Irian Jaya Under The Gun: Indonesian Economic Development Versus West Papuan Nationalism

Revealing the underlying myths of a conflict that has raged for decades, this book provides a comprehensive and incisive analysis of the political, economic, and cultural forces that have shaped the contemporary struggle for independence in Irian Jaya.

The book begins by examining the historical roots of the conflict, tracing the impact of colonialism, the role of the Indonesian state, and the emergence of separatist movements. It then goes on to explore the political economy of the region, analyzing the competing visions of development and sovereignty and the ways in which these have shaped the lives of the people of Irian Jaya.

The author also considers the role of international actors in the conflict, highlighting the complex interactions between national, regional, and global power dynamics. Throughout, the book draws on extensive fieldwork, including interviews with government officials, business leaders, community leaders, and ordinary people, to provide a nuanced and balanced account of the many perspectives at play.

In conclusion, the book offers a critical assessment of the prospects for peace and self-determination in Irian Jaya, arguing that a truly inclusive and just settlement will require a fundamental rethinking of the political and economic structures that have sustained the conflict for so long.
rule. This is the first in-depth account of civilian-led insurrection in West Papua, a movement that has transitioned from guerrilla warfare to persistent nonviolent resistance. MacLeod analyses several case studies, including tax resistance that pre-dates Gandhi’s Salt March by two decades, worker strikes at the world’s largest gold and copper mine, daring attempts to escape Indonesian rule by dugout canoe, and the collection of a petition in which signing meant to risk being shot dead. Merdeka and the Morning Star is a must-read for all those interested in Indonesia, the Pacific, self-determination struggles and nonviolent ways out of occupation.

Indonesia Taufik Abdullah 2009 This book traces the beginning of the process of nation formation, the struggle for independence, the hopes of the new nation-state of Indonesia only to be shattered by hard and difficult ways to remain true to the ideals of independence. In the process Indonesia went through a number of crises and internal conflicts, but the ideals that have been nurtured since the beginning when a new nation began to be visualized remain intact. Some changes in the interpretations may have taken place and some deviations have been noticed but the literal meaning of the ideals continues to be the guiding light. In short this is a history of a country in the continuing effort to retain the ideals of its existence.

Philosophy of Engineering: East and West Carl Mitcham 2018-02-06 This co-edited volume compares Chinese and Western experiences of engineering, technology, and development. In doing so it builds a bridge between the East and West and advances a dialogue in the philosophy of engineering. Divided into three parts, the book starts with studies on epistemological and ontological issues, with a special focus on engineering design, creativity, management, sustainability, and modernity. Part II considers relationships between the history and philosophy of engineering and includes a general argument for the necessity of dialogue between history and philosophy. It continues with a general introduction to traditional Chinese attitudes toward engineering and technology, and philosophical case studies of the Chinese civil aviation, railways, and cybernetics in the Soviet Union. Part III focuses on engineering, ethics, and society, with chapters on engineering education and practice in China and the West. The book’s analyses of the interdependence of science, engineering, ethics, politics, and policy in different societal contexts are of special interest. The volume as a whole marks a new stage in the emergence of the philosophy of engineering as a new regionalization of philosophy. This carefully edited interdisciplinary volume grew out of an international conference on the philosophy of engineering hosted by the University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing. It includes 30 contributions by leading philosophers, social scientists, and engineers from Australia, China, Europe, and the United States.