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*Asian Journal of Social Science*  
*V.37,n.3 2009* - 1) Paula Panna, “The production and transmission of knowledge in Colonial Malaya” [From the Abstract – Highlights how knowledge played an integral role in the cultural reconstruction of the Malay world during the colonial period – The British produced knowledge about the Malays through scholarly writings in history and through the creation of the census report – This knowledge was mostly constructed and did not necessarily correspond to the social reality of the Malays – The education system played a vital role in transmitting knowledge to the masses, and began a process of internalization, which led to rapid disintegration of Malay cultural practices and new ways of life and concepts from Western culture and institutions such as history, territory and community – The present nationalist movement in Malaysia with its emphasis on race and boundaries attests to the success of the British in transforming the identity of the Malays -- This article is about the connection between British administrative procedures and their impact on reconstructing the thought patterns of the people -- This invasion upon the minds of Malays can be said to be the most lasting legacy of the British colonial rule], pp 427-451; 2) Choon-Lee Chai, “The Sungei Buloh Leper Settlement: illness and the technology of Acquiescence” [The Sungei Buloh Leper Settlement was established in 1930, serving the purposes of housing, controlling, and curing leprosy patients -- Foucault’s thesis of disciplinary power is employed to examine the settlement’s techniques of leper control and to analyze the modus operandi of the leper settlement -- The analysis of this article points to a shift of emphasis in the mid-1920s in the administration of leper settlements in Malaya from one that exercised predominantly coercive power of control of lepers to one that used primarily persuasive means -- The central argument is that the changing technique of control was mainly due to the recognition of the settlement as being an establishment with an ambiguous identity, between a total and control was mainly due to the recognition of the settlement as being an establishment with an ambiguous identity, between a total and

**Chulalongkorn Journal of Economics**  
*V.18,n.1 April 2006* - 1) Fadzlian Sulian, “The efficiency effects of bank mergers and acquisitions: a non-stochastic window event analysis approach” [From the Abstract – An event window studies is employed to investigate the effects of merger & acquisitions on Singapore domestic banking groups’ efficiency – A 3-year window is chosen to examine the relative overall pure technical and scale efficiency scores, ex-ante and ex-post -- The non-parametric frontier approach, Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA), is employed to detect for an efficiency gains (loss) resulting from the mergers and acquisitions among domestic incorporated Singapore banking groups -- Employed a variant of the intermediation approach to two models – The results from both models suggest that the merger has resulted in higher mean overall efficiency of Singapore banking group post-merger relative to pre-merger – Although mergers have resulted in a more efficient Singapore banking sector, we found that size has become the biggest factor resulting in the inefficiency of the Singapore banking groups, henceforth, from the scale efficiency perspective, neither of our models support for further consolidation in the Singapore banking sector -- Our results further support the hypothesis that, the acquiring banks mean overall efficiency improved (deteriorates) post-merger resulting from the merger with a more (less) efficient bank], pp 1-37; 2) Mukhriz Izrafi
Azmin Aziz & Nor’ Aznin Abu Bakar, “China’s accession into the WTO: impact on the Malaysian economy” [From the Abstract – China’s accession into the WTO will have major implications for China presenting opportunities and challenges for Malaysia – The prospect of China’s deeper integration with the world economy has generated considerable interest in the potential impact of this accession; given China’s already large and rapidly expanding commitments will undoubtedly enhance the trading position of China in the world economy – However, most of the studies have focused on the impact of this accession on China’s economy and there are few studies that have investigated its impact on other countries, especially developing countries – This study proposes an attempt to fill the research gap in this area by assessing implications of China’s entry into the WTO on Malaysian manufacturing exports – We quantify the implications using multiple Revealed Comparative advantage indexes on the Electrical and Electronic sectors of Malaysia and China – The significant changes in comparative advantage have occurred in China since 2001 – But Malaysia is experiencing declining comparative advantage since the accession of China to the WTO]. pp 38-62; V.19.n.1 April 2007 – 1) Edo Andriesse, “The impact of national institutions on economic development in Satun (Thailand) and Perlis (Malaysia)” [Analyzes the impact of national institutions on regional arrangements between the private and the public sector – In addition, attempts to include politics in the analysis – A comparison is made between the province of Satun in Southern Thailand and the state of Perlis in northern Malaysia, two peripheral regions within their respective national space economies – The objectives are three central questions: a) What institutional arrangements are in place for cooperation and coordination between the public and private sector in both regions; b) What are the political dimensions of these institutional arrangements; c) What extent does the national framework influence regional institutional arrangements & ultimately regional development?], pp 74-109.

Commonwealth & Comparative Politics

V.47 July 2009 1) Andreas Ufen, “Mobilizing political Islam: Indonesia and Malaysia compared” [From the Abstract – Analyzes forms of religious mobilization and resultant Islamization in Indonesia and Malaysia after independence against the backdrop of interactions in and among 3 different spheres: the state, political society, and civil society – Islamization in Indonesia was propelled by different actors, and only from the mid-1980s until the fall of Suharto did the state apparatus control and direct its dynamics with growing intensity – Since then, the process has preponderantly been driven by civil society forces – Whereas there has been a blossoming of diverse, yet mostly conservative Islam across the society, in the party system the Islamization of politics has been moderate – In Malaysia, Islamization has been much more actively planned and stimulated by the central bureaucracy – Religion in political society has been planned and stimulated by the central bureaucracy – Religion in political society has been strongly politicized, while Islam civil society organization and groupings had a strong impact only briefly – Whereas in Indonesian civil society mass organizations have structured the discourse on Islam to a large extent and have therefore limited the ability of the state and political parties to set the agenda and mobilize Islam; In Malaysia the state and Islamic political parties have acted more independently – Authoritarian rule in Indonesia previously obstructed religious mobilization by Islamic & Islamist parties – The brittle electoral democracy since the fall of Suharto has fuelled mobilization efforts, but the role of the Islamic and Islamist parties has still been limited – Electoral authoritarianism in Malaysia, in contrast, has been conducive to a form of religious mobilization that is centered upon the activities of parties], pp 308-333.

