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"A bold shot across the bow of orthodoxy where conceptions of world order are concerned, Original Nation Approaches to Inter-National Law is sure to stimulate reconsideration of a range of past assumptions regarding the legitimacy and even the viability of the prevailing statist system of global dominion. In offering clear alternatives, this book is not only timely but urgently needed." --Ward Churchill, author of Struggle for the Land (1993), On the Justice of Roosting Chickens (2003), and Kill the Indian, Save the Man (2004) "A powerful manifesto for a true 'Inter-National' law against the hegemonic 'international' system of states and a resounding reminder that human emancipation cannot be separated from ecological justice." --Chulwoo Lee, Professor of Law, Yonsei Law School, Korea This book introduces the Original Nation scholarship to examine the historical genealogy of the nation's struggles against the state. A fundamentally different portrait of history, geography, politics, and the role of law emerges when the perspective of the nation and peoples is placed at the center of geopolitical analysis of global affairs. In contrast to traditional and canonical state-centric narratives, the Original Nation scholarship offers a diametrically distinct "on-the-

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ground" and "bottom-up" portrait of the struggle, resistance, and defiance of the nation and peoples. It exposes persistent global patterns of genocide, ecocide, and ethnocide that have resulted from attempts by the state to occupy, suppress, exploit, and destroy the nation. The Original Nation scholarship offers a powerful and widely applicable intellectual tool to examine the history of resilience, emancipatory struggles, and collective efforts to build a vibrant alternative world among the nation and peoples across the globe. Hiroshi Fukurai is Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, USA, and is the Immediate-Past President of the Asian Law and Society Association (ALSA). Richard Krooth is a practicing attorney and Research Associate at the University of California, Santa Cruz, USA.

Die Veränderung der Umwelt sowie der Klimawandel haben direkte und indirekte Auswirkungen auf die Lebensgrundlagen und die Gesundheit von Menschen. Das Ziel der Studie ist es, die gesundheitlichen Folgen in Nepal durch die Veränderung der Umwelt und den Klimawandel aus einer Gender-Perspektive zu erforschen. Dabei kommt eine Kombination aus gender-, feministischen-, sozialökologischen sowie sozial-epidemiologischen Theorien zum Einsatz. Die Studie bedient sich eines Mixed-methods-Designs. Die Daten wurden mit Hilfe von Literaturbesprechungen, Diskussionsgruppen, Fragebögen, Interviews mit

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zentralen Akteuren wie Experten und Politikern, sowie Diskussionen mit Gemeindemitgliedern erhoben. Die Studie zeigt auf, dass das Verständnis über den Klimawandel je nach Region und Lebensmittelpunkt unterschiedlich ist. Zudem wird das Verständnis durch soziokulturelle Faktoren wie Geschlecht, Ethnizität und Alter beeinflusst. Die Analyse von qualitativen und quantitativen Daten zeigt Differenzen im Zugang und in der Kontrolle von gesundheitsschützenden Ressourcen, der Teilhabe an politischen Prozessen sowie eine höhere Arbeitsbelastung von Frauen, wodurch diese einem größeren Risiko bezüglich Umweltveränderungen und des Klimawandels ausgesetzt sind. "Completely updated and expanded new edition of this widely cited book, Modelling Forest Growth and Yield, 2nd Edition synthesizes current scientific literature, provides insights in how models are constructed, gives suggestions for future developments, and outlines keys for successful implementation of models. The book describes current modeling approaches for predicting forest growth and yield and explores the components that comprise the various modeling approaches. It provides the reader with the tools for evaluating and calibrating growth and yield models and outlines the steps necessary for developing a forest growth and yield model"-- Volume 66 of Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry is based on a two day

