

## The Everyday Political Economy of Southeast Asia

In this empirically rich collection of chapters, a team of leading international scholars explore the way that economic policy making is sustained and challenged by everyday practices across Southeast Asia. Drawing together a body of interdisciplinary scholarship, the authors explore how the emergence of more marketized forms of economic policy making in Southeast Asia impacts everyday life. The book's twelve chapters address topics such as domestic migration; trade union politics in Myanmar; mining in the Philippines; halal food in Singapore; Islamic finance in Malaysia; education reform in Indonesia; street vending in Malaysia; regional migration between Malaysia, Indonesia, and Cambodia; and Southeast Asian domestic workers in Hong Kong. This collection not only enhances understandings of the everyday political economies at work in specific Southeast Asian sites, but makes a major theoretical contribution to the development of an Everyday Political Economy approach in which perspectives from developing economies and non-Western actors are taken seriously.

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Such was the love of this grandson for his grandmother that two years after the death of his mother, when she herself fell gravely ill, he vowed to her that someday he would try to tell the world her life story.

‘But why?’ she asked humbly. ‘I’m no one, just a girl from the coast.’

‘But you are everyone, Grandma’, the young Pramoedya told her. ‘You are all the people who have ever had to fight to make this life their own.’

Pramoedya Ananta Toer, *The Girl from the Coast*

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