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## **Foreword**

The current issue of “New Arrivals: List of New Additions with Summaries” contains a list of New Books processed in the month of September 2020 and available for use in the National Social Science Documentation Centre of ICSSR.

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1	9/11 and the visual culture of disaster/ Thomas Stubblefield -- Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2015; xi,236p	50938
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The book describes about the day when towers fell, indelible images of plummeting rubble, fire, and falling bodies were imprinted in the memories of people around the world. Images that were caught in the media loop after the disaster and coverage of the attack, its aftermath, and the wars that followed reflected a pervasive tendency to treat these tragic events as spectacle. Though the collapse of the World Trade Centre was "the most photographed disaster in history," it failed to yield a single noteworthy image of carnage. Thomas Stubblefield argues that the absence within these spectacular images is the paradox of 9/11 visual culture, which foregrounds the visual experience as it obscures the event in absence, erasure, and invisibility. From the spectral presence of the Tribute in Light to Art Spiegelman's nearly blank New Yorker cover, and from the elimination of the Twin Towers from television shows and films to the monumental cavities of Michael Arad's 9/11 memorial, the void became the visual shorthand for the incident. By examining configurations of invisibility and erasure across the media of photography, film, monuments, graphic novels, and digital representation, Stubblefield interprets the post-9/11 presence of absence as the reaffirmation of national identity that implicitly laid the groundwork for the impending invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

2	Algebra of warfare-welfare: A long view of India's 2014 election/ Ahmad, Irfan & Kanungo, Pralay (ed.) -- USA: Oxford University Press, 2019; 412p.	50905
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The book explores about the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) won Parliamentary elections of 2014 with such an unprecedented majority, and what that victory means for politics in general and Indian politics in particular. It opens up space for new theoretical and methodological reflections on electoral democracy, critically taking on such salient issues as development, terrorism, charisma, media and new mechanisms of mobilization, nationalism, rumour, religion, regionalism, polarisation, space, Muslim vote, and caste. This volume is distinct in its ability to focus squarely on the empirical acts of voting. It sociologically and historically examines the enduring as well as changing institutional, social, political, and cultural landscapes in which voting takes place. Unlike most other studies on elections in India, this book puts human subjectivity at the centre of election studies. The anthropological-sociological perspective the book places before readers draws on political-social theory whereby the book also examine the larger and changing contours of modernity, democracy and elections being its key faces. As such the book situates the 2014 elections in relation to changing nature and forms of elections and democracy globally, in particular in conversation with those in the democratic nation-states in the West.

- 3 Beyond Brexit: towards a British constitution/ Bogdanor, Vernon -- United Kingdom: I.B.Tauris, 2019; 304p 50906

The book discusses about Brexit and what exactly will we be leaving behind? Entry into the European Community in 1973 was a momentous event – one which had seismic effects on the politics and constitution of Britain. Brexit, while equally as momentous, has almost wholly been confined to discussions of economic consequence. But what will happen to the constitution? Beyond Brexit looks for the first time at the impact of Brexit and the constitutional consequences of Britain's EU membership, raising the question of just how the United Kingdom is to be preserved. In this book, Vernon Bogdanor explores the ever-changing relationship between Britain and the European Union from the original concept of European unity to 21st century Euro scepticism, the fundamental problems confronting Britain on its exit from the European Union, and argues that Brexit is the start of new beginnings – heralding a peaceful constitutional moment.

- 4 Brexiternity: the uncertain fate of Britain/ Macshane, Denis -- United Kingdom: I.B.Tauris, 2019; 246p 50907

The book gives idea about Brexiternity. The author writes that never in the lifetime of most British adults has there been such uncertainty about the future of the political and governing institutions of the state. Brexit has the potential to change everything – from the shape of government institutions to the main political parties, from Britain's relationship with its near neighbour Ireland to its international trading. The idealists of the Leave campaign won their vote in 2016. But now the realists are gently taking over. Here, Denis MacShane explains how the Brexit process will be long and full of difficulties – arguing that a 'Brexiternity' of negotiations and internal political wrangling in Britain lies ahead.

- 5 Campaigning for children: strategies for advancing children's rights/ Becker, Jo -- California: Stanford University Press, 2017; xi, 220p 50908

The book advocates within the growing field of children's rights have designed dynamic campaigns to protect and promote children's rights. This expanding body of international law and jurisprudence, however, lacks a core text that provides an up-to-date look at current children's rights issues, the evolution of children's rights law, and the efficacy of efforts to protect children. Campaigning for Children focuses on contemporary children's rights, identifying the range of abuses that affect children today, including early marriage, female genital mutilation, child labour, child sex tourism, corporal punishment, the impact of armed conflict, and access to education. Jo Becker traces the last 25 years of the children's rights movement, including the evolution of international laws and standards to protect children from abuse and exploitation. From a practitioner's perspective, Becker provides readers with careful case studies of the organizations and campaigns that are making a difference in the lives of children, and the relevant strategies that have been successful-or not. By presenting a variety of approaches to deal with each issue, this book carefully teases out broader lessons for effective social change in the field of children's rights.

- 6 Caste-based exclusion/ Karade, Jagan (ed.) -- New Delhi: Rawat Publications, 2015; 232p 50939

This book describes that caste-based exclusion is a complex phenomenon encapsulating multi-dimensional, multi-faceted, and cascading ramifications for those to whom it is meted out. The book has not only framed the social and economic structure of Indian society and its people, but also has been one of the most callous means of exclusion in the country. Since times immemorial, those placed at the bottom of caste hierarchy have suffered the worst. They are 'the excluded among the excluded.' The process of discrimination needs a holistic understanding to appreciate the gravity of marginalization and deprivation in everyday lives and relations. The contemporary discourses on caste-based exclusion have so far focused on understanding the problem from 'the outside and above' perspective. This book provides perspectives from 'the inside and below' and spans the full circle of prevalence, magnitude, and structure of isolation experienced by Dalits in society, suggesting approaches for amendments. The multidimensional nature of the book will help readers understand the wider spectrum of exclusion in India. It will be a useful resource for the students and researchers of sociology, minority studies, and development studies

- 7 Childhood traumas: narratives and representations/ Multani, Angelie & Kumar, Kamayani (ed.) -- New York: Routledge, 2020; 222p 50940

