

Post-war Southeast Asia saw waves of decolonisation movements sweep through many countries. This select bibliography highlights books and journal articles relating to post-war Malaya and its path to Independence.

Books

Title: [Conflict and violence in Singapore and Malaysia, 1945–1983](#)

Author: Clutterbuck, R. L.

Publisher: Singapore: G. Brash, 1984.

Call no.: RSING 959.57 CLU

This book examines people's responses during times of instability in Singapore: the Emergency, confrontation with Indonesia, and the race riots of 1964 and 1969. It is a revised edition of "Riot and Revolution in Singapore and Malaya, 1945–1963".

Title: [Decolonizing the history curriculum in Malaysia and Singapore](#)

Authors: Blackburn, K. & Wu, Zonglun

Publisher: Abingdon, Oxon ; New York, NY : Routledge, [2019].

Call no.: RSING 372.8909595 BLA

Title: [Defence and decolonisation in Southeast Asia : Britain, Malaya and Singapore 1941-1968](#)

Author: Hack, K.

Publisher: London : Routledge, 2014.

Call no.: RSING 959.504 HAC

Title: [From Malayan Union to Singapore separation: Political unification in the Malaysia Region, 1945–65](#)

Author: Mohamed Noordin Sopiee

Publisher: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: University Malaya Press, 2005.

Call no.: RSING 959.5 MOH

The author refers to cabinet papers, memoranda and other primary documents to track the various political developments in the post-war Malaysian region, including Singapore. He studies the causes and development of the Malayan Union, the Federation of Malaya, the Federation of Malaysia and the separation of Singapore in 1965.

Title: [Imperial policy and southeast asian nationalism 1930-1957](#)

Authors: Tønnesson, Stein & Antlöv, Hans

Publisher: London : Curzon Press, 1995.

Call no.: RSING 959.05 IMP

Title: [Singapore: An illustrated history, 1941–1984](#)

Publisher: Singapore: Information Division, Ministry of Culture, 1984.

Call no.: RSING 959.57 SIN

Presents the history of Singapore in black and white photographs, with an accompanying short narrative for each.

Title: [The Open United Front: The Communist struggle in Singapore, 1954–1966](#)

Author: Lee, T. H.

Publisher: Singapore: South Seas Society, 1996.

Call no.: RSING 959.5703 LEE

Provides an account of the struggle of the Malayan Communist Party in Singapore in the years 1954 to 1966. This publication serves as an essential reference for anyone interested in the history and significance of Communism in Singapore.

Title: [Violence and emancipation in colonial ideology : Hong Kong and British Malaya](#)

Author: Price, R.

Publisher: Kowloon, Hong Kong : University of Hong Kong Press, [2019].

Call no.: RSEA 959.5104 PRI

Full-text journal articles via Ebscohost academic search premier

Disguised anti-colonialism: protest against the White Australia Policy in Malaya and Singapore, 1947–1962.

By: Blackburn, Kevin. Australian Journal of International Affairs. Apr 2001, Vol. 55 Issue 1, p101-117

The left-wing movement in Malaya, Singapore and Borneo in the 1960s: 'an era of hope or devil's decade'?

By: Boon-Kheng, Cheah. Inter-Asia Cultural Studies. Dec 2006, Vol. 7 Issue 4, p634-649

'The people need civil liberties': trade unions and contested decolonisation in Singapore.

By: Curless, Gareth. Labor History. Feb 2016, Vol. 57 Issue 1, p53-70.

Transnational Governances in Higher Education: New Universities, Rhetorics, and Networks in Postwar Singapore.

By: Ai-Ling Chou, Grace. European Education. 2015, p260-273.

Violent civic nationalism versus civil ethnic nationalism: Contrasting Indonesia and Malay(sia).

By: Kreuzer, Peter. National Identities. Mar 2006, Vol. 8 Issue 1, p41-59

Full-text journal articles via JSTOR

Australia, the 'Marshall experiment' and the decolonisation of Singapore, 1955-56

Andrea Benvenuti

Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, Vol. 43, No. 2 (June 2012), pp. 257-279

Bringing the International and Transnational back in: Singapore, Decolonisation, and the Cold War (pp. 215-234)

S.R. Joey Long

From: Singapore in Global History, Amsterdam University Press (2011)

Chinese Newspapers in Singapore, 1945-1963: Mediators of Elite and Popular Tastes in Culture and Politics

Thum Ping Tjin

Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. 83, No. 1 (298) (June 2010), pp. 53-76

Decolonization and the nation in Malay film, 1955-1965

Timothy P. Barnard

South East Asia Research, Vol. 17, No. 1, SPECIAL ISSUE: BRITAIN AND THE MALAY WORLD: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS OF FILM, THEATRE AND LITERATURE (MARCH 2009), pp. 65-86

The Settlement of Decolonization and Post-Colonial Economic Development: Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore Compared

Nicholas J. White

Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde, Vol. 173, No. 2/3 (2017), pp. 208-241

Full-text journal articles via Proquest Central

Indigenizing the Cold War in Malaysia and Singapore: Interethnic Decolonization, Developmental Syntheses and the Quest for Sovereignty

Chong, Alan. Asian Perspective; Seoul Vol. 44, Iss. 2, (Spring 2020): 179-208.

Spaces of Autonomy, Spaces of Hope: The place of the university in post-colonial Singapore

Holden, Philip. Modern Asian Studies; Cambridge Vol. 53, Iss. 2, (Mar 2019): 451-482.

Student movements: Malaya as outlier in Southeast Asia

Gungwu, Wang. Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Singapore Vol. 44, Iss. 3, (Oct 2013): 511-518.

The Socio-Political Context Behind the Malayan Insurgency, 1948-1960

Murad, Dina. Intellectual Discourse; Kuala Lumpur Vol. 27, Iss. 2, (2019): 397-411.

THE UNIVERSITY SOCIALIST CLUB AND THE CONTEST FOR MALAYA: Tangled Strands of Modernity

Koon, Wong Soak. Pacific Affairs; Vancouver Vol. 88, Iss. 1, (Mar 2015): 226-228.

A curation of articles from Off the Record and Singapore Policy History Project, giving insights into the various facets of Singapore history relating to the decolonisation process.

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External threats: Storm Clouds over Indochina

<https://corporate.nas.gov.sg/media/collections-and-research/external-threats>

David Marshall: Singapore's First Chief Minister

<https://corporate.nas.gov.sg/media/collections-and-research/david-marshall>

S. Rajaratnam on Singapore's State Symbols

<https://corporate.nas.gov.sg/media/collections-and-research/s-rajaratnam>

PROCLAMATION OF SINGAPORE, 1965

<https://corporate.nas.gov.sg/media/collections-and-research/proclamationofsingapore>

INDEPENDENCE DAY?

<https://corporate.nas.gov.sg/media/collections-and-research/independenceday>

Keeping Communist Propaganda At Bay - Regulation Of Media Content

https://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/policy_history/card?id=3