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Food in Cuba
*The Pursuit of a Decent Meal*
Hanna Garth

*Food in Cuba* follows Cuban families as they struggle to maintain a decent quality of life in Cuba’s faltering, post-Soviet welfare state by specifically looking at the social and emotional dimensions of shifts in access to food.

Based on extensive fieldwork in Santiago de Cuba, Hanna Garth examines Cuban families’ attempts to acquire and assemble “a decent meal,” unraveling the layers of household dynamics, community interactions, and individual reflections on everyday life in today’s Cuba. Garth argues that these ongoing struggles produce what Cuban families describe as “a change in character,” and that for some, this shifting concept of self and social relations leads to a transformation in society. *Food in Cuba* shows how the politics of adequacy are intricately linked to the local moral stances on what it means to be a good person, family member, community member, and ultimately, a good Cuban.

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The Encrypted State
*Delusion and Displacement in the Peruvian Andes*
David Nugent

What happens when the state starts bending facts? Or imagines illusory opposition parties? A work of historical and political anthropology, *The Encrypted State* closely examines political crisis in order to further understand the notion of political stability. It does so by focusing on an agrarian region and administrative department in the northern Peruvian Andes during the struggling dictatorship of General Odria (1948–1956). Using an in-depth analysis of state-level paranoia, lies, and deflection in mid-century Peru, David Nugent argues that the state is always a mask, and those who seek a successful hold on political power are able to normalize and legitimize their rule. Combining archival and ethnographic research, Nugent raises new questions about state formation in the grip of crisis, and what we can learn from states that fail to normalize and legitimize their political rule.

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Trading Life
Organ Trafficking, Illicit Networks, and Exploitation
Seán Columb

Drawing on the experiences of African migrants, Trading Life brings together five years of fieldwork charting the development of the organ trade from an informal economic activity into a structured criminal network operating within and between Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Eritrea, and Europe. Ground-level analysis provides new insight into the operation of organ trading networks and the impact of current legal and policy measures in response to the organ trade. Columb reveals how investing financial and administrative resources into law enforcement and border secutitization at the expense of social services has led to the convergence of illicit smuggling and organ trading networks in the informal economy and the development of organized crime.

Trading Life delivers a powerful analysis of how economic pressures and the demands of survival force people into exploitative arrangements, like selling a kidney, that they would otherwise avoid.

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Digital Pirates
Policing Intellectual Property in Brazil
Alexander S. Dent

Digital Pirates examines the unauthorized creation, distribution, and consumption of movies and music in Brazil. Alexander Sebastian Dent offers a new definition of piracy as indispensable to current capitalism alongside increasing global enforcement of intellectual property (IP). Complex and capricious laws may prohibit it, but piracy has become a core activity of the twenty-first-century.

Combining the tools of linguistic and cultural anthropology with models from media studies and political economy, Digital Pirates reveals how the dynamics of IP and piracy serve as strategies for managing the gaps between texts—in this case, digital content. Dent’s analysis includes his fieldwork in and around São Paulo with pirates, musicians, filmmakers, police, salesmen, technicians, policy makers, politicians, activists, and consumers. Dent reveals how Brazilians are pulled in multiple directions according to the injunctions of international governance, localized pleasure, magical consumption, and economic efficiency.

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Court of Injustice
Law Without Recognition in U.S. Immigration
J.C. Salyer

Court of Injustice reveals how immigration lawyers work to achieve just results for their clients in a system that has long denigrated the rights of those they serve. J.C. Salyer’s ethnography specifically investigates immigration enforcement in New York City, following individual migrants, their lawyers, and the NGOs that serve them into the immigration courtrooms that decide their cases.

Combining anthropological and legal analysis, Salyer demonstrates the economic, historical, political, and social elements that go into constructing inequity under law for millions of non-citizens who live and work in the U.S. Drawing on ethnographic research in New York City and the author’s experience as a practicing immigration lawyer at a non-profit organization, this book provides unique insight into the effects of U.S. immigration law. Salyer provides a new perspective to the study of migration by focusing specifically on the laws, courts, and people involved in U.S. immigration law.

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Dark Finance
*Illicitiy and Authoritarianism at the Margins of Europe*
Fabio Mattioli

*Dark Finance* is one of the first ethnographic accounts of financial expansion and its political impacts in Eastern Europe. Following workers, managers, and investors in the Macedonian construction sector, Fabio Mattioli shows how financialization can empower authoritarian regimes—not by making money accessible to everyone, but by allowing a small group of oligarchs to monopolize access to international credit and promote a cascade of exploitative domestic debt relations.

Mattioli reveals how illiquidity stemmed from the reorganization of the European project, and from the postsocialist perversion of socialist financial practices. One bad deal at a time, *Dark Finance* chronicles how Macedonia’s authoritarian regime rode a wave of financial expansion to deepen its reach into Macedonian society, only to discover that, like other speculative bubbles, its domination was always on the verge of collapsing.