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short course entitled Paleoaltimetry: Geochemical and Thermodynamic Approaches held prior to the Geological Society of American annual meeting in Denver, Colorado (October 26-27, 2007). This meeting and volume were sponsored by the Geochemical Society, Mineralogical Society of America, and the United States Department of Energy. Contents: The Significance of Paleotopography Stable Isotope-Based Paleoaltimetry: Theory and Validation Paleoelevation Reconstruction Using Pedogenic Carbonates Stable Isotope Paleoaltimetry in Orogenic Belts – The Silicate Record in Surface and Crustal Geological Archives Paleoaltimetry from Stable Isotope Compositions of Fossils A Review of Paleotemperature–Lapse Rate Methods for Estimating Paleoelevation from Fossil Floras Paleoaltimetry: A Review of Thermodynamic Methods Paleoelevation Measurement on the Basis of Vesicular Basalts Stomatal Frequency Change Over Altitudinal Gradients: Prospects for Paleoaltimetry Thermochronologic Approaches to Paleotopography Terrestrial Cosmogenic Nuclides as Paleoaltimetric Proxies The Rule Of Amsuvarma Is Certainly A Period Of Great Significance In The History Of Nepal. Amsuvarma S Fame Spread Far And Wide Including India And China. The Chinese Pilgrim Hiuen-Tsang Mentioned His Name And Glory Quite Some Years After His Death. The Nepalese Chroniclers Lavished Their Praise

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On Him. His Great Fame Has Led Many Nepalese Chroniclers And Even Foreign Writers To Attribute Some Important Incident Of Historical Significance To Him. Some Popular Legends Even Consider Amsuvarma As A Hero Of Mahabharata, While Others Make Him Equal To King Vikramaditya Of India. The French Scholar, Sylvian Levi, Considered Him The Father Of Bhrikuti, Because In Tebetan History The Father Of The Nepalese Princess Was A Great Renowned Ruler. The Great Fame Of Amsuvarma In Nepali Traditions And Foreign Accounts Is Definitely The Product Of His Great Achievements. Amsuvarma Was Not Only A Great Military Hero Who Rose To Power Mainly With His Powers, But Was Also A Great Administrator, Statesman And Diplomat Who Consolidated His Kingdom Much Before His Succession To The Throne. Present Hook Highlights The Importance Of The Study On Amsuvarma And His Time In The History Of Nepal.

This book presents chapters by many eminent researchers and interventionists, all of whom address the development of deaf and hard-of-hearing children in the context of family and school. A variety of disciplines and perspectives are provided in order to capture the complexity of factors affecting development of these children in their diverse environments. Consistent with current theory and educational practice, the book focuses most strongly on the interaction of family

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and child strengths and needs and the role of educational and other interventionists in supporting family and child growth. This work, and the authors represented in it, have been influenced by the seminal work of Kathryn P. Meadow-Orlans, whose work continues to apply a multidisciplinary, developmental approach to understanding the development of deaf children. The book differs from other collections in the degree to which the chapters share ecological and developmental theoretical bases. A synthesis of information is provided in section introductions and in an afterword provided by Dr. Meadow-Orlans. The book reflects emerging research practice in the field by representing both qualitative and quantitative approaches. In addition, the book is notable for the contributions of deaf as well as hearing authors and for chapters in which research participants speak for themselves--providing first-person accounts of experiences and feelings of deaf children and their parents. Some chapters in the book may surprise readers in that they present a more positive view of family and child functioning than has historically been the case in this field. This is consistent with emerging data from deaf and hard of hearing children who have benefitted from early identification and intervention. In addition, it represents an emerging recognition of strengths shown by the children and by their deaf and hearing parents. The book moves from consideration of child and family to a focus on the

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role and effects of school environments on development. Issues of culture and expectations pervade the chapters in this section of the book, which includes chapters addressing effects of school placement options, positive effects of learning about deaf culture and history, effects of changing educational practice in developing nations, and the need for increased knowledge about ways to meet individual needs of the diverse group of deaf and hard of hearing students. Thus, the book gives the reader a coherent view of current knowledge and issues in research and intervention for deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. Because the focus is on child and family instead of a specific discipline, the book can serve as a helpful supplemental text for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in a variety of disciplines, including education, psychology, sociology, and language studies with an emphasis on deaf and hard of hearing children.

This book explains and demonstrates to students when to use and how to apply the quantitative and qualitative techniques that they'll need to do their own social research. Using actual examples from psychology, sociology, anthropology, health and education, the book provides readers with both a conceptual understanding of each technique as well as showing them how to use the technique.