The book contributes to understanding childhoods in the twentieth and twenty-first century by offering an in-depth overview of children and their engagement with the violent world around them. The chapters deal with different historical, spatial, and cultural contexts, yet converge on the question of how children relate to physiological and psychological violence. The twentieth century has been hailed as the "century of the child" but it has also witnessed an unprecedented escalation of cultural trauma experienced by children during the two World Wars, Holocaust, Partition of the Indian subcontinent, and Vietnam War. The essays in this book focus on victimized childhood during instances of war, ethnic violence, migration under compulsion, rape, and provide insights into how a child negotiates with abstract notions of nation, ethnicity, belonging, identity, and religion. They use an array of literary and cinematic representations—fiction, paintings, films, and popular culture—to explore the long-term effect of violence and neglect on children. As such, they lend voice to children whose experiences of abuse have been multifaceted, ranging from genocide, conflict, and xenophobia to sexual abuse, and also consider ways of healing. With contributions from across the world, this comprehensive book will be useful to scholars and researchers of cultural studies, literature, education, education policy, gender studies, child psychology, sociology, political studies, childhood studies, and those studying trauma, conflict, and resilience.

- 8 China's India war: collision course on the roof of the world/ Lintner, Bertil -- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020; xxviii, 352p. 50909

This book explores the impact of China's India war. The Sino-Indian War of 1962 delivered a crushing defeat to India: not only did the country suffer a loss of lives and a heavy blow to its pride, the world began to see India as the provocateur of the war, with China 'merely defending' its territory. This perception that China was largely the innocent victim of Nehru's hostile policies was put forth by journalist Neville Maxwell in his book *India's China War*, which found readers in many opinion makers, including Henry Kissinger and Richard Nixon. For far too long, Maxwell's narrative, which sees India as the aggressor and China as the victim, has held court. Nearly 50 years after Maxwell's book, Bertil Lintner's *China's India War* puts the 'border dispute' into its rightful perspective. Lintner argues that China began planning the war as early as 1959 and proposes that it was merely a small move in the larger strategic game that China was playing to become a world player—one that it continues to play even today.

- 9      *Citizenship: what everyone needs to know/* Spiro, Peter J. -- New York: Oxford University Press, 2020; 170p      50910

Almost everyone has citizenship, and yet it has emerged as one of the most hotly contested issues of contemporary politics. In this book, prominent citizenship theorist and legal scholar Peter J. Spiro explains citizenship through accessible terms and questions: what citizenship means, how you obtain citizenship (and how you lose it), how it has changed through history, what one receives from citizenship, and what entitles a person to citizenship, including dual citizenship and naturalization. Spiro provides a historical and critical perspective to a concept that is a part of our everyday discourse, providing a crucial contribution to our understanding of a central organizing principle of the modern world.

- 10     *Contemporary Political Theory/* Dadhich, Naresh -- New Delhi: Rawat Publications, 2019; xi,280p      50911

The books explain that political theory is a field of study of politics through concepts and principles. It is primarily concerned with the 'ought to be' aspects of the nature, objectives and functioning of the state and government. Political Theory in this sense is primarily a systematic thought about objectives and nature of government, political activities, established political institutions and changes taking place in these fields. The teaching of political theory in India, generally speaking, is either limited to the history of political thought between Plato and Marx or empirical political theory or study of isms or contribution of Indian thinkers. Due to dearth of standard texts written by Indian scholars on contemporary political theory, teachers and students find difficulty in engaging with this subject. This book is aimed at filling this void and provides a systematic explanation of major trends in political theory over the last fifty years or more. *Contemporary Political Theory* covers political theory mostly since the publication of John Rawls' seminal work *A Theory of Justice* (1971) that revitalised normative political theory. Introducing the major theories, concepts and issues in contemporary political theory, this is a novel attempt by an Indian scholar. It covers a whole range of political theories that have dominated the field, including traditionalism, liberalism, communitarianism, Marxism, multiculturalism,

feminism, green political theory, globalization and postmodernism. The book has tried to explain this difficult field of study in an accessible, cogent and concise manner. Scholars, teachers and students from Indian and another non-western world will find this text equally engaging. The book will open new vistas of understanding and opportunities to explore political theory and rekindle interest in the subject.

- 11 Corporations and disability rights: bridging the digital divide/ Pathakji, Neha - 50912  
- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2018; xxv, 331p

This book explores the interplay between the human rights of persons with disabilities and corporate obligation towards the creation of an inclusive and accessible Internet. It engages with the contemporary discourse on the nature of the right to access the Internet and contextualizes the same within the framework of emerging disability rights jurisprudence. It articulates that the existing digital divide is an extension of social injustice to persons with disabilities from the physical world to the virtual world. It is argued that conceptualizing the right to access the Internet as merely an enabling right is oversimplifying an otherwise complex issue. The book advances the argument that under disability rights jurisprudence, the right to access the Internet is a human right. In this context, it questions the role of corporations as gatekeepers of the virtual world and investigates the extent and scope of corporate human rights obligations. The book offers a pioneering strategy to obtain compliance from corporations.

- 12 Cultural labour: conceptualizing the folk performance in India/ Prakash, Brahma -- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019; 352p 50941

The book talk about folk performances reflect the life-worlds of a vast section of subaltern communities in India. What is the philosophy that drives these performances, the vision that enables as well as enslaves these communities to present what they feel, think, imagine, and want to see? Can such performances challenge social hierarchies and ensure justice in a caste-ridden society? In Cultural Labour, the author studies bhuiyan puja (land worship), bidesia (theatre of migrant labourers), Reshma-Chuharmal (Dalit ballads), dugola (singing duels) from Bihar, and the songs and performances of Gaddar, who was associated with Jana Natya Mandali, Telangana: he examines various ways in which meanings and behaviour are engendered in communities through rituals, theatre, and enactments? Focusing on various motifs of landscape, materiality, and performance, the author looks at the relationship between culture and labour in its immediate contexts. Based on an extensive ethnography and the author's own life experience as a member of such a community, the book offers a new conceptual framework to understand the politics and aesthetics of folk performance in the light of contemporary theories of theatre and performance studies.

