

has put together a tome worthy of high academic merit and the author does a commendable job in applying a universal style format throughout. The book is an important addition to the historiography of medieval India and will be a useful resource for serious scholars of medieval Indian history.

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Russia and Tajikistan : Political and Security Relationship. By Dr Mohammad Monir Alam (New Delhi, Lancer's Books, 2011), pp..261, Price Rs.595/-, ISBN-9788170951216.

Given the global shift of focus towards the Central Asian Republics ever since the collapse of the Soviet Union and more so after 9/11 and the events thereafter, Dr Monir Alam's book on the political and security relationship between Russia and Tajikistan comes as useful reading for a better understanding of the complexities and the challenges that the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) face with particular reference to Tajikistan.

To the credit of the author he has wisely chosen geography as the opening chapter of his book. Often analysts lose sight of the vital significance of geography in shaping the destiny of the peoples of a region. The chapters that follow are logical and well organized. The author traces comprehensively the history of the relationship between Russia and Tajikistan right from the middle ages up to the emergence of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union era has then been subjected to a separate analysis. The subsequent chapters dwell on the period of turmoil and instability after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The civil war that followed in Tajikistan has been analyzed with a fair degree of clarity by the author. The role of Russia in restoring some stability in the country and the Moscow Peace Accord have been covered by the author in considerable detail. The final chapters look at the Taliban phenomenon and how that impacts Tajikistan, and the contours of the strategic equation with Russia.

Since the Book was first published in 2011 the author could have made the book more topical and contemporary by commenting on the affairs of the country from 2002 to 2010. This is a void. Equally the Book could have benefited from better editing. Altogether a useful reference book for scholars studying the Region

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Additions to the USI Library for the Quarter – Ending June 2012

(The books reviewed in Jan - Mar 2012 issue have been added to the Library during this quarter but not shown in this list)

Air Warfare

Combat Support Operations : AWACS in Air Warfare / Centre For Air Power Studies, New Delhi by ABS Chaudhry. New Delhi, Knowledge World, 2012. 189p., Rs.680, ISBN 9789381904039

Afghanistan

Afghanistan : How the West Lost Its Way by Tim Bird and Alex Marshall. New Delhi, Orient BlackSwan, 2012. 303p., Rs.565, ISBN 9788125044901

Fighting For Afghanistan : A Rogue Historian At War by Sean M Maloney. Annapolis Naval Institute, Press, 2011. 326p., £ 32.50, ISBN 9781591145097

Lone Survivor : The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10 by Marcus Luttrell. New York Little Brown, 2007. 390p., \$ 24.90. ISBN 9780316067591

The Making of Modern Afghanistan by BD Hopkins. Hampshire, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 259p., £ 18.99, ISBN 9780230302372

Asia

Asian Rivalries : Conflict Escalation and Limitations on Two-level Games. Edited by Sumit Ganguly and William R Thompson. Stanford, Stanford University Press, 2011. 259p., \$ 24.95, ISBN 9780804775960

Astronautics

The Militarisation of Space / Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi by Kaza Lalitendra. New Delhi, Knowledge World, 1987. 324p., Rs.680, ISBN 9789380502076

Biography / Memoirs

Jinnah : The Founder of Pakistan. Edited by Saleem Qureshi. Karachi, Oxford University Press, 2011. 176p., Rs.550, ISBN 9780199061730

Lucknow Boy : A Memoir by Vinod Mehta. New Delhi, Viking (Penguin Group), 2011. 325p., Rs.499, ISBN 9780670085293

China

China in 2020 : A New Type of Superpower by Hu Angang. New Delhi, HarperCollins Publishers, 2011. 213p., Rs.399, ISBN 9789350291993

Mao's Great Famine : The History of China's Most Devastating Catastrophe, 1958-62 by Frank Dikotter. London, Bloomsbury, 2010. 420p., Rs.399, ISBN 9781408810033

No Enemies, No Hatred: Selected Essays and Poems by Liu Xiaobo. Cambridge, Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2012. 366p., \$ 29.95, ISBN 9780674061477

Citizenship

Citizenship and the Flow of Ideas in the Era of Globalization : Structure, Agency and Power. Edited by Subrata K Mitra. New Delhi, Samskriti, 2012. 370p., Rs.795, ISBN 9788187374725

Defence

Asian Defence Review 2011 / Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi. Edited by Jasjit Singh. New Delhi, Knowledge World, 2011. 232p., Rs.620, ISBN 9789381904008

Military Adaptation in War : With Fear of Change by Williamson Murray. New York, Cambridge University Press, 2011. 342p., \$ 35, ISBN 9781107006591

Economic Development

China or Japan : Which Will Lead Asia? by Claude Meyer. London, Hurst and Company, 2010. 195p., £ 25, ISBN 9781849041720

The Third Industrial Revolution : How Lateral Power is Transforming Energy, the Economy, and the World by Jeremy Rifkin. New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. 291p., \$ 27, ISBN 9780230115217

Poor Economics : A Racial Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty by Abhijit V Banerjee and Esther Duflo. Noida, Random House Publishers India Pvt Ltd., 2011. 303p., Rs.499, ISBN 9788184001815

Economic Crisis

Trade Territory and Technology : Economic Crisis in the Global Economy by Shrinivas Tripathi. New Delhi, New Century Publications, 2012. 223p., Rs.635, ISBN 9788177082999