Managing Multiculturalism
*Indigeneity and the Struggle for Rights in Colombia*
Jean E. Jackson

*Managing Multiculturalism* examines the evolution of the Colombian indigenous movement over the course of Jean E. Jackson’s five decades years of research in the region. She offers comprehensively developed and nuanced insight into how indigenous communities and activists changed over time, as well as how her own ethnographic fieldwork and scholarship evolved in turn. Integrating case studies with commentaries on the movement’s development, Jackson explores the politicization and deployment of multiculturalism, indigenous identity, and neoliberalism, as well as changing conceptions of cultural value and authenticity—including issues such as patrimony, heritage, and ethnic tourism. Both ethnography and recent history of the Latin American indigenous movement, this work traces the ideas motivating indigenous movements in regional and global relief, and with unprecedented breadth and depth.

Twilight Nationalism
*Politics of Existence at Life’s End*
Daniel Monterescu and Haim Hazan

The official Jewish national tale proceeds from exile to redemption and nation-building, while the Palestinians’ is one of a golden age cut short, followed by dispossession and resistance. The experiences of Jaffa’s Jewish and Arab residents, however, reveal lives and nationalist sentiments far more complex. *Twilight Nationalism* shares the stories of ten of the city’s elders—women and men, rich and poor, Muslims, Jews, and Christians—to radically deconstruct these national myths and challenge common understandings of belonging and alienation. Similarities in lives, the authors find, prove to be shaped far more by socioeconomic class, age, and gender than national allegiance.

“The authors break through the thicket of established notions and give us an alternative description. And they do so brilliantly.”
—Saskia Sassen, Columbia University
Under Contract
*The Invisible Workers of America’s Global War*

Noah Coburn

War is one of the most lucrative job markets for an increasingly global workforce. Most of the work on American bases has been outsourced to private firms that then contract out individual jobs, often to the lowest bidder. An “American” base in Afghanistan or Iraq will be staffed with workers from places like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Turkey, Bosnia, and Nepal: so-called “third-country nationals.” Noah Coburn traces this unseen workforce across seven countries, following the workers’ often zigzagging journey to war. He confronts the varied conditions third-country nationals encounter, ranging from near slavery to more mundane forms of exploitation. *Under Contract* unspools a complex global web of how modern wars are fought and supported, narrating war stories unlike any other. Coburn’s experience forces readers to reckon with the moral questions of a hidden global war-force and the costs being shouldered by foreign nationals in our name.

Wild Policy
*Indigeneity and the Unruly Logics of Intervention*

Tess Lea

This book describes what happens to Indigenous social policy when it targets the putatively ‘wild people’ of regional and remote Australia. Tess Lea explores policy unplugged, gone live, ramifying in everyday life, to show that it is policies that are wild, not the people being targeted. Lea argues wild policies are not about undoing the big causes of enduring inequality, and do not ameliorate harms terribly well either—without yielding all hope. Drawing on efforts across housing and infrastructure, resistant media-making, health, governance and land tenure battles in regional and remote Australia, *Wild Policy* looks at how the logics of intervention are formulated and what this reveals in answer to the question: why is it all so hard? It offers a layered, multi-relational approach, called policy ecology, to probe ‘what is to be done?’

The Gray Zone
*Sovereignty, Human Smuggling, and Undercover Police Investigation in Europe*

Gregory Feldman

Based on rare, in-depth fieldwork among an undercover police investigative team working in a southern EU maritime state, Gregory Feldman examines how “taking action” against human smuggling rings requires the team to enter the “gray zone”, a space where legal and policy prescriptions do not hold. Feldman asks how this seven-member team makes ethical judgments when they secretly investigate smugglers, traffickers, migrants, lawyers, shopkeepers, and many others. He asks readers to consider that gray zones create opportunities both to degrade subjects of investigations and to take unnecessary risks for them. Moving in either direction largely depends upon bureaucratic conditions and team members’ willingness to see situations from a variety of perspectives. Feldman explores their personal experiences and daily work in order to crack open wider issues about sovereignty, action, ethics, and, ultimately, being human.
When Misfortune Becomes Injustice
Evolving Human Rights Struggles for Health and Social Equality
Alicia Ely Yamin

When Misfortune Becomes Injustice surveys the last thirty years of health, economic, and social rights advancement within the international human rights community. Alicia Ely Yamin reflects on her firsthand experience as an academic, practitioner, and advocate to provide readers with a careful analysis of the points of intersection and friction between the fields of law, public health, and economics and development.

When Misfortune Becomes Injustice tells a story of extraordinary progress with respect to the right to health, including how traditional forms of tyranny were curbed, and how new discourses of equality, the welfare state, and inclusive societies were formed. Yamin also shows that the possibilities and political space necessary to advance egalitarian health rights are shrinking and require more attention to growing inequality and building more diverse strategies for resistance and social transformation.

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#HumanRights
The Technologies and Politics of Justice Claims in Practice
Ronald Niezen

#HumanRights examines how new technologies interact with older models of rights claiming and communication, influencing and reshaping the modern day pursuit of justice.