- 13 Cybercrimes against women in India/ Debarati Halder -- New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2017; 272p 50942

This book explores cyber-crimes against Women in India reveals loopholes in the present laws and policies of the Indian judicial system, and what can



be done to ensure safety in cyberspace. The book is a significant contribution to socio-legal research on online crimes targeting teenage girls and women. It shows how they become soft targets of trolling, online grooming, privacy infringement, bullying, pornography, sexual defamation, morphing, spoofing and so on. The authors address various raging debates in the country such as how women can be protected from cybercrimes; what steps can be taken as prevention and as recourse to legal aid and how useful and accessible cyber laws are. The book provides detailed answers to a wide array of questions that bother scholars and charts a way forward.

- 14 Cybercrime: key issues and debates. 2nd. ed./ Gillespie, Alisdair A. -- New York: Routledge, 2019; 308p 50943

This book is designed for students studying cybercrime for the first time, enabling them to get to grips with an area of rapid change. The book offers a thematic and critical overview of cybercrime, introducing the key principles and clearly showing the connections between topics as well as highlighting areas subject to debate. Written with an emphasis on the law in the UK but considering in detail the Council of Europe's important Convention on Cybercrime, this text also covers the jurisdictional aspects of cybercrime in international law. Themes discussed include crimes against computers, property, offensive content, and offences against the person, and recent controversial areas such as cyber terrorism and cyber-harassment are explored. Clear, concise, and critical, this text offers a valuable overview of this fast-paced and growing area of law.

- 15 Dark fear, eerie cities: new Hindi cinema in neoliberal India/ Sarunas Paunksnis -- United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2019; 194p 50944

What haunts the city? Why is there so much pessimism in our urban lives? And how does this physical and psychological insecurity of relentless competition and a desire to succeed against all odds proliferate into cinema? Dark Fear, Eerie Cities analyses a wide array of films made in the early 21st century to offer a philosophical and psychoanalytical critique of the transforming cinematic imaginary—from the pre-1990s feudal family ideal to the contemporary construction of the new middle class's subjectivities in the postcolonial context. Keeping in mind the effects of globalization, market liberalization, and the emergence of new forms of media and its consumption, the book proposes a theoretical engagement with cinematic transformations. Paunksnis presents an interdisciplinary study of a genre of cinema in which crime thrillers and horror films are aimed at answering some of the fundamental questions of our contemporary times.

- 16 Delusional states: feeling rule and development in Pakistan's Northern frontier/ Ali, Nosheen -- New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019; xiii, 304p. 50913

This book explains that Delusional States is the first in-depth study of state-making and social change in Gilgit-Baltistan, a Shia-majority region of Sunni-dominated Pakistan and a contested border area that forms part of disputed Kashmir. For over seven decades, the territorial conflict over Kashmir has

locked India and Pakistan in brutal wars and hate-centred nationalisms. The book illuminates how within this story of hate lie other stories - of love and betrayal, loyalty and suspicion, beauty and terror - that help us grasp how the Kashmir conflict is affectively structured and experienced on the ground. Placing these emotions at the centre of its analysis, the book rethinks the state-citizen relation in deeply felt and intimate terms, offering a multi-layered ethnographic understanding of power and subjection in contemporary Pakistan.

- 17 Digital condition/ Stalder, Felix -- Cambridge: Polity Press, 2018; ix,220p 50945

This book describes that Our daily lives, our culture and our politics are now shaped by the digital condition as large numbers of people involve themselves in contentious negotiations of meaning in ever more dimensions of life, from the trivial to the profound. They are making use of the capacities of complex communication infrastructures, currently dominated by social mass media such as Twitter and Facebook, on which they have come to depend. Amidst a confusing plurality, Felix Stalder argues that are three key constituents of this condition: the use of existing cultural materials for one's own production, the way in which new meaning is established as a collective endeavour, and the underlying role of algorithms and automated decision-making processes that reduce and give shape to massive volumes of data. These three characteristics define what Stalder calls 'the digital condition'. Stalder also examines the profound political implications of this new culture. We stand at a crossroads between post-democracy and the commons, a concentration of power among the few or a genuine widening of participation, with the digital condition offering the potential for starkly different outcomes. This ambitious and wide-ranging theory of our contemporary digital condition will be of great interest to students and scholars in media and communications, cultural studies, and social, political and cultural theory, as well as to a wider readership interested in the ways in which culture and politics are changing today.

- 18 Dynamics of caste and law: Dalits, oppression and constitutional democracy in India/ Berg, Dag-Erik -- New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020; xviii, 243p. 50914

This book breaks new ground in the discussion of the relation between caste and law in India, representing a critical dimension in the postcolonial state. Today, caste has become a very visible phenomenon often associated with politics, social inequality and discrimination. India's constitutional democracy has been remarkable for its goal of creating equality in a context of caste. Despite constitutional promises with equal opportunities for the lower castes and outlawing of untouchability at the time of Independence, reoccurring atrocities and inadequate implementation of law have called for rethinking and legal change. This book develops an interdisciplinary approach to analyse how caste and law relate over time. Building on a post foundational approach to critical explanation, it provides a new account of how Dalit experiences represent a starting point to analyse dynamics of law and caste-based domination. New concepts are used to interpret a comprehensive case study material. Making a clear departure from conventional disciplinary

approaches, the book explains how caste-based oppression, public policy and the ontology of caste intersect. Sociological terms invented by Bhimrao Ambedkar, an anti-caste leader of Dalits and a scholar, are incorporated to explain the enduring relevance of caste. In addition to case studies of Dalit movements, atrocities and caste politics, it is argued through detailed examination of court cases that law could be re-directed to suit the members of dominant castes. The book will be of interest to students of South Asia and has comparative relevance for discussions of democracy, law and racism

- 19 Economic analysis of tort law: the negligence determination/ Pal, Malabika - 50915  
- New York: Routledge, 2020; vii,224p

This book looks at the negligence concept of tort law and studies the efficiency issue arising from the determination of negligence. It does so by scrutinizing actual court decisions from three common law jurisdictions - Britain, India and the United States of America. This volume fills a very significant gap, scrutinizing 52 landmark judgments from these three countries, by focussing on the negligent affliction of economic loss determined by common law courts and how these findings relate to the existing theoretical literature. By doing so, it examines the formalization of legal concepts, in theory, primarily the question of negligence determination and liability, and their centrality in theories concerning tort law.

