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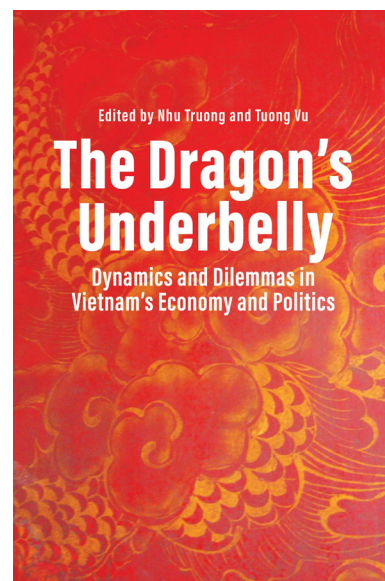
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THE DRAGON'S UNDERBELLY

Dynamics and Dilemmas in Vietnam's Economy and Politics

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About the BOOK

This book shows why Vietnam has not become the dragon it is often touted to be. The team of authors include both long-time observers and junior scholars who present cutting-edge research on the latest trends as well as major challenges facing the country's economy and political system. As Vietnam seeks to escape from poverty and the legacies of mistaken socialist policies, its economy has become fully integrated into the global economy. Yet, without an effective and far-sighted leadership, it is still occupying a low position in the global value chains and becoming increasingly dependent on China. Politically, after three decades of reform, the Vietnamese Communist Party's grip on power has adapted well to the market economy but is confronting deep vulnerabilities as observed in its eroding ability to control workers, the media, public universities and state-owned enterprises. The book also includes a section that applies formal and statistical methods to compare Vietnam with China in the two critical areas of political accountability and anti-corruption policy.

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CHINESE INVESTMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA Patterns and Significance

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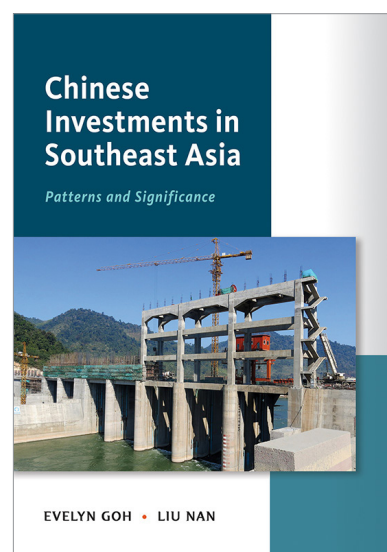
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About the BOOK

Southeast Asia's growing economic linkages with China have generated political opportunities and strategic concerns in equal measure. This study provides a fuller picture of Chinese investments in Southeast Asia for those seeking to understand its significance and impacts. From their carefully constructed dataset, Goh and Liu provide a regionwide, multi-sectoral analysis quantitative survey and analysis of key changes in Chinese investments in Southeast Asian economies over fifteen years, from 2005 to 2019. Additionally, they provide a qualitative assessment of the geopolitical significance of these trends and patterns. Thus, this study creates a baseline understanding of more recent Chinese investments in the region. In the near future, when a feasible data series can be collated for the years from 2020, it will also allow a sharper analysis of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Chinese investments in the region.



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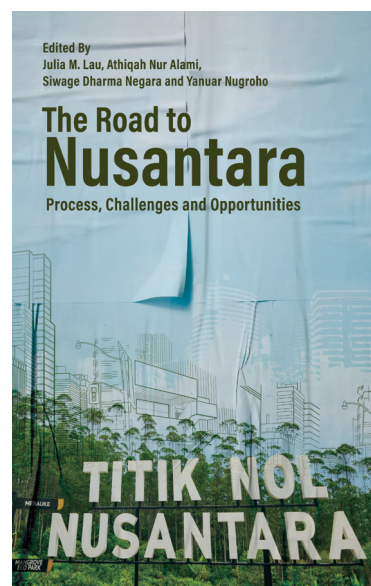
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THE ROAD TO NUSANTARA

Process, Challenges and Opportunities

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About the BOOK

The collective research effort of senior and junior scholars from Indonesia and beyond, *The Road to Nusantara: Process, Challenges and Opportunities* examines the political, economic, socio-cultural, security and environmental implications of President Joko Widodo's historic plan to move Indonesia's national capital from Jakarta to Nusantara, East Kalimantan. This volume will be of interest to policymakers, Indonesia's neighbours near and far, prospective investors, and students of Indonesia who wish to understand the complex challenges underlying this megaproject.

