There is a conventional wisdom about oil—that U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf guarantees access to this strategic resource; that the “special” relationship with Saudi Arabia is necessary to stabilize an otherwise volatile market; and that these assumptions in turn provide Washington enormous leverage over Europe and Asia. Except, the conventional wisdom is wrong. Vitalis debunks the myths to reveal “oilcraft,” a line of magical thinking closer to witchcraft than statecraft. Oil is a commodity: bought, sold, and subject to market forces. Thus, the first goal of this book is to expose the suspect fears of scarcity and conflict. The second goal is to investigate the significant geopolitical impact of these false beliefs. In particular, Vitalis shows how we can reconsider the question of the U.S.–Saudi relationship. Freeing ourselves from the spell of oilcraft won’t be easy—but the benefits make it essential.

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Jessica Trisko Darden challenges long-standing ideas about aid and highlights key patterns in the relationship between assistance and violence. She persuasively demonstrates that many of the foreign aid policy challenges the U.S. faced in the Cold War era, such as the propping up of dictators friendly to U.S. interests, remain salient today. Historical case studies of Indonesia, El Salvador, and South Korea illustrate how aid can uphold human freedoms or propagate human rights abuses. *Aiding and Abetting* encourages both advocates and critics of foreign assistance to reconsider its political and social consequences by focusing international aid efforts on the expansion of human freedom.

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Defense Management Reform
How to Make the Pentagon Work Better and Cost Less
Peter Levine
Pentagon spending has been the target of decades of criticism and reform efforts. Every Secretary of Defense for the last five Administrations has made it a priority to address perceived bloat and inefficiency by making management reform a major priority. The congressional defense committees have been just as active, yet few of these initiatives produce significant results.

In this book, Peter Levine addresses why, despite a long history of attempted reform, the Pentagon continues to struggle to reduce waste and inefficiency. The heart of Defense Management Reform is three case studies covering civilian personnel, acquisitions, and financial management. Narrated with the insight of an insider, the result is a clear understanding of what went wrong in the past and a set of concrete guidelines to plot a better future.

“Levine is uniquely qualified to identify the political and bureaucratic practices that promote successful defense reform.”
—General Norty Schwartz, US Air Force (Retired)

Full Spectrum Dominance
Irregular Warfare and the War on Terror
Maria Ryan
America’s war on terror is widely defined by the Afghanistan and Iraq fronts. Yet, as this book demonstrates, both the international campaign and the new ways of fighting that grew out of it played out across multiple fronts beyond the Middle East. Maria Ryan shows how secondary fronts in the Philippines, sub-Saharan Africa, and Georgia and the Caspian Sea basin became key test sites for developing what the Department of Defense called “full spectrum dominance”: mastery across the entire range of possible conflict, from conventional through irregular warfare.

Full Spectrum Dominance explores whether irregular warfare has been effective in creating global stability or if new terrorist groups have emerged in response to the intervention. As the U.S. has increasingly turned to irregular capabilities and objectives, understanding the underlying causes as well as the effects of the quest for full spectrum dominance becomes ever more important.

“A tour de force. Theoretically innovative and empirically rich.”
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Whose Life Is Worth More?
Hierarchies of Risk and Death in Contemporary Wars
Yagil Levy
Modern democracies face tough life-and-death choices in armed conflicts. Chief among them is how to weigh the value of soldiers’ lives against those of civilians on both sides. The first of its kind, Whose Life Is Worth More? reveals that how these decisions are made is much more nuanced than conventional wisdom suggests. When these states are entangled in prolonged conflicts, hierarchies emerge and evolve to weigh the value of human life.

Cultural narratives about the nature and necessity of war, public rhetoric about external threats facing the nation, antiwar movements, and democratic values all contribute to the perceived validity of civilian and soldier deaths. By looking beyond the military to the cultural and political factors that shape policies, this book provides tools to understand how democracies really decide whose life is worth more.

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LEADERSHIP DECAPITATION

Strategic Targeting of Terrorist Organizations

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Containing a foreword by former National Security Adviser Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster, this book is an indispensable resource for international relations and security studies scholars, policymakers, and military professionals.

