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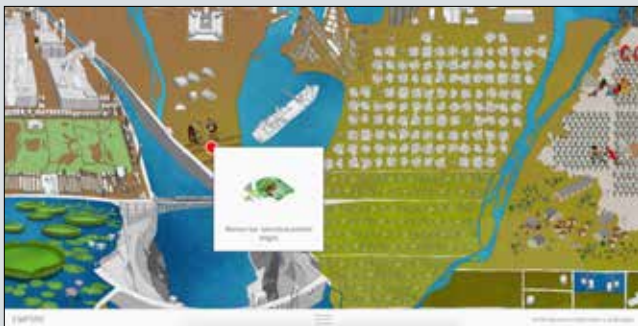
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## *The More-Than-Human Anthropocene*

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Alder Keleman Saxena, and Feifei Zhou

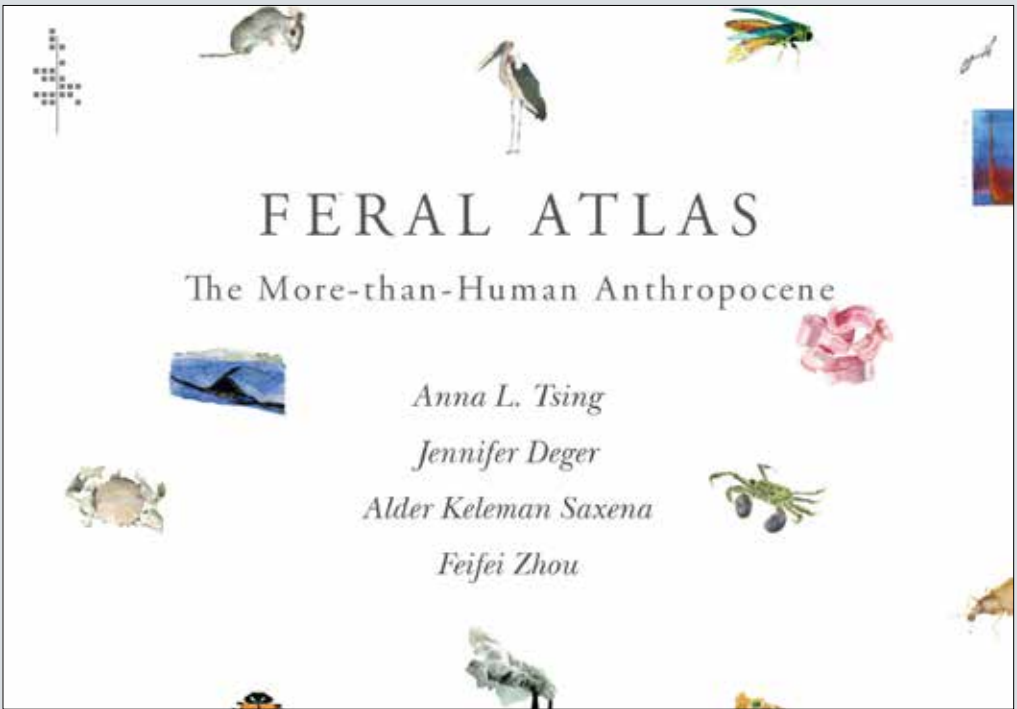
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# FERAL ATLAS

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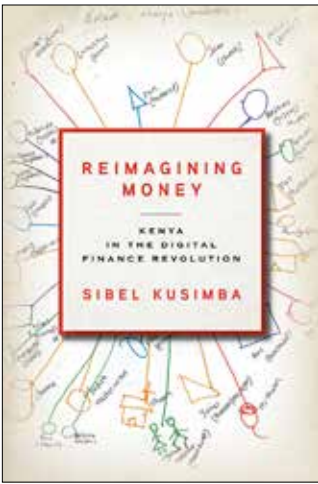
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—Annie Leonard,  
Executive Director,  
Greenpeace USA

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**Reimagining Money**  
*Kenya in the Digital  
Finance Revolution*

Sibel Kusimba

In countries around the world, digital payment is displacing cash. In *Reimagining Money*, Kusimba offers a rich portrait of how this technology changes the economic and social landscape—creating future financial technologies. Kusimba presents fascinating accounts of how migrants maintain their presence in rural areas through money gifts; how families use crowdfunding software for emergency medical care; and how new financial groups organize investments. Examining how the notion of money as wealth-in-people, long cultivated in sub-Saharan Africa, is brought to bear on the digital age, Kusimba presents a new theory of money with applications for financial technologies to come.

*“In this provocative, nuanced ethnography, Kusimba asks the question: can money be designed for the ‘wealth-in-people’ that sustains lives and livelihoods in an ever-more precarious world?”*

—William Maurer,  
University of California, Irvine

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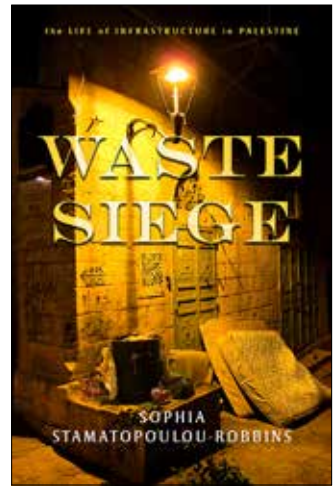


**The Current Economy**  
*Electricity Markets and  
Techno-Economics*

Canay Özden-Schilling

Electricity is a quirky commodity: more often than not, it cannot be stored, transported except through dedicated routes, or imported from overseas. Before lighting up our homes, it changes hands through specialized electricity markets that rely on engineering expertise to be traded competitively while respecting the physical requirements of the electric grid. *The Current Economy* is an ethnography of electricity markets in the United States that shows the heterogeneous and technologically inflected nature of economic expertise today. Based on ethnographic fieldwork among market data analysts, electric grid engineers, and citizen activists, this book provides a deep dive into the convoluted economy of electricity and its reverberations throughout daily life. Contributing to economic anthropology, science and technology studies, energy studies, and the anthropology of expertise, this book is a map to the everyday infrastructures of economy and energy into which we are plugged as denizens of a technological world.