Far Eastern Economic Review

July/August 2009 1) Razeen Sally, “Sri Langka at the crossroads” [From the article – ‘Sri Langka is a sad tale of what might have been, with better governance, it could be where Malaysia is now – As of 1960, Ceylon’s living standards were higher than those of South Korea and Thailand – As of 1970, Ceylon and Malaysia had similar living standards – With peace and East Asian style policies of macroeconomic prudence, openness to the world and better government at home, Sri Langka would be where Malaysia is today (with an average real income of over $15,000 at purchasing power parity)], pp 30-35; 2) Peter Ritter, “Borneo’s ‘Green Gold’ [A description mostly of Malaysia’s Borneo: its waning rain forests, secondary growth, and palm oil plantations – And a bit of Indonesia’s Kalimantan], pp 77-79.

Journal of East Asian studies

V.9.n.2 May-August 2009 – a) Teri L Caraway, “Labor rights in East Asia: progress or regress” [From the Abstract – (Summary of the volume about labor rights in East Asian and Southeast Asian labor rights: Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Cambodia, China, Laos, and Vietnam ], pp 153-186; b) Richard W Carney & Loh Yi Zheng, “Institutional (dis)incentives to innovate: an explanation for Singapore’s innovation gap” [From the Abstract – Despite having the 5th highest per capita GDP in the world, and despite numerous government efforts to spur innovation, Singapore has faced difficulties establishing a durable base of entrepreneurial activity – Many ascribe this failure to the city-state’s policies, that are often portrayed as generating a culture of risk aversion and a lack of creativity – But this article argues that the city-state’s institutional arrangements generate conflicting innovation incentives that undermine innovative activity], pp 291-319.

Journal of economic issues

V.43.n.2 June 2009 – 1) Giuseppe Fontana & Abhinav Srivastava, “A human capital approach to inequalities: the case of the East Asian Miracle and India” [From the Abstract – The extraordinary growth and reduction in inequalities achieved between the mid-1960s by the High Performing Asian Economies (HPAEs); Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, China, Indonesia and Thailand... which have been discussed at great length in the economic literature – But no clear explanation has been suggested for the poor performance of other Asian economies, such as India, which share the HPAEs geographical proximity and similar economic structures – Paper shows the stark contrast between the high growth rates and declining income inequalities of HPAEs on one side and low growth rates and stable or rising income inequalities of India and other Asian countries on one side, may at least in part be explained by the different role that human capital has played in those economies between the mid-1960s and mid-1990s], pp 523-530.

Malaysian business

February 16th-28th 2009 – 1) A Kadir Jasin, “Other thots: losing in the credibility stakes” [The ruling coalitions backdoor
recapture of Perak, while showing up the weaknesses of the Opposition, does not augur well for it, especially at a time when it is facing two by-elections – It risks facing a voter backlash and even more losses in the next election – Having failed last August to recapture the Pematang Pauh parliamentary seat from PKR and losing the federal seat of Kuala Trengganu to PAS last month, the BN is hard pressed to show some improvement], pp 6-8; 2) Charles Raj, “Commentary: hopping mad” [The fact that we might need anti-hopping laws is sad, to say the least, as it is clear indication that our politicians simply lack the values needed to do the right thing – But as political instability is unthinkable, especially in an economic crisis like now – Perhaps we do not have much of a choice -- Unless our politicians display a sense of high moral values, legislation may be the only way to thwart their despicable actions] p 19; March 1-15th 2009 – 1) A Kadir Jasin, “Other thots: heir to a troubled throne” [To say that Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Abdul Razak will be taking over the leadership of the country at a difficult time would be an understatement – From a global economic crisis of unprecedented scale to local political rumblings never seen before, he has his work cut out for him – Can the besmirched political aristocrat hack it? – Given his less-than shiny image, Mohd Najib has to spring a few surprises to attract public attention and alter their perception of him]. pp 6-17; 2) Charles Raj, “Commentary: make them pay” [Officials of local authorities should be made to pay for their dereliction of duty in relations to disasters like the ones concerning hillside development projects – So why are we protecting them instead? – We also have all the laws in place relating to hillside development but poor enforcement – Is it a matter of manpower shortage or corruption? ], p 19; March 16th-31st 2009 – 1) A Kadir Jasin, “Other thots: translating the mini budget into action” [The mini budget proposes to set aside another RM60 billion to stimulate the economy in the next 2 years – While this is laudable, the government has to be more open and transparent about where the money is going – Where has the money gone? – Mohd Najib is expected to revamp the cabinet, the leadership of the civil service and key advisory posts when he takes over the administration later this month], pp 6-8; 2) Charles Raj, “Commentary: making business easier” [While red tape has been shortened considerably of late in the country, there is still a long way to go before we can pat ourselves on the back – This is true especially now, when we need to do everything we can to counter the economic downturn – We once were well regarded as an investment haven in Southeast Asia, but that was then – The world has since passed us by as we are too embroiled in our own petty issues and quarrels to notice], p 9.

