AIS Book Launch

29 May 2020 (Friday)  |  5:30pm
Multi-Purpose Room, Room 8210, 8/F, Lau Ming Wai Academic Building, CityU

Driving Toward Modernity:
Cars and the Lives of the Middle Class in Contemporary China
(Cornell University Press)
Jun Zhang

“The research is superb and I love the way you were able to use cars and the automobile regime to tell much larger stories about China today in so many ingenious ways. The book is just filled with great insights! It’s so impressive the way you pursued a number of topics more sensitively than other writers on the same topics have done.”
--- Professor Dorothy Solinger, Professor Emerita of Political Science,
School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine

The Political Economy of Southeast Asia -
Politics and Uneven Development under Hyperglobalisation (Palgrave)
Toby Carroll, Shahar Hameiri and Lee Jones

“This ambitious collection takes a consistent theoretical approach and applies it to a thematic, comparative analysis across Southeast Asia. The yield is impressive: the social, political and economic forces constituting the current conjuncture are not simply invoked, they are thoroughly identified and explained. By posing the deceptively simple questions of what is happening and why, the authors demonstrate the reciprocal relation between theory-building and empirical inquiry, providing a model of engaged scholarship with global resonance. Bravo!”
--- Professor Tania Li, University of Toronto, Canada

China’s “Singapore Model” and Authoritarian Learning (Routledge)
Stephan Ortmann and Mark R. Thompson

This book explores to what extent China has drawn lessons from Singapore, both in terms of its ruling ideology and through the policy-specific learning process. In so doing, it provides insights into the opportunities but also the challenges of this long-term learning process, focusing attention to how non-democratic regimes deal with modernization. The stellar line-up of international contributors, from China, Singapore, Europe, and the US, offer a variety of perspectives on Singapore as a model of “authoritarian modernism” for China.

Governance and Democracy in the Asia-Pacific (Routledge)
Stephen McCarthy and Mark R. Thompson

This book explores the theoretical and empirical relationship between democracy and governance in the Asia-Pacific region. Examining a variety of country cases and themes addressing the theoretical tension between governance and democracy, it illuminates how this impacts political and civil societies across the region. Analysing the character, structure and current trajectories of polities in the Asia-Pacific, democratic or otherwise, this book demonstrates that the role of civil society, political society and governance has significantly differed in practice from what has been commonly assumed within the international community.

All are welcome.
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AIS PhD graduand wins prestigious new postdoctoral fellowship

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