- 20 Embodiment in qualitative research/ Laura L. Ellingson -- New York: 50946  
Routledge, 2017; xv,232p

The book *embodiment in Qualitative Research* connects critical, interdisciplinary theorizing of embodiment with creative, practical strategies for engaging in embodied qualitative research. Ellingson equips qualitative researchers not only to resist the mind–body split in principle but to infuse their research with the vitality that comes from embracing knowledge production as deeply embedded in sensory experience. Grounded in poststructuralist, post humanist, and feminist perspectives, this innovative book synthesizes current interdisciplinary theories and research on embodiment; explores research examples from across the social sciences, education, and allied health; and features embodied ethnographic tales and evocative moments from everyday life for reflexive consideration. Each chapter offers flexible starting points for doing embodiment actively throughout every stage of qualitative research. An awareness of, and an active engagement with, issues of embodiment enhances scholars' ability to produce high quality research and enlarges their capacity as public intellectuals to spark positive social change, particularly within marginalized communities. The strategies offered relate to methodologies from across the entire spectrum: from traditional qualitative methods such as grounded theory, critical/theoretical analysis, and discourse analysis, to arts-based research — including performance, auto ethnographic narrative, poetry, and documentary film making. *Embodiment in Qualitative Research* is designed as a resource book for qualitative researchers who want to explore the latest trends in critical theorizing. The writing style will appeal to researchers who seek a bridge between abstract theorizing and pragmatic strategies for producing outstanding qualitative research, as well as to critical scholars who

want to integrate embodied ways of knowing with their theorizing. Graduate (and advanced undergraduate) qualitative methods students and early career researchers, as well as advanced scholars seeking to enrich the scope and texture of their work, will find the text inspiring and engaging.

- 21 Emotional abuse of children: essential information/ Royse, David -- New York: Routledge, 2016; 438p 50947

This book explores children and emotional Abuse is a research-informed learning resource for students in social work about the dynamics and consequences of psychological abuse—especially as it occurs in dysfunctional families and affects children and adolescents. Emotional abuse is still not widely understood or recognized. Helping professionals need to recognize emotional abuse, understand the damage it does, the theories that account for it, and be prepared to help children and families where the abuse often occurs along with physical and sexual abuse. This text will draw upon current peer-reviewed literature and evidence-based studies and summarize essential information to prepare students for careers in helping professions. Each chapter will also contain brief vignettes to illustrate some of the key points. This book is for courses in child welfare and child abuse/neglect, as well as other social work courses that focus on children.

- 22 Energy law and policy/ Tandon, Usha. (ed.) -- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2018; xxx, 429p. 50916

This book discuss about the energy law and policy for sustainable development. Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all is one of the goals of sustainable development. In order to meet the increasing demand for various forms of energy—whether derived from fossil fuel, nuclear substances, or renewable sources—conservation, equitable use, and efficient management of its usage have gained primacy. Energy Law and Policy provides a constructive understanding of energy law, a relatively new area in the discourse of environmental law. It argues the importance of looking into existing legal imperatives to frame a robust, and comprehensive legal framework on renewable energy at national and international levels. In this volume, leading energy law experts shed light on crucial aspects of energy law, such as the linkages between energy and sustainable development, energy trade, energy tax, and intellectual property rights in clean energy. Providing a comparative perspective, the volume discusses domestic laws of India, China, Mauritius, and Nigeria, and links the legal instruments developed by environmental law to an energy regime where economic motives dominate and differ across nations depending on the availability of their natural resources

- 23 Failing families, failing science: work-family conflict in academic science/ Elaine Howard Ecklund and Lincoln Anne E. -- New York: New York University Press, 2016; vii,195p. 50948

This book is based on surveys of over 2,000 junior and senior scientists, both male and female, as well as in-depth interviews, Failing Families, Failing Science examines how the rigors of a career in academic science makes it

especially difficult to balance family and work. Ecklund and Lincoln paint a nuanced picture that illuminates how gender, individual choices, and university and science infrastructures all play a role in shaping science careers, and how science careers, in turn, shape family life. They argue that both men and women face difficulties, though differently, in managing career and family. While women are hit harder by the pressures of elite academic science, the institution of science—and academic science, in particular—is not accommodating, possibly not even compatible, for either women or men who want to raise families. Perhaps most importantly, their research reveals that early career academic scientists struggle considerably with balancing their work and family lives. This struggle may prevent these young scientists from pursuing positions at top research universities—or further pursuing academic science at all— a circumstance that comes at great cost to our national science infrastructure. In an era when advanced scientific research and education is more important than ever, *Failing Families, Failing Science* presents a compelling inside look at the world of the university scientists who make it possible—and what universities and national science bodies can do to make a difference in their lives.

- 24 *Failing our fathers: confronting the crisis of economically vulnerable non-resident fathers/* Ronald B. Mincy -- United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2015; 186p 50949

This book summarizes the most recent quantitative and qualitative research, and undertakes new analyses to fill in important gaps, to produce a comprehensive picture of who these fathers are, what types of relationships they have with their families and children, and the challenges they face meeting what their loved ones and taxpayers expect from them. The great majority of these men see their children on a regular basis, despite the financial, legal, and extra-legal barriers they face. Besides requiring fathers to support their children, we must enable them to do so by supplementing their earnings and supporting their co-parenting, in ways that parallel how we require and enable vulnerable single mothers to support their children. The book lays out specific reforms required to achieve this goal as well as tips for those resources for economically vulnerable non-resident fathers.

- 25 *Fighting for peace in Somalia: a history and analysis of the African Union Mission (AMISOM), 2007-2017/* Williams, Paul D. -- New York: Oxford University Press, 2019; xv, 366p. 50917

This book provides the first comprehensive analysis of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), an operation deployed in 2007 to stabilize the country and defend its fledgling government from one of the world's deadliest militant organizations, Harakat al-Shabaab. The book's two parts provide a history of the mission from its genesis in an earlier, failed regional initiative in 2005 up to mid-2017, as well as an analysis of the mission's six most important challenges, namely, logistics, security sector reform, civilian protection, strategic communications, stabilization, and developing a successful exit strategy. These issues are all central to the broader debates about how to design effective peace operations in Africa and beyond. AMISOM was remarkable in several respects: it would become the African

Union's (AU) largest peace operation by a considerable margin deploying over 22,000 soldiers; it became the longest running mission under AU command and control, outlasting the nearest contender by over seven years; it also became the AU's most expensive operation, at its peak costing approximately US\$1 billion per year; and, sadly, AMISOM became the AU's deadliest mission. Although often referred to as a peacekeeping operation, AMISOM's troops were given a range of daunting tasks that went well beyond the realm of peacekeeping, including VIP protection, war-fighting, counterinsurgency, stabilization, and state-building as well as supporting electoral processes and facilitating humanitarian assistance.