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The Main Issues Pertaining To Social History Of Nepal From Earliest Times To The 1950 Movement Have Been Analysed With Necessary Cross References Of The Post-Revolutionary Period In This Book. The Subject Matter Of This Book Is Divided Into Ten Chapters. First Chapter Analysis The Socio-Anthropological Aspects Of The Nepali People In Historical Perspective. Second Chapter Presents The Changing Structure Of The Nepali Society. Family System Of Nepal Is The Subject Matter Of Third Chapter. Fourth Chapter Gives A Vivid Picture Of Habitational Sites Of Nepal, Especially During The Ancient And Medieval Period. Position Of Women And The Nepali Food Habits Have Been Discussed In The Fifth And Sixth Chapters Respectively. In The Seventh Chapter, Dress And Ornaments Of The Nepali People Have Been Analysed. Eighth Chapter Highlights On A Descriptive Account Of The Social Entertainments Enjoyed By The Nepali People Throughout The Pages Of History. Ninth Chapter Deals With The Types Of The Education Of Nepal Through Ages. In The Last Chapter The Changing Trend Of Nepali Society Has Been Analysed In Its Historical Perspective.

This collection of essays explores the history of the book in pre-modern South Asia looking at the production, circulation, fruition and preservation of manuscripts in different areas and across time. Edited by the team of the Cambridge-based Sanskrit Manuscripts Project and including contributions of the researchers who collaborated with it, it covers a wide range of topics related to South Asian manuscript culture: from the material dimension (palaeography, layout, decoration) and the complicated

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interactions of manuscripts with printing in late medieval Tibet and in modern Tamil Nadu, to reading, writing, editing and educational practices, from manuscripts as sources for the study of religious, literary and intellectual traditions, to the creation of collections in medieval India and Cambodia (one major centre of the so-called Sanskrit cosmopolis), and the formation of the Cambridge collections in the colonial period. The contributions reflect the variety of idioms, literary genres, religious movements, and social actors (intellectuals, scribes, patrons) of ancient South Asia, as well as the variety of approaches, interests and specialisms of the authors, and their impassionate engagement with manuscripts.

Discovering Successful Pathways in Children's Development provides a new perspective on the study of childhood and family life. Successful development is enhanced when communities provide meaningful life pathways that children can seek out and engage. Successful pathways include both a culturally valued direction for development and competence in skills that matter for a child's subsequent success as a person as well as a student, parent, worker, or citizen. To understand successful pathways requires a mix of qualitative, quantitative, and ethnographic methods—the state of the art for research practice among developmentalists, educators, and policymakers alike. This volume includes new studies of minority and immigrant families, school achievement, culture, race and gender, poverty, identity, and experiments and interventions meant to improve family and child contexts. Discovering

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Successful Pathways in Children's Development will be of enormous value to everyone interested in the issues of human development, education, and social welfare, and among professionals charged with the task of improving the lives of children in our communities.

A comprehensive and accessible one-volume history of Nepal, first published in 2005. The publication presents the way to undertake a contextual interpretation of the international normative standards on the Human Right to Adequate Food in Nepal, including how relevant provisions under the domestic law could be integrated in a framework for identifying indicators. It discusses data generating mechanisms, highlights the role of different actors and institutions working in the field of the right to food, and provides guidance on the use of the framework.

Living longer is regarded as a triumph of human development. Progress in health services has brought noticeable increase in life expectancy and a reduction in mortality and fertility rate. In general, wrinkled faces and sags, weak bones and changes in appearances manifest old age. In Nepal, by and large old age has been understood largely from the physical dimension; thus, there is wider belief that in old age people are frail and weak. The main purpose of this research is to explore perceptions and practices on old age. To explore this, I have employed an interpretative research paradigm and qualitative approach with purposive sampling method. The major findings of the study show that security concerns of old age have yet to get adequate attention

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from family members, society, and government. The elderly people have mixed opinions on their age: few consider that old age has brought lots of knowledge, experience and skills so they are resourceful, whereas others assert themselves as utterly dependent on family and helpless. Interestingly, it also reveals that longevity has provided an opportunity to ponder upon life and death and they tend to chase more spiritual gatherings and functions. This study also reveals the mounting generational gaps emerging in the families.