Geopolitics

Geopolitics : A Guide to the Issues by Bert Chapman. California, Praeger (ABC-CLIO,LLC), 2011. 261p., £ 34.99, ISBN 9780313385797

Global Warming - Preventions

Global Warming Gridlock : Creating More Effective Strategies for Prompting the Planet by David G Victor. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2011. 358p., £ 25, ISBN 9780521865012

History – India

Borders and Conflict in South Asia : The Radcliffe Boundary Commission and the Partition of Punjab by Lucy P Chester. Manchester Manchester University Press, 2012. 222p., £ 60, ISBN 9780719078996

International Relations

China's Nightmare, America's Dream : India as the Next Global Power

by William H Avery. New Delhi , Amaryllis (Manjul Publishing House Pvt Ltd), 2012. 244p., Rs.595, ISBN 9789381506073

India - Russia Relations / Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi and Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Moscow. Edited by Jasjit Singh. New Delhi, Knowledge World, 2012. 108p., Rs.495, ISBN 9789381904053

Russia - India - China : Evolution of Geo-Political Strategic Trends. Edited by Nivedita Das Kundu. New Delhi , Academic Foundation, 2010. 123p., Rs. 595, ISBN 9788171887828

Information Warfare

Cybercrime : Criminal Threats from Cyberspace by Susan W Brenner. New Delhi , Pentagon Press, 2012. 281p., Rs.995, ISBN 9788182746145

Network - Centric Warfare : How we Think, See and Fight in the Information Age / Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi by Sanjay Poduval. New Delhi, Knowledge World, 2012. 241p., Rs.720, ISBN 9789380502588

Islam

Shiism : A Religion of Protest by Hamid Dabashi. Cambridge, Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2011. 413p., Rs.1527, ISBN 9780674049451

Intervention – International Law

Can Intervention Work by Rory Stewart and Gerald Knaus. New York, W W Norton, 2011. 236p., \$ 23.95, ISBN NA

International Security

Critical Theory in International Relations and Security Studies : Interview and Reflections. Edited by Shannon Brincat, Laura Lima and Joao Nunes. London, Routledge (Taylor and Francis Group), 2012. 225p., £ 25.99, ISBN 9780415601580

Jammu and Kashmir

The Inside Story of Jammu and Kashmir State by SP Bakshi. New Delhi, Knowledge World, 2012. 188p., Rs.595, ISBN 9789381904046

Leadership

Global Crises and the Crisis of Global Leadership. Edited by Stephen Gil. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2012.

Invincibility, Challenges and Leadership by KV Krishna Rao. New Delhi, Orient BlackSwan, 2010. 438p., Rs.895, ISBN 9788125041870

Monuments

Delhi : Red Fort to Raisina. Edited by JP Losty. New Delhi, Roli Books, 2012. 248p., Rs.2975, ISBN 9788174368614

Time Great Places of History. Edited by Kelly Knauer. New York, Time Books, 2011. 154p., \$ 29.95, ISBN 9781603201964

NATO

NATO : A Guide to the Issues by Brian J Collins. California, Praeger (ABC-CLIO,LLC), 2011. 178p., £ 24.95, ISBN 9780313354915

Naxalism

More than Maoism : Politics, Policies and Insurgencies in South Asia. Edited by Robin Jeffrey, Ronojoy Sen and Pratima Singh. Delhi, Manmohan, 2012. 470p., Rs.1250, ISBN 9788173049330

Nuclear Power

A Perpetual Menace : Nuclear Weapons and International Order by William Walker. London, Routledge (Taylor and Francis Group), 2012. 239p., £ 25.99

Nuclear Power : In the Wake of Fukushima / Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi. Edited by Manpreet Sethi. New Delhi, Knowledge World, 2012. 132p., Rs.495, ISBN 9789381904022

Pakistan

Islam and Society in Pakistan : Anthropological Perspectives. Edited by Magnus Marsden. Karachi , Oxford University Press, 2010. 462p., Rs.995, ISBN 9780195479577

Pakistan Army : Modernisation, Arms Procurement and Capacity Building by Shah Alam. New Delhi, Vij Books, 2012. 102p., Rs. 495, ISBN 9789381411209

Terrorism

The Police in War : Fighting Insurgency, Terrorism, and Violent Crime by David H Bayley and Robert M Perito. New Delhi, Viva Books, 2012. 195p., Rs.995, ISBN 9788130915258

The Politics of Counterterrorism in India : Strategic Intelligence and National Security in South Asia by Prem Mahadevan. London, I B Tauris, 2012. 297p., £ 59.95

Taking Liberties : The War on Terror and the Erosion of American Democracy by Susan N Herman. New York, Oxford University Press, 2011. 276p., Rs. 595, ISBN 9780199782543

Taliban : The Power of Militant Islam in Afghanistan and Beyond by Ahmed Rashid. London, I B Tauris, 2010. 319p., Rs.395, ISBN 9781848854468

Tibet

Tibet : A History by Sam Van Schaik. New Delhi Amaryllis (Manjul Publishing House Pvt Ltd), 2012. 411p., Rs.695, ISBN 789381506035

Tibet : Writings on History and Politics by Parshotam Mehra. New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2012. 382p., Rs. 795, ISBN 9780198068624