

# New Book Alerts

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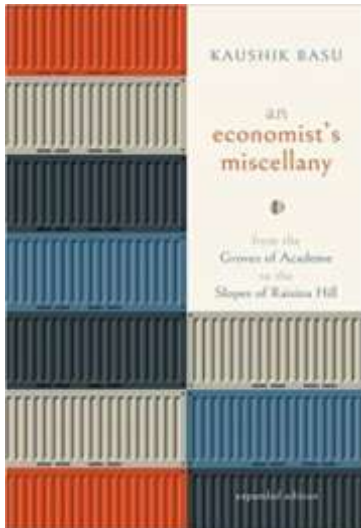
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## NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

### **1. An Economist's Miscellany: From the Groves of Academe to the Slopes of Raisina Hill/Kaushik Basu**



Philosophy has to be deductive, poetry romantic, plays and fiction humorous, and politics intriguing if they are to catch My attention,' writes Kaushik Basu. All these interests are on display in an economist's miscellany, which brings together an eclectic collection of writings on the world of academe, politics, policy, travel, and more. This book offers unique glimpses of the authors engagement with the world: his opinions on contemporary policies and economic issues; his exploration of different parts of the world; and his reflections on people, ideas, and books that have influenced him. An economist's miscellany also puts on display his literary forays—translations of two hilarious Bengali short stories and a four-act play on academe, love, and cultural misunderstandings. This second and much-expanded edition of the book features a new set of essays that reflects the authors dual perspective of the world: one from the groves of academe and one from the policymaker perch. In the world of policymaking, he was not just an observer but an active participant, and many of the new essays dwell on ideas gathered from this hands-on engagement.

**Pub: Oxford University Press**

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## 2. **India Public Finance and Policy Report: Health Matters/Jyotsna Jalan**



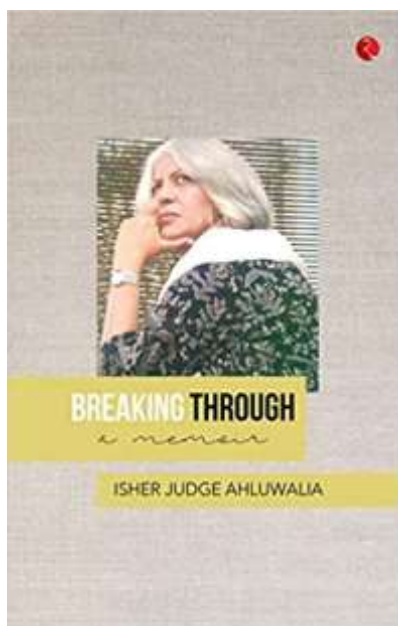
Health crises plague most economies irrespective of their average per capita income levels, and this is largely due to chronic and repeated illnesses. Contextualizing this paradigm in India, India public Finance and policy report: health matters is an attempt to discuss some of the most crucial issues faced by Indian health sectors and to examine alternatives for policy make Rs to provide affordable, reliable, and effective healthcare facilities to the people. This report compares three government-run social health Insurance schemes—the Swasthya Sathi Scheme, the aarogyasri community Insurance Scheme, and a community-based health Insurance scheme—to examine their effectiveness in reducing households' vulnerability to health shocks. Additionally, it brings to light the manipulation of health package deals by private hospitals to increase the amount patients spend on them. The report also estimates the inefficiencies across states and districts of India with regard to healthcare personnel and infrastructure. Moreover, the editors have put together a series of interviews with different stakeholders associated with the healthcare system, such as doctors, nurses, patients, and medical representatives, who discuss the problems that perturb this sector. Written in a lucid and Non-Technical language, This is a deeply researched theoretical and empirical commentary about healthcare and public policies in India.

**Pub: Oxford University Press**

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### 3. **Breaking through: a memoir/Isher Judge Ahluwalia**



This is the life story of Isher Judge Ahluwalia, one of the leading Indian policy economists of her generation. Born into a family with eleven children and limited means, where she was one of the first to attend university, she takes us through her journey to Presidency College, Delhi School of Economics and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She chronicles her career as a young policy economist fighting against the Indian economic orthodoxy that underpinned the license-permit-quota Raj, as an institution builder leading the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), one of India's leading economic think tanks for over a decade, and also her most recent role in focusing attention on the challenges of urbanization in India.