This two-volume set of LNCS 12836 and LNCS 12837 constitutes - in conjunction with the volume LNAI 12838 - the refereed proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Intelligent Computing, ICIC 2021, held in Shenzhen, China in August 2021. The 192 full papers of the three proceedings volumes were carefully reviewed and selected from 458 submissions. The ICIC theme unifies the picture of contemporary intelligent computing techniques as an integral concept that highlights the trends in advanced computational intelligence and bridges theoretical research with applications. The theme for this conference is "Advanced Intelligent Computing Methodologies and Applications." The papers are organized in the following subsections: Evolutionary Computation and Learning, Image and signal Processing, Information Security, Neural Networks, Pattern Recognition Swarm Intelligence and Optimization, and Virtual Reality and Human-Computer Interaction.

"This book is exemplary in amassing demographic, policy, and sociopsychological data

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from around the world to refute both premises: that countries' aging is not occurring in developing nations and that aging of the population presents intractable predicaments. The content of the book is rich with current information seldom accumulated into one source. For a scholar of aging studies, the topics are comprehensive, including demographics, political systems, health and long-term care provision, employment/retirement, and formal and informal support systems. Structurally, the book adds value with the inclusion of Web resources and a robust index. The design is conducive for a classroom setting by incorporating discussion questions and key words at the end of each chapter." -- Dr. Carol A. Gosselink, PsycCritiques Using a comparative, cross-national perspective, *Global Aging: Comparative Perspectives on Aging and the Life Course* explores the major topics in social gerontology worldwide and the demands that the aging population places on a society. This comprehensive and timely guide includes contributions from international gerontology scholars and illustrates both universal and socioculturally unique aspects of aging across nations. It is organized thematically for ease of use and includes an abundance of photographs and illustrations to highlight key points. Key features: Discussions on various nations' policies and programs designed to meet the unique needs of an older population An essay on pension and income maintenance policies and programs An analysis of the role of local and national governments, as well as non-governmental organizations, in serving older adults Case studies on specific aspects of aging: family life, caregiving,

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policies and politics, health and long-term care, and work and retirement The most current demographic data on aging around the world

This book is concerned with the general issues of ageing, learning and education for the elderly and then with the more specific issues of why, how and what elders want to learn. This monograph consists of 10 chapters written by various internationally renowned researchers and scholar-practitioners in the field.

Child marriage is prevalent in South Asia, as it is estimated there are 285 million child brides. At present 59% of women aged 20–24 in Bangladesh were married under the age of 18, 40% in Nepal and 27 % in India. Child marriage is regarded as one of the harmful traditional practice existing in Nepal since time immemorial. Nepal aims to end child marriage by 2030 as part of its commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Moreover, the government of Nepal has already sanctioned a national strategy that provides an overarching framework to end child marriage. At the meantime, the criminal law of Nepal considers child marriage as a crime and punishes the person who perform or cause to perform child marriage. This research is a part of this consortium project which was commissioned by Women Rehabilitation Center along with International Women’s Rights Action Watch – Asia Pacific (IWRAW-AP) and other South Asian organizations for South Asian Initiative on FIRE from July 2019 to October 2020. Also, the data collection and the law review for the research report has been conducted from March 2020 to October 2020. This report aims to find out the changing

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trend of child marriage like either forced or self-initiated or other forms. Further, it also endeavors to understand the deep-rooted causes of the child marriage and its interconnectedness with the impacts it create to the girls and boys at different levels of their livelihood, family relations, reproductive health and legal consequences from adolescent perspectives. Finally, this report focuses on to revisit the laws on absolute criminalization of the child marriage and its effectiveness on controlling the agencies, decision making and choice of adolescents regarding marriage.

