

BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY REVIEW

PHAN THỊ MAI HUƠNG (editor). **Research psychosocial aspects of rural resident communities in the context of urbanization.** H.: Encyclopedia, 2013, 384 pages, Vb 50738.

Urbanization, essentially is the transition from traditional rural to contemporary urban. In the present context in Vietnam, urbanization brings up prospects, but also challenges for people as well as society. The shortcomings in the social evolution of human-human, human-job, human-society relations, as well as in the management of the society in urbanization areas have posed many issues required to study about people and their mental life. Research on the psychology of farmers, the largest social group, before the social transformation is necessary to contribute to a better understanding of the psychology of this group, and explore the influence of social processes to human psychological traits at the same time. The book consists of 8 chapters.

Chapter 1: An overview of research on the impact of urbanization (foreign, domestic).

Chapter 2: Some theories about the psychosocial problems of the rural residents in the context of urbanization.

Chapter 3: Value system and its orientation of the rural residents nowadays in the context of urbanization: The traditional rural features of culture govern value system and orientation of

farmers' value system; The current value system of the rural residents in the context of urbanization: Orientation of work and career values today; Orientation of values/society life values today.

Chapter 4: Adaptation of rural residents to the changes of career-work in the context of urbanization.

Chapter 5: Adaptation of rural residents to the lifestyle changes from rural culture to urban culture in the context of urbanization.

Chapter 6: Communication and interpersonal relations in rural communities in the context of urbanization.

Chapter 7: Attitude and mood of the rural residents in the context of urbanization.

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MANY AUTHORS. **The conflict in the South China Sea is no longer a potential risk.** H.: Knowledge, 2012, 314 pages, Vv 11624.

As an important shipping lane with rich marine resources (oil and gas, fisheries), the South China Sea has become a target in ongoing disputes over the past half century, particularly intense in recent years. Therefore, this event inevitably causes deep concerns to many countries and internation. The dynamics and claims of some countries, especially an irrational U-shape line (ox's tongue line) of China have seriously violated the sovereignty, territorial integrity, sovereign rights and

jurisdiction of Viet Nam, the country with more than 3,000 kms of coastline along the South China Sea.

The book's content is a collection of articles from the booklet of Mr. Hạng L^a Thă together with Bauvinal and fellowship group, which highlighted the rise of China and how the game of power in the East Asia - Pacific region.

Most of the researchers' articles in this book pay special attention to China with its maritime strategy development and rapid growth of its navy. To do so, it could be said that China aims to use its navy forces as means of political deterrence. In the status of disputes between China and territories and neighboring countries, the Chinese navy has rapidly grown which accidentally sparked fears of a possible conflict in the future. Some authors have analyzed and pointed out the historical evidences which proved a China with aggressiveness and chance, and the ability to clash in the South China Sea was possible.

In addition, a number of articles analyzed that major countries are jumping into the East Sea in turn, not only the countries with direct benefits, yet for a long time, if the ox's tongue line is realized, powerful countries dependent on sea trade routes will be affected more or less. On the one hand, to keep perfectly harmonious relationships in economic cooperation with China, on the other hand, powerful countries such as the U.S., Japan, India ... are on the tenders to find solutions to hold back the rise of Chinese super-

strength aspirations. The China East Sea chessboard is no longer personal, how to balance power in the region; however, disputed issues still must rely on power to self-solve. Because, there is no eternal allies - the national interests are permanent only.

KHÁNH HÀ

DOÃN CHÍNH, CAO XUÂN LONG.

Phan Bội Châu's thoughts about people. H.: National Politics, 2013, 384 pages, Vb 50734.

Phan Bội Châu is not only a writer, poet, patriot but also a thinker, philosopher, sociologist... On the ideological field, he was a progressive thinker who had a profound impact on socio-economic life and typically presented such a turbulent history period in Vietnam on the second half of the XIXth century and at the beginning of XXth century. His worldview and outlook on life were reflected in a systematic way, deeply in many areas, especially his view of people. His thoughts about people have practical values not only in theory but also in practice in terms of developing the human element in current period. The book goes further to study Phan Bội Châu's thoughts - thoughts about people, that we can better understand the philosophy of his liberation. The contents of the book consist of 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 analyzes *conditions and premises forming and developing Phan Bội Châu's thoughts about people.*

Chapter 2 clarifies *the formation, development and main contents of Phan Bội Châu's thoughts about people over*

three periods. On that basis, it presents basic contents of his thought about people on the aspects: origin, structure, position, role, character, ethics, education and people's liberation issues; reflected on three angles: philosophy, politics - society and cultural ethics.

Chapter 3 draws *values, limitations and historical meanings in Phan Bội Châu's thoughts about people.*

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PHẠM QUANG MINH. **Vietnam's innovative foreign policy (1986-2010)**. H.: World Bank, 2012, 212 pages, Vb 50707.

How such a country like Vietnam in a short time can have such a dramatic change? So far, there have been many different opinions about causes, contents and results of Vietnam's innovative foreign policy. The contents of the book, with three chapters, will contribute to clarify the above questions.

Chapter 1: *Reasons for forming innovative foreign policy*, focus on analyzing the factors affecting the formation of innovative foreign policy as the basis to understand why the Communist Party of Vietnam introduced innovation decisions in general, foreign policy in particular in 1986.