The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies
V.25 – 2007 – 1) Michael Jacobsen & Ng Beoy Kui (eds), “Introduction, in the shadow of Mainland China: changing ethnic Chinese business practices in Southeast Asia” [From the Introduction – It has been argued that one of the main reasons behind Mainland China’s post 1978 rise to its current status as a global economic superpower has been particularly the economic success of Southeast Asian Chinese entrepreneurs, who sent huge amounts of foreign direct investments (FDI) to China in order to develop, and thus tap into, this emerging market; and the success of these entrepreneurs has generally been attributed to some shared cultural characteristics with Mainland Chinese entrepreneurs, which were based on Confucian values that govern an array of economic practices such as guanxi (dyadic [business] relations) – & more], pp. 5-8; 2) Ng Beoy Kui , “The economic rise of China: threats and opportunities from the perspective of Southeast Asia” [ From the Abstract – Examines the economic impact of China on Southeast Asian countries, mainly in terms of trade and investment – Attempts to examine whether the rise of China poses a threat to Southeast Asia as a region in the area of international trade, and questions if the concentration of foreign direct investment (FDI) in China is resulting in a diversion of FDI away from the region – Do FDI in China and Southeast Asia complement on another when it comes to the international division of labor? – And more ], pp 9-27; 3) Michael Jacobsen, “Living in the shadow of Mainland China: constraints among SEA Chinese entrepreneurs” [From the Abstract – Taking a point of departure in the fluid political and economic landscape of East and Southeast Asia, this paper focuses on ethnic Chinese SME entrepreneurs in Southeast Asia, who are gradually becoming the focus in a discussion of whether a rising Mainland Chinese economy is a positive or negative force in Asia – The differentiation of the ethnic Chinese community in Southeast Asia, it is argued, is a reflection of many different influences from especially colonialism and different contemporary social and political developments within the individual Southeast Asian countries – And More], pp 28-49; 4) Thomas Menkhoff, Ulrike Badibanga & Chay Yue Wah, “Managing change in Asian business: a comparison between Chinese Educated and English educated Chinese entrepreneurs in Singapore” [From the Abstract – Examines the organizational change management behavior of the owner-managers of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Singapore – The analysis of survey data is aimed at ascertaining whether there are any differences between Chinese and English educated small (ethnic Chinese) businesses in terms of Change Management (CM), a dichotomy that is of great historical and political-cultural significant in Singapore -- The survey data show that there are indeed differences between the subgroups, but the variations turned out to be far less pronounced than expected -- And more], pp 50-73; 5) Ramin Cooper Maysami & Christopher Ziemnowicz, “Ethnicity, gender and entrepreneurial tendencies: the Singapore perspective” [From the Abstract – Creativity and risk-taking, widely accepted prerequisites for successful entrepreneurial behavioral , were absent for a long time from Singaporean culture, where people were accustomed to well paying and readily available jobs in the public sector -- As a result of the economic slowdown of the late 1990s, promoting entrepreneurial activities became a priority of the Singapore government – This study analyzes the entrepreneurial characteristics of Singapore’s multi-racial and multi-cultural society, and attempts to find if there are any reasons why some people are more readily willing to engage in entrepreneurial behavior, based on factors such as race, gender, and culture], pp 74-; 6) Sew Tong Fock & Barry Wilkinson, “Over the Weberian Wall: Chinese family business in Singapore” [From the Abstract – Overseas Chinese businesses have been characterized as possessing unique cultural attributes or being embedded in specific institutional environments that construct their growth and lead to them...
taking on limited economic roles – Familism, particularism, nepotism, and lack of state support (among other cultural and institutional features) it is argued, stand in the way of the emergence of large, successful and enduring firms, and problems of inter-generation transition frequently leading to their demise – Argues that such a fatalistic prognosis is misplaced and uses case studies of successful Chinese family businesses in Singapore to demonstrate how business leaders, as agents, can incorporate, defy, or re-combine elements from the socio-cultural environment in ways that enable continuity and growth – Additionally, this chapter highlights the role of a proactive state at play in promoting a specific Chinese capitalism, which despite its culturalist associations, is based on capitalist practices], pp 99-125.

The economist
July 4th-10th 2009 – 1) “Malaysia’s racial-preference policy: the prime minister reforms his father’s economic policy” [In 1971 Malaysia’s 2nd PM, Abdul Razak, began a policy of racial preferences for majority Malays and other “sons of the soil” – Goals of the NEP were to reduce poverty & redistribute wealth which was mostly in the hands of Chinese and other ‘sons of the soil’ – He told foreign investors – On 30 June 2009, Abdul Razak’s son (Najib Razak), presently the PM, has told foreign investors that Malaysia needed to overhaul its manufacturing-based economy to avoid falling into a ‘middle-income country trap’, and proposed to reform the requirement that all listed companies must have 30% of their equity in Malay ownership; AND limits on foreign stakes in fund management and stock-brokering will be relaxed – This is welcome news… It will help Malaysia’s relations with the country’s trading partners … the US and the European Union… both of which have complained that the rules have been race-based – But the main audience is Malaysia’s restless voters, who are leaning towards the political opposition, led by Anwar Ibrahim, who has vowed to dismantle the NEP – And much more], p 37; July 18th-24th 2009 – 1) “Asia: Malaysia’s opposition… Anwar holds the PAS” [How stable is Malaysia’s would-be coalition government? – Life in rubber-tapping villages of northeast Malaysia with a crowd of national politicians descending into the kampongs – Anwar holding the PAS, but the party possibly split, Anwar facing a trial; UMNO not strongly united; Indian and Chinese allies of UMNO standing aside?], pp 38-39; 2) “Economic and financial indicators” [‘Authorities in Singapore reckon that the island nation’s GDP rose by 20.4% at an annualized rate in the second quarter – But GDP was still 3.7% lower than a year earlier], p 93. July 25th-31st 2009 – 1) “Terrorism in South-East Asia: after the bombings” [From the article – The fight against Jemaah Islamiah is going better than it might seem – Cross-border co-operation tops the agenda whenever ministers in Southeast Asia meet, as they did this week on the Thai island of Phuket… Until now, legitimate businesses have struggled to build a common presence in the region – The same cannot be said for Jemaah Islamiah which are blamed for the suicide bombings of upscale business hotels in Jakarta on July 17th – The group cross-polinates jihadists from Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines, feeding on sectarian strife, lax policing and anti-Western hatred – Indonesia has arrested hundreds of Jemaah Islamiah suspects, and Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines have captured others – Singapore and Malaysia have detained terror suspects without trial – And much more], p 40. August 1st-7th 2009 – 1) “Banyan/Malaysia’s chameleon: the rise, fall and rise of Anwar Ibrahim, South-East Asia’s most extraordinary politician” [From the article – One evening in mid-July Anwar was deep in the rubber-tapping state of Kelantan in northern Malaysia, urging a crowd of rural folk to vote for a devout fishmonger, a candidate from the conservative Islamic Party (PAS) – The author of the article (not named) notes the paradox of Anwar, a member of the largest political party, UMNO, having to persuade voters to favor a politician who is a member of a opposition party – But Anwar Ibrahim needs votes from PAS to win – Summarizes some events of Anwar’s political and private life], p 39.