Population explosion during the last forty years is a world wide phenomena and has assumed staggering dimensions in developing countries leading to launching of family planning programmes and also attracted attention of social scientists to study the problem of rapid population growth in relation to economic and social problems. The present book, by Dr. J.M. Tuladhar is a pioneering well researched work of an expert associated with the discipline of Family Planning during the last two decades with United Nations and United States Agency for International Development Sponsored programmes in Nepal and contains discussion on the reproductive behaviour of Nepalese women and in particular examines marriage and contraceptive use patterns. The author's innovative framework has adequately identified the factors responsible for sustained high fertility in Nepal. In conclusion, the author has suggested raising age of marriage, a strong family planning programme and an environment for Nepalese women to work outside the home to ensure decline in fertility level.

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This book addresses some key strategic questions related to agriculture in the context of major contemporary developments and emerging challenges in Nepal such as the changing role of agriculture with economic growth, structural transformation in reducing poverty, improving nutritional outcomes, and addressing the challenges of climate change. The book also suggests policy measures to improve the delivery of critical inputs and services and ensure the participation of marginal and smallholders in high-value chains. Further, it discusses how the new federal system and governance structure will affect the delivery of agricultural technology and services. The book is divided into five parts. Part I discusses macro-issues in the agriculture sector, while Part II focuses on agricultural productivity growth and its main drivers. The third part explores diversification in the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors by farmers and other rural people for livelihood improvement, while the fourth part deals with agricultural trade and marketing issues, highlighting policy implications and recommendations in the areas of immediate focus and further research. Lastly, Part V addresses institutions and governance issues, which are vital for agricultural development. In the final chapter, the editors summarize and synthesize the book's main findings and develop a policy agenda for addressing the many challenges faced by the agriculture sector in Nepal, so as to make it more productive, competitive, sustainable, and inclusive. The book offers a rich source of analytical information on various aspects of agricultural development in Nepal and will be of immense value to

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policymakers, development partners, civil society, students, and those interested in the economic and agricultural development of not only Nepal, but also other developing countries.

This book offers the first systematic study of how the 'Anthropocene' is reported in mass media globally, drawing parallels between the use (or misuse) of the term and the media's attitude towards the associated issues of climate change and global warming. Identifying the potential dangers of the Anthropocene provides a useful path into a variety of issues that are often ignored, misrepresented, or sidelined by the media. These dangers are widely discussed in the social sciences, environmental humanities, and creative arts, and this book includes chapters on how the contributions of these disciplines are reported by the media. Our results suggest that the natural science and mass media establishments, and the business and political interests which underpin them, tend to lean towards optimistic reassurance (the 'good' Anthropocene), rather than pessimistic alarmist stories, in reporting the Anthropocene. In this volume, contributors explore how dangerous this 'neutralizing' of the Anthropocene is in undermining serious global action in the face of the potential existential risks confronting humanity. The book presents results from media in more than 100 countries in all major languages across the globe. It covers the reporting of key environmental issues, such as the impact of climate change and global warming on oceans, forests, soil, biodiversity, and the biosphere. We offer explanations for differences and

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similarities in how the media report the Anthropocene in different regions of the world. In doing so, the book argues that, though it is still controversial, the idea of the Anthropocene helps to concentrate minds and behaviour in confronting ongoing ecological (and Coronavirus) crises. The Anthropocene in Global Media will be of interest to students and scholars of environmental studies, media and communication studies, and the environmental humanities, and all those who are concerned about the survival of humans on planet Earth.

Violent behavior has become deeply integrated into modern society and it is an unavoidable aspect of human nature. Examining peacemaking strategies through a critical and academic perspective can assist in resolving violence in societies around the world. The Handbook of Research on Examining Global Peacemaking in the Digital Age is a pivotal reference source for the latest research findings on the utilization of peacemaking in media, leadership, and religion. Featuring extensive coverage on relevant areas such as human rights, spirituality, and the Summer of Peace, this publication is an ideal resource for policymakers, universities and colleges, graduate-level students, and organizations seeking current research on the application of conflict resolution and international negotiation.