Ronald Niezen argues that the impacts of information technologies on human rights is not found in an exclusive focus on sophisticated data management, but in considering how these technologies interact with other, “traditional” forms of media to produce new avenues of expression, public sympathy, redress of grievances, and sources of the self. Niezen considers how justice is pursued via new technologies, including crowdsourcing, social media-facilitated mobilizations, WhatsApp, and Google's search algorithm. Uncovering how emerging technologies influence how human rights claimants and their allies pursue justice, #HumanRights paints a striking panoramic picture of the contest between authoritarianism and the new tools people use to leverage human rights and bring the powerful to account.

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The Politics of Love in Myanmar
LGBT Mobilization and Human Rights as a Way of Life
Lynette J. Chua

The Politics of Love in Myanmar offers an intimate ethnographic account of a group of LGBT activists before, during, and after Myanmar’s post-2011 political transition. Lynette J. Chua explores how these activists devoted themselves to, and fell in love with, the practice of human rights and how they were able to empower queer Burmese to accept themselves, gain social belonging, and reform discriminatory legislation and law enforcement. Informed by interviews with activists from all walks of life, Chua details the vivid particulars of the LGBT activist experience founding a movement first among exiles and migrants and then in Myanmar’s cities, towns, and countryside.

“Beautifully written and brilliantly theorized, the book is highly recommended reading for scholars interested in human rights, legal mobilization, social movements, and LGBT politics.”

—Michael McCann, University of Washington

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Branding Humanity
*Competing Narratives of Rights, Violence, and Global Citizenship*
Amal Hassan Fadlalla

The Save Darfur movement gained an international following, garnering widespread international attention to this remote Sudanese territory. But how do local activists and those throughout the Sudanese diaspora in the United States situate their own notions of rights, nationalism, and identity? Based on interviews with Sudanese social actors, activists, and their allies in the United States, the Sudan, and online, *Branding Humanity* traces the global story of violence and the remaking of Sudanese identities. Amal Hassan Fadlalla examines how activists contest, reshape, and reclaim the stories of violence emerging from the Sudan and their identities as migrants. *Branding Humanity* helps us see beyond the oft-monolithic international branding of conflict. Fadlalla asks readers to consider how national and transnational debates about violence circulate, shape, and re-territorialize ethnic identities, disrupt meanings of national belonging, and rearticulate notions of solidarity and global affiliations.

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Remote Freedoms
*Politics, Personhood and Human Rights in Aboriginal Central Australia*
Sarah E. Holcombe

*Remote Freedoms* investigates how universal human rights are understood, practiced, negotiated, and challenged in concert and in conflict with Indigenous rights. Moving between communities, government, regional NGOs, and international UN forums, Sarah E. Holcombe addresses how the notion of rights plays out within the distinctive and ambivalent sociopolitical context of Australia, focusing specifically on Indigenous Anangu women and their experiences of violence. Engaging in a translation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into the local Pintupi-Luritja vernacular and observing various Indigenous interactions with law enforcement and domestic violence outreach programs, Holcombe reveals how, in the post-colonial Australian context, human rights are double-edged. They enforce assimilation to a neoliberal social order at the same time that they empower and enfranchise the Indigenous citizen as a political actor.

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Letters to the Contrary
*A Curated History of the UNESCO Human Rights Survey*

Edited and Introduced by Mark Goodale,
Foreword by Samuel Moyn

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) has long served as the foundation for the protection of human rights around the world. Historians and human rights scholars have claimed that the UDHR was influenced by UNESCO’s 1947–48 global survey of intellectuals, theologians, and cultural and political leaders, a survey that supposedly revealed a universal consensus on human rights. Based on meticulous archival research, *Letters to the Contrary* revises and enlarges the conventional understanding of UNESCO’s human rights survey. Mark Goodale uncovers a historical record filled with letters and responses that were omitted, polite refusals to respond, and outright rejections of the universal human rights ideal. In collecting, annotating, and analyzing these responses, Goodale reveals an alternative history deeply connected to the ongoing life of human rights in the twenty-first century.

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Precarious Hope
Migration and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey
Ayşe Parla

There are more than 700,000 Bulgarian migrants residing in Turkey. Immigrants from Bulgaria who are ethnically Turkish, they assume certain privileges because of these ethnic ties, yet access to citizenship remains dependent on the whims of those in power. Through vivid accounts of encounters with the police and state bureaucracy, of nostalgic memories of home and aspirations for a more secure life in Turkey, Precarious Hope explores the tensions between ethnic privilege and economic vulnerability displayed through the hopefulness of migrants. Hope is both an act of dignity and perseverance, as well as a tool of the state, reproducing a migration regime that categorizes some as desirable and others as foreign and dispensable. Through the experiences of the Bulgarian, Precarious Hope speaks to the global predicament in which increasing numbers of people are forced to manage both cultivation of hope and relentless anxiety within structures of inequality.

