

## DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE STUDIES

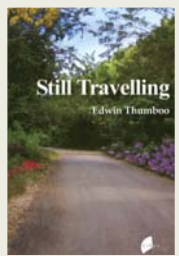


**Transboundary History:  
New Perspectives on Modern China  
and Nanyang Chinese Studies**  
**Wong Sin Kiong**

Xiamen: Xiamen University Press, 2008

The first part of this book focuses on "Transboundary Protest Movements: New Perspectives on Modern Chinese History", consisting of three chapters on anti-foreign and boycott movements in modern China. The second discusses "Transboundary Chinese Society and Politics: from China to Nanyang" and comprises nine chapters on the Chinese communities in British Singapore and Malaya. The last section entitled "Transboundary Intellectuals: Rediscovery of Nanyang and China", discusses three Nanyang Chinese who made significant contributions to cultural, educational and medical histories of modern China. The book is a synthesis of cross-boundary and cross-discipline studies.

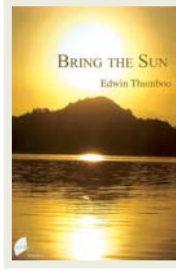
## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



**Still Travelling**  
**Edwin Thumboo**

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2008

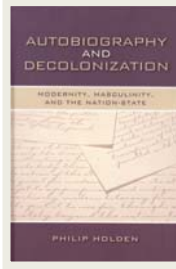
The 50 poems in Edwin Thumboo's sixth volume of poems bring new insights and interpretations of his experiences of Singapore and areas beyond. Aptly titled, this latest volume of poems rings the changes on transience and evanescence even as it epitomises the spirit of endurance in what must not change: the principles of survival, remembrance, renewal and cherishing. *Still Travelling* embodies the Heracleitean logic of mutability and permanence held in dialectical tension. To be still travelling is to be mindful of the miles to go and the promises to keep. To be still travelling is to keep company with Ulysses and Cavafy, knowing that the point of travelling is not the arrival but the journey.



**Bring The Sun**  
**Edwin Thumboo**

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2008

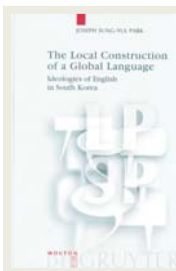
Edwin Thumboo's poems in this anthology were written over a long period. They demonstrate the depth and lasting power of his ruminative poetry which is mostly set in local contexts and situations.



**Autobiography and Decolonization**  
**Philip Holden**

Madison, Wisconsin:  
University of Wisconsin Press, 2008

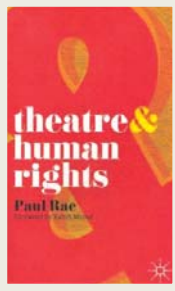
*Autobiography and Decolonization* critically re-examines the autobiographies of three generations of political leaders in the era of decolonisation. Using gender studies and postcolonial theory, Philip Holden shows that these works constitute a special subgenre of autobiography. These "national autobiographies" share narrative elements, in which the process of imagining the nation is enacted through a male protagonist's body and life experiences, thus providing an idealised code of conduct to instruct citizens of the emerging nation. Ultimately, the narratives show how the construction of modern selfhood is inextricably linked to the construction of a postcolonial polity.



**The Local Construction of a Global  
Language: Ideologies of English  
in South Korea**

**Joseph Sung-Yul Park**  
Berlin & New York:  
Mouton de Gruyter, 2008

The book investigates how the hegemony of English in South Korea is constructed through the mediation of language ideologies. Based on an innovative analysis of metalinguistic discourse in language policy debates, cross-linguistic humour, television shows, and face-to-face interaction, it cogently tells the story of how the complex meaning of English as a global language emerges through local discourse.



**Theatre & Human Rights**

**Paul Rae**

United Kingdom:  
Palgrave MacMillan, 2008

With its impassioned plays, inspired activism and outspoken artists, the theatre has long provided a venue for promoting and practising human rights; but is this always for good? Drawing on an international range of examples, this short, sharp and timely book examines the theatre's support for and challenges to human rights today.

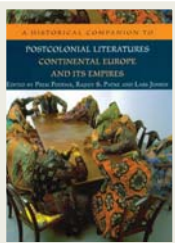


**Creating Paradise:  
Singapore Changi Airport**

**Terminal 3, No. 1 edition**  
**K K Seet and Vincent Lim**  
**(co-authors); K K Seet**  
**(editorial consultant)**

Singapore: Civil Aviation Authority  
of Singapore, 2008

Cutting-edge architecture and forward-looking eco-sensibilities come together in Singapore Changi Airport's biggest project to date – Terminal 3. Commissioned by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, the book traces the ideas, thoughts, processes and accumulated know-how that have gone into making the terminal a special journey for anyone passing through it.