This book is focused on the basics of applying thermochronology to geological and tectonic problems, with the emphasis on fission-track thermochronology. It is conceived for relatively new practitioners to thermochronology, as well as scientists experienced in the various

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methods. The book is structured in two parts. Part I is devoted to the fundamentals of the fission-track method, to its integration with other geochronologic methods, and to the basic principles of statistics for fission-track dating and sedimentology applied to detrital thermochronology. Part I also includes the historical development of the technique and thoughts on future directions. Part II is devoted to the geological interpretation of the thermochronologic record. The thermal frame of reference and the different approaches for the interpretation of fission-track data within a geological framework of both basement and detrital studies are discussed in detail. Separate chapters demonstrate the application of fission-track thermochronology from various perspectives (e.g., tectonics, petrology, stratigraphy, hydrocarbon exploration, geomorphology), with other chapters on the application to basement rocks in orogens, passive continental margins and cratonic interiors, as well as various applications of detrital thermochronology.

This SAGE Handbook presents contemporary, cutting-edge approaches to participatory research and inquiry. It has been designed for the community of researchers, professionals and activists engaged in interventions and action for social transformation, and for readers interested in understanding the state of the art in this domain. The Handbook offers an overview of different influences on participatory research, explores in detail how to address critical issues and design effective participatory research processes, and provides detailed accounts of how to use a wide range of participatory research methods. Chapters cover pioneering new participatory research techniques including methods that can be operationalised at scale, approaches to engaging the poorest and most marginalised, and ways of harnessing technologies to increase the scope of participation, amongst others.

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Drawing upon a wide range of disciplines, and bringing together contributing authors from across the globe, this Handbook will be of interest to an international readership from across the broad spectrum of social sciences, including social policy, development studies, geography, sociology, criminology, political science, health and social care, education, psychology, business & management. It will also be an insightful and practical resource for facilitators, community workers, and activists for social change. Part 1: Introduction Part 2: Key Influences and Foundations of Participatory Research Part 3: Critical Issues in the Practice of Participatory Research Part 4: Methods and Tools Part 4.1: Dialogic and Deliberative Processes Part 4.2: Digital Technologies in Participatory Research Part 4.3: Participatory Forms of Action Orientated Research Part 4.4: Visual and Performative Methods Part 4.5: Participatory Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Part 4.6: Mixing and Mashing Participatory and Formal Research Part 5: Final Reflections

This 2015 Article IV Consultation highlights that the earthquakes in April and May and protests and trade disruptions following the promulgation of a new constitution in September have exacerbated the macroeconomic policy challenges facing the Nepalese economy. Real GDP growth is estimated to have decelerated to 3.4 percent in 2014/15 (mid-July 2014 to mid-July 2015) from 5.5 percent in 2013/14. Growth is expected to gradually rebound to about 5.5 percent by 2016/17, as economic activity recovers from the earthquake and reconstruction gains momentum. Inflation is projected to rise to about 8.5 percent over the next 12 months. The medium-term outlook depends importantly on the authorities' reform efforts.

This report documents the dynamics of violence against women in South Asia across the life cycle, from early childhood to old age. It explores the different types of violence that women

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may face throughout their lives, as well as the associated perpetrators (male and female), risk and protective factors for both victims and perpetrators, and interventions to address violence across all life cycle stages. The report also analyzes the societal factors that drive the primarily male — but also female — perpetrators to commit violence against women in the region. For each stage and type of violence, the report critically reviews existing research from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, supplemented by original analysis and select literature from outside the region. Policies and programs that address violence against women and girls are analyzed in order to highlight key actors and promising interventions. Finally, the report identifies critical gaps in research, program evaluations, and interventions in order to provide strategic recommendations for policy makers, civil society, and other stakeholders working to mitigate violence against women in South Asia.

As part of the OECD Policy Dialogue on Women's Economic Empowerment, this report focuses on identifying what works to address unpaid care work and sheds light on how governments, donors in the private sector and civil society actors – among others – can design policies to support both those who need care and those who provide care.

To do research that really makes a difference - the authors of this book argue - social scientists need questions and methods that reflect the complexity of the world. Bringing together a consortium of voices across a variety of fields, this title provides successful examples of mixed methods research that do just that.

