Record Nr. UNINA9910786543903321 Transforming Malaysia: dominant and competing paradigms / / edited **Titolo** by Anthony Milner, Abdul Rahman Embong, Tham Siew Yean Pubbl/distr/stampa Singapore:,: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Bangi, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia:,: Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa, , 2014 **ISBN** 981-4517-92-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xv, 239 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Disciplina 959.5 Soggetti Malaysia Race relations Malaysia Politics and government Malaysia Economic policy Malaysia Foreign relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia "This book is based on a research project that was initiated and Note generali sponsored by the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies"--Page 2. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Race and its competing paradigms / Anthony Milner and Helen Ting --Knowledge construction, the rakyat paradigm and Malaysia's social cohesion / Abdul Rahman Embong -- Race paradigm and nationbuilding in Malaysia / Helen Ting -- Race-based paradigm in poverty eradication and income distribution analysis and policy / Ragayah Haji Mat Zin -- Foreign workers in Malaysia in the post-independence era / Azizah Kassim -- Trade policy formulation in Malaysia / Tham Siew Yean -- National security conceptions and foreign policy behaviour / K. S. Nathan. Sommario/riassunto In the wake of Malaysia's 13th General Election some commentators speak of a sharpening of ethnic politics - with Prime Minister Najib blaming a "Chinese tsunami" for his government's polling setbacks; others are optimistic about the arrival of a new "non-racialized form of politics" and the emergence of "transethnic solidarity". This book, which

engages with both the race paradigm and its opponents, warns that change is likely to come slowly - but is not impossible. Malaysia's race paradigm is a man-made ideological construct - one that has been

contested in the past, and could realistically be contested in the future. In confronting the continuing challenge of globalization, Malaysians should not neglect the history of ideas - and ideology - as they search for new options.