The Journal of development communication
V.19,n.1 June 2008 – 1) Mohd Safar Hasim & Norizan A Razak & Ali Salman, “Sustainability of internet usage and digital divide [From the introduction – Presents a study on the sustainability of internet usage in a rural setting, Kota Bahru, Malaysia, chosen because it is a small town in the north-eastern part of Peninsular Malaysia, and because it is a ‘typical rural town’, which is to say that not all the houses are wired up through either telephone wires or wireless to receive internet services; but internet services are available nonetheless, at internet cafes or offices where the respondents work -- People need not have internet connection in their homes to use the internet and the services available -- Only those who use the internet were interviewed – Article reports the factors studied concerning sustainability, indispensability, relevance, gratification and beneficial usage], pp 63-86. V.19,n.2 December 2008 – 1) Hasmah Zanuddin, “Malaysia media at the crossroads: rise of the alternative media” [Discusses aspects of freedom of speech, other aspects such as the right of freedom of speech and expression, limitation to freedom, relationship to other rights; the internet and internet regulations; state sovereignty; political and cultural participation in the context of the other articles concerned with the propaganda model], pp 54-70.

The Pacific Review
V.22,n.3 July 2009 – 1) William Case, “Low-quality democracy and varied authoritarianism: elites and regimes in Southeast Asia today” [The papers in this special issue argue that it is less fruitiful to study democratic transitions than authoritarian durability – At the turn of the 21st century, Southeast Asia featured 3 new democracies – But only Indonesia is still rated by Freedom House as ‘politically free’ – Yet, even here, the legislators and party leaders who have been thrust up by democratic change rather engage with top bureaucrats and business tycoons in pursuit of largess than produce public goods – In the Philippines, corrupt practices and human rights violations have grown so severe that the country lost its rating of ‘free’ in 2007 – And Thailand’s democracy was disfigured by executive abuses, then overturned through a military coup – This issue investigates, then, the new authoritarian practices that mar regimes in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand, as well as older forms that have persisted or been reconstituted in Malaysia, Vietnam, and Burma – Where these papers differ from much recent scholarship, however, is in their extending study from historical and structural factors to elite-level voluntarism and relations], pp 255-269; AND 4) William Case, “Electoral authoritarianism in Malaysia: trajectory shift” [From the Abstract – Proposes an analytical framework to understand the origins, functioning, and dynamics of electoral authoritarianism in Malaysia – Explores notions of historical legacies, structural pressures, critical junctures, and institutional formation – In guarding against teleology, it also
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considers elite agency and ‘stunning elections’ – This framework applied in the case of Malaysia because, in anticipating contemporary trends, the country has so long perpetuated a paradigmatic electoral authoritarian regime – And yet, with many countries growing similarly authoritarian today, Malaysia has suddenly become less so, with the government having been dealt a startling setback in its latest contest, held in March 2008, thus losing its extraordinary majority in parliament and control over 5 states – Hence, if democratization once again gains steam round the world, Malaysia may presage this trend too, with its electoral authoritarianism, long so resilient, perhaps poised today on the edge of transition]. pp 311-333; 


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Anwar, Zainah (ed) – 2009 – wanted: equality & justice in the Muslim family, 264 pp. Musawah. GB GerakBudaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: Wordpress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my . ISBN: 9789832622260 [From www.gerakbudaya.com -- This collection of papers brings together arguments supporting Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family – These resources materials show how equality and justice are possible within an Islamic framework and why they are necessary given the socio-economic realities of today’s Muslim societies – This collection brings together analyses from a broad range of disciplines to support rights-based reform of Muslim family laws and protection of existing rights – The disciplines include: Qur’anic exegesis, fiqh or jurisprudence, socio-legal history and analysis, international human rights law, gender studies, political science, sociology and economics – The contributors are from leading scholars and analysts who are concerned about the need for equality and justice in the Muslim family – Book also a concise resource for the Musawah movement.]