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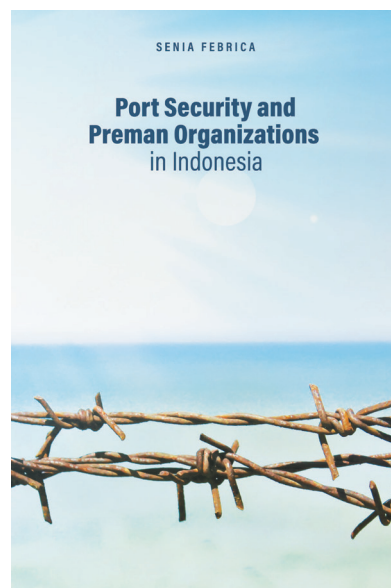
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About the BOOK

The global war against terrorism has created pressure for Indonesia to improve its security measures to deal with maritime terrorism. Following the 9/11 attacks and the 2002 Bali bombing, Indonesia has improved the security of its major ports and entered various international agreements to ensure its trading activities are not impeded. At the same time, in a bid to secure small ports and coastal areas in various parts of the country, *preman*—self-supporting, autonomous paramilitary—organizations began to play a greater role. This book explores the involvement of preman organizations in securing ports and coastlines in Jakarta, North Sulawesi and the Riau Islands. The security of ports and coastal areas in the three provinces is of international importance because of their proximity to major sea lanes of communication. The book carefully maps out the tensions, contradictions and implications of the use of *preman* organizations in the realization of Indonesia's efforts to be a truly democratic civil society.



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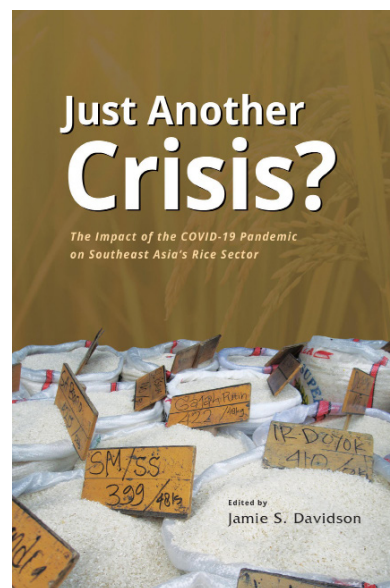
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JUST ANOTHER CRISIS? The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Southeast Asia's Rice Sector

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About the BOOK

"This timely volume chronicles and analyses the intersection of rice policies and the pandemic through case studies of a diverse range of Southeast Asian countries: rice exporters, rice importers and city-states. There is no group of eminent researchers better suited to carrying out this work, and they conduct the analysis by illuminating the historical context that is essential to an understanding of rice policies in the region. This volume is a must-read for anyone interested in rice policies and politics in contemporary Southeast Asia."

*David Dawe, Former Senior Economist with the
International Rice Research Institute and the Food and Agricultural Organization*

"This is highly recommended reading for those interested in an up-to-date and in-depth treatment of the political economy of rice policies in five major ASEAN countries, one chapter per country. While the book title indicates a topical focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Southeast Asia's rice sector, these chapters are much more than this, giving considerable historical context leading up the outbreak of the pandemic and looking forward after the pandemic."