Jesus Loves Japan
Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism in a Brazilian Diaspora
Suma Ikeuchi

After the introduction of the “long-term resident” visa, the mass-migration of Nikkeis (Japanese Brazilians) has led to roughly 190,000 Brazilian nationals living in Japan. While the ancestry-based visa confers Nikkeis’ right to settlement, their ethnic ambiguity and working-class profile often prevent them from feeling at home. In response, many have converted to Pentecostalism, reflecting the explosive trend across Latin America since the 1970s. In Jesus Loves Japan Suma Ikeuchi argues that charismatic Christianity appeals to Nikkei migrants as a “third culture”—one that transcends ethno-national boundaries. She insightfully describes the political process of homecoming through the lens of religion, and the ubiquitous figure of the migrant as the pilgrim of a transnational future. “In showing how Pentecostalism grants meaning to a bleak existence, Ikeuchi opens new vistas in our understanding of Japanese Brazilians residing in Japan.”

—Daniel T. Linger, University of California, Santa Cruz

Migranthood
Youth in a New Era of Deportation
Lauren Heidbrink

Migranthood chronicles deportation from the perspectives of Indigenous youth who migrate unaccompanied from Guatemala to Mexico and the U.S. In communities of origin, zones of transit in Mexico, detention centers in the U.S., government facilities receiving returned children in Guatemala, and communities of return, young people share how they negotiate everyday violence and discrimination, how they and their families prioritize limited resources, make difficult decisions, and how young people develop and sustain relationships over time and space.

Lauren Heidbrink shows that Indigenous youth draw from a rich social, cultural, and political repertoire of assets and tactics to navigate precarity and marginality in Guatemala, including transnational kin, social networks, and financial institutions. Heidbrink uncovers the transnational effects of the securitized responses to migration management and development on individuals and families, across space, citizenship status, and generation.
Borders of Belonging  
Struggle and Solidarity in Mixed-Status Immigrant Families  
Heide Castañeda

Borders of Belonging investigates the impact of immigration policies and practices not only on undocumented migrants, but also on their family members, some of whom possess a form of legal status. Heide Castañeda reveals the trauma, distress, and inequalities that occur daily, alongside the stratification of particular family members’ access to resources like education, employment, and health care. She also paints a vivid picture of the resistance, creative responses, and solidarity between parents and children, siblings, and other kin. Castañeda’s innovative ethnography combines fieldwork with individuals and family groups to paint a full picture of the experiences of mixed-status families as they navigate the emotional, social, political, and medical difficulties that inevitably arise when at least one family member lacks legal status. This book presents a portentous vision of how the further encroachment of immigration enforcement would affect millions of mixed-status families throughout the country.

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Citizens in Motion  
Emigration, Immigration, and Re-migration Across China’s Borders  
Elaine Lynn-Ee Ho

More than 35 million Chinese people live outside China, but this population is far from homogenous, and its multifaceted national affiliations require careful theorization. This book unravels the multiple, shifting paths of global migration in Chinese society today, challenging a unilinear view of migration by presenting emigration, immigration, and re-migration trajectories that are occurring continually and simultaneously. Drawing on interviews and ethnographic observations conducted in China, Canada, Singapore, and the China–Myanmar border, Elaine Lynn-Ee Ho considers the complex patterns of migration that shape nation-building and citizenship, both in origin and destination countries.

“A pathbreaking study on contemporary migrations to and from China. [It] is a must-read for specialists of China, migration, and racial ethnic studies across disciplines.”

—Rhacel Salazar Parreñas, author of Servants of Globalization

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Shifting Boundaries  
Immigrant Youth Negotiating National, State, and Small-Town Politics  
Alexis M. Silver

As politicians debate how to address the estimated eleven million unauthorized immigrants residing in the United States, undocumented youth anxiously await the next policy shift that will determine their futures. From one day to the next, their dreams are as likely to crumble around them as to come within reach. In Shifting Boundaries, Alexis M. Silver sheds light on the currents of exclusion and incorporation that characterize their lives. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork and in-depth interview data, she finds that contradictory policies at the national, state, and local levels interact to create a complex environment through which the youth must navigate. These constantly changing pathways shape their journeys into early adulthood—and highlight the profound resilience that they develop along the way.

“This extraordinary study provides a fresh perspective on immigrant incorporation and the importance of place during political instability.”

—Roberto G. Gonzales, author of Lives in Limbo

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A Place to Call Home
Immigrant Exclusion and Urban Belonging in New York, Paris, and Barcelona
Ernesto Castañeda
As immigrants settle in new places, they are faced with endless uncertainties that prevent them from feeling that they belong. They are constantly navigating shifting and contradictory expectations both to assimilate to their new culture and to honor their native one. In A Place to Call Home, Ernesto Castañeda offers a uniquely comparative portrait of immigrant expectations and experiences. Drawing on fourteen years of ethnographic observation and hundreds of interviews with documented and undocumented immigrants and their children, Castañeda finds that subjective understandings, local contexts, national and regional history, and religious institutions are all factors that profoundly impact the personal journey to belonging.