Baker, Nick & Kelvin Lim – 2008 – Wild animals of Singapore: a photographic guide to mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fresh water fishes, 180 pp. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press (distributed for University of the Philippines Press). Pb ISBN: 978-981-05-9459-6 [The most comprehensive account of Singapore’s wild animals ever produced in one volume – Almost all terrestrial vertebrates currently occurring are described and illustrated in brilliant habitat photographs taken in Singapore: 38 mammals, 87 reptiles, 25 frogs and toads, and 30 freshwater fishes – There are additional chapters on how and where to find wildlife in Singapore, as well as checklists of all species ever recorded in the country, including those extinct, introduced, or of indeterminate status.]


C D, Abdullah – 2009 – The memoirs of abdullah c d (part one) the movement until 1948, 207 pp. SIRD. GB Gerak Budaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: Wordpress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my . ISBN: 9789833782642 [From the Abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- Malaysia’s Independence on 31 August 1957 cannot be alienated from the contributions of various forces and groups who had been involved in the anti-colonial struggle since World War II – But there are historians who have argued that the spirit of Malay anti-colonialism before World War II was weak, akin to setting fire to damped wood – They maintain that this spirit only came alive after the Japanese Occupation during World War II – By my own observations and involvement, this view needs to be reconsidered -- Although the rise of nationalism only became evident after the war, its seed had been sown long before – I hope my memoir will contribute a little to the efforts of rewriting the history of our land – I hope it will complement the historical gaps yet to be filled – Perhaps it will help students & researchers to think from different perspectives and make more balanced assessments about the anti-colonial fighters who were leftists.]

Devaraj, Jeyakumar – 2009 – Malaysia at the crossroads: a socialist perspective, 123 pp. Parsosma. GB GerakBudaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: Wordpress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my . ISBN: 9789834454708 [From the Abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM) was registered as a political party in late 2008, after its long and successful challenge to the earlier decision by the Home Minister to deny registration – With one Member of Parliament and a State Assemblyman in Selangor, and an active dedicated membership, the PST is already playing an important role in the affairs of our nation – But what is its program? What are its principles? – How does it view the immediate and longer-term future of our nation? – In this collection of articles by Dr Jeyakumar, MP of Sg Siput, and
Maharani, a member of the PSM Central Committee, readers will find a number of crucial issues discussed, including the globalized economy, race relations, Hindraf, privatization of essential services and the future of socialism in Malaysia – This book provides a refreshing alternative insight into topics that affect us all.]

Dubey, Manish —2009—Agriculture and water management, vi+256 pp. Indian Books On Southeast Asian from India. ISBN: 817884145 [www.indianbooksonsotheastasia.com] — Short of water for agriculture a problem in most parts of the world – There is increasing concern that agricultural development contributes significantly to general environmental degradation – And these problems lead to dangerous problems regarding economic development and social structures – Increasing the efficiency with which water is used in agriculture is a major priority – For many countries, agriculture is the largest water user and to improve water use efficiency in agriculture would have a significant impact on sustainable development – Also, water quality is important, and it is important to be at the right time – Table of contents: Preface; Ch1 “Impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate changes in Asia”; Ch2 “Good practices on strategic planning and management of water resources in Asia and the Pacific”; Ch3 “Integrated water resources development for the Nadi River Basin”; Ch4 “Integrated water resources in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic”; Ch5 “Management of water resources in Malaysia”; Ch6 “Strategic plan on integrated water resources management in Myanmar”; Ch7 “Strategic plan of the Pakistan council of research in water resources”; Bibliography; and Index.]

Fakeh, Shamsiah —2009—The memoirs of Shamsiah Fakeh: from AWAS to 10th Regiment, 189 pp. SIRD. GB GerakBudaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: WordPress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my. ISBN: 9789839048772 [From the Abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com — Shamsiah Fakeh was a leader in the independence movement among a group of Malay women who fought in the jungles of Malaya – She was the head of Angkatan Wanita Seder (AWAS) which joined forces with Angkatan Pemuda Insaf (API) as flag bearers in the demand for independence from the British – She and her husband collaborated with API head, Ahmad Boestamam, stoking the spirits of many Malay youths to take up arms against the colonizers; and she also joined the 10th Regiment, the wing of the Malay Communist Party (MCP) – Later, she and her husband Ibrahim were sent to China, Indonesia and Vietnam to inflame the spirit of nationalism among other people who were still colonized – Later, she was expelled from the MCP, and lived in China working in a factory – She and her family returned to Malaysia on 23 July 1994, well after the peace accords between the MCP and the Malaysian and Thailand governments signed an accord in Haadyai in 1989 – Returned home she lived a moderate life in old age with her children and grandchildren.]

Fischer, Johan —2009—Proper Islamic consumption: shopping among the Malays in modern Malaysia, 272 pp. NIAS Monographs, No. 113. Distributed by University of Hawai’i Press for Nordic Institute of Asian Studies. Pb ISBN: 978-87-7694-032-4 [From www.uhpress.hawaii.edu — The West has seen the rise of the organic movement; In the Muslim world, a similar halal movement is rapidly spreading – Malaysia is at the forefront of this new global phenomenon – Examining the powerful linkages between class, consumption, market relations, Islam and the state in contemporary Malaysia, this is the first book to explore how Malaysia’s emerging Malay middle class is constituted through consumer practices and Islamic revivalism – By exploring consumption practices in urban Malaysia, this book shows how diverse forms of Malay middle-class consumption (of food, clothing, and cars, for example) are understood, practiced, and contested as a particular mode of modern Islamic practice – It illustrates ways in which the issue of “proper Islamic consumption” for consumers, the market place, and the state in contemporary Malaysia evokes a whole range of contradictory Islamic visions, lifestyles, and debates articulating what Islam is or ought to be.]

