The Journal of Asian Studies

VOLUME 65

NUMBER 1

FEBRUARY 2006

PUBLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES, INC.

The Journal of Asian Studies

Volume 65 • Number 1 • February 2006

Contents

Editorial Foreword	1
ARTICLES	
Identity Papers	
The Yearning for 'Friendship': Revisiting 'The Political' in Minority Revolutionary History in China URADYN E. BULAG	3
Religion, Nostalgia and Memory: Making an Ancient and Recent Tai- Ahom Identity in Assam and Thailand YASMIN SAIKIA	33
Contingency, Knowledge & Colonial Rule	
Rule and Representation: Transformations in the Governance of the Water Commons in British South India DAVID MOSSE	61
Inscribing Colonial Monumentality: A Case Study of the 1763 Patna Massacre Memorial REBECCA M. BROWN	91
Marco della Tomba and the Brahmin from Banaras: Missionaries, Orientalists and Indian Scholars DAVID N. LORENZEN	115
BOOK REVIEWS	
Asia: Comparative and Transnational	
BERGER, The Battle for Asia: From Decolonization to Globalization SUMNER J. LA CROIX	145
BROOK, Collaboration: Japanese Agents and Local Elites in Wartime China	148

	STRICKMANN (ed. FAURE), Chinese Poetry and Prophecy: The Written Oracle in East Asia GIL RAZ.	175
	THEISS, Disgraceful Matters: The Politics of Chastity in Eighteenth-Century China PAUL S. ROPP	177
	WANG, Illuminations from the Past: Trauma, Memory, and History in Modern China XIAOBIN YANG	179
	Wong, Chinese Steles: Pre-Buddhist and Buddhist Use of a Symbolic Form Bonnie Cheng	180
	INNER ASIA	
4	JACKSON, The Mongols and the West: 1221–1410 TIMOTHY MAY	182
	PERRY, A Tajik Persian Reference Grammar PAUL LOSENSKY	183
	RICARD, Monk Dancers of Tibet ISABELLE HENRION-DOURCY	185
	PEARLMAN, Tibetan Sacred Dance: A Journey into the Religious and Folk Traditions ISABELLE HENRION-DOURCY	185
	TIGHE, Constructing Suiyuan: The Politics of Northwestern Territory and Development in Early Twentieth-Century China URADYN E. BULAG	188
	JAPAN	
	AMYX, Japan's Financial Crisis: Institutional Rigidity and Reluctant Change COSTAS LAPAVITSAS	189
	AUSLIN, Negotiating with Imperialism: The Unequal Treaties and the Culture of Japanese Diplomacy ALEXIS DUDDEN	191
	FOWLER, Murôji: Rearranging Art and History at a Japanese Buddhist Temple CHRISTINE M.E. GUTH	192
	KAWANO, Ritual Practice in Modern Japan: Ordering place, people and action D. P. MARTINEZ	194
	MCROY, Japanese Horror Cinema SUSAN NAPIER	195
	OLSEN, The Chrysanthemum and the Song; Music, Memory, and Identity in the South American Japanese Diaspora CHRISTINE R. YANO	197
	RAVINA, The Last Samurai: The Life and Battles of Saigō Takamori GREGORY SMITS	198
	SHIMAZONO, From Salvation to Spirituality: Popular Religious Movements in Modern Japan HELEN HARDACRE	199
	TOBIN (ed.), Pikachu's Global Adventure: The Rise and Fall of Pokémon	200