This series addresses a lacuna in the literature on violence, moving beyond the study of one type of terrorism to understand the larger ecosystem of violence. The series publishes manuscripts that bridge the gap between the academic and policy worlds and seeks to highlight emerging issues on the cutting edge of research. In particular, it addresses the intersectionality of violence with other areas, such as strategy, gender-based and interpersonal violence, economics, and sociology. The series offers an innovative analytical approach to concerns in terrorism and political violence inflicted by state and non-state actors alike. The editors are especially interested in promoting research by women and early career professionals.

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Global Data Shock
Strategic Ambiguity, Deception, and Surprise in an Age of Information Overload
Robert Mandel

Intelligence and security communities have access to an overwhelming amount of information. Robert Mandel explores how information overload facilitates ambiguity, deception, and surprise, eroding international trust and cooperation in the Internet Age. A sweeping array of case studies illustrates the role of data shock in shaping global events from the 1990 Iraqi attack on Kuwait to Brexit. Too much information can lead to foreign intelligence failures, security policy incoherence, mass public frustrations, curtailment of democratic freedoms, and even international political anarchy.

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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.

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U.S. SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY
**Diplomatic Security**  
*A Comparative Analysis*  
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As diplomatic personnel are increasingly targeted by terrorism and political violence while overseas, sending states are augmenting host nations’ security measures with their own. Yet, reinforced security may also hamper effective diplomacy and international relations. *Diplomatic Security* explores the global contexts and consequences of keeping embassies and their personnel safe.

The essays in this volume offer case studies that illustrate the different arrangements in the U.S., China, the U.K., France, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Israel, and Russia. Considering the historical and legal contexts, authors examine how states protect their diplomats abroad, what drives changes in protective arrangements, and how such measures affect the safety of diplomats and the institution of diplomacy. *Diplomatic Security* not only reveals how a wide variety of states handle security needs but also illuminates the broader theoretical and policy implications for the study of diplomacy and security alike.

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**Proxy War**  
*The Least Bad Option*  
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The U.S. has indirectly intervened in international conflicts on a relatively large scale for decades. Yet little is known about the immediate usefulness or long-term effectiveness of contemporary proxy warfare. Tyrone L. Groh explores the circumstances under which indirect warfare works best, how to evaluate it as a policy option, and the possible risks and rewards. *Proxy War* offers a fresh look at this strategy, using ten uncommon and understudied cases to investigate and illustrate the different types and uses of proxy war under varying conditions. What arises is a complete theoretical model of proxy warfare that can be applied to a wide range of situations. Proxy war is here to stay and will likely become more common as players on the international stage increasingly challenge U.S. dominance, making it more important than ever to understand how and when to deploy it.

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**These Islands Are Ours**  
The Social Construction of Territorial Disputes in Northeast Asia  
Alexander Bukh  
Territorial disputes are one of the main sources of tension in Northeast Asia. Escalation in such conflicts often stems from a widely shared public perception that the territory in question is of the utmost importance to the nation. While that’s frequently not true in economic, military, or political terms, citizens’ groups and other domestic actors throughout the region have mounted sustained campaigns to protect or recover disputed islands. Quite often, these campaigns have wide-ranging domestic and international consequences.

Focusing on non-state actors rather than political elites, Alexander Bukh explains how and why apparently inconsequential territories become central to national discourse in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. *These Islands Are Ours* gives us a new way to understand the nature of territorial disputes and how they inform national identities by exploring the processes of their social construction, and amplification.

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Overcoming Isolationism
Japan’s Leadership in East Asian Security Multilateralism
Paul Midford
This book asks why, in the wake of the Cold War, Japan suddenly reversed years of steadfast opposition to security cooperation with its neighbors. Long isolated and opposed to multilateral agreements, Japan proposed East Asia’s first multilateral security forum in the early 1990s, emerging as a regional leader. Overcoming Isolationism explores what led to this surprising about-face and offers a corrective to the misperception that Japan’s security strategy is reactive to US pressure and unresponsive to its neighbors. Paul Midford draws on newly released official documents and extensive interviews to reveal a quarter century of Japanese leadership in promoting regional security cooperation. He demonstrates that Japan has a much more nuanced relationship with its neighbors and has played a more significant leadership role in shaping East Asian security than has previously been recognized.