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**Waste Siege**  
*The Life of Infrastructure  
in Palestine*

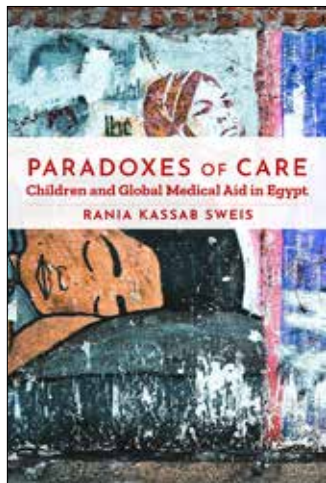
Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins

*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, Stamatopoulou-Robbins brilliantly excavates the ambient politics of waste.”*

—Ilana Feldman,  
George Washington University

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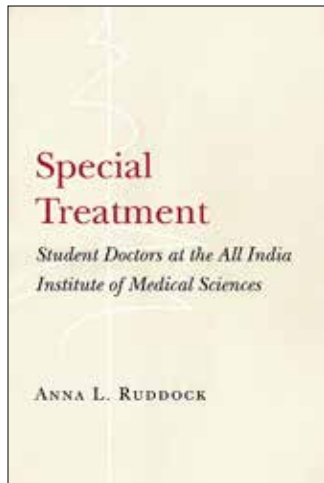


**Paradoxes of Care**  
*Children and Global Medical Aid in Egypt*

Rania Kassab Sweis

*Paradoxes of Care* examines how prominent global aid organizations attempt to care for vulnerable children in Egypt through biomedical interventions and global healthcare programs. Focusing on two main groups of child aid recipients—street children and out-of-school village girls—this in-depth ethnographic study reveals how global aid fails to “save” these children according to its stated aims, but rather produces paradoxes of care for children and local aid workers. In capturing medical humanitarian encounters in real time, *Paradoxes of Care* illustrates how child recipients and local aid experts grapple with global aid’s shortcomings and its paradoxical outcomes in Egypt. By foregrounding vulnerable children’s responses to global medical aid, Sweis moves past an unquestioned benevolence of global health in the Middle East to demonstrate how children manage their bodies and lives both with and without the assistance of global medicine.

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**Special Treatment**  
*Student Doctors at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences*

Anna L. Ruddock

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is iconic in the landscape of Indian healthcare. Established in the early years of independence, this enormous public teaching hospital rapidly gained fame for high-quality treatment at a nominal cost; at present, an average of 10,000 patients pass through the outpatient department each day. With its notorious medical program acceptance rate of less than 0.01%, to be trained as a doctor here is to be considered the best. In what way does this enduring reputation of excellence shape the institution’s ethos? How does elite medical education sustain India’s social hierarchies and the health inequalities entrenched within? In the first-ever ethnography of AIIMS, Ruddock considers prestige as a byproduct of norms attached to ambition, aspiration, caste, and class in modern India, asking what is lost when medicine is used not as a social equalizer, but as a means to cultivate and maintain prestige.

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**Trading Life**  
*Organ Trafficking, Illicit Networks, and Exploitation*

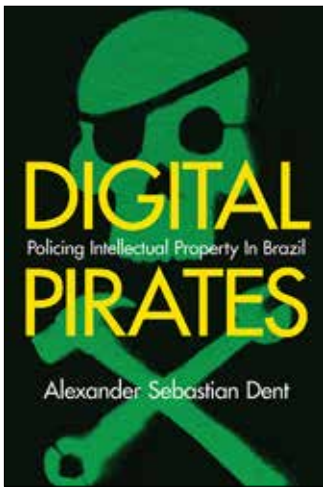
Seán Columb

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 securitization 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.

*“A compelling and powerful look at how law generates violence.”*

—Audrey Macklin,  
University of Toronto

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**Digital Pirates**  
*Policing Intellectual Property  
in Brazil*

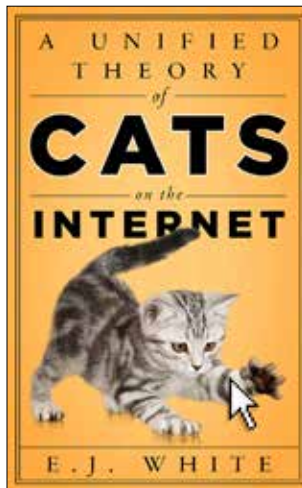
Alexander Sebastian Dent

*Digital Pirates* examines the unauthorized creation, distribution, and consumption of movies and music in Brazil. 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.

“Smart, sly, and generatively disconcerting, *Digital Pirates* is an ethnographically textured and theoretically rambunctious charting of emerging mediascapes.”

—Donald L. Brenneis,  
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**A Unified Theory of Cats  
on the Internet**

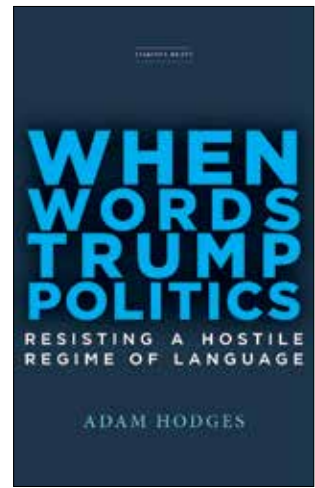
E.J. White

The line “the internet is made of cats” seems to need no explanation. Everyone understands the joke, but few know how it started. *A Unified Theory of Cats on the Internet* is the first book to explore how the cat became the internet’s best friend. Bringing together fun anecdotes, thoughtful analyses, and hidden history of the communities that built the internet, White shows how *japonisme*, punk culture, cute culture, and the battle among different communities for the soul of the internet informed the sensibility of online felines. Internet cats thus offer a playful—and useful—way to understand how culture shapes and is shaped by technology.

“A definitive overview of one of online culture’s least understood phenomena.”

—Ethan Zuckerman,  
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**When Words Trump Politics**  
*Resisting a Hostile Regime  
of Language*

Adam Hodges

*When Words Trump Politics* takes insights from linguistic anthropology to decode, understand, and ultimately provide non-expert readers with easily digestible tools to resist the politics of division and hate. Hodges’ short essays address Trump’s Twitter insults, racism and white nationalism, “truthiness” and “alternative facts,” #FakeNews and conspiracy theories, Supreme Court politics and #MeToo, Islamophobia, political theater, and many other timely and controversial discussions. Hodges breaks down the specific linguistic techniques and processes that make Trump’s rhetoric successful in our contemporary political landscape. He identifies the language ideologies, word choices, and recurring metaphors that underlie Trumpian rhetoric to offer an essential resource for anyone who cares about freeing democracy from the spell of demagoguery.

“Trumpian discourse is overrepresented and yet underanalyzed, and this book highlights the special need to attend to the subversive, anti-democratic use of language Trump has modeled.”