“An astounding fourteen years of painstaking fieldwork provide a one-of-a-kind look at the lives of undocumented and documented immigrants.”
—Victor M. Rios, University of California, Santa Barbara

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Teach for Arabia
American Universities, Liberalism, and Transnational Qatar
Neha Vora
Teach for Arabia offers an ethnographic account of Education City, Qatar, to consider how American branch campuses influence notions of identity and citizenship and contribute to national imaginings of the future. Neha Vora also confronts mythologies of liberal and illiberal peoples, places, and ideologies that have developed around these universities. Supporters and detractors alike of branch campuses have long ignored the imperial histories of American universities and the exclusions and inequalities that continue to animate daily academic life. From the vantage point of Qatar, Teach for Arabia challenges the assumed mantle of liberalism in Western institutions and illuminates how people can contribute to decolonized university life and knowledge production.

“A compelling, and personal, account of American campuses in Qatar, one that is as thoughtful as it is thought-provoking.”
—Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, Rice University

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Rules, Paper, Status
Migrants and Precarious Bureaucracy in Contemporary Italy
Anna Tuckett
Drawing on in-depth fieldwork in Italy, one of Europe’s biggest receiving countries, Rules, Paper, Status reveals how migration actually plays out on the ground. Anna Tuckett highlights the complex processes of inclusion and exclusion produced through encounters with immigration law. The statuses of “legal” or “illegal,” which media and political accounts use as synonyms for “good” and “bad,” are not created by practices of border-crossing, but rather through legal and bureaucratic processes within borders devised by governing states. Taking migrants’ interactions with immigration regimes as her starting point, Tuckett argues that successfully navigating Italian immigration bureaucracy requires and induces culturally specific modes of behavior.

“A must-read for immigration scholars and anyone interested in the day-to-day workings of street-level bureaucrats and the myriad ways they make law and, in the process, transform immigrants into ‘cultural citizens.’”
—Kitty Calavita, University of California, Irvine

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Healing Labor
Japanese Sex Work in the Gendered Economy
Gabriele Koch

Contemporary Japan is home to one of the world's largest and most diversified markets for sex. Widely understood to be socially necessary, the sex industry operates and recruits openly, staffed by a diverse group of women who are attracted by its high pay and the promise of autonomy—but whose work remains stigmatized and unmentionable. Based on fieldwork with adult Japanese women in Tokyo's sex industry, Healing Labor explores the relationship between how sex workers think about what sex is and what it does and the political-economic roles and possibilities that they imagine for themselves. Gabriele Koch reveals how Japanese sex workers regard sex as a deeply feminized care—a healing labor—that is both necessary and significant for the well-being and productivity of men. In this nuanced ethnography that approaches sex as a social practice with political and economic effects, Koch compellingly illustrates the linkages between women's work, sex, and the gendered economy.

From Boas to Black Power
Racism, Liberalism, and American Anthropology
Mark Anderson

From Boas to Black Power investigates how U.S. cultural anthropologists wrote about race, racism, and “America” in the 20th century as a window into the greater project of U.S. anti-racist liberalism. In this groundbreaking intellectual history of anti-racism within twentieth-century cultural anthropology, Mark Anderson starts with the legacy of Franz Boas and Ruth Benedict and continues through the post-war and Black Power movement to the birth of the Black Studies discipline, exploring the problem “America” represents for liberal anti-racism. From Boas to Black Power provides a major rethinking of anthropological anti-racism as a project that, in step with the American racial liberalism it helped create, paradoxically maintained white American hegemony.

“An important intervention in the history of U.S. anthropology.”
—Faye V. Harrison, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Marked Women
The Cultural Politics of Cervical Cancer in Venezuela
Rebecca G. Martínez

Cervical cancer is the third leading cause of death among women in Venezuela, with poor and working-class women bearing the brunt of it. Doctors and public health officials regard promiscuity and poor hygiene—coded indicators for low class, low culture, and bad morals— as risk factors for the disease. Drawing on in-depth fieldwork conducted in two oncology hospitals in Caracas, Marked Women is an ethnography of women's experiences with cervical cancer, the doctors and nurses who treat them, and the public health officials and administrators who set up intervention programs. The women, marked as deviant for their sexual transgressions, are not only characterized as engaging in unhygienic, uncultured, and promiscuous behaviors, but also become embodiments of these very behaviors. Rebecca G. Martínez explores how epidemiological risk is a socially, culturally, and historically embedded process—and how this enables cervical cancer to stigmatize women.
Queer Palestine and the Empire of Critique
Sa’ed Atshan
Solidarity with Palestinians has become a salient domain of global queer politics. Yet LGBTQ Palestinians are themselves often subjected to an “empire of critique” that has led to an emphasis within the movement on anti-imperialism over the struggle against homophobia. With this book, Atshan asks how social movements can balance struggles for liberation along more than one axis. He explores critical junctures in Palestinian LGBTQ activism, revealing a spirit of agency, defiance, and creativity, despite daunting pressures and forces working to constrict it. Queer Palestine and the Empire of Critique explores the necessity of connecting the struggles for Palestinian freedom with the struggle against homophobia.