- 26 From people to citizen: democracy's must take road/ Gupta, Dipankar -- New Delhi: Social Science Press, 2017; xviii, 205p. 50918

This book describes social theory with policy practice to enlarge our understanding of the difference that democracy makes to the life of a nation. Unlike nationalism, democracy takes our attention away from the past to the future by focusing on the specific concerns of 'citizenship'. Historical victories or defeats, blood and soil are now nowhere as relevant as the creation of a foundational base where individuals have equal and quality, access to health, education and even urban services. The primary consideration, therefore, is on empowering 'citizens' as a common category and not 'people' of any specific community or class. When citizens precede all other considerations, the notion of the 'public' too gets its fullest expression. Differences between citizens are not denied, in fact encouraged, but only after achieving a basic unity first. This book argues that the call of citizenship not only advances democracy, but social science as well

- 27 About Gandhi's Hinduism the Struggle against Jinnah's Islam/ Akbar, M.J. -- New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2020; ix, 454p 50919

The book, meticulously researched from original sources, reveals the astonishing blunders, lapses and conscious chicanery that permeated the politics of seven explosive years between 1940 and 1947. Facts from the archives challenge the conventional narrative, and disturb the conspiratorial silence used to protect the image of famous icons. Gandhi's Hinduism: The Struggle Against Jinnah's Islam delves into both the ideology and the personality of those who shaped the fate of a region between Iran and Burma. It is essential reading for anyone interested in modern Indian history, and the past as a prelude to the future.

Gandhi, a devout Hindu, believed faith could nurture the civilizational harmony of India, a land where every religion had flourished. Jinnah, a political Muslim rather than a practising believer, was determined to carve up a syncretic subcontinent in the name of Islam. His confidence came from a wartime deal with Britain, embodied in the 'August Offer' of 1940. Gandhi's strength lay in an ideological commitment which was, in the end, ravaged by the communal violence that engineered partition. The price of this epic confrontation, paid by the people, has stretched into generations.

- 28 Gender and structural violence/ Pande, Rekha & Vanka, Sita (ed.) -- New Delhi: Rawat Publications, 2019; xii,220p 50950

This book describes structural violence as the concept of macro, system-level inequality and oppression which was introduced in modernist discourse by Johan Galtung in 1969 through the article 'Violence, Peace, and Peace Research'. It refers to a form of violence wherein some social structure or social institution may harm people by preventing them from meeting their basic needs. Institutionalized adultism, ageism, classism, elitism, ethnocentrism, nationalism, speciesism, racism, and sexism are some examples of structural violence as proposed by Galtung. Because structural violence affects people differently in various social structures, it is very closely linked to social injustice. Structural violence and direct violence are said to be highly interdependent, including family violence, gender violence, hate crimes, racial violence, police violence, state violence, terrorism, and war. Structural violence is the most basic or fundamental form of violence. It is expressive of the conditions of society, the structures of social order, and the institutional arrangements of power within the society. The articles in this volume look at various societal structures and institutions to understand violence against women. The book will interest researchers, academics, social workers and all those concerned with gender-based violence.

- 29 Governance entrepreneurs: international organizations and the rise of global public-private partnerships/ Andonova, Liliana B. -- Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019; ix,275p 50920

This book discusses that global partnerships have transformed international institutions by creating platforms for direct collaboration with NGOs, foundations, companies and local actors. They introduce a model of governance that is decentralized, networked and voluntary, and which melds public purpose with private practice. How can we account for such substantial institutional change in a system made by states and for states? Governance Entrepreneurs examines the rise and outcomes of global partnerships across multiple policy domains: human rights, health, environment, sustainable development and children. It argues that international organizations have played a central role as entrepreneurs of such governance innovation in coalition with pro-active states and non-state actors, yet this entrepreneurship is risky and success is not assured. This is the first study to leverage comprehensive quantitative and qualitative analysis that illuminates the variable politics and outcomes of public-private partnerships across multilateral institutions, including the UN Secretariat, the World Bank, UNEP, the WHO and UNICEF

- 30 Human rights in India: prospective and retrospective/ Gankidi, Sudarshanam. (ed.) -- Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2019; xv, 247p. 50921

This book explains that in the last few decades, human rights have emerged as an important area of teaching and research. Human rights are inalienable rights of individuals irrespective of their age, caste, gender, and colour, social and economic status. Such rights are violated every day in India at individual and group level, both within the family and across social systems. Human rights violation of such marginalised population, including women, children and disabled persons, often go unnoticed. On the other hand, social groups such as Dalits, tribal population and masses from poor backgrounds

experience social segregation and are prone to face human rights violation at a larger level. One of the fundamental reasons for this violation is insensitiveness and lack of awareness about the rights of the 'others'. State, which is supposed to protect the rights of the weakest, is also seen as a violator. It in this context the book makes an attempt to discuss the role of the judiciary, the criminal justice system, police, NGOs and their developmental interventions. This book is a significant contribution to the ongoing discourse on human rights.

- 31 Imperial sovereignty and local politics: the Bhadauria Rajputs and the transition from Mughal to British India, 1600-1900/ Singh, Tripurdaman -- New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019; xvi, 247p. 50922

This book describes that Imperial Sovereignty and Local Politics takes at its focus the historically significant interconnections between local polities and imperial formations in South Asia. Using the relationship between the Bhadauria Rajputs and the Mughal, Maratha and British Empires as a prism to evaluate the constitution of sovereignty and the process of state formation, it demonstrates the enduring relevance of symbolism and ritual, the persistence of pre-colonial political forms and ideologies and the continuing importance of local power networks in moulding imperial projects. Employing theories of state formation borrowed from anthropology, Singh emphasizes the need to conceptually separate political authority from symbolic sovereignty and examine the local context of imperial politics. This work provides a compelling re-orientation of the way we understand the nature of imperial states, the experience of sovereignty and the processes of political change in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries

- 32 India and bilateral investment treaties: refusal, acceptance, backlash/ Ranjan, Prabhash -- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019; xxxiii, 378p. 50923