The rising number of older persons in Asia has accentuated the importance of strengthening the systems of social protection in the region. This book examines the effectiveness and

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relevance of noncontributory or social pensions in supporting older persons in Asia. It discusses the political economy and financial sustainability of social pension reform, implications for gender equity and social rights, and design and implementation challenges. Case studies from Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, Viet Nam, and South Caucasus and Central Asia provide key lessons for informing development policy and practice in Asia and the Pacific. This book addresses numerous issues related to ethnomathematics and diverse approaches to it in the context of mathematics education. To help readers better understand the development of ethnomathematics, it discusses its objectives and assumptions with regard to promoting an ethics of respect, solidarity, and cooperation across and for all cultures. In turn, the book addresses a range of aspects including pedagogical action, culturally relevant pedagogy, innovative approaches to ethnomathematics, and the role of ethnomathematics in mathematics education. Ethnomathematics offers educators a valuable framework for transforming mathematics so that it can more actively contribute to realizing the dream of a just and humane society. As such, its primary goal is to forge mathematics into a powerful tool to help people create a society characterized by dignity for all, and in which iniquity, arrogance, violence, and bigotry have no place.

Whether motivated by the quest for power, riches, or other factors, explorers have searched throughout history to uncover the unknown. Exploration in the Age of Empire, 1750-1953, Revised Edition offers extensive coverage of European exploration and imperial expansion in Africa and Asia, using three themes to recount the experiences and achievements of individual explorers: the motives of the explorers, how changing ideas influenced the conduct and understanding of exploration, and how competition and politics of the European empires were

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shaped by exploration."

Adequate nutrition is a crucial component for child growth. Under- or malnutrition may not only affect present and future growth, but also a child's ability to develop skills. In this publication, specialists in nutrition and growth present some of the best studies from peer-reviewed journals published between July 2016 and June 2017. Each paper is briefly summarized and supplemented with editorial comments which evaluate the clinical importance of each article and discuss its application. This 'Yearbook' is an important tool for practicing physicians, including pediatricians, subspecialists in pediatric gastroenterology, metabolism and nutrition, and endocrinology. Nutritionists and dieticians, as well as other health professionals involved in the care of children, will also find this to be a useful resource.

Challenges and Innovations in Geotechnics is a collections of papers presented at the Eighth Asian Young Geotechnical Engineering Conference (8AYGEC, Astana, Kazakhstan, 5-7 August 2016), and covers various aspects the areas of soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering. The book contains special and keynote lectures and contributions on a wide range of topics in geotechnical engineering and construction: (1) Laboratory and Field Testing (2) Foundation and Underground Structure (3) Ground Improvement (4) Earthquake and Environment (5) Numerical and Analytical Modeling (6) Advanced Soil Mechanics (7) Historical Sites Challenges and Innovations in Geotechnics was published under the auspices of the ISSMGE TC-305 'Geotechnical Infrastructures for Megacities and New Capitals', and reflects the present and future state of geotechnical engineering. The book will be extremely useful to geoenvironmental engineers and researchers in the abovementioned areas.

Current global estimates of children engaged in warfare range from 200,000 to 300,000.

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Children's roles in conflict range from armed and active participants to spies, cooks, messengers, and sex slaves. *Child Soldiers in the Age of Fractured States* examines the factors that contribute to the use of children in war, the effects of war upon children, and the perpetual cycle of warfare that engulfs many of the world's poorest nations. The contributors seek to eliminate myths of historic or culture-based violence, and instead look to common traits of chronic poverty and vulnerable populations. Individual essays examine topics such as: the legal and ethical aspects of child soldiering; internal UN debates over enforcement of child protection policies; economic factors; increased access to small arms; displaced populations; resource endowments; forced government conscription; rebel-enforced quota systems; motivational techniques employed in recruiting children; and the role of girls in conflict. The contributors also offer viable policies to reduce the recruitment of child soldiers such as the protection of refugee camps by outside forces, "naming and shaming," and criminal prosecution by international tribunals. Finally, they focus on ways to reintegrate former child soldiers into civil society in the aftermath of war.

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