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Sommario/riassunto

This book is centred on the role of the triangular interactions among communities, educational sectors, and academic diplomacy in facilitating peaceful societal change by evaluating the common challenges in India, Myanmar, and Thailand. It analyses urban poverty, religious freedom, ethnic diversity, women's rights, development and regional partnership, civil-military relations, and human security in democratic transition and explores in-depth the societal issues from local and international perspectives paying special attention to the protection of 'rights' and promotion of 'security' in these societies. The book highlights that the continuous application of knowledge across borders and the promotion of international norms are essential tools in enabling social transformations from the bottom. In addition, the contributors promote further discussion on both the process and the outcome from action research projects that shape the lives of the local people and their communities. The book therefore contributes to the existing literature by offering additional insights into the societies of India, Myanmar and Thailand for policy makers, social innovators, researchers, development analysts and planners and the general public including students. Chosein Yamahata is a Professor at the Graduate School of Policy Studies, Aichi Gakuin University, Japan. Dr. Yamahata is the coordinator of the Academic Diplomacy Project in bridging the interdisciplinary area studies to reach locals across different sectors through the soft power of academia. He also serves as Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Mass Communication at Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Sueo Sudo is a Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand. Dr. Sudo is foreign policy expert. He also teaches at the Graduate School of Policy Studies at Aichi Gakuin University as an Adjunct Professor. He served as a professor at Nanzan University and Saga University. Takashi Matsugi is an emeritus professor at Nagoya University. He taught econometrics, urban and agricultural economics, and development. Dr. Matsugi was the Chief Editor of the POSDI working paper series of Aichi Gakuin University. He facilitated the 1st Burma Review and Challenges International Forum (BRACIF 1).