“Sa’ed Atshan brilliantly weaves together ethnography and personal experience in thoughtful, engaging, and emotionally captivating ways. A tour de force and a remarkable book for both its theoretical and empirical contributions.”

—Amaney A. Jamal, Princeton University

Paradoxes of the Popular Crowd Politics in Bangladesh
Nusrat Sabina Chowdhury
Few places are as politically precarious as Bangladesh, even fewer as crowded. It is also one of the poorest among such densely populated nations. In spite of an overriding anxiety of exhaustion, there are a few important caveats to the familiar feelings of despair—a growing economy, and an uneven, yet robust, nationalist sentiment—which, together, generate revealing paradoxes. In this book, Nusrat Chowdhury offers insights into the so-called Bangladesh Paradox in order to analyze the constitutive contradictions of popular politics. Chowdhury writes provocatively about everyday democracy in Bangladesh in a rich ethnography that studies some of the most consequential protests of the last decade, making an original case for the crowd as a defining feature of democratic practices in South Asia and beyond.

“Chowdhury puts the paradoxical power of the street at the center of Bangladeshi history. A bold, compelling analysis.”

—Jean Comaroff, Harvard University

The Ethics of Staying Social Movements and Land Rights Politics in Pakistan
Mubbashir A. Rizvi
The military coup that brought General Pervez Musharraf to power as Pakistan’s tenth president resulted in the abolition of a century-old sharecropping system that was rife with corruption. In its place the military regime implemented a market reform policy of cash contract farming. Meant to improve living conditions for tenant farmers, instead the new system mobilized one of the largest, most successful land rights movements in South Asia—still active today. In The Ethics of Staying, Mubbashir A. Rizvi presents an original framework for understanding this major social movement called the Anjuman Mazarin Punjab (AMP). Rizvi also offers a glimpse of Pakistan that challenges its standard framing as a hub of radical militancy, opening a window into the everyday struggles of its people.

“Theoretically sophisticated, the book represents a milestone in reorienting how we think about state and society in agrarian Pakistan.”

—David Gilmartin, North Carolina State University
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**Brand New Nation**
*Capitalist Dreams and Nationalist Designs in Twenty-First-Century India*
Ravinder Kaur

*Brand New Nation* exposes the on-the-ground experience of the relentless transformation and rebranding of the Indian nation-state into an “attractive investment destination” for global capital.

Ravinder Kaur provocatively argues this branding is not a mere 19th century re-run, but one come alive as a unified enclosure of capitalist growth and nationalist desires in the 21st century. Today, to be deemed an attractive nation-brand in the global economy is to be affirmed as a proper nation. The infusion of capital not only rejuvenates the nation, it also produces investment-fueled-nationalism, a populist energy that can be turned into a powerful instrument of coercion. Grounded in the history of modern India, the book reveals the close kinship between identity economy and identity politics, publicity and populism, and violence and economic growth rapidly rearranging the liberal political order the world over.

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**Mafia Raj**
*The Rule of Bosses in South Asia*
Lucia Michelutti, Ashraf Hoque, Nicolas Martin, David Picherit, Paul Rollier, Arild E. Ruud, and Clarinda Still

“Mafia” has become an indigenous South Asian term. Like Italian mobsters, the South Asian “gangster politicians” are known for inflicting brutal violence while simultaneously upholding vigilante justice—inspiring fear and fantasy. But the term also refers to the diffuse spheres of crime, business, and politics operating within a shadow world that is popularly referred to as the rule of the mafia, or “Mafia Raj.” Through intimate ethnographic accounts of the lives of powerful and aspiring bosses in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, this book illustrates their personal struggles for sovereignty as they climb the ladder of success. The authors theorize what they call “the art of bossing,” providing nuanced ideas about crime, corruption, and the lure of the strongman across the world.

“With unforgettable portraits of gangsters, politicians, hustlers, and extortionists, this account upends our notions of democracy and legitimacy.”

—Milan Vaishnav, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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The Universal Enemy
Jihad, Empire, and the Challenge of Solidarity
Darryl Li

No contemporary figure is more demonized than the Islamist foreign fighter. Spreading violence, disregarding national borders, and rejecting secular norms, so-called jihadists seem opposed to universalism itself. In a radical departure from conventional wisdom, *The Universal Enemy* argues that transnational jihadists are engaged in their own form of universalism: these fighters struggle to realize an Islamist vision directed at all of humanity, transcending racial and cultural difference. Li highlights the parallels between transnational jihads and other universalisms such as the War on Terror. Developed from more than a decade of research with former fighters in a half-dozen countries, *The Universal Enemy* explores the relationship between jihad and American empire to shed critical light on both.