**A Historical Companion to  
Postcolonial Literatures:  
Continental Europe and its Empires**

**Prem Poddar, Rajeev S. Patke and  
Lars Jensen (Eds.)**

United Kingdom:  
Edinburgh University Press, 2008

This volume complements *A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Literatures in English* (Edinburgh University Press, 2005). It is the first reference work to provide an integrated and authoritative body of information about the political, cultural and economic contexts of postcolonial literatures that have their provenance in the major European Empires of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain as well as places like Latin American and the Philippines. The Companion is comprehensive in its geographical scope, extending from South America and the Caribbean to Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Written by recognised scholars in the field of postcolonial studies, the entries cover major events, ideas, movements, and figures in postcolonial histories.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY



**Education for Sustainable Development**  
**Brian Chalkley, Martin Haigh and  
David Higgitt (Eds.)**

London: Routledge, 2008

In 2005, the United Nations launched its "Decade of Education for Sustainable Development", which recognises that education, including higher education, is the key to the change in social attitudes that will be needed to protect the welfare of future generations. This international collection of research papers and position statements from special issues of the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education and Applied Environmental Education and Communication*, written by many of the leading practitioners in the field, aims to provide resources and practical guidance for all seeking to promote and engage in education for a sustainable future.

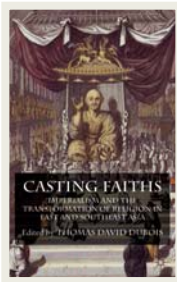
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



**The Global and Regional in  
China's Nation Formation**  
**Prasenjit Duara**

London & New York: Routledge, 2009

*The Global and Regional in China's Nation Formation* attempts to train the readers' eyes to see the picture of China less as a self-contained entity, than as part of a broader set of global and regional processes. It covers the major historical problems of China in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, namely imperialism, nationalism, state-building, religion and the role of history. Part I views imperialism and nationalism in China from the perspective of global and regional circulations and interactions. Part II focuses on how myth, religion and Chinese conceptions of society and polity are re-shaped by external influences and forces, as well as how these internal practices themselves shape the external impact. Part III is a comparative section, examining how global processes have resulted in unique developments in China.



**Casting Faiths - Imperialism and the Transformation of Religion in East and Southeast Asia**

**Thomas David DuBois (Ed.)**

Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009

Did European imperialism invent Asian religion? *Casting Faiths* brings together 11 scholars to show how Western law,

governance, education and mission in East and Southeast Asia shaped the basic understanding of what religion is, and what role it should play in society. These essays will show that Western ideas were not always imposed at gunpoint. In places like Burma or Indonesia, many of these changes were initiated by European imperialism. Yet they also reached places like China, which was never colonised, and Japan, which had an empire of its own. Decades after the empires were dismantled, their effects in Asian societies can still be seen today.

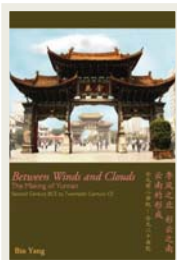


**China's Quest for Self-Reliance in Oil: The Story of Fushun, Yumen, and Daqing**

**Tai-Wei Lim**

New York and Ontario: Edwin Mellen Press, 2008

This title examines competing views of geopolitical influence on the source, continuity, and change in the development of Chinese oil production. It looks at how Fushun and Yumen's equipment, infrastructure and trained manpower were contributive to the People's Republic of China's efforts in discovering and exploiting Daqing. To show the forms of continuity in the quest for self-reliance, particular attention is given to the three decades between 1931, with the annexation of Manchuria and the buildup of Fushun's oil shale facilities that would be useful for the postwar oil industry in China. This title also analyses important events in 1963, when Daqing achieved the ultimate goal of the Chinese oil industry: self-reliance.



**Between Winds and Clouds: The Making of Yunnan (2nd Century BCE - 20th Century BCE)**

**Bin Yang**

New York: Columbia University Press, 2009

*Between Winds and Clouds* tells the 2000 year history of Yunnan, an ethnic frontier

bordered by Tibet, mainland Southeast Asia, and southwest China. Yunnan's prime geographic location turned the site into a centre of cross-regional trade, and consequently, it became a desirable conquest for Eurasian rivals. Bin Yang

details the fight for military control of Yunnan and its demographic, administrative, and economic transformation into a local entity. In conclusion, he discusses the impact of Yunnan's imperial legacy on modern state building, or, conversely, the way in which the modern state has contributed to the development of imperial discourse.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



**Scents and Scent-sibilities: Smell and Everyday Life Experiences**

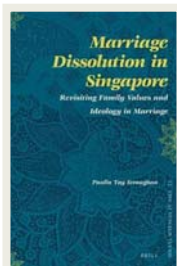
**Kelvin E.Y. Low**

Newcastle upon Tyne:

Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009

Smells are distinct and ubiquitous. Yet, they remain relegated to the

background of everyday life experiences. This book attempts to highlight the social salience of smell in social actors' day-to-day encounters where issues involving morality and social othering, presentation of self, and personhood intertwine with analyses of smell as a social conduit. By predicating analyses on empirical data procured from Singapore, along with case studies from the region and beyond, this study draws much needed attention on smell which has been a neglected sense in the wider literature. This book is a pioneering effort in offering sociocultural interpretations of scents based on primary and secondary data analysed using the trajectory of sociology of everyday life.



**Marriage Dissolution in Singapore: Revisiting Family Values and Ideology in Marriage**

**Paulin Tay Straughan**

Boston: Brill, 2009

The meanings of marriage and divorce have shifted significantly in the past few decades, particularly in economies in

Asia where rapid economic growth has transformed the social fabric. This book arises from possibly the most comprehensive study of divorce done in Singapore. The study highlights the root causes of divorce, and focuses on the impact of changing ideologies on marital stability. Themes that surfaced in the appreciation of why some marriages fail include women's changing expectations and their roles in the family, courtship expectations and the role of romantic love, parenthood demands and work stressors. The discussions are drawn from data collected from a large scale representative survey of a study group comprising dissolved marriages as well as a control group of intact marriages.

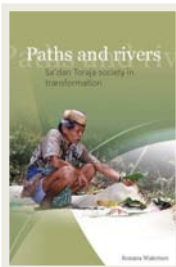


**Ultra-Low Fertility in Pacific Asia:  
Trends, Causes and Policy Dilemma  
(Routledge Research on Public and  
Social Policy in Asia)**

**Gavin Jones, Paulin Tay Straughan  
and Angelique Chan (Eds.)**

Abingdon and New York:  
Routledge, 2008

Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong SAR are among the very lowest-fertility countries in the whole world, and even China has reached fertility levels lower than those in many European countries. If these levels continue over long periods, East Asia will soon face accelerating population decline. In addition, the changes in age distributions in such populations raise major new questions for planning of economic and social welfare. This book brings together work by noted experts on the low fertility countries of East Asia with an up-to-date analysis of trends in fertility, what we know about their determinants and consequences, the policy issues and how these are being addressed in the various countries.

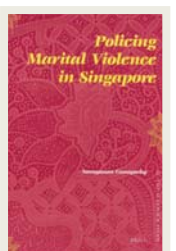


**Paths and Rivers: Sa'dan Toraja Society  
in Transformation**

**Roxana Waterson**

Leiden: KITLV Press, 2009

*Paths and Rivers* offers an unusually deep and broad picture of the *Sa'dan Toraja* as a society in dynamic transition over the course of the past century, based on fieldwork extending over 30 years. The *Toraja* inhabit the mountainous highlands of South Sulawesi, Indonesia, and are well known for their dramatic architecture, unusual cliff burials and flamboyant ceremonial life. The analysis is informed, firstly, by a comparative perspective which sets *Toraja* social structure in the context of the Austronesian world. Secondly, the author delves deeply into *Toraja* social memory to show how people think about the past. The book gives a clear picture of the structure and ethos of the indigenous *Toraja* religion, with its complex cycle of rituals. The book concludes with an analysis of the ceremonial economy, which draws upon both domestic subsistence production and the global market economy.



**Policing Marital Violence in Singapore**  
**Narayanan Ganapathy**

Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2008

The fundamental question raised by this volume is why years of police reform in Singapore have not produced significant

changes in improving the policing of marital violence. Carefully exploring the police response to marital violence in Singapore, while paying due attention to the particular culture and historical context in place, the author reframes the questions about the problem of intimate violence. The book goes into the ramifications for the criminal justice system, particularly into the issues of policing, safety and protection of victims from such violence. In the context of policing marital violence, there is a need to rethink the problem of family violence and to rewrite the official discourse on the limits of the police role in family violence.