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POPULATIONS AND PRECARITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC Southeast Asian Perspectives

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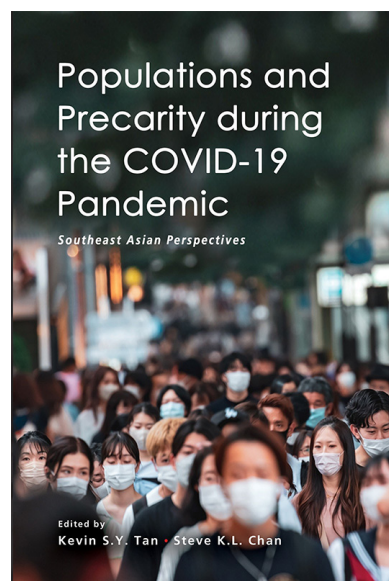
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About the BOOK

This volume is a collection of articles that examines how the COVID-19 pandemic affected and intersected with various Southeast Asian contexts in the broad areas of migration, education and demographic policy. At the height of the pandemic from 2020 to 2022, the resulting restrictions to international travel, ensuing nationwide lockdowns and eventual economic crises formed part of what many commentators referred to as a “new normal”. Apart from being a global health crisis, the pandemic disrupted and transformed the experience of everyday life at all levels of society, where many of its effects are now likely irreversible. In particular, the impact of the pandemic certainly affected the most vulnerable individuals and communities throughout the region, especially when taking into account the demographic transformations in countries that are experiencing rapid ageing such as Singapore and Thailand. Examples of the most affected include low-wage migrant workers, the disabled and the children of impoverished families. For many who were already living in a state of precarity, the structural “side-effects” of the pandemic were at times more deadly than the coronavirus itself as it often negatively impacted livelihood, social-emotional ties and overall well-being. At the same time, the “new normal” has further created conditions that raise the likelihood of occupational precarity even for long-term professionals within established fields like education. In other words, few experienced the COVID-19 pandemic without encountering both tangible and intangible challenges, regardless of where one was situated. Hence, by merging the theme of precarity with that of the pandemic’s undeniable and exacerbating effects, this volume hopes to establish a useful platform to reflect and learn from a range of scholarly views that can contribute to new knowledge and inform policymaking in Southeast Asian societies.



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SHIPWRECKS AND THE MARITIME HISTORY OF SINGAPORE

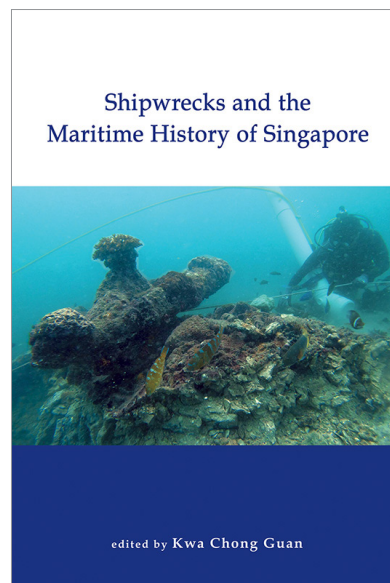
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About the BOOK

On 16 June 2021 the National Heritage Board announced the successful conclusion of the archaeological excavation of two shipwrecks at the eastern approach to Singapore. This maritime excavation, the largest in Singapore's waters, was conducted by the Archaeology Unit of the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute over a six-year period. This book documents the two shipwrecks and their findings, complemented by essays on Singapore's larger maritime history through time, from Temasek in the 14th century through the emergence of country trade to the late 18th century. Beyond the finds recovered from the bosom of the sea, the positioning of the shipwreck in the contexts of the past challenges us to rethink Singapore's history as a globally entangled one, determined by what was happening on the seas in and around the island.



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TRENDING ISLAM Cases from Southeast Asia

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About the BOOK

What are trending Islamic ideas in Southeast Asia; how are they transmitted and who transmits them? These are questions that linger among the minds of policymakers, diplomats and scholars interested in Islam in Southeast Asia. *Trending Islam* maps and discusses key personalities, groups or institutions that influence Muslims in the region. This book dedicates more space to discuss the role of the Internet in disseminating religious discourses. Internet's role, in particular the use of social media either to advance interpretations of Islamic ideas or to gain influence in the public sphere, is becoming more significant as it allows information to spread faster and wider. While not discounting traditional issues such as extremism and terrorism, matters that continue to affect many people's lives in the region, the book delves into the interaction between violent and non-violent extremism and the liberal and progressive responses to them. *Trending Islam* covers the transmission of Islam in several countries and some case studies.