“Original, authoritative, and broad in significance. This remarkable achievement is anchored in Darryl Li’s unique combination of skills and sensibilities, which are at once ethnographic, lawyerly, and linguistic.”
—Brinkley Messick, Columbia University

Waste Siege
The Life of Infrastructure in Palestine
Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins

*Waste Siege* depicts the environmental, infrastructural, and aesthetic context in which Palestinians are obliged to forge their lives. Tracing their experiences of wastes over the past decade, Stamatopoulou-Robbins considers how multiple authorities governing the West Bank—including the Palestinian Authority, international aid organizations, and Israel—rule by waste siege, whether intentionally or not. Her work challenges common formulations of waste as “matter out of place,” by suggesting instead that waste siege be understood as an ecology of “matter with no place to go.” Waste siege thus not only describes a stateless Palestine, but also becomes a metaphor for our besieged planet.

“Taking the reader on a journey through landfills and rubbish markets, encounters with bags of bread left hanging on the sides of dumpsters, and the movement of sewage across political barriers, Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins brilliantly excavates the ambient politics of waste.”
—Ilana Feldman, George Washington University
Heritage and the Cultural Struggle for Palestine
Chiara De Cesari

Efforts to reclaim and assert Palestinian heritage differ significantly from the typical global cultural project: here it is people’s cultural memory and living environment, rather than ancient history and archaeology, that take center stage. Chiara De Cesari examines Palestinian heritage projects—notably the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, Riwaq, and the Palestinian Museum—and the transnational actors, practices, and material sites they mobilize to create new quasi-state institutions. Through their rehabilitation of Palestinian heritage, these organizations have halted the expansion of Israeli settlements and given Palestinians opportunities to rethink and transform state functions. *Heritage and the Cultural Struggle for Palestine* reveals how the West Bank is home to creative experimentation, insurgent agencies, and resourceful attempts to reverse colonial violence—and a model of how things could be.

Graveyard of Clerics
Everyday Activism in Saudi Arabia
Pascal Menoret

*Graveyard of Clerics* investigates the spaces of freedom that Islamic activists carve for themselves in Saudi Arabia amid intense, often spectacular repression. Menoret studies the residential suburbs of Saudi cities, and argues that suburbanization has fostered new ways of organizing in homes, mosques, schools, and summer camps. Rather than looking at activists through the prism of their alleged doctrinal beliefs, Menoret observes how they negotiate their place across classrooms, neighborhoods, and voting booths. Based on more than four years of ethnographic fieldwork in Saudi Arabia, this book changes the way we look at Islamic activists and shows how ongoing repression from Saudi elites—achieved often with the complicity of the international community—is shutting down the country’s only grassroots political movements.

Invisible Companions
Encounters with Imaginary Friends, Gods, Ancestors, and Angels
J. Bradley Wigger

From the U.S. to Nepal, Wigger travels five countries on three continents to hear children describe their invisible friends—one-hundred-year-old robins and blue dogs, dinosaurs and teapots. Drawing on these interviews and on a new wave of developmental research, he finds a fluid and flexible quality to the imaginative mind. Yet Wigger steps beyond psychological territory to explore the religious significance of relationships with invisible beings. He uncovers a profound capacity in the religious imagination to see through the surface of reality to more than meets the eye. Not just for parents or for those who work with children, *Invisible Companions* will appeal to anyone interested in our mind’s creative and spiritual possibilities.

“Wigger’s artful mix of storytelling and new research captivates the imagination. One of the best reads I have enjoyed for some time”
—Justin Barrett, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Inconvenient Generation
Migrant Youth Coming of Age on Shanghai’s Edge
Minhua Ling
After three decades of rural-to-urban migration in China, a burgeoning population of over 35 million second-generation migrants living in its cities poses a challenge to socialist modes of population management and urban governance. *The Inconvenient Generation* offers the first longitudinal study of these migrant youth from middle school to the labor market in the years after the Shanghai municipal government partially opened its public school system to them. Minhua Ling’s ethnography follows the trajectories of children coming of age at a time of competing economic and social imperatives, and its everyday ramifications on their sense of identity, educational outcomes, and citizenship claims. Under policies and practices of segmented inclusion, they are inevitably funneled through the school system toward a life of manual labor. Illuminating the aspirations and strategies of these young people, Ling captures their experiences against the backdrop of a reemergent global Shanghai.

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Into the Field
Human Scientists of Transwar Japan
Miriam Kingsberg Kadia
In the 1930s, a cohort of professional human scientists coalesced around a particular understanding of objectivity as the foundation of legitimate knowledge, and of fieldwork as the pathway to objectivity. *Into the Field* is the first collective biography of this cohort, described by one contemporary as the men of one age.

During the height of imperialism, these men researched territories under Japanese rule to uncover “objective” information to justify the subjugation of local peoples. After 1945, amid the dismantling of Japanese sovereignty and under United States occupation, they returned to the field to create narratives of human difference supported that new national values of democracy, capitalism, and peace. The 1968 student movement challenged these values, and objectivity itself. Kingsberg Kadia reveals how the legacy of the men of one age lives on in the disciplines they developed and the beliefs they established about human diversity.