CALLAHAN, Contingent States: Greater China and Transnational Relations LOWELL DITTMER	149
GUO, Asia's Educational Edge: Current Achievements in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, and India MARK LINCICOME	151
KELLEY, Beyond the Bronze Pillars: Envoy Poetry and the Sino-Vietnamese Relationship LI TANA	152
LINCOLN, East Asian Economic Regionalism SUMNER J. LA CROIX	145
CHINA	
CAI (ed.), Chinese Aesthetics: The Ordering of Literature, the Arts, and the Universe in the Six Dynasties ROBERT ASHMORE	154
CHANG, Literary Culture in Taiwan: Martial Law to Market Law THOMAS MORAN	155
CHIANG, Collecting the Self: Body and Identity in Strange Tale Collections of Late Imperial China SARAH M. ALLEN	157
DUBOIS, The Sacred Village: Social Change and Religious Life in Rural North China RICHARD SHEK	159
Guo, Ritual Opera and Mercantile Lineage: The Confucian Transformation of Popular Culture in Late Imperial Huizhou BRIAN R. DOTT	160
HAMM, Paper Swordsmen: Jin Yong and the Modern Chinese Martial Arts Novel DENISE GIMPEL	162
HARRISON, The Man Awakened from Dreams: One Man's Life in a North China Village R. KEITH SCHOPPA	163
HSIUNG, A Tender Voyage: Children and Childhood in Late Imperial China KEITH N. KNAPP	165
HUTERS, Bringing the World Home: Appropriating the West in Late Qing and Early Republican China KIRK A. DENTON	166
LU and YEH (eds.), Chinese-Language Film: Historiography, Poetics, Politics YIMAN WANG	169
LUPKE (ed.), The Magnitude of Ming: Command, Allotment, and Fate in Chinese Culture JEFFREY L. RICHEY	170
MARMÉ, Suzhou: Where the Goods of All the Provinces Converge HUGH CLARK	172
MOORE, Rituals of Recruitment in Tang China: Reading an Annual Programme in the Collected Statements by Wang Dingbao (870—940)	174

DENNIS GRAFFLIN

SÁNCHEZ GÓMEZ, Un imperio en la vitrina: El colonialismo español en el Pacífico y la Exposición de Filipinas de 1887 ALDA BLANCO SELTH, Burma's Armed Forces: Power Without Glory JAMES F. GUYOT	231

KOREA KIM, Hidden Treasures: Lives of First-Generation Korean Women in Japan 202 WAYNE PATTERSON SOUTH ASIA ALAM, The Languages of Political Islam: India 1200-1800 204 SYED AKBAR HYDER BABB, Alchemies of Violence: Myths of Identity and the Life of Trade in Western India 205 ABIGAIL MCGOWAN 4 BRASS, The Production of Hindu-Muslim Violence in Contemporary India 207 KANCHAN CHANDRA DECAROLI, Haunting the Buddha: Indian Popular Religions and the Formation of 209 Buddbism JASON NEELIS NAYAR, The Sikh Diaspora in Vancouver: Three Generations amid Tradition, 211 Modernity, and Multiculturalism VERNE A. DUSENBERY PECHILIS (ed.), The Graceful Guru: Hindu Female Gurus in India and the United 212 CONSTANTINA RHODES BAILLY RINEHART (ed.), Contemporary Hinduism: Ritual, Culture, and Practice 214 TRACEY PINTCHMAN STEWART (trans.), Fabulous Females and Peerless Pirs: Tales of Mad Adventure in 216 Old Bengal GLEN ALEXANDER HAYES THEKAEKARA, Endless Filth: The Saga of the Bhangis 217 HENRY SCHWARZ THIRUMALI, Against Dora and Nizam: People's Movement in Telangana, 1939-219 1948 PETER L. SCHMITTHENNER VARSHNEY, Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India 221 MANISH KUMAR THAKUR SOUTHEAST ASIA CALLAHAN, Making Enemies: War and State Building in Burma 222 JAMES F. GUYOT GIEBEL, Imagined Ancestries of Vietnamese Communism: Ton Duc Thang and the 225 Politics of History and Memory DAVID HUNT

227

229

VAN DER GRIJP, Identity and Development: Tongan Culture, Agriculture, and the

SALEMINK, The Ethnography of Vietnam's Central Highlands: A Historical

Perenniality of the Gift

CHRISTIAN C. LENTZ

Contextualization, 1850–1900 CHRISTINA FIRPO