This book provides a detailed and critical account of India's approach towards investment treaties from India's independence in 1947 till date.. As a consequence of being sued by more than 20 foreign investors, India terminated close to 60 investment treaties and adopted a new model bilateral investment treaty (BIT) purportedly to balance investment protection with the host State's right to regulate. This book studies critically India's approach towards BITs by tracing its origin, evolution, and the current state of play. The book does so by locating it in India's economic policy in general and policy towards foreign investment in particular. India's approach towards BITs and its policy towards foreign investment were consistent with each other in the periods of economic nationalism (1947-1990) and economic liberalism (1991-2010). However, post 2010, India's approach to BITs has become protectionist while India's foreign investment policy continues to be liberal. In order to balance investment protection with the State's right to regulate, India needs to evolve its BIT practice based on the twin framework of international rule of law and embedded liberalism

- 33 India and civilizational futures: backwaters collective on metaphysics and politics II/ Lal Vinay (ed.) -- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019; xiv, 318p. 50924



This book is based on the deliberations of the Backwaters Collective puts into serious question the most familiar categories that have informed humanistic inquiry and social science research until now. The contributors probe how the intellectual and cultural resources of Indic civilization might be deployed to introduce greater plurality into the world of modern knowledge systems and reinitiate metaphysics into the discourses of politics, with the hope that similar inquiries will in future be extended across the Global South. The chapters offer newer perspectives on India's past and intellectual traditions and suggest how we might liberate ourselves from the straightjackets of history, development, normal politics, the nation-state, and what globally passes for 'common sense' in various spheres of life and thought. While some contributors engage with a few figures who have been critical in shaping India's intellectual life, such as Kabir, Narayana Guru, Ambedkar, Tagore, and Gandhi, others bring into the limelight equally compelling if somewhat neglected figures such as Rahul Sankrityayan, Ranade, and T.R.V. Murti. Conceptual papers on intercommunalism, South Asian ideas of hospitality, and mnemonic cultural modes of learning complete the book.

- 34 India dissents: 3000 years of difference, doubt and argument/ Vajpeyi, Ashok (ed.) -- New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Publishing, 2017; 560p 50925

This book explains that throughout Indian history, various individuals and groups have questioned, censured and debated authority—be it the state or empire, religious or political traditions, caste hierarchies, patriarchy or even the idea of god. These dissenting voices have persisted despite all attempts made to silence them. They have inspired revolutions and uprisings, helped preserve individual dignity and freedom, and promoted tolerance and a plurality in thought and lifestyle. *India Dissents: 3,000 Years of Difference, Doubt and Argument* brings together some of these voices that have sustained India as a great and vibrant civilization. Collected in these pages are essays, letters, reports, poems, songs and calls to action—from texts ranging from the Rig Veda to Ambedkar's *Annihilation of Caste*; and by thinkers as varied as the Buddha, Akka Mahadevi, Lal Ded, Nanak, Ghalib, Tagore, Gandhi, Manto, Jayaprakash Narayan, Namdeo Dhasal, Mahasweta Devi and Amartya Sen. Their words embody the undying and essential spirit of dissent in one of the world's most diverse, dynamic and oldest civilizations.

- 35 *India, the West and international order*/ Bajpai, Kanti & Mallavarapu, Siddharth (ed.) -- New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan, 2019; 344p 50926

This book presents the excerpt of the writings of seven key modern Indian personalities—swami Vivekananda, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Rabindranath Tagore, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar, and Sayyid Abul a'la Maududi—and two Europeans who made India their home, sister Nivedita and Annie Besant. And question that Does India have a tradition of international thought in the modern period? Does it have influential and provocative thinkers who have written illuminatingly about international life and India's place in it? Engaging with these questions through the writings of eminent public figures, this volume introduces readers to Indian thought from the late 19th century to the

middle of the 20th century and attempts to bring their ideas into the mainstream of global discussions. The extracts provide a gateway through which Indian thought engages with, and makes its presence known in the world. As most of the extracts are from the pre-Independence period, the dominant Theme in this volume is the nature of nationalism. In their wide-ranging introduction, the editors relate different conceptions of nationalism, implicit or explicit, in the excerpted writings to notions of international order. India, The West, and international order aims to locate Indian international thought within the growing debate on 'post-western international relations' and comparative political theory. This book, The first volume in the series India's international and strategic thought, will be a valuable resource for scholars interested in modern Indian thought and the prospects of a more globalised discipline of international relations.

- 36 Indian suffragettes: female identities and transnational networks/ Mukherjee, Sumita -- United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2018; 288p 50927

This book explores popular depictions of campaigns for women's suffrage in films and literature have invariably focused on Western suffrage movements. The fact that Indian women built up a vibrant suffrage movement in the twentieth century has been largely neglected. The Indian 'suffragettes' were not only actively involved in campaigns within the Indian subcontinent, they also travelled to Britain, America, Europe, and elsewhere, taking part in transnational discourses on feminism, democracy, and suffrage. Indian Suffragettes focuses on the different geographical spaces in which Indian women were operating. Covering the period from the 1910s until 1950, it shows how Indian women campaigning for suffrage positioned themselves within an imperial system and invoked various identities, whether regional, national, imperial, or international, in the context of debates about the vote. Significantly, this volume analyses how the global connections that were forged influenced social and political change in the Indian subcontinent, highlighting Indian mobility at a time when they were colonial subjects.

- 37 In-your-face politics: the consequences of uncivil media/ Diana C. Mutz -- New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2015; 288p 50928

This book show how political incivility broadcast in close-up by the media affects public opinion Americans are disgusted with watching politicians screaming and yelling at one another on television. But does all the noise really make a difference? Drawing on numerous studies, Diana Mutz provides the first comprehensive look at the consequences of in-your-face politics. Her book contradicts the conventional wisdom by documenting both the benefits and the drawbacks of in-your-face media. In-your-face politics refers to both the level of incivility and the up-close and personal way that we experience political conflict on television. Just as actual physical closeness intensifies people's emotional reactions to others, the appearance of closeness on a video screen has similar effects. We tend to keep our distance from those with whom we disagree. Modern media, however, puts those we dislike in our faces in a way that intensifies our negative reactions. Mutz finds that incivility is particularly detrimental to facilitating respect for oppositional political viewpoints and to citizens' levels of trust in politicians

and the political process. On the positive side, incivility and close-up camera perspectives contribute to making politics more physiologically arousing and entertaining to viewers. This encourages more attention to political programs, stimulates recall of the content, and encourages people to relay content to others.