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With Us More Than Ever
Making the Absent Rebbe Present in Messianic Chabad
Yoram Bilu
Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson was the charismatic leader of the Chabad Hasidic movement and its designated Messiah. Yet when he died, his followers’ messianic fervor did not subside. Through traditional means and digital technologies, these radical Hasidim keep the Rebbe palpably close—engaging in ongoing dialogue, ritual practices, and a ubiquitous visual culture. This book examines how religious practice can keep a messianic figure not just present but accessible. Bilu examines a distinctly new and uniquely modern religious experience. The *virtual* Rebbe—multiple, visible, accessible, and highly decentralized—engages a truly twenty-first-century messianic movement. Bilu documents the birth and development of a new religious faith, and thereby charts religious horizons old and new.

“In this fascinating study, Israel’s foremost scholar of Jewish popular religion offers a brilliant analysis of how these Hasidim create an ‘apothecosis’ of the Rebbe.”
—David Biale, University of California, Davis

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K-pop Live
Fans, Idols, and Multimedia Performance
Suk-Young Kim

In K-pop Live, Suk-Young Kim investigates the meteoric ascent of Korean popular music in relation to the rise of personal technology and social media, situating a feverish cross-media partnership within the Korean historical context and broader questions about what it means to be “live” and “alive.” Based on in-depth interviews with K-pop industry personnel, media experts, critics, and fans, as well as archival research, K-pop Live explores how the industry has managed the tough sell of live music in a marketplace in which virtually everything is available online. Observing performances online, in concert, and even through the use of holographic performers, Kim offers readers a step-by-step guide through the K-pop industry’s variegated efforts to diversify media platforms as a way of reaching a wider global network of music consumers.

“From the music videos to a futuristic fan museum, Suk-Young Kim reveals the ways idols are transforming how we think about musicians and fandom. An excellent read and great for all levels of coursework.”

—Ian Condy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Desert in the Promised Land
Yael Zerubavel

At once an ecological phenomenon and a cultural construction, the desert has varied associations within Zionist and Israeli culture. Yael Zerubavel tells the story of the desert from the early twentieth century to the present, shedding light on romantic-mythical associations, settlement and security concerns, environmental sympathies, and the commodifying tourist gaze. Drawing on literary narratives, educational texts, newspaper articles, tourist materials, films, popular songs, posters, photographs, and cartoons, Zerubavel reveals the complexities and contradictions that mark Israeli society’s semiotics of space in relation to the Middle East, and the central role of the “besieged island” trope in Israeli culture and politics.

“Written with passion, innovation, and clarity, Desert in the Promised Land makes an original and significant contribution”

—Tom Segev, author of 1949: The First Israelis

Islands of Heritage
Conservation and Transformation in Yemen
Nathalie Peutz

Islands of Heritage offers the first exploration of environmental conservation, heritage production, and development in an Arab state. Examining the multiple notions of heritage in play for twenty-first-century Soqotra, Nathalie Peutz narrates how everyday Soqotrans came to assemble, defend, and mobilize their cultural and linguistic heritage. More than merely a conservative endeavor, the protection of heritage can have profoundly transformative effects, and in Soqotra, it contributed to calls for political and cultural change during the Yemeni Revolution. Grassroots claims to heritage can be a potent form of political engagement with the most imminent concerns of the present: human rights, globalization, democracy, and sustainability.

“At once a dazzling ethnography of everyday life and a well-researched history that is as extraordinary as its subject, the island of Soqotra.”

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Humanism in Ruins
Entangled Legacies of the Greek-Turkish Population Exchange
Aslı İğsız
The 1923 Greek-Turkish population exchange forcibly relocated one and a half million people: Muslims in Greece were resettled in Turkey, and Greek Orthodox Christians in Turkey were moved to Greece. Strikingly, the exchange was purportedly enacted as a means to achieve peace. Humanism in Ruins maps the links between liberal discourses on peace and the legacies of this forced migration. Aslı İğsız weaves together past and present, making visible the effects of the 1923 exchange across the ensuing century. Liberal humanism has responded to segregative policies by calling for coexistence and the acceptance of cultural diversity. Yet, as İğsız makes clear, liberal humanism itself, with its ahistorical emphasis on a shared humanity, fails to confront an underlying racialized logic.

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Resisting a Hostile Regime of Language
Adam Hodges
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Kate Millett in Iran
Negar Mottahedeh
Kate Millet was already an icon of American feminism when she went to Iran in 1979. She arrived just weeks after the Iranian Revolution, to join Iranian women in marking International Women’s Day. Intended as a day of celebration, the event turned into a week of protests. Millet, armed with film equipment and a cassette deck to record everything around her, found herself in the middle of demonstrations for women’s rights and against the mandatory veil. Listening to the revolutionary soundscape of Millet’s audio tapes, Negar Mottahedeh offers a new interpretive guide to Revolutionary Iran, its slogans, habits, and women’s movement—a movement that, many claim, Millet never came to understand. Published with the fortieth anniversary of the Iranian Revolution and the women’s protests that followed on its heels, Whisper Tapes re-introduces Millet’s historic visit to Iran and lays out the nature of her encounter with the Iranian women’s movement.

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Samuel Liebhaber

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