

BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY REVIEW

NGUYỄN HỒNG DƯƠNG (Eds.). **Continuation of renewing policies on religion in Vietnam today - Basic theoretical issues.** H.: Culture - Information & Institute of Culture, 2014, 459 pages, Vb 51610.

State's policies on religion in Vietnam today is still being perfected. There have been many scientific conferences, drafts etc. to guide the implementation of some articles on Ordinance on belief and religions. However, the goal of perfecting legislation on religion - building Law on religion, is still ahead.

3 chapters step-by-step clarify *synopsis of cognitive, opinion formation progress of Vietnam Communist Party on religion from the beginning of establishment until today* (chapter 1); indicate *achievements and new issues of religious policy implementation, shortcomings to be analyzed and overcome* (chapter 2); clarify *the relationships between the State - Religion and political - theocratic relationship* (chapter 3); reviews *human rights in the fields of belief and religion, both in terms of theory and implementation of human rights in the fields of belief and religions in some countries around the world* (chapter 4); draw *judgements and lessons on renewal process of policies, guidelines and laws on religion from 1990 until today* (present 5).

MAI CHI

Prof. Dr. LÊ HỮU TÀNG (Eds.). **Some new theoretical issues about socialism and the path towards socialism in Vietnam today.** H.: Social sciences, 2014, 194 pages, Vb 51598.

What is socialism and what should the path towards socialism in Vietnam be ? They can be said to be the central issues in theoretical work in Vietnam during recent decades. In the course of further research, supplement and development of "Platform for national development in the transition to socialism", the further research, supplement and completion of conception of socialism are important issues because it is the goal which Vietnam is trying to achieve.

The book does not mention all aspects but a small part of such important issues - the two approaches when considering the characteristics and natures of socialism. From there, the authors employ such two approaches to review the transition to socialism in Vietnam, of which directly review the path towards socialism in Vietnam after the 10th Congress until today. The book is presented in 3 chapters: Chapter 1 - Two approaches to socialism; Chapter 2 - Some elements in the "ultimate goal" for "goal of the whole nation" in the development of socialism; Chapter 3 - The transition to socialism.

LÊ HỮU

TRẦN THUẬN (Eds.). **Vietnamese literati's attitude towards East-West contact (from the 17th to the beginning of 20th century)**. Ho Chi Minh City: Synthesis of Ho Chi Minh City, 2014, 304 pages, Vv 12576.

The book contains 3 chapters, focusing on clarifying the following contents:

- Objective law of development of capitalism and expansion of colonialism. It is the premise leading to the East-West contact happening since the 17th century .
- To highlight the general situation of Eastern countries including Vietnam before the intrusion of Western capitalism. From which, to analyze to clarify the feudal states of Eastern countries seemed confused, few countries were flexible to implement open policies to escape from domination, most countries became colonies and dependent on Western empires.
- Based on the understanding of the State of Vietnam's policies during East-West contact in the period before 1858 and from 1858 to before World War I, the authors analyze the evolution of thoughts and actions of typical literati, from which generalize and draw the basic features of Vietnamese literati's attitude in each historical period.
- To identify and analyze the contributions and the biggest limitation of Vietnamese literati in this period. From which, to state lessons for Vietnam intellectuals today in making reasonable policy decisions, boosting the development of the country.

DIỆU LINH

TRẦN THỊ MINH ĐỨC. **Experiments in social psychology**. H.: Vietnam National University, Hanoi, 2014, 670 pages, Vv 12563.

The book is a theoretical, practical and highly topical study which presents socio-psychological experiments from the beginning of 20th century to the end of this century systemically, abundantly and diversely. The content focuses on common socio-psychological phenomena proven by experimental methods in laboratory and in nature, a small number of research results obtained from survey methodology or statistics.

The experiments in social psychology are presented in 9 chapters: Chapter 1 - The ego and socialization process of individual. Chapter 2 - Social connection. Chapter 3 - Social perception. Chapter 4 - Social communication. Chapter 5 - Social prejudice. Chapter 7 - Aggressive behavior. Chapter 8 - Social groups. Chapter 9 - The trapping techniques to change attitudes and behaviors. Each chapter is presented in 2 parts, of which the introduction part analyzes generically the main issues of experiments. Each experiment is presented in a consistent structure: author, objective, implementation and result of experiment.

In addition to 9 main chapters, the book also has an appendix to introduce about some famous experimentalists in the world, about psychological effects, some famous experiment and some pictures of experiments.

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