**Deepening Democracy in Indonesia?  
Direct Elections for Local Leaders  
(Piikada)**

**Maribeth Erb and**

**Priyambudi Sulistiyanto (Eds.)**

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009

Since the fall of long-reigning President Soeharto, in 1998, Indonesia has been in an era of transition, on a quest for democracy. This quest started with decentralisation laws implemented in 2001, which gave greater autonomy to the regions, and continued with the direct elections for the national and local legislatures and the President in 2004. The latest development in this democratisation process is the implementation of a system for the direct election of regional leaders, which began in 2005. The first round of elections across the nation for all governors, mayors and district heads was completed in 2008. Authors of the chapters in this volume, the result of a workshop in Singapore in 2006, present data from across the archipelago for these first direct elections for local leaders and give their assessment as to how far these elections have contributed to a deepening democracy.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES



**Nationalism in South Asia**

**Rajesh Rai and Sunil Kukreja (Eds.)**

New Delhi or Kuala Lumpur:

Ashwin-Anoka Press 2009

In a region that accounts for nearly one-quarter of the world's population, South Asia is a mosaic of ethnic and religious communities. In spite of nation-building efforts, the recent history of erstwhile states in the region has shown their continued vulnerability to challenges from ethnic and religious nationalist movements. The essays in this volume study the key elements of the ideology and programme of specific nationalist movements in India,

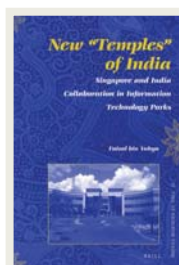
Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Iran, and the political and socio-economic forces that have influenced their development. Collectively, they endeavour to provide an account of why nationalism remains the single most critical factor shaping political developments in South Asia.



**Indo-US Engagement: An Emerging Partnership and its Implications**  
**Kripa Sridharan**

New Delhi: Macmillan, 2009

A dramatic transformation has occurred in India-US relations in the last decade. The interactions between the two democracies have expanded enormously and their impact is beginning to be felt beyond the bilateral realm. This evolving partnership holds the potential to shape not only the regional politics of South Asia but the international relations of the wider Asia-Pacific region. Some analysts project an even grander vision, claiming that this relationship may play a decisive role in determining the future global order. Taking these projections as a point of departure, and recognising the impressive strides that have been made in Indo-US ties, this research focuses on the strategies, outputs and consequences of this foreign policy engagement.

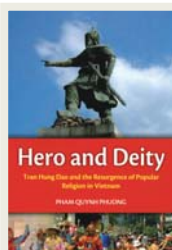


**New "Temples" of India: Singapore and India Collaboration in Information Technology Parks**  
**Faizal bin Yahya**

Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2008

After 1991, India, after decades of stifling its own economic growth, has reformed its economy and has implemented its "Look East" policy to enhance its economic, business and trade linkages with East Asian economies. At the same time, Singapore has reached its own domestic limits to economic growth and is encouraging its companies to invest overseas to create its external economic wing. Collaboration in information technology (IT) formed the key to initiating economic cooperation between Singapore and India. India has excellent IT talent but inadequate infrastructure to tap this talent for economic growth while Singapore has excelled in building high technology parks. The resulting collaboration is Singapore's flagship investment, the IT Park in Bangalore, India.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN STUDIES



**Hero and Deity: Tran Hung Dao and the Resurgence of Popular Religion in Vietnam**

**Pham Quynh Phuong**

Thailand: Mekong Press, 2009

*Hero and Deity* is an eloquent and fascinating journey into the world of the worshippers and the cult of Tran Hung Dao/Saint Tran. The legendary 14<sup>th</sup> century hero and savior of Vietnam has evolved as a key symbol of the nation as well as an efficacious deity in its spiritual pantheon. He is today a ubiquitous, multivalent symbol of the contradictions of contemporary Vietnamese society. Mapping the cult of Saint Tran "bottom up" and "top down" through the rituals, pilgrimages, and lives of his devotees, Pham Quynh Phuong traces and uncovers the sources of the contestations over the meanings of Tran Hung Dao.

The publication of *DEMOCRACY AS CULTURE*, edited by Tan Sor-hoon and John Whalen-Bridge, was listed only under Department of English Language and Literature in the last issue. It was in fact an interdisciplinary project between that department and the Philosophy Department. The book includes contributions from three Philosophy colleagues (Tan Sor Hoon, Cecilia Wee and John Holbo). To highlight FASS efforts and progress in encouraging interdisciplinary projects and cross-department cooperation, "Between Our Shelves" will now include a sub-section on "Interdisciplinary Works".

## INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKS



**Democracy as Culture: Deweyan Pragmatism in a Globalizing World**  
**Tan Sor Hoon and John Whalen-Bridge (Eds.)**

New York: SUNY Press, 2008

Using a multidisciplinary approach, contributors to this volume explore the significance of John Dewey's Pragmatism for the contemporary world. They examine such issues as whether Classical Pragmatism justifies global democracy, whether Dewey's idea of democracy – so intimately linked to American culture – has any relevance for other cultures, and whether democracy can take other forms than those found in Europe and America. Contributors focus on Dewey's cross-cultural experience and affinities with Descartes and modern Neo-Confucians to provide a glimpse of how Dewey's influence outside America has stimulated other cultures, heralding a new stage in the growth of Pragmatism.