—Paul V. Kroskrity,  
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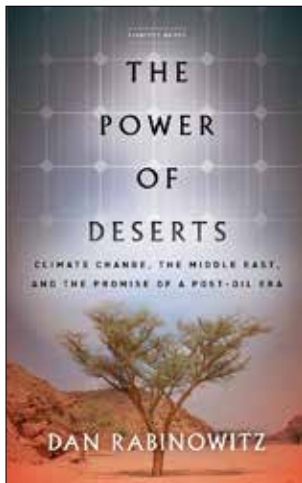
## Screen Shots

*State Violence on Camera in Israel and Palestine*

Rebecca L. Stein

In the last two decades, amidst the global spread of smartphones, state killings of civilians have increasingly been captured on camera. *Screen Shots* studies this phenomenon from the vantage point of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories. Here, Palestinian activists, Israeli soldiers, Jewish settlers, and human rights workers all trained their lens on Israeli state violence, propelled by a shared dream: that advances in digital photography—closer, sharper, faster—would advance their respective political agendas. Most would be let down. Drawing on ethnographic work, Stein chronicles Palestinian video-activists seeking justice, Israeli soldiers laboring to perfect the military's image, and Zionist conspiracy theorists accusing Palestinians of “playing dead.” Writing against techno-utopianism, she investigates what camera dreams and disillusionment across these political divides reveal about the Israeli and Palestinian colonial present, and the shifting terms of power and struggle in the smartphone age.

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## The Power of Deserts

*Climate Change, the Middle East, and the Promise of a Post-Oil Era*

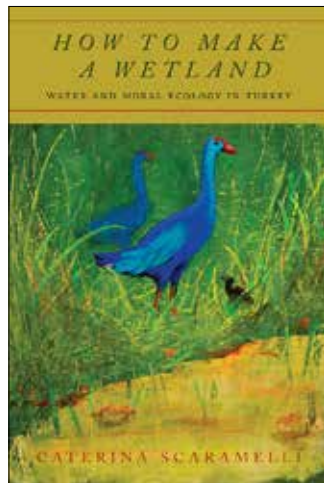
Dan Rabinowitz

Hotter and dryer than most parts of the world, the Middle East could soon see climate change exacerbate food and water shortages, aggravate social inequalities, and drive displacement and political destabilization. *The Power of Deserts* surveys regional climate models and identifies the potential impact on socioeconomic disparities, population movement, and political instability. Offering more than warning and fear, however, the book highlights a potentially brighter future—a recent shift across the Middle East toward renewable energy. With his deep knowledge of the region and knack for presenting scientific data with clarity, Rabinowitz makes a sober yet surprisingly optimistic investigation of opportunity arising from a looming crisis.

*“An important argument detailing how the Middle East could be devastated by the impact of climate change—or could generate huge amounts of renewable energy. A provocative work.”*

—Steven Cohen,  
Columbia University

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## How to Make a Wetland

*Water and Moral Ecology in Turkey*

Caterina Scaramelli

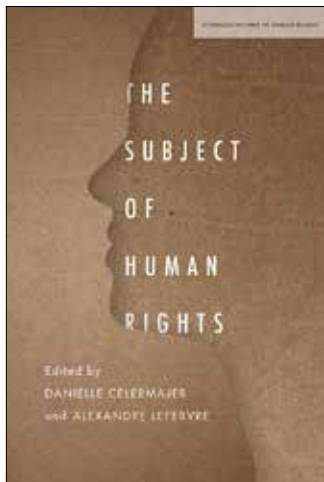
This book tells the story of two Turkish coastal areas, both shaped by ecological change and political uncertainty. Farmers, scientists, fishermen, and families grapple with livelihoods in transition, as their environment is bound up in national and international conservation projects. Scaramelli offers an anthropological understanding of sweeping environmental and infrastructural change, and the moral claims made on livability and materiality. Beginning from a moral ecological position, she takes into account the notion that politics is not simply projected onto animals, plants, soil, and water. Rather, people make politics through them. Scaramelli highlights the aspirations, moral relations, and care practices in constant play in contestations and alliances over environmental change.

*“Caterina Scaramelli is a deeply informed guide to the wetlands, whose very ecological richness and complexity make them an ideal lens for understanding what humans have done with and to the environment.”*

—James C. Scott,  
Yale University

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### The Subject of Human Rights

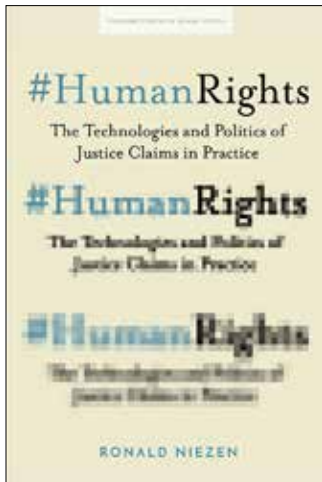
Edited by Danielle Celermajer  
and Alexandre Lefebvre

*The Subject of Human Rights* is the first book to systematically address the “human” part of “human rights.” Drawing on the finest thinking in political theory, cultural studies, history, law, anthropology, and literary studies, this volume examines how human rights—as discourse, law, and practice—shape how we understand humanity and human beings. It asks how the humanness that the human rights idea seeks to protect and promote is experienced. It suggests ways in which we might reimagine the relationship between human rights and subjectivity with a view to benefitting human rights and subjects alike.

*“An indispensable rethinking of the field of contemporary human rights studies.”*

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### #HumanRights *The Technologies and Politics of Justice Claims in Practice*

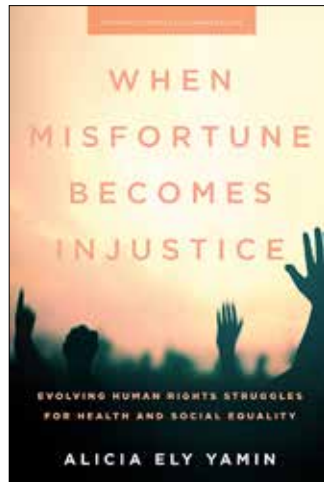
Ronald Niezen

*#HumanRights* examines how new technologies interact with older models of rights claiming and communication, influencing and reshaping the modern-day pursuit of justice. Niezen argues that the impacts of information technologies on human rights are 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. *#HumanRights* paints a striking panoramic picture of the contest between authoritarianism and the new tools people use to bring the powerful to account.

*“Groundbreaking and insightful.”*

—Stuart Kirsch,  
University of Michigan

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### When Misfortune Becomes Injustice *Evolving Human Rights Struggles for Health and Social Equality*

Alicia Ely Yamin

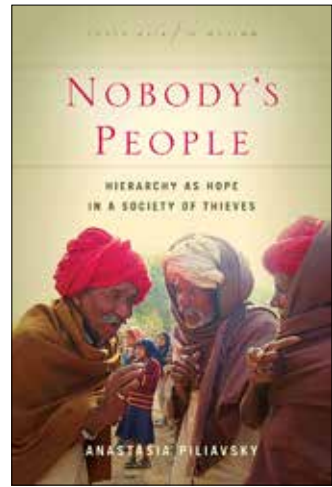
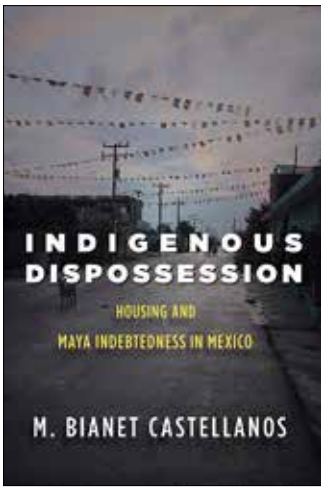
*When Misfortune Becomes Injustice* surveys the last thirty years of health, economic, and social rights advancement within the international human rights community. Yamin tells a story of extraordinary progress with respect to the right to health, including how traditional forms of tyranny were curbed, 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.

