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Zharkevich, 2019-05-09 Drawing on long-term fieldwork in the former Maoist heartland of Nepal, this book studies the war-time social processes during the civil war and their long-term legacy on the constitution of Nepali society.

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from social political and historical perspectives and identifies the ancient continuous thread that connects shamanistic beliefs and rituals across cultures and millennia State, Society and Health in Nepal Madhusudan Subedi, 2018-01-29 This book focuses on health healing and health care in Nepal It presents an intriguing picture the interplay between the natural processes that cause ill health or diseases and the socio cultural processes through which people try to understand and cope with them The work places medical tradition health politics gender and health and pharmaceutical business within the wider politico economic milieu of Nepal It also describes the establishment of medical anthropology as an academic discipline and its relevance for understanding the country s specific health problems health care traditions and health policies Combining scientific research with practical experiences the book will serve as a unique resource especially for health workers policymakers and teachers and students in medical schools those in public health social medicine health care governance and political studies sociology and social anthropology and Nepal and South Asian studies *Mythology of the People of Sikkim* J. R. Subba, 2009 Mythology is a miscellaneous collection of old tales and legends which embraces all of what we now call religion science and philosophy natural moral and metaphysical The Myths are the spiritual instructions of our forefathers The mythical stories are not entertainment stories or folk tales because they can be told only at certain times of the year and under certain conditions The belief systems of all the 14 fourteen mountain tribes and races of Sikkim were sandwiched between the faith of Buddhism from the north and Hinduism from the west in the beginning and then Christianity from the south mainly during the chieftdom periods of Sikkim 1642 1975 A D and Nepal 1769 2008 A D affecting their indigenous belief systems tremendously Today the different tribes and races of Sikkim have awakened not against anybody else but themselves from within and have started rediscovering their own belief systems and traditions Many of these hill tribes or races have adopted many well developed religions of the world with insignificant traces of their own within it This book is an attempt to collect the valuable information of these lesser known oriental Belief System or Religion and Mythologies of the different ethnic mountain people of Sikkim for the first time for further research and development **Policies, Plans, and People** Judith Justice, 1989-11-02 Judith Justice uses an interdisciplinary approach to show how anthropologists and planners can combine their expertise to make health care programs culturally compatible with the populations they serve Oxford Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology Robin Ian MacDonald Dunbar, Louise Barrett, 2007 The Oxford Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology is the definitive comprehensive and authoritative text on this burgeoning field With contributions from over fifty experts in the field the range and depth of coverage is unequalled It will be an essential resource for students and researchers in psychology **Routledge Handbook of South Asian Religions** Knut A. Jacobsen, 2020-11-29 The Routledge Handbook of South Asian Religions presents critical research overviews and case studies on religion in historical South Asia in the seven nation states of contemporary South Asia India Pakistan Bangladesh Nepal Bhutan Sri Lanka and the Maldives and in the South Asian diaspora Chapters by an international set of experts analyse formative developments roots

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Lamas, Shamans and Ancestors Anna Balikci, 2008-06-30 This careful study of the co existence over time of Buddhism and shamanism among the Lhopo Bhutia people of Sikkim sheds new light on their supposedly hostile relationship It examines the working relationships between Buddhist lamas and practitioners of bon taking into consideration the sacred history of the land as well as its more recent political and economic transformation Their interactions are presented in terms of the contexts in which lamas and shamans meet these being rituals of the sacred land of the individual and household and of village and state Village lamas and shamans are shown to share a conceptual view of reality which is at the base of their amiable coexistence In contrast to the hostility which the recent literature suggests characterizes the lama shaman relationship their association reveals that the real confrontation occurs when village Buddhism is challenged by its conventional counterpart

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