Asia’s Regional Architecture
Alliances and Institutions in the Pacific Century
Andrew Yeo
Asia’s Regional Architecture transcends traditional international relations models. It investigates change and continuity in Asia’s complex array of bilateral and multilateral agreements through the lens of historical institutionalism. Refuting claims regarding the demise of the liberal international order, Andrew Yeo reveals how overlapping institutions can promote regional governance and reduce uncertainty in a global context. In addition to considering established institutions such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, he discusses newer regional arrangements including the East Asia Summit, Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the Belt and Road Initiative. This book has important implications for how policymakers think about institutional design and regionalism in Asia and beyond.

Rebranding China
Contested Status Signaling in the Changing Global Order
Xiaoyu Pu
China is intensely conscious of its status, at home and abroad. Contradictory posturing as a fragile developing country and a nascent global power makes decoding China’s foreign policy a challenge, generating uncertainty in many parts of the world. Using the metaphor of rebranding to understand China’s varying displays of status, Xiaoyu Pu analyzes a rising China’s challenges and dilemmas on the global stage. Rebranding China demystifies how the state represents its global position by analyzing recent military transformations, regional diplomacy, and international financial negotiations. Drawing on a sweeping body of research, including original Chinese sources and interdisciplinary ideas from sociology, psychology, and international relations, this book puts forward an innovative framework for interpreting China’s foreign policy.

“This is a must-read for anyone interested in China’s foreign relations and China’s domestic political development in the reform era.”
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Super Continent
*The Logic of Eurasian Integration*
Kent E. Calder

A Eurasian transformation is underway, and it flows from China. With a geopolitically central location, the country’s domestic and international policies are poised to change the face of global affairs. The Belt and Road Initiative has called attention to a deepening Eurasian continentalism that has, argues Kent Calder, much more significant implications than have yet been recognized. In *Super Continent*, Calder presents a theoretically guided and empirically grounded explanation for these changes. In doing so, he underlines that the geo-economic logic that prevailed across Eurasia before Columbus, and that made the Silk Road a central thoroughfare of world affairs for close to two millennia, is re-asserting itself once again.

“Calder is dead right. This volume is an indispensable guide for both professors and politicians to the complex new realities of this Super Continent.”
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Russian Nuclear Orthodoxy
*Religion, Politics, and Strategy*
Dmitry Adamsky

A nuclear priesthood has arisen in Russia. From portable churches to the consecration of weapons systems, the Russian Orthodox Church has been integrated into every facet of the armed forces to become a vital part of Russian national security, politics, and identity. This extraordinary intertwining of church and military is nowhere more visible than in the nuclear weapons community, where the priesthood has penetrated all levels of command and the Church has positioned itself as a guardian of the state’s nuclear potential. *Russian Nuclear Orthodoxy* highlights the implications of this phenomenon for international security and sheds light on the role of faith in modern militaries. The book also explores the consequences of the confluence of religion and strategy for other members of the nuclear club.

“A magnificent, fascinating, and altogether unique study.”
—Eliot A. Cohen, Johns Hopkins University

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Political Fallout
*Nuclear Weapons Testing and the Making of a Global Environmental Crisis*
Toshihiro Higuchi

*Political Fallout* is the story of one of the first human-driven, truly global environmental crises—radioactive fallout from nuclear weapons testing during the Cold War—and the international response. Beginning in 1945, the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union detonated hundreds of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, scattering a massive amount of radioactivity across the globe. The scale of contamination was so vast that its cumulative effect on humans and the environment is still difficult to fully comprehend. The international debate over nuclear fallout turned global radioactive contamination into an environmental issue, eventually leading the nuclear superpowers to sign the landmark Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT) in 1963. Bringing together environmental history and Cold War history, Toshihiro Higuchi argues that the PTBT, originally proposed as an arms control measure, transformed into a dual-purpose initiative to check the nuclear arms race and radioactive pollution simultaneously.

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The Hijacked War
*The Story of Chinese POWs in the Korean War*
David Cheng Chang

The Korean War lasted for three years, one month, and two days—but armistice talks occupied more than two of those years, as 14,000 Chinese prisoners of war refused to return to Communist China, effectively hijacking the negotiations of world leaders at a pivotal moment in Cold War history. In *The Hijacked War*, David Cheng Chang vividly portrays the experiences of Chinese prisoners in the dark, cold, and damp tents of Koje and Cheju islands in Korea and how their decisions derailed the high politics being conducted in Washington, Moscow, and Beijing. Drawing on newly declassified archival materials from China, Taiwan, and the United States and interviews with surviving Chinese and North Korean prisoners of war, Chang depicts the struggle over prisoner repatriation that dominated the second half of the Korean War—and changed the course of the Cold War in East Asia—in the prisoners’ own words.