*“Yamin draws on years of practical field experience to speak with unique authority among human rights scholars about the global and national dynamics that systematically produce poverty and health inequalities across the world.”*

—Paul E. Farmer,  
Harvard University

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## Indigenous Dispossession *Housing and Maya Indebtedness in Mexico*

M. Bianet Castellanos

Following the recent global housing boom, tract housing development became a billion-dollar industry in Mexico. At the national level, neoliberal housing policy has overtaken debates around land reform. For Indigenous peoples, access to affordable housing remains crucial to alleviating poverty. But as traditional thatch and wood *palapas* are replaced by tract houses in the Yucatán Peninsula, Indigenous peoples' relationship to land, urbanism, and finance is similarly transformed, revealing a settler colonial legacy of debt and dispossession. *Indigenous Dispossession* examines how Maya families grapple with the ramifications of neoliberal housing policies in Cancún, one of Mexico's fastest-growing cities. Even as Maya people contend with predatory lending practices and foreclosure, Castellanos argues, they cultivate strategies of resistance and forge a new vision of Indigenous urbanism.

*"A powerful indictment of neoliberalism's perpetuation of the settler project of Indigenous dispossession."*

—Shannon Speed,  
University of California, Los Angeles

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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 looking at the social and emotional dimensions of shifts in access to food. Based on extensive fieldwork in Santiago de Cuba, 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.

*"Garth's in-depth and intimate ethnography portrays the shortcomings in Cuba's welfare system, and the profound consequences for the way people eat and think of themselves as Cuban."*

—Megan A. Carney,  
University of Arizona

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## Nobody's People *Hierarchy as Hope in a Society of Thieves*

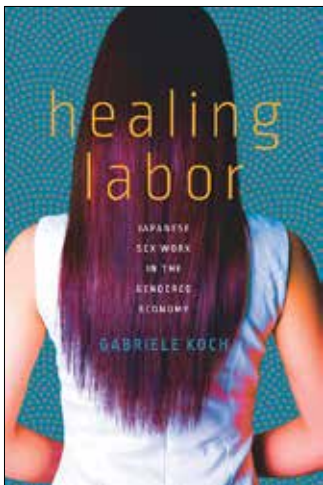
Anastasia Piliavsky

What if we could imagine hierarchy not as a social ill, but as a source of social creativity and hope? In *Nobody's People*, Piliavsky takes us into the world of thieves, the Kanjars, in the Indian state of Rajasthan. Introducing us to wily policemen, quirky aristocrats, and resourceful goddesses, she shows that, locally, hierarchy is a potent normative idiom through which Kanjars imagine better lives and pursue social ambitions. Piliavsky invites readers to see in hierarchy a viable ethical frame instead of an archaic system of subjugation. Doing so, she suggests, will help us understand not only rural Rajasthan, but also much of the world, including settings stridently committed to equality. Challenging egalo-normative commitments, Piliavsky asks us to consider hierarchy as an intellectual resource.

*"This scintillating re-reading of hierarchy, most poignant where it has supposedly been banished, picks apart one of anthropology's greatest conundrums."*

—Marilyn Strathern,  
University of Cambridge

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**Healing Labor**  
*Japanese Sex Work in the Gendered Economy*

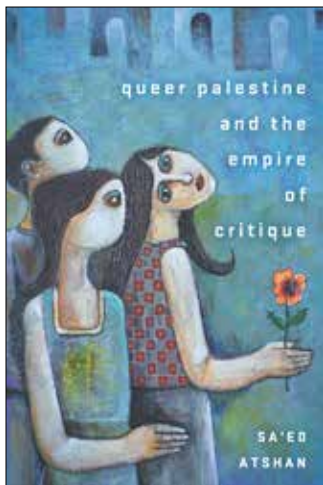
Gabriele Koch

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. 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.

*"An elegantly written, pathbreaking book that carries its theoretical sophistication and great erudition lightly."*

—Sabine Frühstück,  
University of California,  
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**Queer Palestine and the Empire of Critique**

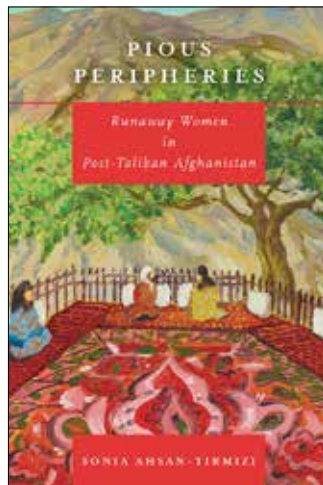
Sa'ed Atshan

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.

*"This utterly brilliant book will be a classic. Atshan has given us a landmark work valuable to Middle East studies, queer studies, and anthropology in the broadest sense."*

—Tom Boellstorff,  
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**Pious Peripheries**  
*Runaway Women in Post-Taliban Afghanistan*

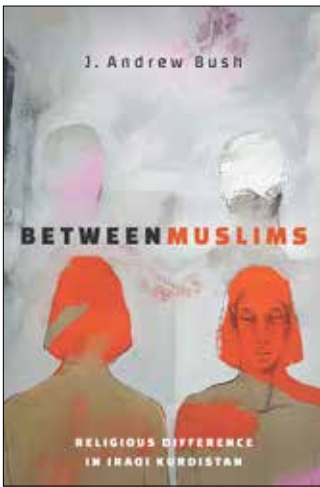
Sonia Ahsan-Tirmizi

Taliban made piety a business of the state, and thereby intervened in the daily lives and social interactions of Afghan women. *Pious Peripheries* examines women's resistance through groundbreaking fieldwork at a women's shelter in Kabul, home to runaway wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters of the Taliban. Whether running to seek marriage or divorce, enduring or escaping abuse, or even accused of singing sexually explicit songs in public, "promiscuous" women challenge the status quo—and once marked as promiscuous, women have few resources. Ahsan-Tirmizi explores how these women negotiate gendered power mechanisms and create a new supportive community, finding friendship and solidarity among the women who inhabit the margins of Afghan society.