Gatsioumis, Ioannis —2009—Beyond the veneer: Malaysia’s struggle for dignity and direction, 272 pp. Tuttle Publishing; current affairs, Monsoon books. Pb ISBN: 13-978-981-08-0657-6 [From the catalog – Beyond the veneer is a comprehensive and timely account of a pivotal turning point in Malaysia ... the 2008 elections which saw the ruling coalition, Barisan Nasional, suffer its worst showing since independence, balancing political power and bringing hope of a more progressive, democratic future – The author is a leading expert on Malaysia and lives in Malaysia.]

Ghee, Lim Teck & Alberto Gomes & Azly Rahman (eds) — 2009—Multiethnic Malaysia: past, present and future, 530 pp. UCIS University & SIRD. GB GerakBudaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: WordPress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my. ISBN: 978-983-3782-78-9 [From the Abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- Contributions from a distinguished team of independent scholars, the chapters provide a definitive survey of the interaction of race, ethnicity, nationalism and politics in Malaysia – Examines the historical roots of national and ethnic identity, the sources of conflict and social change and social cohesion, and contemporary manifestations of ethnic tension and solidarity in areas such as economic policy, cultural politics, education and migration – The contributors delineate a variety of possible paths to reconciliation and the construction of a genuinely multiethnic society – Challenging mainstream thinking, Multiethnic Malaysia breathes fresh life into debates on ethnicity and the past, present and future of Malaysian society – It is indispensable reading for students, academics, activists and policy makers wanting to engage in these debates, and help achieve a more just and equitable society – Contributors: Arief S M Omar, Azly Rahman, Cheah Boon Kheng, Alberto Gomes, Edmund Terence Gomes, Khoo Kay Kim, Lee Kam Hing, Lim Teck Ghee, Maznah Mohamad, S Negarajan, Sheila Nair, Ong Puay Liu, Oii Kee Beng, P Ramasamy, Johan Saravanamuttu, Syed Husin Ali, Shanthi Thambiah, Wazir Jahan Karim, Diana Wong, Zainah Anwar, and Zawawi Ibrahim.]

Heng, Derek & Syed Muhd Khairudin —2009—Reframing Singapore, The Chicago University Press (Distributed for Amsterdam University Press). ISBN: 9780814049094 [From www.press.uchicago.edu/presssite -- Over the past 2 decades, Singapore has advanced rapidly towards becoming both a global city-state and a key nodal point in the international economic sphere – These developments have caused reassessments of how we understand this nation, including its history, population, and geography, as well as its trans-
Keong, Voon Phin – 2008—Malaysian Chinese and nation-building: before Merdeka and fifty years after (volume 2), 796 pp. Center for Malaysian Chinese Studies. GB GerakBudaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: WordPress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my. ISBN: 978-983-343727-27 [From the Abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- Since the 1930’s he was involved in the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) in the struggle against the British to free Malaya – Asked why he chose to take this path and not another, and also asked about his experiences, particularly about his experiences in the CPM -- Endured the extreme bitterness of living under both the British and Japanese – Fought against the Japanese during their occupation (1941-45) with all his might, just as when the British returned to rule Malaya in 1945 – He agitated peacefully against the British as one of the CPMS public representatives, openly organizing the masses for independence -- Soon after the declaration of the Emergency he was caught and imprisoned in British detention camps until 1952 -- He managed to escape and join the 10th Regiment of the Malayan National Liberation Army with his close friend, Abdullah C D in December 1955 and participated in the Baling Talks with Chin Peng and Chen Tien -- In 1989, he was on the CPM’s representatives in the Phuket negotiations which resulted in the Haadyai Peace Accord of 2 December, 1989.]
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Economy (by Helen E N Sesadurai & J Soedradjad Djijawandono) – Part I: Southeast Asia/ASEAN and the Asian giants: Ch2, “ASEAN and India - exploring complementarities” (by Rahul Sen & Sadhana Srivastava); Ch3, “ASEAN and China: managing competition and exploring complementarities” (by Yunhua Liu); – Part II: Securing international competitiveness; Ch4, “Bilateral economic arrangements in the Asia-Pacific - Implications for competitiveness” (author(s) not noted); Ch5, “Technological intensities and network strength – electronic firms in East Asia and Southeast Asia compared (by Rajah Rasiah); Ch6, “Managing labor for competitiveness in Southeast Asia” (by Chew Soon Beng & Rosaline Chew); Part II: Competitiveness and the social dimension: Ch7, “Labor regulations in Southeast Asia – boon or bane for competitiveness” (by Carolina S Guina); Ch8, “Social security policy in an era of globalization – challenges for Southeast Asia” (by Mukul G Asher & Amarendra Nandy); Ch9, “Corporate social responsibility in Southeast Asia” (No author). Index.


[From the Abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- As one leans on a lovely Indonesian table, slips into a stylish T-shirt, sips a rare Arabica coffee, or munches on delicious shrimp, one is in the new circuits of Southeast Asian economics – Most US readers have largely forgotten about this region and hear of it mainly in references to the Vietnam War or threatened tigers – But the region has reconfigured itself, its politics, and its economies in highly complex, often unpredictable ways under this round of neo-liberal globalization. ... Taking Southeast Asia to market by local institutions and actors – A useful and definitive collection on politics, socio-natures, and globalization (Abstract by Susanne Hecht).]


[From www.press.uchicago.edu/presssite -- Lushly illustrated catalogue of the 120 natural history drawings that comprise the Raffles Family Collection, acquired by the British Library in 2007 – The story of these colorful drawings of plants, birds, and mammals is dramatic: Chinese and French artists from the island of Sumatra composed the bulk of them during on ten-week period in 1874, in order to replace over 2,000 similar drawings, priceless Malay manuscripts, animal specimens, and living animals (including a tiger specially tamed for the voyage) that perished in a shipboard fire – Accompanied by 130 full-color illustrations, this volume captures an array of historical flora and fauna superbly reproduced for lovers of exotic plants and gardens.]