- 38 Modern diplomacy./ Barston, R.P. -- New York: Routledge, 2019; 408p 50929

This book provides a comprehensive exploration of the evolution and concepts of the institution of diplomacy. This book equips students with a detailed analysis of important international issues that impact upon diplomacy and its relationship with international politics. The subject is brought 'to life' through the use of case studies and examples which highlight the working of contemporary diplomacy within the international political arena. Organised around five broad topic areas, including the nature of diplomacy, diplomatic methods and negotiation, the operation of diplomacy in specific areas and natural disasters and international conflict, the book covers all major topic areas of contemporary diplomacy

- 39 Networked regionalism as conflict management/ Ohanyan, Anna -- 50930  
California: Stanford University Press, 2015; xiv, 250p

The book offers a theoretical and practical solution to this impasse by arguing for regional collective interventions that involve a long-term reengineering of existing conflict management infrastructure on the ground. Such approaches have been attracting the attention of scholars and practitioners alike yet, thus far, these concepts have rarely involved more than simple prescriptions for regional cooperation between grassroots actors and traditional diplomacy. Specifically, says Anna Ohanyan, only the cultivation and establishment of regional peace systems can provide an effective path toward conflict management in these standoffs in such intractably divided regions.

- 40 Overdoing democracy: why we must put politics in its place/ Talisse, Robert B. -- United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2019; 224p 50931

This book explains Democracy as an extremely important social political good. Nonetheless, there is such a thing as having too much of a good thing. When we overdo democracy, we allow the categories, allegiances, and struggles of politics to overwhelm our social lives. This has the effect of undermining and crowding out many of the most important correlated social goods that democracy is meant to deliver. What's more, in overdoing democracy, we spoil certain social goods that democracy needs in order to flourish. Thus overdoing democracy is democracy's undoing. A thriving democracy needs citizens to reserve space in their shared social lives for collective activities and cooperative projects that are not structured by political allegiances; they must work together in social contexts where political affiliations and party loyalties are not merely suppressed, but utterly beside the point. Combining conceptual analyses of democratic legitimacy and responsible citizenship with empirical results regarding the political infiltration of social spaces and citizens' vulnerabilities to polarization, this book provides a diagnosis of current democratic ills and a novel prescription

for addressing them. Arguing that overdoing democracy is the result of certain tendencies internal to the democratic ideal itself, the book demonstrates that even in a democracy, politics must be put in its place.

- 41 Oxford history of Hinduism: Hindu law: a new history of dharmaśāstra/ Olivelle Patrick & Davis R. Donald (ed.) -- United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2018; 576p 50932

This book that the history of Hinduism cannot be written without the history of Hindu law. Part One provides a concise overview of the literary genres in which Dharmasastra was written with attention to chronology and historical developments. This study divides the tradition into its two major historical periods—the origins and formation of the classical texts and the later genres of commentary and digest—in order to provide a thorough, but manageable overview of the textual bases of the tradition. Part Two presents descriptive and historical studies of all the major substantive topics of Dharmasastra. Each chapter offers readers with sales knowledge of the debates, transformations, and fluctuating importance of each topic. Indirectly, readers will also gain insight into the ethos or worldview of religious law in Hinduism, enabling them to get a feel for how dharma authors thought and why. Part Three contains brief studies of the impact and reception of Dharmasastra in other South Asian cultural and textual traditions. Finally, Part Four draws inspiration from "critical terms" in contemporary legal and religious studies to analyse Dharmasastra texts. Contributors offer interpretive views of Dharmasastra that start from hermeneutic and social concerns today

- 42 Political elite among scheduled castes/ Das, Aluri Sundar Kumar -- New Delhi: Rawat Publications, 2018; 205p 50933

This book delves into the history of the Dalit movements in Coastal Andhra and the Telangana regions of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. It is a critical study on the behavioural pattern of the Dalit leaders in the combined state of Andhra Pradesh. Though the spearheads of the movements entered electoral politics after India's independence, the system of 'joint electorate' and politics of cooptation adopted by the dominant political parties have diluted the movement for social structural change. This is reflected in the persistent social exclusion and occasional atrocities against Dalits, especially in rural areas. The trajectory of clientelism, the inroads of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), and the strategies adopted to compete with the entrenched political parties are critically examined in this book. It concludes with strategies for mobilisation and political power in the light of changing political equations in the state and the country

- 43 Research methodology for social sciences/ Acharyya, Rajat & Bhattacharya, Nandan (ed.) -- New York: Routledge, 2020; xiii, 170p 50934

This book provides guidelines for designing and conducting evidence-based research in social sciences and interdisciplinary studies using both qualitative and quantitative data. Blending the particularity of different sub-disciplines and interdisciplinary nature of social sciences, this volume:

Provides insights on epistemological issues and deliberates on debates over qualitative research methods; Covers different aspects of qualitative research techniques and evidence-based research techniques, including survey design, choice of sample, construction of indices, statistical inferences and data analysis; Discusses concepts, techniques and tools at different stages of research, beginning with the design of field surveys to collect raw data and then analyse it using statistical and econometric methods. With illustrations, examples and a reader-friendly approach, this volume will serve as a key reference material for compulsory research methodology courses at doctoral levels across different disciplines, such as economics, sociology, women's studies, education, anthropology, political science, international relations, philosophy, history and business management. This volume will also be indispensable for postgraduate courses dealing with quantitative techniques and data analysis.

- 44 Revisiting qualitative methods in social science research/ Aleaz, Bonita & Basu, Pratim Partha (ed.) -- New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan, 2019; 344p 50935

This book explains that across the world, there has been a surge of interest in the methodological tools used in qualitative research in the social sciences. This is particularly so in the developing world, where academic research continues to be guided by research methods developed in a Euro-American context. In India, especially, recent political, social and ideological upheavals have led to new ways of understanding states and society. Have the horizons of knowledge creation expanded? What are the new texts that have emerged, and how many find place in classrooms? How useful are they in the context of the developing world? *Revisiting Qualitative Methods in Social Science Research* highlights a variety of qualitative methods of research—such as gathering data from folk songs and conducting focus group discussions with village women—that have emerged in India. Such methods, the authors argue, make visible hitherto unseen issues and give voice to the voiceless—both imperative in contexts such as ours. The book also highlights the methods used to research specific areas such as caste, one of the distinctive features of this volume. The chapters detail novel methods such as unobtrusive research, mobile methods and contingent behaviour, and where these can be used, citing examples not only from India, but also from other countries like Malaysia and Botswana.