*"In this stunning ethnography, Ahsan-Tirmizi skillfully shows how courageous women navigate the dynamics of piety and promiscuity to achieve seemingly inaccessible freedoms."*

—Michael Herzfeld,  
Harvard University

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**Between Muslims**  
*Religious Difference in  
Iraqi Kurdistan*

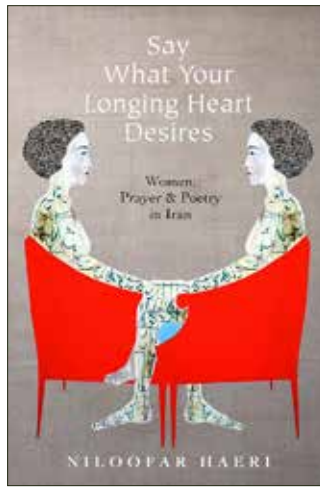
J. Andrew Bush

*Between Muslims* provides an ethnographic account of Iraqi Kurdish Muslims who turn away from devotional piety yet remain intimately engaged with Islamic traditions and with other Muslims. Bush offers a new way to understand religious difference in Islam, rejecting simple stereotypes about ethnic or sectarian identities. Integrating textual analysis of poetry, sermons, and Islamic history into accounts of everyday life in Iraqi Kurdistan, *Between Muslims* illuminates the interplay of attraction and aversion to Islam among ordinary Muslims.

*“Written with a scholar’s rigor and a poet’s grace, Between Muslims depicts textures of Islamic tradition rarely discussed in the literature. This deeply-layered monograph is a must-read for scholars in anthropology, religious studies, and beyond.”*

—Noah Salomon,  
Carleton College

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Heart Desires**

*Women, Prayer, and Poetry  
in Iran*

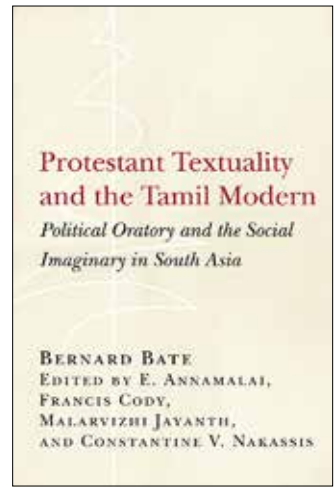
Niloofer Haeri

This book offers an elegant ethnography of religious debates among a group of educated, middle-class women whose voices are often muted in studies of Islam. Haeri follows them in their daily lives as they engage with the classical poetry of Rumi, Hafez, and Saadi, illuminating a long-standing mutual inspiration between prayer and poetry. She recounts how different forms of prayer may transform into dialogues with God, and, in turn, illuminates the ways in which believers draw on prayer and ritual acts as the emotional and intellectual material through which they think, deliberate, and debate.

*“This is one of the best books on prayer in all of anthropology. Niloofer Haeri shows that prayer is not an empty ritual, but that it becomes a relationship that changes people—and allows the secular reader to understand how poetry enables women to feel spiritual presence. A beautifully written work.”*

—Tanya Luhmann,  
Stanford University

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**Protestant Textuality and  
the Tamil Modern**  
*Political Oratory and the Social  
Imaginary in South Asia*

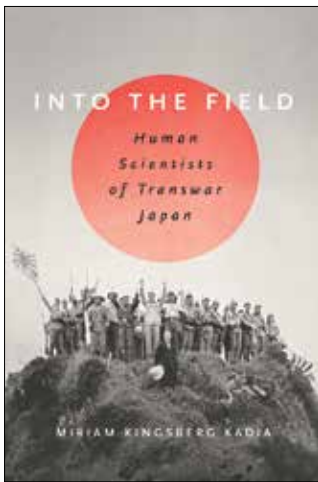
Bernard Bate

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and Constantine V. Nakassis

Throughout history, speech and storytelling have united communities and mobilized movements. *Protestant Textuality and the Tamil Modern* examines this phenomenon in Tamil-speaking South India over the last three centuries, charting the development of political oratory and its influence on society. Supplementing his narrative with thorough archival work, Bernard Bate begins with Protestant missionaries’ introduction of the sermonic genre and takes the reader through its local vernacularization. What originally began as a format of religious speech became an essential political infrastructure used to galvanize support for new social imaginaries, from Indian independence to Tamil nationalism. Completed by a team of Bate’s colleagues, this ethnography marries linguistic anthropology to performance studies and political history, illuminating new geographies of belonging in the modern era.

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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 common and 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. At the height of imperialism, they undertook field research in territories under Japanese rule in pursuit of “objective” information that would justify the subjugation of local peoples. After 1945, amid the defeat and dismantling of Japanese sovereignty, they created new narratives of human difference around the new national values of democracy, capitalism, and peace. The 1968 student movement challenged these values, but the legacy of these men lives on in the disciplines they developed and the beliefs they established about human diversity.

*“Kingsberg Kadia’s important study allows a glimpse into Japan’s postwar re-imagining of itself through the lens of American social science.”*

—Amy Borovoy,  
Princeton University

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**From Boas to Black Power**  
*Racism, Liberalism, and  
American Anthropology*

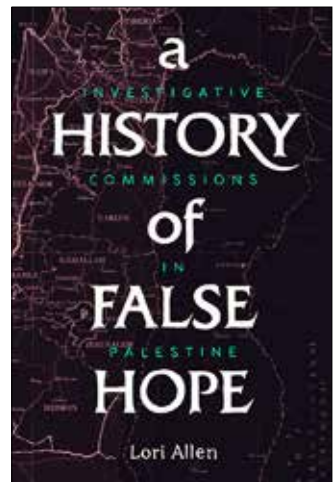
Mark Anderson

*From Boas to Black Power* investigates how U.S. cultural anthropologists wrote about race, racism, and “America” in the twentieth 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, Anderson starts with the legacy of Franz Boas and Ruth Benedict and continues through the post-war era 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.

*“Anderson’s insightful analysis un-silences significant aspects of anthropology’s past and illuminates how dominant liberal modalities of anti-racism—regardless of intention—sustain the epistemic, cultural, and structural power of white supremacy.”*

—Faye V. Harrison,  
University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign

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**A History of False Hope**  
*Investigative Commissions  
in Palestine*

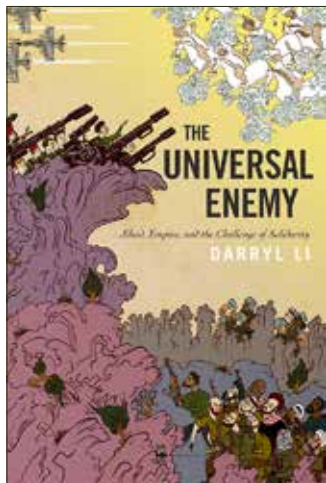
Lori Allen

This book offers a provocative retelling of Palestinian political history through an examination of the international commissions that have investigated political violence and human rights violations. Drawing on debates in the press, previously unexamined UN reports, historical archives, and ethnographic research, Allen explores six key investigative commissions over the last century. She highlights how Palestinians’ persistent demands for independence have been routinely translated into the numb language of reports and resolutions. These commissions, Allen argues, operating as technologies of liberal global governance, yield no justice—only the oppressive status quo. *A History of False Hope* issues a biting critique of the captivating allure and cold impotence of international law.