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Between Containment and Rollback
*The United States and the Cold War in Germany*
Christian F. Ostermann

In the aftermath of World War II, American diplomats and policymakers turned to the task of rebuilding Europe while keeping Communism at bay. Based on recently declassified documents, this book tells the story of U.S. policy toward East Germany from 1945 to 1953. As the American approach shifted between the policy of “containment” and more active “rollback” of Communist power, the Truman and Eisenhower administrations worked to undermine Soviet-backed Communist rule without compromising economic and nation-building interests in West Germany. There was a darker side to American policy in East Germany: covert operations, propaganda, and psychological warfare. This international history tracks relations between East German and Soviet Communists, providing new perspectives on U.S. foreign policy as Cold War tensions coalesced.

“A model of outstanding historical research and argumentation.”
—Thomas Schwartz, Vanderbilt University

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The Whole World Was Watching
*Sport in the Cold War*
Edited by Robert Edelman and Christopher Young

In the Cold War era, the confrontation between capitalism and communism played out not only in military, diplomatic, and political contexts, but also in the realm of culture—and perhaps nowhere more so than the cultural phenomenon of sports, where the symbolic capital of athletic endeavor held up a mirror to the global contest for the sympathies of citizens worldwide. *The Whole World Was Watching* examines Cold War rivalries through the lens of sporting activities and competitions across Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the U.S. The analysis of sport provides a valuable lens for understanding both how individuals experienced the Cold War in their daily lives, and how sports culture in turn influenced politics and diplomatic relations.

“A fantastic contribution to both the history of sport and the history of the Cold War.”
—Sergey Radchenko, Cardiff University

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
The Deepest Border
The Strait of Gibraltar and the Making of the Modern Hispano-African Borderland
Sasha D. Pack

The Deepest Border tells the story of how a borderland society formed around the Strait of Gibraltar, bringing historical perspective to one of the contemporary world’s critical border zones. In conceptualizing the Strait of Gibraltar region as a borderland, Sasha D. Pack reconsiders the region’s major tensions and conflicts, including the Rif Rebellion, the Spanish Civil War, the European phase of World War II, the colonization and decolonization of Morocco, and the ongoing controversies over the exclaves of Gibraltar, Ceuta, and Melilla. Integrating these threads into a long history of the region, The Deepest Border speaks to broad questions about how sovereignty operates on the “periphery,” the maintenance and construction of borders, and the enduring legacies of imperialism and colonialism.

“Sasha D. Pack’s highly original study of this critical Mediterranean chokepoint represents a masterpiece in the field of border studies.”
—Julia Clancy-Smith, University of Arizona

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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 multilayered story about what it means to be pro-regime in the Islamic Republic, challenging everything we think we know about Iran and revolution.

“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, Duke University

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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.”
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Justice for Some
Law and the Question of Palestine
Noura Erakat

Justice for Some offers a new approach to understanding the Palestinian struggle for freedom, told through the power and control of international law. Focusing on key junctures—from the Balfour Declaration in 1917 to present-day wars in Gaza—Erakat shows how the strategic deployment of law has shaped current conditions. Over the past century, the law has done more to advance Israel’s interests than the Palestinians’. But, Erakat argues, this outcome was never inevitable. Law is politics, and its meaning and application depend on the political intervention of states and people alike. Within the law, change is possible, and international law can serve the cause of freedom when it is mobilized in support of a political movement.

“The best book on the law and politics of the Palestine/Israel struggle—sophisticated, learned, humane, and creative.”
—Richard Falk, Former UN Special Rapporteur for Palestine

Partitions
A Transnational History of Twentieth-Century Territorial Separatism
Edited by Arie M. Dubnov and Laura Robson

Partition—the physical division of territory along ethno-religious lines into separate nation-states—is often presented as a political “solution” to ethnic conflict. In the twentieth century, new nation-states—the Irish Free State, the Dominions (later Republics) of India and Pakistan, and the State of Israel—emerged as the result of partition, all in contexts of extreme violence. This volume offers the first collective history of the concept of partition, tracing its emergence in the aftermath of the First World War and locating its genealogy in the politics of twentieth-century empire and decolonization.

