In so doing, she considers the precarious potential for social change in and after a crisis.

Seeking Western Men
Email-Order Brides under China’s Global Rise
Monica Liu

International dating agencies that facilitate marriages comprise a $2.5-billion-dollar global industry, and are rife with stereotypes—in particular, younger brides from non-Western countries being paired with older Western men. However, this book departs from this narrative, offering stories of women in China’s email-order bride industry who are primarily middle-aged, divorced, and proactively seeking spouses to fulfill their material and sexual needs. What they seek in their Western partners is tied to what they believe they’ve lost in the shifting global economy around them.

How does China’s global ascendance reshape Chinese women’s perception of Western masculinity? Moreover, how do the women’s own divergent class positions within China shape the outcome of their marital trajectories? Through the unique window of global internet dating, this book reveals how China’s rise on the world stage reshapes relationships of race, class, gender, sex, and intimacy across borders.

Traders and Tinkers
Bazaars in the Global Economy
Maitrayee Deka

The term “tinker” calls to mind nomadic medieval vendors who operate on the fringe of formal society. Excluded from elite circles and characterized by an ability to leverage minimal resources, these tradesmen live and die by their ability to adapt their stores to popular tastes. In Delhi in the 21st century, an extensive network of informal marketplaces, or bazaars, have evolved over the course of the city’s history, across colonial and postcolonial regimes.

This book offers a deep ethnography of three Delhi bazaars, and a cast of tinkers, traders, magicians, street performers, and hackers who work there. It is an exploration, and recognition, of the role of bazaars and tinkers in the modern global economy, driving globalization from below. In Delhi, and across the world, bazaars work to create a new information society, as the global popular classes aspire to elite consumer goods they cannot afford except in counterfeit.

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The Tropical Silk Road
*The Future of China in South America*
Edited by Paul Amar, Lisa Rofel, Maria Amelia Viteri, Consuelo Fernández-Salvador, and Fernando Brancoli

Through thirty short essays, *The Tropical Silk Road* brings together an impressive array of contributors, from economists, anthropologists, and political scientists to Black, feminist, and Indigenous community organizers, Chinese stakeholders, environmental activists, and local journalists to offer a pathbreaking analysis of China’s presence in South America that covers a wide range of topics, including humanitarian aid, agribusiness, and extractive industry—mineral mining, fossil fuel tapping, and port and transport infrastructure. As cracks in the progressive legacy of the Pink Tide and the failures of ecocidal right-wing populisms shape new political economies and geopolitical possibilities, this book provides a grassroots-based account of the stakes for South America that highlights emerging voices and forms of resistance.

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China’s Rise in the Global South
*The Middle East, Africa, and Beijing’s Alternative World Order*
Dawn C. Murphy

As China and the U.S. increasingly compete for power in key areas of U.S. influence, great power conflict looms. Yet few studies have looked to the Middle East and Africa, regions of major political, economic, and military importance for both China and the U.S., to theorize how China competes in a changing world system.

*China’s Rise in the Global South* examines China’s behavior as a rising power in two key Global South regions, the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa. From the Belt and Road initiative to the founding of new cooperation forums and special envoys, *China’s Rise in the Global South* offers an in-depth look at China’s foreign policy approach to the countries it considers its partners in South-South cooperation.

Murphy contends that China is constructing an alternate international order to interact with these regions, and provides policymakers and scholars of international relations with the tools to analyze it.

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The Dragon Roars Back
*Transformational Leaders and Dynamics of Chinese Foreign Policy*
Suisheng (Sam) Zhao

In modern world history, no other rising power has ever experienced China’s turbulent relations with its neighbors and Western countries. Weaving together complex events, processes, and players, this book provides a historically in-depth, conceptually comprehensive, and up-to-date analysis of Chinese foreign policy transition since the founding of the People’s Republic of China (PRC).

This book demonstrates how Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, and Xi Jinping are transformational leaders who have charted unique courses of Chinese foreign policy in the quest for security, prosperity, and power. With the ultimate decision-making authority on national security and strategic policies, these leaders have made political use of ideational forces, tailoring bureaucratic institutions, exploiting the international power distribution, and responding strategically to the international norms and rules to advance their foreign policy agendas in the path of China’s ascendance.

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Hinge Points  
*An Inside Look at North Korea’s Nuclear Program*  
Siegfried S. Hecker, with Elliot A. Serbin

North Korea remains a puzzle to Americans. How did this country—one of the most isolated in the world and in the policy cross hairs of every U.S. administration during the past 30 years—progress from zero nuclear weapons in 2001 to a threatening arsenal of perhaps 50 such weapons in 2021?