- 45 *Secular sectarianism: limits of subaltern politics*/ Gudavarthy, Ajay (ed.) -- New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2020; 336p 50936

This book emphasizes that citizenship in practice is expressed through the right to speak for others and not just for oneself. Progress can be made only by opening up dialogues within and across political communities. This is essential for India's survival as a secular and democratic nation. Progressive politics needs to move towards affinity and an idea of shared spaces. secularism is a tenet that is fundamental to Indian democracy and enshrined in the Constitution. However, its practice has been severely hampered in recent times largely due to the secular sectarianism pursued by secular, democratic and progressive political formations. This implies the tendency of specific secular political movements to act as if their agenda are exclusively

important. Secular sectarianism has gradually polarized communities and advanced a woefully limited political imagination, leading to the proliferation of conflicts between various marginalized groups-Dalits, tribals, OBCs, Muslims, women and the Left. *Secular Sectarianism: Limits of Subaltern Politics* includes several accounts of such conflicts, opening up a new area of study for further conceptualization.

- 46      *Secularism, religion and democracy in Southeast Asia/ Verma, Vidhu (ed.)* 50937  
-- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019; xiii,255p

This book describes that until two decades ago, the social sciences adhered to the secularisation thesis that stressed the gradual obliteration of religion in the public domain. Recent events show the re-emergence of religions world-wide that has led scholars in challenging the narrative of the modern state and its progress from the religious to the secular domains. The changing place of religion in contemporary politics challenges older notions and concepts of the secular and secularisation process. Yet many initiatives and scholarly works have failed to assess the rise of religion in the context of democratic processes. This volume sets out to fill this scholarly lacuna by offering a conceptual, historical and empirical examination of some of these developments. In trying to map this terrain and spell out the close links between religion, secularism and democracy, this volume examines the developments and challenges of secularism in select countries of Southeast Asia. The fundamental tenets of liberal democracies - rule of law, popular sovereignty, and constitutionalism - undergo several configurations in the context of religious pluralism. The aim is to reframe the basic issues of religion and secularisation in a way that their complex reality will be visible in different contexts where the frequency of conflicts related to religion have sharply increased although they may reflect other cultural, political, and socio-economic phenomena.

- 47      *Trust in transactions/ Ray, Prasanta & Sen, Rukmini* -- New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan, 2019; xvii, 308p      50901

This book discusses about trust, the foundation of cooperative living, is an important part of all social relationships. There is no site—institutions, organisations, nation-states—where relationships can be sustained without trust. In India, trust has currently become an important issue. Citizens are concerned about the trustworthiness of policies and practices that lie at the intersection of governance and economy. Transactions are at the centre of all economic activities, conducted by a variety of economic actors. Hence, trust is a vital facilitator of transaction. Trust is seen here as relational trust, trust developed from and sustained by relationships between the trusting and the trusted. Beginning with an overview of trust analysis across disciplines, the chapters analyse a range of transaction spaces and stakeholders engaged in making, sustaining and reconfiguring trust. The spaces include: \*factories and financial institutions; \*homes, neighbourhoods and streets, where trust is a critical variable in some economic transactions taking place. The different players and stakeholders in these transactions of trust include: \*organised labour, \*migrant workers, \*self-help/neighbourhood groups, \*domestic workers and caregivers, and \*street children.

- 48 Unfinished business: the unexplored causes of the financial crisis and the lessons yet to be learned/ Bayoumi, Tamim A. -- United Kingdom: Yale University Press, 2017; ix, 286p. 50902

This book explain how the Euro crisis and U.S. housing crash were, in fact, parasitically intertwined. Starting in the 1980s, Bayoumi outlines the cumulative policy errors that undermined the stability of both the European and U.S. financial sectors, highlighting the catalytic role played by European mega banks that exploited lax regulation to expand into the U.S. market and financed unsustainable bubbles on both continents. U.S. banks increasingly sold sub-par loans to under-regulated European and U.S. shadow banks and, when the bubbles burst, the losses whipsawed back to the core of the European banking system. A much-needed, fresh look at the origins of the crisis, Bayoumi's analysis concludes that policy makers are ignorant of what still needs to be done both to complete the cleanup and to prevent future crises

- 49 Water histories of South Asia: the materiality of liquescence/ Ray, Sugata & Venugopal, Maddipati. (ed.) -- New York: Routledge, 2020; xv, 315p. 50903

This book surveys the intersections between water systems and the phenomenology of visual cultures in early modern, colonial and contemporary South Asia. Bringing together contributions by eminent artists, architects, curators and scholars who explore the connections between the environmental and the cultural, the volume situates water in an expansive relational domain. It covers disciplines as diverse as literary studies, environmental humanities, sustainable design, urban planning and media studies. The chapters explore the ways in which material cultures of water generate technological and aesthetic acts of envisioning geographies, and make an intervention within political, social and cultural discourses. A critical interjection in the sociologies of water in the subcontinent, the book brings art history into conversation with current debates on climate change by examining water's artistic, architectural, engineering, religious, scientific and environmental facets from the 16th century to the present. This is one of the first books on South Asia's art, architecture and visual history to interweave the ecological with the aesthetic under the emerging field of eco art history. The volume will be of interest to scholars and general readers of art history, Islamic studies, South Asian studies, urban studies, architecture, geography, history and environmental studies. It will also appeal to activists, curators, art critics and those interested in water management.

- 50 Wild heart of India: nature and conservation in the city, the country, and the wild/ Raman, T.R. Shankar -- New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019; xix,476p 50904

The book through this collection of essays attempts to blur, if not dispel, the sharp separation between humans and nature, to lead you to discover that the wild heart of India beats in your chest, too. Wild - untamed, hostile, remote. Yet, wild can be gentle, welcoming, and inspiring, too. This is the wild that preoccupies biologist Shankar Raman as he writes about trees and bamboos, hornbills and elephants, leopards and myriad other species.

Species found not just out there in far wildernesses - from the Thar desert to the Kalakad rainforests, from Narcondam Island to Namdapha - but amid us, in gardens and cities, in farms, along roadsides. And he writes about the forces that gouge land and disfigure landscapes, rip trees and shred forests, pollutes rivers and contaminate the air, slaughter animals along roads and rail tracks - impelling a motivation to care and to conserve nature.



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