*“Allen has produced a fascinating, engaging, and innovative scholarly assessment of how international commissions have failed to deliver political results to the Palestinian people.”*

—Richard Falk

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## The Universal Enemy

*Jihad, Empire, and the Challenge of Solidarity*

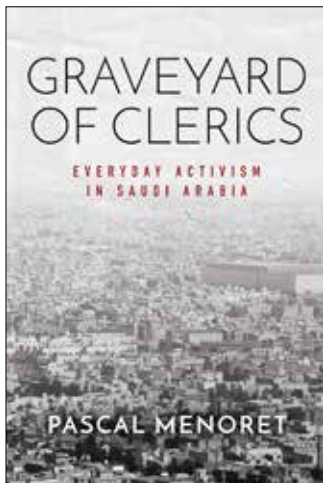
Darryl Li

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

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## Graveyard of Clerics

*Everyday Activism in Saudi Arabia*

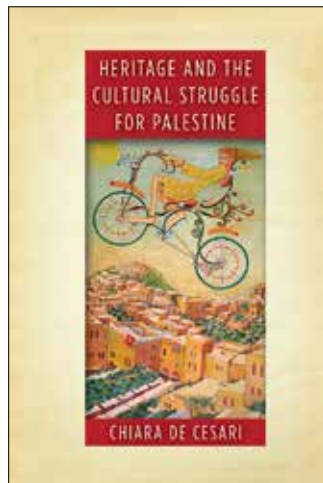
Pascal Menoret

Developed after World War II to encourage a society of docile, isolated citizens, Saudi suburbs instead opened new spaces for political action. Religious activists in particular turned homes, schools, mosques, and summer camps into resources for mobilization. With the support of suburban grassroots networks, activists won local elections and found opportunities to protest government actions—until they faced a new wave of repression under the current Saudi leadership. With this book, Menoret offers a cautionary tale: the ongoing repression from Saudi elites—achieved often with the complicity of the international community—is shutting down grassroots political movements with significant consequences for the country, and the world.

*“A distinguished ethnographer, Menoret excavates the Islamic Awakening in Saudi Arabia with great empathy and understanding, bringing us face to face with the men of the movement, and their rise and demise in the Saudi state.”*

—Madawi al-Rasheed,  
London School of Economics

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## Heritage and the Cultural Struggle for Palestine

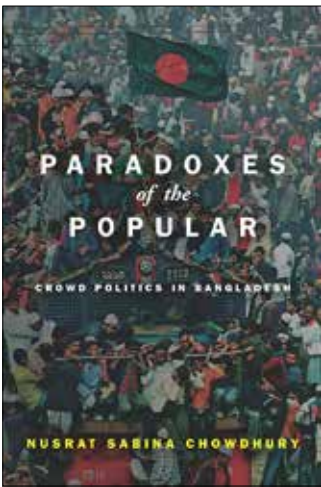
Chiara De Cesari

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. De Cesari examines Palestinian heritage projects 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.

*“This pathbreaking book links cultural heritage and the postcolonial condition in new and provocative ways.”*

—John F. Collins,  
Queens College, CUNY

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**Paradoxes of the Popular**  
*Crowd Politics in Bangladesh*  
Nusrat Sabina Chowdhury

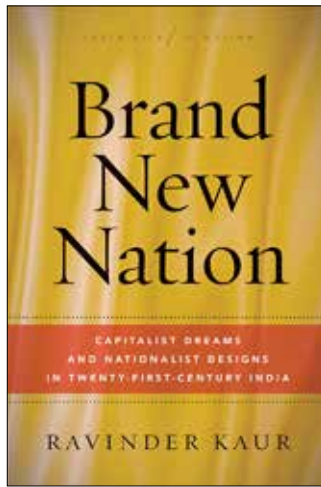
Few places are as politically precarious as Bangladesh, even fewer as crowded. It is also one of the poorest among such densely populated nations. In spite of an overriding anxiety of exhaustion, there are a few important caveats to the familiar feelings of despair—a growing economy, and an uneven, yet robust, nationalist sentiment—which, together, generate revealing paradoxes. In this book, 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.

*“Richly ethnographic, this study takes a fresh and contemporary look at the role of crowds in democratic politics.”*

—Partha Chatterjee,  
Columbia University

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**Brand New Nation**  
*Capitalist Dreams and Nationalist Designs in Twenty-First-Century India*  
Ravinder Kaur

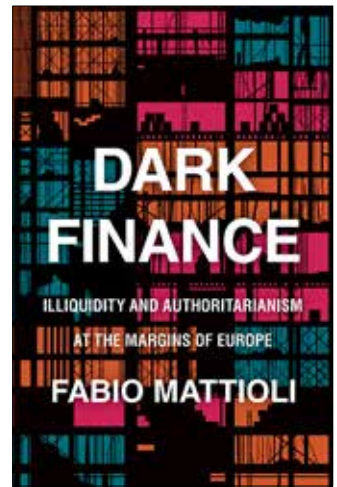
The early twenty-first century was an optimistic moment of global futures-making. The chief narrative was the emergence of the BRIC nations branded afresh as resource-rich hubs of untapped talent and potential from the old third world that “opened up” for foreign investments. The tantalizing promise of economic growth invited investments in the nation’s exciting futures; it also offered utopian visions of “good times”, and even restoration of lost glory to the nation’s citizens. Grounded in the history of modern India, *Brand New Nation* reveals the on-the-ground experience of the relentless transformation of the nation-state into an attractive investment destination for speculative global capital.

*“A hugely thoughtful and innovative analysis of the phenomenon known as ‘India Inc.’”*

—Sumathi Ramaswamy,  
Duke University

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**Dark Finance**  
*Illiquidity 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, 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. 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.

*“As financialization and populism reshape the world, Fabio Mattioli’s rich and timely analysis traces the intersection of finance-fueled construction and authoritarian rule in Macedonia.”*

—Sohini Kar,  
London School of Economics  
and Political Science

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

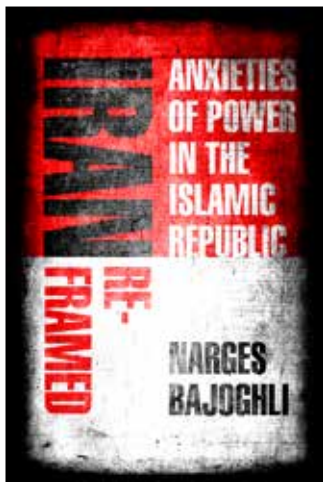
David Nugent

What happens when the state starts bending facts? Or imagines illusory opposition parties? *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 Odría (1948-1956). 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.

