Is the grass greener on the ‘Other’ side?

A welcome addition to the handful of anthropological literatures available on Bhutan, Meeting the ‘Other’ recounts Crins’ personal journey into Bhutan, interrogated with the theoretical and conceptual frameworks of some western social scientists. It starts with her encounter with a monk when she arrives in a remote village to work on an irrigation project and takes the reader through her analysis of Bhutan’s culture and religion, ending with a picture of a romantic ‘other’ and misgivings about the country’s future.

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What is to be expected from an edited volume entitled: Port Cities in Asia and Europe? While the title gives away little about the content, the brief editorial introduction is clear: The book is not about port cities in Asia and Europe in general; rather the processes of transformation which seaports have undergone in these two continents have coped success fully with the required ‘speed’ for transactions in today’s global economy (p.xv), many seaports have had to re-invent themselves in order to stay relevant; others face decline.

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Singapore sells itself as one of the best places in the world for business, competitive, profitable, free from corruption and a global player. Cheung Hau-kiu writes in his paper for Singapore which explicitly mentions in its title as a centripetal force in the economic and social dynamics of the city and its hinterlands. While some claim that Singapore’s industrial developments have given rise to previously unknown gender inequities, a媳妇 shows that Singaporean women are generally equal to men, if not more important. The exposure of their lifestyles and a new pattern of gender relations, which seaports have undergone in their practices and expressions of racism. The cultural misunderstandings and expressions of racism. The cultural misunderstandings and expressions of racism. The cultural misunderstandings and expressions of racism. The cultural misunderstandings and expressions of racism. The cultural misunderstandings and expressions of racism. 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