*Hinge Points* brings readers literally inside the North Korean nuclear program, joining Siegfried Hecker to see what he saw and hear what he heard in his visits to North Korea from 2004 to 2010. Hecker goes beyond the technical details—described in plain English from his on-the-ground experience at the North’s nuclear center at Yongbyon—to put the nuclear program exactly where it belongs, in the context of decades of fateful foreign policy decisions in Pyongyang and Washington. Describing these decisions as “hinge points,” he traces the consequences of opportunities missed by both sides.

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Enacting the Security Community  
*ASEAN’s Never-ending Story*  
Stéphanie Martel

This book illuminates the central role of discourse in the making of security communities through a case study of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Stéphanie Martel argues that talk about security is more than empty rhetoric. It is precisely through discourse that ASEAN is brought into being as a security community. Martel analyzes the epic narratives that state and non-state actors tell about ASEAN’s journey, featuring a colorful cast of heroes and monsters. Through fieldwork and in-depth interviews with practitioners, Martel provides clear evidence that discourse is key to sustaining regional organizations like ASEAN. *Enacting the Security Community* is an incisive contribution to debates among scholars and practitioners about security communities as well as the role of discourse in the study of world politics.

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Precarious Asia  
*Global Capitalism and Work in Japan, South Korea, and Indonesia*  
Arne L. Kalleberg, Kevin Hewison and Kwang-Yeong Shin

*Precarious Asia* assesses the role of global and domestic factors in shaping precarious work and its outcomes in Japan, South Korea, and Indonesia as they represent a range of Asian political democracies and capitalist economies: Japan and South Korea are now developed and mature economies, while Indonesia remains a lower-middle income country.

By linking macrostructural policies to both the mesostructure of labor relations and the microstructure of outcomes experienced by individual workers, they reveal the interplay of forces that generate precarious work. In doing so, they synthesize historical and institutional analyses with the political economy of capitalism and class relations, and show how precarious work ultimately contributes to increasingly high levels of inequality and condemns segments of the population to chronic poverty and many more to livelihood and income vulnerability.
Koreatown, Los Angeles
Immigration, Race, and the “American Dream”
Shelley Lee

Koreatown, Los Angeles tells the story of an American ethnic community often equated with socioeconomic achievement and assimilation, but whose experiences as racial minorities and immigrant outsiders illuminate key economic and cultural developments in the United States since 1965. Beginning with the early development of LA’s Koreatown and culminating with the 1992 Los Angeles riots and their aftermath, Shelley Sang-Hee Lee demonstrates how Korean Americans’ lives were shaped by patterns of racial segregation and urban poverty, and legacies of anti-Asian racism and orientalism. More than a dot on a map, Koreatown holds profound emotional significance for Korean immigrants across the nation as a symbol of their shared bonds and place in American society.

“A compelling and accessibly written read that brings together multiple histories to examine Korean Los Angeles and Korean America since the 1970s.”

—Arissa Oh, Boston College

Transpacific Reform and Revolution
The Chinese in North America, 1898-1918
Zhongping Chen

This book uses rich archival sources to examine how reform and revolution in North American Chinatowns influenced political change in China and the transpacific Chinese diaspora. Zhongping Chen focuses on the transnational activities of Kang Youwei, Sun Yat-sen, and other politicians, especially their mobilization of the Chinese in North America to join reformist or revolutionary parties in patriotic fights for a Western-style constitutional monarchy or republic in China. Through network analysis of the origins, interrelations, and influences of Chinese reform and revolution in North America, Chen makes a significant contribution to modern Chinese history, Asian American and Asian Canadian history, and Chinese diasporic scholarship.

Citizens, Immigrants, and the Stateless
A Japanese American Diaspora in the Pacific
Michael R. Jin

From the 1920s to the eve of the Pacific War in 1941, more than 50,000 second-generation Japanese Americans (Nisei) embarked on transpacific journeys to the Japanese Empire, putting an ocean between themselves and pervasive anti-Asian racism. This contingent of Japanese Americans—one in four U.S.-born Nisei—came in search of better lives but instead encountered a world shaped by increasingly volatile relations between the U.S. and Japan.

Based on transnational and bilingual research in the United States and Japan, Michael R. Jin recuperates the stories of this unique group. From the Jim Crow American West to the Japanese colonial frontiers in Asia, and from internment camps in America to Hiroshima on the eve of the atomic bombing, these individuals redefined ideas about home, identity, citizenship, and belonging as they encountered multiple social realities on both sides of the Pacific.