Narrated with candor and from the heart, this is also a story of a woman balancing career and family, and trying to stay close to her roots as her life path takes her through the power corridors of New Delhi, both through her own career, and through a 50-year-marriage to Montek Singh Ahluwalia. An outsider to Delhi, who ultimately became the consummate insider, *Breaking Through* is an account of a remarkable life that was witness to remarkable times

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#### 4. Does India Negotiate/ Karthik Nachiappan



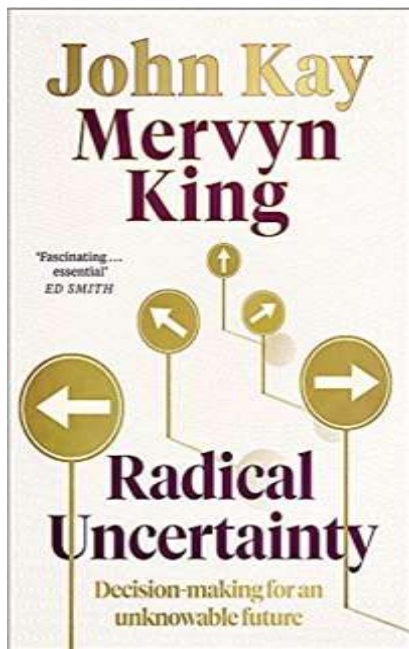
India plays a key role in addressing multilateral issues like climate change, terrorism, piracy, humanitarian crises, and Nuclear Disarmament. Scholarly work mapping India's multilateral behaviour ranges from covering the United Nations to a wide range of fora where India seeks to influence issues that affect its security and development. Yet, there has been no serious exploration of how India concretely negotiates international rules. In this book, karthik nachiappan investigates how India negotiated four key multilateral agreements: the framework Convention on tobacco control, the framework Convention on climate change, the comprehensive Test ban treaty, and the uruguay round trade agreement. Based on untapped primary sources including archival documents detailing how negotiations transpired, official records of the LoC Sabha and Rajya Sabha, a series of interviews with former Indian negotiators, and newspaper sources, does India negotiate. Demonstrates that India's multilateral behaviour is fundamentally strategic—working to shape and ratify international rules that advance core interests while resisting rules that harm those interests.

**Pub: Oxford University Press**

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## 5. **Radical Uncertainty: Decision-making for an unknowable future/John Kay**



Uncertainty pervades the big decisions we all make in our lives. How much should we pay into our pensions each month? Should we take regular exercise? Expand the business? Change our strategy? Enter a trade agreement? Take an expensive holiday?

We do not know what the future will hold. But we must make decisions anyway. So we crave certainties which cannot exist and invent knowledge we cannot have. But humans are successful because they have adapted to an environment that they understand only imperfectly. Throughout history we have developed a variety of ways of coping with the radical uncertainty that defines our lives.

This incisive and eye-opening book draws on biography, history, mathematics, economics and philosophy to highlight the most successful - and most short-sighted - methods of dealing with an unknowable future. Ultimately, the authors argue, the prevalent method of our age falls short, giving us a false understanding of our power to make predictions, leading to many of the problems we experience today.

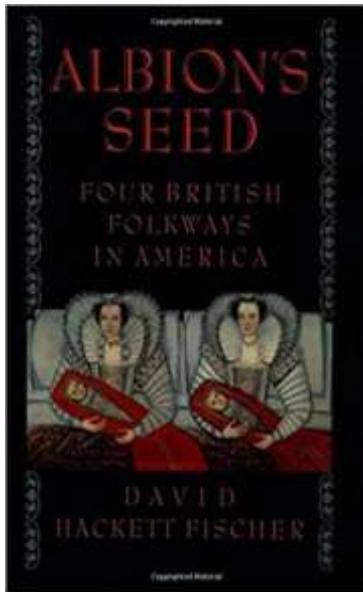
Tightly argued, provocative and written with wit and flair, *Radical Uncertainty* is at once an exploration of the limits of numbers and a celebration of human instinct and wisdom.

