The Quality of Life in Asia
A comparison of the quality of life in 29 Asian Countries and Societies

Issues related to the quality of life gain more and more research interests from scholars and policy makers. Individual scholars, research institutes as well as government agencies have begun appraising and comparing the quality of life across a number of different countries and regions. In this proposed work, we aim to study and compare the quality of life in 29 countries and societies in Asia, which encompass an ever largest and unparalleled area as far as the region of Asia is concerned, with a comprehensive and systematic research design. Utilizing the AsiaBarometer surveys data conducted in 29 societies throughout Asia from 2003 to 2008, we systematically explore demographics such as income and educational level, a way of life such as the extent of access to public utilities and digital devices, value priorities, specific life domain assessments and overall quality of life. Given the expected and real diversities and peculiarities in Asia, we would do best to emphasize the bottom-up approach. Namely, we ask how the ordinary citizens of these societies live their daily lives, what they value for their lot in life; and how they feel about what they experience in their society on a daily basis. This focus on the daily lives of ordinary people in Asia is another unique feature of this proposed work.

Features
- The first book to study quality of life in the vast region of Asia
- Encompasses 29 societies in East, Southeast, South and Central Asia
- Uses a comprehensive and systematic research design
- Explores demographic profile, lifestyles, value priorities, and subjective and objective quality of life
- Looks at ordinary citizens within each society and compares societies
- Based on a sample of over 50,000

Fields of interest
Quality of Life Research; Social Policy; Political Science

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Monograph

The Archaeology of Market Capitalism
A Western Australian Perspective

The area claimed by the British Empire as Western Australia was primarily colonized through two major thrusts: the development of the Swan River Colony to the southwest in 1829, and the 1863 movement of Australian born settlers to colonize the northwest region. The Western Australian story is overwhelmingly the story of the spread of market capitalism, a narrative which is at the foundation of modern western world economy and culture. Due to the timing of settlement in Western Australia there was a lack of older infrastructure patterns based on industrial capitalism to evolve geographical inertia to modify and deform the newer system in many ways making the systemic patterns which grew out of market capitalist forces clearer and easier to delineate than in older settlement areas. However, the struggle between the forces of market capitalism, settlers and indigenous Australians over space, labor, physical and economic resources and power relationships are both unique to place and time and universal in allowing an understanding of how such complicated regional, interregional and global forces shape a settler society.

Features
- Comprehensive analysis of the sociocultural and economic implications of colonization
- New research methodology to gather and analyze historical archaeological data
- In-depth case studies of two settlement periods in Western Australia, with international applications

Fields of interest
Archaeology; History; Anthropology

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Monograph

Due March 2011

2011. 300 p. (Social Indicators Research Series, Volume 45) Hardcover

- approx. € 120,00 | £109.50
- approx. *e (D) 132,40 | e (A) 132,00 | sFr 172,50

Due May 2011

2011. X, 240 p. (Knowledge and Space, Volume 4) Hardcover

- € 99,95 | £90.00
- *e (D) 106,95 | e (A) 109,95 | sFr 143,50

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- € 89,95 | £81.00
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Studies in Temporal Urbanism
The urbanTick Experiment

This book is very much about what the name urbanTick literally says, about the ticking of the urban, the urban as we experience it everyday on the bus, in the park or between buildings. It is about the big orchestrated mass migration of commuters, the seasonal blossoms of the trees along the walkway and the frequency of the stamping rubbish-eater-trucks. It is also, not to forget, about climate, infrastructure, opening hours, term times, parking meters, time tables, growing shadows and moon light. But most of all it is about how all this is experienced by citizens on a daily basis and how they navigate within this complex structure of patterns.

The content of this book is based on the content of the urbanTick blog between 2008-2010. One year blogging about this topic brought together a large collection of different aspects and thoughts. It is not at all a conclusive view, the opposite might be the case, it is an exploratory work in progress, while trying to capture as many facets of the topic as possible.

Features
► Unique focus on temporal aspects in a socio spatial context ► Accessible for a wide range of audience ► Combination of facts, experience, observation and speculation ► Short paragraphs that can be read linear, by topic or random

Contents

Field of interest
Urbanism

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Monograph

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