*"This brilliant, inspired book reshapes the debate about 'the state' in a number of disciplines, challenging virtually all the prevailing orthodoxies about states in their relation to societies."*

—Akhil Gupta,  
University of California, Los Angeles

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**Iran Reframed**  
*Anxieties of Power in the Islamic Republic*

Narges Bajoghli

*Iran Reframed* offers unprecedented access to those who wield power in Iran as they debate and define the future of the Republic. Over ten years, Bajoghli met with men in Iran's Revolutionary Guard, Ansar Hezbollah, and Basij paramilitary organizations to investigate how their media producers developed strategies to court Iranian youth. Readers come to know these men—what the regime means to them and their anxieties about the future of their revolutionary project. Contestation over how to define the regime underlies all their efforts to communicate with the public. This book offers a multi-layered story about what it means to be pro-regime in the Islamic Republic, challenging everything we think we know about Iran and revolution.

*"Iran Reframed is incomparable. A must read on Iran's media landscape and paramount for anyone who wants to understand Iran as it really is. Gripping and provocative."*

—Negar Mottahedeh,  
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**Mafia Raj**  
*The Rule of Bosses in South Asia*

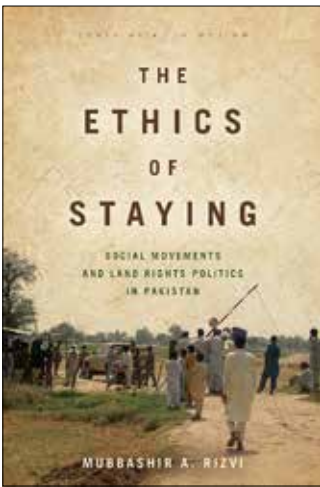
Lucia Michelutti, Ashraf Hoque, Nicolas Martin, David Picherit, Paul Rollier, Arild E. Ruud, and Clarinda Still

"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 Ethics of Staying**  
*Social Movements and Land Rights Politics in Pakistan*

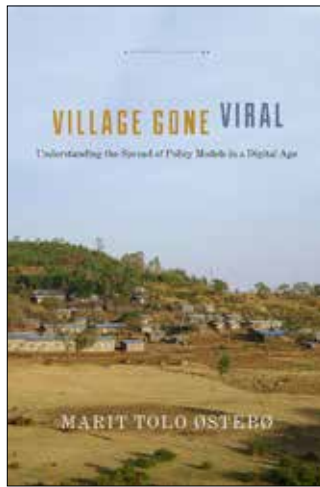
Mubbashir A. Rizvi

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*, 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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**Village Gone Viral**  
*Understanding the Spread of Policy Models in a Digital Age*

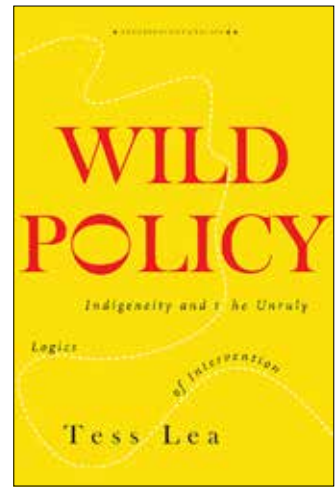
Marit Tolo Østebø

In 2001, Ethiopian Television aired a documentary about a small, rural village called Awra Amba, where women ploughed, men worked in the kitchen, and so-called harmful traditional practices did not exist. The documentary radically challenged prevailing images of Ethiopia as gender-conservative and aid-dependent, and Awra Amba became a symbol of gender equality and sustainable development in Ethiopia and beyond. *Village Gone Viral* uses the example of Awra Amba to consider the widespread circulation and use of modeling practices, as policy models go “viral” in an increasingly transnational and digital policy world. While a policy model may be presented as a “best practice,” the local impacts of the model paradigm are far more ambivalent, potentially increasing social inequalities.

*"Østebø enriches the anthropology of development with new theoretical tools and updates it with concepts appropriate for the Internet age. Highly recommended."*

—Thomas Hylland Eriksen,  
University of Oslo

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**Wild Policy**  
*Indigeneity and the Unruly Logics of Intervention*

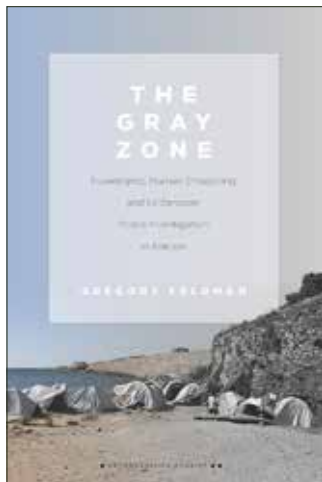
Tess Lea

This book describes what happens to Indigenous social policy when it targets the putatively “wild people” of regional and remote Australia. 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 that wild policies are not about undoing the big causes of 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, *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? Lea offers a layered, multi-relational approach called policy ecology to probe “what is to be done?”

*"An extraordinary contribution to the anthropology of policy, settler colonialism, and infrastructural inequality."*

—Daniel Fisher,  
University of California, Berkeley

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**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, 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. These gray zones create opportunities for team members both to degrade subjects of investigations and to take unnecessary risks for them. Feldman explores their personal experiences and daily work to crack open wider issues about sovereignty, action, ethics, and, ultimately, being human.

*“An ethnography of policing unlike any other. Feldman’s exhilarating, fast-paced study of an undercover police team is stitched through with a highly original reflection on sovereignty, violence, and distance between ethos and ethics.”*

—Mark Maguire,  
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**Precarious Hope**  
*Migration and the Limits of  
 Belonging in Turkey*

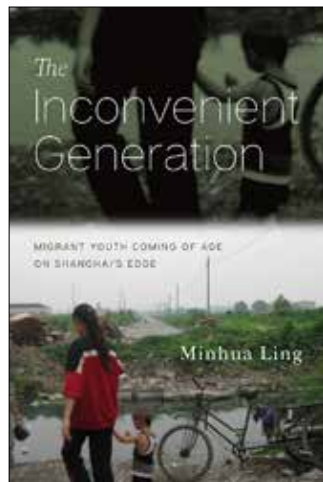
**Ayşe Parla**

*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 Bulgaristanlı migrants residing in Turkey, *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.