**Pub: The Bridge**

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**6. Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America/David Hackett Fischer**



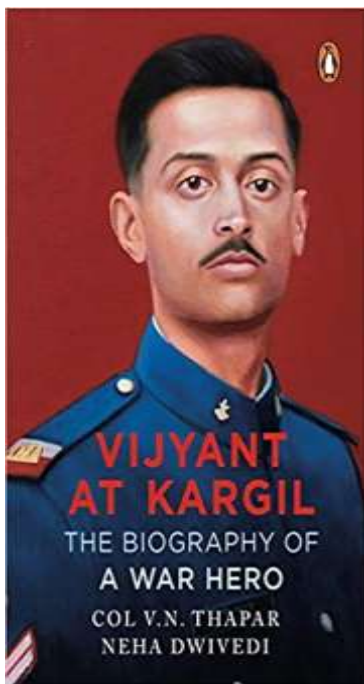
Eighty percent of Americans have no British ancestors. According to David Hackett Fischer, however, their day-to-day lives are profoundly influenced by folkways transplanted from Britain to the New World with the first settlers. Residual, yet persistent, aspects of these 17th Century folkways are indentifiable, Fischer argues, in areas as divers as politics, education, and attitudes towards gender, sexuality, age, and child-raising. Making use of both traditional and revisionist scholarship, this ground-breaking work documents how each successive wave of early emigration—Puritans to the North-East; Royalist aristocrats to the South; the Friends to the Delaware Valley; Irish and North Britons to the American backcountry—contributed to, and continue to affect, ingrained cultural differences between various regions in the United States.

**Pub: Oxford University Press**

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## 7. **Vijyant at Kargil: The Biography of a War Hero**



This was the last letter Captain Vijyant Thapar wrote to his family. He was twenty-two when he was martyred in the Kargil War, having fought bravely in the crucial battles of Tololing and Knoll. A fourth-generation army officer, Vijyant dreamt of serving his country even as a young boy. In this first-ever biography, we learn about his journey to join the Indian Military Academy and the experiences that shaped him into a fine officer. Told by his father and Neha Dwivedi, a martyr's daughter herself, the anecdotes from his family and close friends come alive, and we have a chance to know the exceptional young man that Vijyant was. His inspiring story provides a rare glimpse into the heart of a brave soldier. His legacy stays alive through these fond memories and his service to the country.

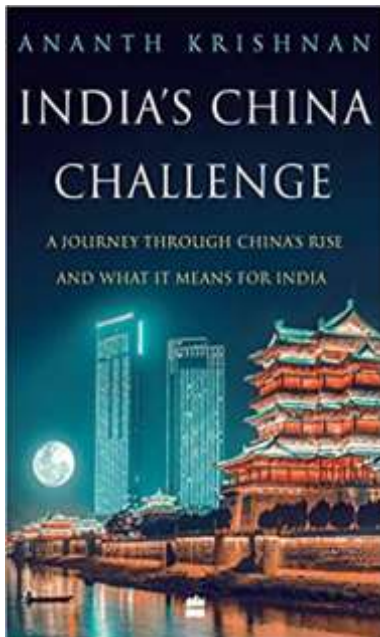
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## 8. India's China Challenge: A Journey through China's Rise and What It Means for India Ananth Krishnan



Ananth Krishnan first moved to China in the summer of 2008. In the years that followed, he had a ringside view of the country's remarkable transformation. He reported from Beijing for a decade, for the India Today and The Hindu. This gave him a privileged opportunity that few Indians have had - to travel the length and breadth of the country, beyond the glitzy skyscrapers of Shanghai and the grand avenues of Beijing that greet most tourists, to the heart of China's rise. This book is Krishnan's attempt at unpacking India's China challenge, which is four-fold: the political challenge of dealing with a one-party state that is looking to increasingly shape global institutions; the military challenge of managing an unresolved border; the economic challenge of both learning from China's remarkable and unique growth story and building a closer relationship; and the conceptual challenge of changing how we think about and engage with our most important neighbour.

*India's China Challenge* tells the story of a complex political relationship, and how China - and its leading opinion-makers - view India. It looks at the economic dimensions and cultural connect, and the internal political and social transformations in China that continue to shape both the country's future and its relations with India

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