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UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF INDONESIAN MILLENNIALS IN SHAPING THE NATION'S FUTURE

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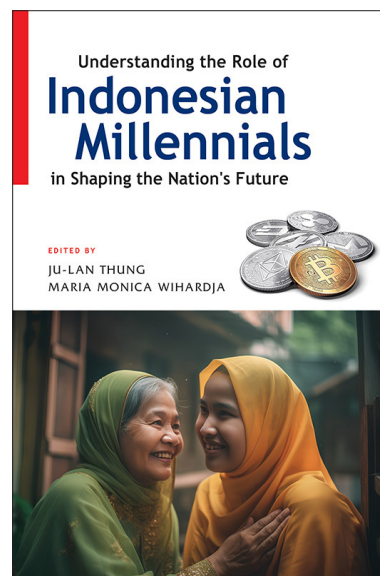
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About the BOOK

Millennials or Generation Y—those born between 1981 and 1996—represent the population cohort who are moving into the prime of their careers and lives. It is this generation that is being groomed to take up leadership roles in various sectors of society.

In Indonesia, those from the millennial generation are slated to take up positions as leaders in various important spheres of society. But, the country's demographic changes call for comprehending the intergenerational gap that is at the core of the so-called millennial disruptions.

This book is a compendium of writings to provide a broad picture of the role of millennials in Indonesia's future. One chapter covers generational differences in life course events; two chapters cover the role of millennials in changing the political landscape; two chapters delve into generational differences in risk-taking behaviours in the financial sector and digital competency among MSME entrepreneurs; two chapters examine millennials' religious views on the cryptocurrency economy and generational differences in the spiritual process of self-discovery; and two chapters study participatory art among millennials and how millennial artists respond to NFT technology.



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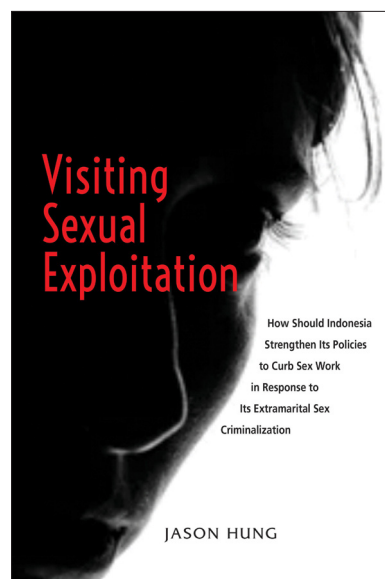
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How Should Indonesia Strengthen Its Policies to Curb Sex Work in Response to Its Extramarital Sex Criminalization

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Similar to neighbouring Southeast Asian countries, Indonesia is, simultaneously, infamous for its prevailing sex tourism economy, sex industry and sex trafficking activities. On 6 December 2022, Indonesia's parliament passed the criminal code to criminalize extramarital sex. The anti-extramarital sex legalization was established to help reinforce Indonesia's, following Islamic Law, stance of disallowing sexual behaviours beyond marital relationships. Those who engage in extramarital sex, per the criminal code, are sentenced to up to a year in prison.

This book responds to Indonesia's latest legislation that passed the criminal code of criminalizing any act of extramarital sex. The formation of the arguments made in this book is based on the premise that, by criminalizing extramarital sex, the Indonesian government aims to, in part, crack down on the local prostitution industry to minimize any act of, child or not, sexual exploitation, prostitution and sex trafficking. The book presents how cracking down on the local or regional (i.e., Southeast Asian) prostitution industry cannot be accomplished by simply taking legislative actions.

The highlights of this book are the policymaking discourse on how local Indonesian policymakers should respond to such an unequal power of relations and the prevalence of sex work. The book, moreover, visits the anti-extramarital sex legislation in order to explain how the Indonesian government should endeavour to crack down on its domestic sex industry in order to uphold the values of human rights and lower the prevalence of the practice of commercial sex.

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