*“With stunning analytic precision, intellectual grace, and captivating ethnography, Ayşe Parla takes on key debates about precarity and hope. If the migrant is the quintessential figure of our anxious times, this magnificent book is the essential guide to thinking more politically and profoundly about her predicament.”*

—Lila Abu-Lughod,  
 Columbia University

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**The Inconvenient Generation**  
*Migrant Youth Coming of Age on  
 Shanghai’s Edge*

**Minhua Ling**

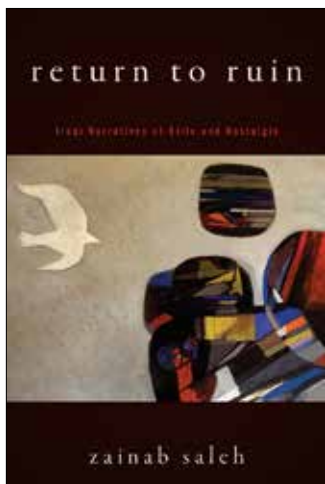
After three decades of massive rural-to-urban migration in China, a burgeoning population of over 35 million second-generation migrants living in its cities poses a challenge to socialist modes of population management and urban governance. In *The Inconvenient Generation*, Ling offers the first longitudinal 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. Illuminating the aspirations and strategies of these young men and women, Ling captures their experiences against the backdrop of a reemergent global Shanghai.

*“Beautifully crafted, this is a poignant story about coming of age as ‘liminal subjects.’”*

—Li Zhang,  
 University of California, Davis

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**Return to Ruin**  
*Iraqi Narratives of Exile  
and Nostalgia*

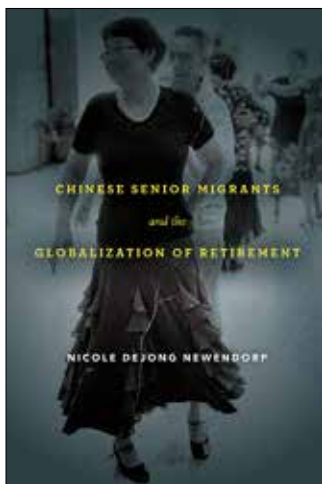
Zainab Saleh

With the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Iraqis abroad, hoping to return one day to a better Iraq, became uncertain exiles. *Return to Ruin* tells the human story of this exile. Focusing on debates among Iraqi exiles about what it means to be an Iraqi after years of displacement, Saleh weaves a narrative that draws attention to a once-dominant, vibrant Iraqi cultural landscape and social and political shifts among the diaspora after decades of authoritarianism, war, and occupation in Iraq. She illuminates how Iraqis continue to fashion a sense of belonging and imagine a future, built on the shards of these shattered memories.

*“Powerful and heartbreaking, Return to Ruin is a must-read for all who are interested in the fraught relationships between colonial durability and political action.”*

—Deborah A. Thomas,  
University of Pennsylvania

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**Chinese Senior Migrants  
and the Globalization  
of Retirement**

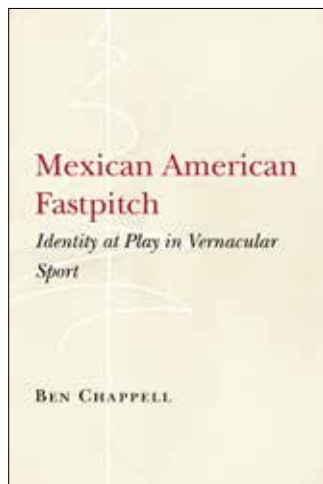
Nicole DeJong Newendorp

The twenty-first century has seen growing numbers of seniors turning to migration in response to newfound challenges to traditional forms of retirement and old-age support, such as increased longevity, aging populations, and global neoliberal trends reducing state welfare. Chinese-born migrants to the U.S. are an exemplary case, with 30 percent of all migrants since 1990 being at least 60 years old. This book tells the story of retirees' pursuit of meaningful retired lifestyles at the social and economic margins of American life, arguing that their experiences demonstrate the significance of age as a fundamental mediating factor in how migration is experienced.

*“Though centered in Boston’s Chinatown, Newendorp skillfully contextualizes the migration stories of Cantonese seniors within broader historical trajectories of pre- and post-1949 Cantonese transnational migration, as she speaks to the broader phenomenon of the ‘globalization of retirement.’”*

—Andrea Louie,  
Michigan State University

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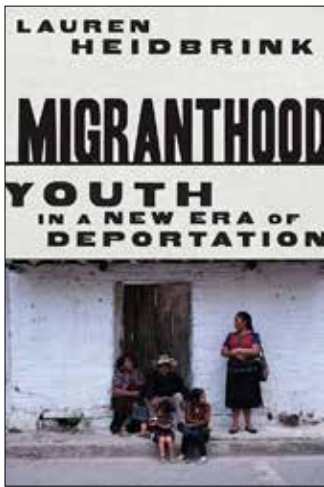


**Mexican American  
Fastpitch**  
*Identity at Play in Vernacular  
Sport*

Ben Chappell

In Mexican American communities in the central United States, the modern tradition of playing fastpitch softball has been passed from generation to generation. This ethnic sporting practice is kept alive through annual tournaments, the longest running of which were founded in the 1940s, when softball was a ubiquitous form of recreation and the so-called “Mexican American generation” born to immigrant parents was coming of age. Carrying on with fastpitch into the second or third generation of players even as wider interest in the sport has waned, these historically Mexican American tournaments now function as reunions that allow people to maintain ties to a shared past, and to remember the decades of segregation when Mexican Americans’ citizenship was unfairly questioned. In this multi-sited ethnography, Chappell situates the sport within a history marked by migration, marginalization, and struggle, through which Mexican Americans have navigated complex negotiations of cultural, national, and local identities.

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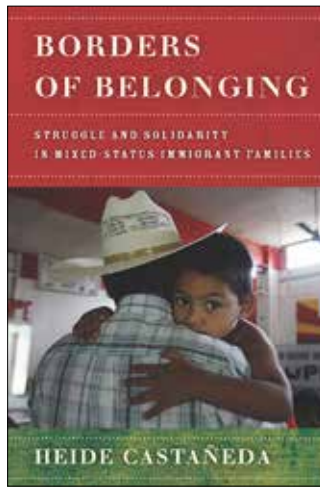
**Migranthood**  
*Youth in a New Era of Deportation*  
Lauren Heidbrink

*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 and make difficult decisions, and how young people develop and sustain relationships over time and space. Heidbrink uncovers the transnational effects of the securitized responses to migration management and development on individuals and families, across space, citizenship status, and generation.

*"A must-read for anyone who cares about migrant youth, and a wake-up call for policymakers recycling failed immigration and development policies."*

—Victoria Sanford,  
City University of New York

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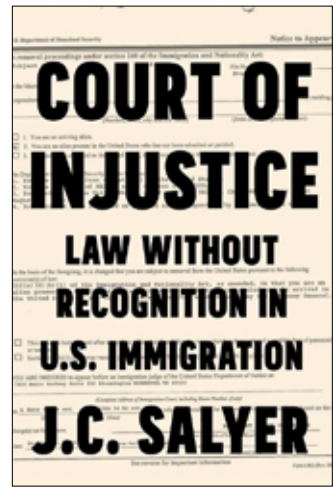
**Borders of Belonging**  
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