Chapter 2: *The formation and development of Vietnam's innovative foreign policy 1986-2010*, presented in a systematic way from a historical perspective the process of forming Vietnam's foreign policy in 1986-2010, through the analysis of basic contents of

party congress documents and other documents of the Party to answer the question: what are basic contents of the innovative foreign policy, how it is formed and adjusted over each stage.

Chapter 3: *Implementation results of the innovative foreign policy*, focus on evaluating the achievements that Vietnam's innovative foreign policy has made both in cognitive and practical ways. On this basis, a number of lessons learned and some recommendations are given to contribute to the implementation of innovative foreign policy more effectively.

HÀ LINH

ĐĂNG TRƯỜNG (Author). **Hội An commerical port town**. H.: Culture - Information, 2013, 215 pages, Vb 50718.

The XVII-XVIII centuries were considered the flourish period of Vietnam ancient town. In this phase, many urban areas in Vietnam appeared with significant achievements. Litany of urban areas became famous, including Thăng Long – Kẻ Chợ, Thanh Hà, Phố Hiến and Hội An, etc; among which Hái An was the outstanding one. Hội An was a commercial port town which had flourished and has remained many of its imprints via both tangible and intangible culture. Hội An is the evidence of the residential agglomeration and cultural exchanges among various nations, especially the Vietnam - China culture.

Hội An was known worldwide basically for being a commercial port which was the famous commercial hub in the old-time and middle ages, converged goods

from regions and attracted ships from Eastern and Western countries. Sketching the overview of the famous Hội An commercial port in the past, main contents of the book are prescribed in the 3 following parts.

Part 1 clarifies history of Hội An commercial port urban, including derivation of name, geographical location, population structure, occupations, religions and customs of Hội An residents.

Part 2 and 3 provide an overview on the heyday of Hội An with vibrant commercial activities with countries not only in the region but also over the whole world as well as the declination period of the commercial port which was once of great bustle and hustle.

HUỆ NGUYỄN

MAI NGỌC CUỒNG (Chief Author). **Social security in Vietnam in the phase 2012-2020**. H.: National politics, 2013, 276 pages, Vb 50807.

The policy on social security is a main part of the social policy of the Communist Party and the State. However, due to various objective reasons, the development of the social security system in our country is still facing many difficulties and challenges. With 3 chapters, readers of the book are given an overview on the social security picture of Vietnam in the past years and some issues playing important role in implementing social security policy in our country in the coming time.

Chapter 1 consists of basic issues on social security; descriptions on definitions, functions, principals, key and affecting factors and importance of social security; and social security model and system.

Chapter 2 provides analyses on actual situation of social security in Vietnam nowadays via approaches to social security by 2 parts including contribution and benefit base social security and social security programs which do not base on contribution. On this basis, achievements, shortcomings and reasons for these shortcomings are mentioned.

Chapter 3 describes the orientation and solution for the social work development in Vietnam in the coming period basing on the social-economic development context of Vietnam and required issues for social security in the period 2012-2020 as well as the agreement on opinions, objectives, tasks and solution orientations to implement social policy issues of the Communist Party and the State, basing on which to recommend social security policy implementation in Vietnam in 2012-2020.

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TẠ NGỌC TẤN (Chief Author). **The orientation of Vietnam social structure modification**. H.: National politics, 2013, 535 pages, Vb 50812.

In the recent period, Vietnam society has been of profound changes over various fields. These are mostly positive changes which basically modifies all fields of the social life. However,

accompanied by these changes are the litany of social-economic problems which requires to be solved, such as the increasing gap between rich and poor, the difference between rural and urban, between highlands and lowlands, and gender inequality, etc.

Contents of the book includes description and analyses about the current change of Vietnam social structure from 1945 to 2010 (through historical periods; researches and findings about the internal and external as well as objective and subjective causes affecting and causing changes in the social structure in specific period. Simultaneously, authors of the book also provide evaluation on both positive and negative impact of social structure change in Vietnam in 25 years of innovation on historical process; basing on which lessons on the development of the country in coming years shall be withdrawn. On these bases, the book also provides forecasts on orientation as well as partly defines objectives, opinions, orientations and basic solutions so as to create positive change to the social structure for the country's sustainable development in the coming years.

HOÀI PHÚC

NGUYỄN THỊ THU HÀ (Chief Author). **Innovation in social work in the conditions of market economy and international integration – Theory and practice** (Monograph). H.: National politics, 2013, 388 pages, Vb 50814.

The book is the research result of the Topic "Innovation in social work in the

conditions of market economy and international integration (research on experiences of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Russian Federation)". This is a thorough research which is multi-sectoral with approaches from the aspects of philosophy, history, sociology, policy science and forecast science. The book focuses on clarifying theoretical issues about social work innovation in the conditions of market economy and international integration, evaluation on social work of Vietnam, research on experiences in social work of some countries over the world, clear mentions about orientation on innovation of social work in Vietnam in the coming time. On this basis, solutions and recommendations on social work innovation are proposed, meeting requirements of the society and complying the Topic Development of social work profession in Vietnam in the phase 2010-2020. The book consists of 5 chapters.

Chapter I: Theory and practice of social work innovation in Vietnam.

Chapter II: Experiences in social work building and development in some countries and continents over the world.

Chapter III: Actual situation of social work in Vietnam in the conditions of market economy and international integration.

Chapter IV: Forecast on the orientation of social work innovation in Vietnam.

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