Piers, Anoma –2009—Hidden hands and divided landscapes: a penal history of Singapore’s rural society, 416 pp. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press (in association with the Institute of postcolonial studies, Melbourne, Australia. Pb ISBN: 978-0-8248-3354-1 [In the 19th century, the colonial Straits Settlements of Singapore, Penang, and Melaka were free ports of British trade and proved attractive to large numbers of regional migrants – After slavery was abolished in 1833, the straits government transported convicts fro the East India Company’s Indian presidencies to the settlements as a source of inexpensive labor – The prison became the primary experimental site for the colonial plural society and convicts were graduated by race and the labor needed for urban construction – This book investigates how a political system aimed at managing ethnic communities in the larger context of the colonial urban project, which was first imagined and tested through the physical segregation of the colonial prison – The book relates the story of continuity of Singapore as prison and city and its plural society.]


[From the abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- Charlene Rajendran is one of many Malaysians living in Singapore, and she chooses not to own a car – This book chronicles her conversations with some of the ‘driving philosophers’ she has met on the hundreds of taxi rides she has taken – Ethnicity, gender, nationhood, religion, and more are discoursed in short trips across the island state – Seemingly transient and anonymous, but never lonely, the space of a taxi might be the ideal place for both passenger and driver to ponder the world that is literally passing by – Taxi tales on a crooked bridge is a quirky, lively and often surprising book that also incorporates many photographs.]


[From the abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- The rise of the ICT-related service industries is not only changing India’s economy, but also reconfiguring its urban landscapes – This volume looks at the emergence of ‘high-tech’ India, together with ‘high-tech’ experiences in selected Asian and European countries, from the perspective of geographers and other scholars interested in how society uses and transforms urban space – And, in most cities, spectacular new business districts are created emphasizing difference by means of spatial separation from the rest of the city and a distinct style of architecture – Specific high-tech spaces first appeared in Western cities in the 1970s; and in the last few decades these high-tech spaces have spread around the world, producing distinct urban landscapes and spatial patterns – These differences reflect local conditions, as well as the demands made by leading companies, and the ambitions of local politicians that determine the ICT policies – The ICT and other high-tech industries offer opportunities for economic growth and development, but can also trigger social exclusion, uproot communities, widen urban disparities and more generally add to urbanization problems of pressure on infrastructure – Takes a comparative approach in discussing the engagement of high-tech industries and urban space, and the associated problems and challenges – Presents a range of case studies in India and other Asian countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, and China; as well as European countries such as The Netherlands and France – Part I: Perspectives on high-tech spaces. Ch1]

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ESPECIALLY serious, touching upon his personal honor and integrity; many blogs are unlikely to go away – eyes of his detractors, and their numbers are legion – dangerous situation as the legendary Harold Macmillan, the British Tory prime minister of the “winds of change” in such a difficult and dangerous situation – He would rate an A+ for sangfroid in the eyes of his detractors, and their numbers are legion – However, the rumors about him with such regular monotony on many blogs are unlikely to go away – The allegations are serious, touching upon his personal honor and integrity – What a way to begin his stewardship of a troubled nation that seems to lack moral direction – The people of Malaysia must not be short changed by having someone who has yet to clear his name in a court of law foisted on them – Najib has all positive qualities of leadership – It would be a pity if he chose to ignore the increasingly persistently strident collective voice for high moral and ethical standards in our political leaders – And more.

Sisters in Islam –2009—Women as judges, (revised ed) 41 pp. Sisters in Islam / GB GerakBudaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: WordPress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my. ISBN: 9832622069 [From www.gerakbudaya.com -- Sisters in Islam (SIS) and other women's groups have pushed for the appointment of women as judges in the Shari'ah Courts since the 1990's – To counter objections alleging that such appointment would be contrary to the shari'ah, SIS has embarked on a research project to put forward the following arguments in support of women as Shari'ah Court Judges – SIS research has shown that interpretations that discriminate against women were influenced by cultural practices and values which regarded women as inferior and subordinate to men – This Q & A booklet is written to illustrate the fact that in Islam, men and women are created equal, and that qualified women should be able to be judges.]

Soong, Kua Kia (ed) –2009—Toni Kasim: many shades of good: a tribute, 132 pp. Suaram Komunikasi. GB GerakBudaya Enterprise Sdn Bhd: WordPress Internet Marketing by MyWeb.com.my : [From the Abstract at www.gerakbudaya.com -- Toni, was a human rights defender extra-ordinaire – She was on the secretariats of SUARAM, the human rights organization, the All Women’s Action Society, as well as Sisters in Islam, among others – She fought for justice and equality for all, regardless of gender, ethnicity or creed – The diversity and range of her commitments covered poverty eradication, environmental protection, sustainable transport, disaster management, health and support for vulnerable and marginalized groups – This tribute by her family, friends and admirers captures her contributions and impact on many lives during the relatively short time she lived.]
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1) The American Ethnological Society has a new website – Check it out at www.aesonline.org. -- You will find information relevant to all aspects of the society, including the meetings, awards, news and AES working projects – The site also provides on-line access to the journal, the American Ethnologist – From David Nugent, the President, AES.

>POSITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

(Thanks to Kendall Thu kthui@niu.edu ) – Northern Illinois University anticipates hiring an entrepreneurial individual to become the first Director of the Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD), pending budgetary approval – The Center for NGO Leadership & Development is one of NIU’s strategic planning initiatives, a new interdisciplinary unit that involves multiple departments and colleges – A primary responsibility of the director is providing leadership and teaching in a new undergraduate major in Community Leadership & Civic Engagement (CLCE) – The director must lead diverse faculty, staff, and students associated with NGOLD to achieve its mission of integrating undergraduate & graduate curricula & conducting scholarly research relevant to domestic and international settings – A primary goal is engagement, outreach, and consulting, particularly with some of the 9,000 NGOs in the Chicago area – Much more important information may be found at www.mpa.niu.edu/pub_ad/faculty_staff/Thurmajer.shtml. The position requires a Ph.D. and a research record appropriate for appointment as a full or associate professor with tenure.

>AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

(Abstracted from full reports by Margaret John, A I Canada, Coordinator for Malaysia & Singapore: malaysiasingaporecoordinate@amnesty.ca) – 10 August 2009 1) -- In Malaysia, promises of reform at the recent start of PM Najib’s tenure are in contrast to what is now happening – Prominent opposition leaders are facing serious charges in court, and in the latest large-scale demonstration, hundreds of peaceful anti-ISA protestors and critics were arrested – Another death, suspected related to an official interrogation by Malaysia’s Anti-Corruption Commission of an opposition political aide – Opposition is being shown against government limiting internet access to some websites, a move seen as designed to further restrict opposition criticism and freedom of expression – As the situation worsens, individuals and NGOs urge democratic reforms, including the liberalization of the political process; new elections in Perak state & reform of the police and judiciary. 2) In Singapore National Day celebrations ran alongside continuing misuse of the law against opposition critics and human rights defenders – Dr Chee Soon Juan, re-elected secretary-general of the Singapore Democratic Party and colleagues continue to refuse to remain silent – The SDP said it was building a credible and effective opposition and that its mission was to work towards social, economic and political justice – Recently, Dr Chee invited Foreign Minister George Yeo to engage with him in a public debate about issues central to Singaporeans

17 August 2009 1) -- AI’s mission to Malaysia to investigate the treatment and conditions of the many migrants, asylum seekers and refugees is now over – Mission members were staff from AI’s International Secretariat and included Vinod Ravindranath from its Malaysia team – Information both before and during the mission from many sources have been
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confirming that very serious concern is warranted – Malaysia has not taken the very basic step of ratifying the International Covenant on Refugees, despite its promise to study ratification arising from the UN Human Rights Council’s recommendation in its Universal Periodic Review earlier this year. 20 August 2009 1) On 20 July 2009, the Shariah High Court in the Malaysian state of Pahang sentenced Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno, age 32, to 6 strokes of the cane and fined her RN 5,000 (ca. US $1,400) after she pleaded guilty to consuming alcohol (beer) last year at a hotel – Also the judge also threatened to jail her for 3 years if she did not pay the RM 5,000 fine (which she subsequently paid) – Amnesty International reminded the Malaysian authorities that caning is a form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and is prohibited under international human rights law -- The court ordered Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno remanded at the Kajang women’s prison from 24 August, and caned within 7 days -- While, apparently, no female (nor male) Malaysian citizen has ever before been lawfully caned in the country; nonetheless caning is legal punishment for illegal migrants (the Malaysian government announced that 47,914 illegal immigrants had been caned as of June 2009). 22 August 2009 1) Despite promises of reform at the start of PM Najib’s tenure, human rights are in a sad state – Opposition activists and human rights defenders have been arrested in their hundreds and opposition leaders are facing criminal charges – Deaths in custody continue as do reports of torture and ill treatment – Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers face perilous treatment at the hands of the authorities – Recommendations made earlier this year by the UN in its Universal Periodic Review of Malaysia have made little, if any, inroads into Malaysian human rights. It included the introduction of an anti-discrimination law: abolition of the ISA; and the relaxation of laws such as the Sedition Act and press legislation (Minsid discrimination law: abolition of the ISA; and the relaxation of laws such as the Sedition Act and press legislation (Minsid – 6 September 2009 1) In yet another trial, Dr Chee Soon Juan was convicted of speaking in public without a permit under the Public Entertainments and Meetings Act and fined S$10,000 or 10 weeks in prison – He is lodging an appeal – Yap Keng Ho, was similarly convicted and is serving a 20-day jail term after refusing to pay a S$2,000 fine (roughly equivalent to the Canadian dollar) – The charges were related to the selling of their party newspaper during the 2006 elections – Dr Chee argued that the charge against him is a red herring, since the Ministry for Home Affairs and police have stated that no permits will be issued for outdoor political events – Dr Chee said that such a ban clearly violated the Constitution and was therefore legally invalid – He pointed out that, as a citizen of Singapore, he is guaranteed fundamental freedoms of speech, expression and peaceful assembly -- Complain to President S R Nathan at: s_r_nathan@istana.gov.sg & yong_khan_koh@cpf.gov.sg .

>IN MEMORIAM (From Anthropology News V.50,n.6 Sept 2009, pp 49-50.) [Peter Wilson, 72, taught anthropology at Otago University in New Zealand for 27 years before he retired in 1998 as emeritus professor – Inspiring, witty and incisive, with an inextinguishable intellect -- He grew up in London, accepted a Cambridge scholarship, gaining a place in Pembroke College in 1954, and studied under some of the most influential figures of that time: Edmund Leach, Meyer Fortes and Jack Goody – After graduating Cambridge, Peter moved to Yale to work with George Murdock and the Human Relations Area Files (HRAF) – He wrote a number of scholarly books in several fields of Anthropology -- My favorite is A Malay Village and Malaysia … rp) 

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