“Tracing the movement of partition theories and practices across multiple colonial spaces, this volume resists both functional explanations and the balance-sheet approach in favor of a deeply historicized account of partition’s multiple lives and afterlives across the twentieth century and beyond.”
—Antoinette Burton, University of Illinois

The Arc of Protection
Reforming the International Refugee Regime
T. Alexander Aleinikoff and Leah Zamore

The international refugee regime is fundamentally broken. Designed in the wake of World War II, the system is unable to address the record numbers of persons displaced by conflict and violence today. States have put up fences and adopted policies to deny, deter, and detain asylum seekers. People recognized as refugees are routinely denied rights guaranteed by international law. The results are dismal for the millions of refugees around the world who are left with slender prospects to rebuild their lives or contribute to host communities. T. Alexander Aleinikoff and Leah Zamore lay bare the underlying global crisis of responsibility. The Arc of Protection adopts a revisionist and critical perspective that examines the original premises of the international refugee regime. This book offers a way out of the current international morass through refocusing on responsibility-sharing, seeing the humanitarian-development divide in a new light, and putting refugee rights front and center.

MIDDLE EAST

HUMAN RIGHTS
Imagining the International
Crime, Justice, and the
Promise of Community
Nesam McMillan

Through an analysis of archival and contemporary data, *Imagining the International* provides a sustained picture of how ideas about international crime and justice are given content and the global interrelations they enable and foreclose. Nesam McMillan argues that dominant approaches to conceptualizing distinctly international crime and international justice are problematic because they disconnect these phenomena from the everyday, fostering distance between those who have experienced international crime and those who have not. McMillan draws on interdisciplinary work spanning law, criminology, humanitarianism, socio-legal studies, cultural studies, and human geography to show how understandings of international crime and justice hierarchize, spectacularize, and appropriate the suffering of others and promote an ideal of justice fundamentally disconnected from life as it is lived. This book underscores the importance of the ideas of international crime and justice and their significant limits, cautioning against their continued valorization.

The Grip of Sexual Violence in Conflict
Feminist Interventions in International Law
Karen Engle

Through an account of feminist engagement with international law over the past twenty-five years, this book argues that sexual violence in conflict was not as obvious a focus for transnational feminism as it may appear to be in hindsight. Beginning with the attention to wartime rape in the 1990s during the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, Karen Engle traces feminist advocacy and international legal support for ending violence against women. As transnational feminists began to pay attention to sexual violence in conflict, Engle reveals they often did so at the cost of attention to other issues, including anti-militarism; critiques of economic maldistribution, imperialism and cultural essentialism by feminists from the global South; and the sex-positive position of those involved in debates about sex work and pornography. Engle argues that these feminist commitments were not merely deprioritized, but undermined, and she asks readers to reconsider the inevitability of today’s international feminist norms.

Democracy From Above?
The Unfulfilled Promise of Nationally Mandated Participatory Reforms
Stephanie L. McNulty

People are increasingly unhappy with their governments in democracies around the world. In countries as diverse as India, Ecuador, and Uganda, governments are responding to frustrations by mandating greater citizen participation. Yet there’s been little research on their efficacy, despite an explosion in their popularity since the mid-1980s. *Democracy from Above?* tests the hypothesis that top-down reforms strengthen democracies and evaluates the conditions that affect their success. Stephanie L. McNulty investigates the results of government mandates in seventeen countries, with close case studies of Guatemala, Bolivia, and Peru. The first cross-national comparison on this issue, *Democracy from Above?* explores whether the reforms effectively redress persistent problems such as discrimination, elite capture, clientelism, and corruption.

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Dying to Serve

*Militarism, Affect, and the Politics of Sacrifice in the Pakistan Army*

Maria Rashid

The Pakistan Army is a uniquely powerful and influential institution, with deep roots in the colonial armed forces. It relies heavily on certain regions to supply its soldiers, especially parts of rural Punjab, where men have served in the army for generations. In *Dying to Serve*, Maria Rashid innovatively and sensitively addresses the question: how does the military thrive when so much of its work results in injury, debility, and death? Rashid argues that “spectacles of mourning” are careful manipulations of affect, gendered and structured by the military to reinforce its omnipotence. She contends that understanding these affective technologies is crucial to challenging the appeal of the military institution globally.

“This highly original study shows that we can learn about the appeal of military service by engaging with those who stand to lose the most from its allure: the women whose sons and husbands die in uniform.”

—Vron Ware, Kingston 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.

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