

BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY REVIEW

PHAN TÂN. **Social conflicts - From arguments to practices in Vietnam Rural**. H.: People's Public Security, 2013, 343 pages, Vb 50978.

Through over 20 years of country renovation, the people's lives have been obviously improved. However, besides those achievements, the market economy's dark sides, serious and long-lasting negatives such as corruptions, bureaucracy, inequity, etc... had significant impacts on people's lives that made them be pressing and disgruntled... leading to social conflicts. Social conflicts are those issues which are unable to be annulled, especially in Vietnam rural, of which noticeably the disputes relevant to land, source of incomes occurred with large scales in a long-lasting and frequent manner.

The book's contents are presented in 5 chapters. Chapter 1 gives general information about some arguments on social conflicts from sociological approach. Chapters 2 and 3 summarize Vietnam rural and those issues relevant to social conflicts, especially social conflicts in Vietnam rural in renovation years. Chapter 4 analyzes bases, formation and development of social conflicts in the rural recently. Chapter 5 clarifies the set forth issues, gives some forecasts relevant to social conflicts in Vietnam rural in the coming time.

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NGUYỄN HỮU HOÀNH (chief editor), NGUYỄN VĂN LỢI, TẠ VĂN THÔNG. **Languages, handwritings of ethic minorities in Vietnam (General issues)**. H.: Encyclopedia, 2013, 371 pages, Vb 50999.

Its contents are a part of study outcomes from Ministerial level title "Languages of ethic minorities in Vietnam" (period 1: 2011-2012), of which present the issues relevant to languages of ethic minorities in Vietnam. It consists of 7 chapters.

Chapter I clarifies the general issues relevant to the concept *ethnic group*, *ethnic minorities*, *languages of ethic minorities* and the most common traits on languages of ethic minorities in Vietnam.

Chapter II analyzes language situations of ethnic minorities, i.e. all the existence forms of languages in Vietnam.

Chapter III finds out about language picture of ethnic minorities in Vietnam in the Southeast Asia background.

Chapter IV considers the original relationship of ethnic minorities' languages in Vietnam.

Chapter V points out characteristics of ethnic minorities' language forms in Vietnam.

Chapter VI states general situation on handwritings of ethnic minorities in Vietnam.

Chapter VII summaries Vietnamese Party and State's language policy on languages, handwritings of ethnic minorities.

KHÁNH VÂN

LÊ VĂN QUÁN. History of Vietnamese socio-political thoughts under Lê - Nguyễn dynasty. H.: National politics - The Truth, 2013, 427 pages, Vb 50995.

From Lê Sơ to Nguyễn dynasty (XV-XIXth centuries), a period with profound changes in our country's economic, political and social lives. Through synthesis, insightful analysis based on ample historical evidence, the book gives the reader an overview of the highlighted socio-political thoughts of this period. It consists of 5 chapters which are divided into two parts.

Part one gives a history review of Vietnamese socio-political thoughts under Lê Dynasty, including the periods: Lê sơ period (XVth century); crisis and country's division (from XVI-XVIIth centuries); peasant movement victories (XVIII century); Besides the analysis of trends in Buddhist thought in the XVI, XVI, XVII and XVIIIth centuries.

Part two considers the history of Vietnamese socio-political thoughts under Nguyễn Dynasty, of which the author summaries the history of Vietnamese socio-political thoughts under Nguyễn Dynasty (XIXth century); the formation and development of patriotism in Vietnam; issues on renewal and conservatism in Vietnamese

ideology in the second half of the XIXth century; ideological struggle between pacifist supporters and fighting supporters; and the influence of some religions on people's movement against the French colonialism in the Nguyen Dynasty.

HÀ LINH

ĐINH XUÂN LÝ. Vietnam's Foreign Relations over the historical periods (1945-2012). H.: Vietnam National University, Hanoi, 2013, 446 pages, Vb 50796.

The book was completed on the basis of Party Documents' material resources and inherited research outcomes from publications, scientific topics on foreign affairs from national and overseas researchers. Thereby, it contributes to understanding the policy, foreign policy as well as the results of foreign operations in the struggle for independence, National unity, National defense and international integration in the renovation period. It consists of 2 parts.

Part I: *Foreign Relations in the people's national democratic revolution period (1945-1975)*. Its contents clearly state the premise forming the foreign policy of diplomatic traditions of the nation, the foreign policy views of Ho Chi Minh and the Communist Party of Vietnam before the August Revolution in 1945. On this basis, it analyzes specific foreign relation phases, namely: foreign relations in the years 1945-1946 and foreign relations in the French war

(1946-1954), and Anti-American invasion war (1954-1975).

Part II: *Foreign relations during the whole country was implementing two strategic tasks of building and defending the Nation (1975-2012)*, consists of two phases: foreign relations from 1975 to 1986 and foreign relations in the renovation period (1986-2012). Of which, it highlights the foreign relations in 1986-2012 period such as: foreign policy of independence, diversification and multilateralisation of international relations, first steps in international integration (1986-1990); and foreign policy of independence, peace, cooperation and development, diversification and multilateralisation of relations, proactive and positive international integration (1991-1995). Besides, its contents also refer to the process of normalization and development of relationships with some big countries such as China, the United States, Japan, Russia and India as well as the establishment, development of relationships with a number of regional and international organizations (ASEAN, APEC, EU, WTO, etc.).

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TRẦN TUYẾT ÁNH, NGUYỄN HỮU MINH, HOA HỮU VÂN (chief editor). **Domestic violence in Vietnam and prevention and fighting solutions (analysis of 2012 survey data)**. H.: Labors, 2013, 307 pages, Vb 51065.

The industrialization, modernization and international integration have brought

important achievements in economic, cultural and social development to Vietnam, but also arise more challenges for the wellness and the sustainability of Vietnamese families. One of those challenges is domestic violence. Domestic violence has become a festering social problem, causing serious consequences, first of all violations of human rights, honor, dignity and lives of every individual, especially women, children and the elderly.

In 2012, the Department of Family (under the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism) in collaboration with the Institute for Family and Gender Studies carried out a "survey on domestic violence situations and proposing innovative solutions in 2012 and in the period of 2012-2016". The book is aimed to help agencies, organizations and individuals have more information about domestic violence situation in Vietnam at present and propose solutions to prevent it on the basis of this survey data.

Part I gives an overview of purposes and contents of the survey, methods, and implementation time and legal frameworks and policies against domestic violence. Part II highlights the key findings by analyzing survey data. On this basis, Part III proposes solutions to prevent domestic violence. Part IV brings out some general conclusions.

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