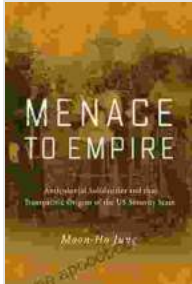


# Unveiling the Hidden Roots: Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State



**Menace to Empire: Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State (American Crossroads Book 63)** by Moon-Ho Jung

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In the annals of history, the Cold War looms large as a defining conflict that shaped the post-World War II global Free Download. However, beneath the surface of this ideological struggle, a more complex narrative unfolds, one that intertwines anticolonial movements and the rise of the United States as a global superpower.

In her groundbreaking work, "Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State," historian Emily Goldman introduces us to this lesser-known chapter in history. Through a meticulously researched and engaging narrative, Goldman reveals the deep connections between

anticolonial struggles in Asia and the Pacific, and the emergence of a vast and intrusive security apparatus in the United States.

## **The Seeds of Empire**

Goldman's analysis begins by examining the expansionist policies of the United States in the late 19th century. As the US emerged as an imperial power, it acquired colonies across the Pacific, including the Philippines, Guam, and Hawaii. These acquisitions were not simply military outposts; they were part of a broader strategy to control strategic waterways, expand trade, and project power in the region.

The presence of US imperialism in the Pacific had a profound impact on local populations. Indigenous communities were displaced, their lands seized, and their cultures suppressed. In response, anticolonial movements emerged, fueled by a desire for self-determination and liberation.

## **Transpacific Connections**

One of the most significant arguments in Goldman's book is that these anticolonial struggles were not isolated events. On the contrary, they were part of a larger transnational movement that spanned the Pacific. Activists, intellectuals, and revolutionaries from across the region collaborated and supported each other's causes.

Goldman provides numerous examples of these transpacific solidarities. She discusses the close connections between Filipino nationalists and Vietnamese communists, who shared a common enemy in Western imperialism. She also highlights the influence of Indian anticolonial thought on American civil rights activists. These connections created a web of resistance that challenged the colonial Free Download from multiple fronts.

## **The Cold War Crucible**

The outbreak of the Cold War in 1947 had a profound impact on both the US security state and anticolonial movements. The US government, driven by a fear of communist expansion, intensified its efforts to suppress dissent and control its overseas empire. This led to the creation of a vast network of intelligence agencies, military bases, and surveillance programs.

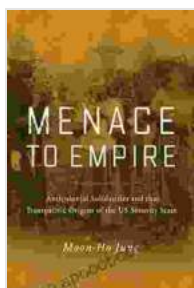
Goldman argues that the Cold War provided a convenient pretext for the US government to target anticolonial movements. Activists who fought for independence were often labeled as communist sympathizers or security risks. This repression had a chilling effect on dissent, and it contributed to the suppression of anticolonial struggles across the globe.

## **Lasting Legacies**

The transpacific connections and the Cold War repression had a lasting impact on global power dynamics. The US security state, which was initially designed to combat communism, evolved into a powerful tool for maintaining US hegemony in the post-Cold War era. Goldman argues that the legacy of anticolonial solidarities continues to resonate today, as marginalized communities continue to fight for their rights and self-determination.

Emily Goldman's "Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State" is a groundbreaking work that sheds new light on the complex relationship between anticolonialism and global power. By tracing the connections between anticolonial struggles, Cold War repression, and the rise of the US security state, Goldman provides a comprehensive analysis that challenges traditional narratives and deepens our understanding of the modern world.

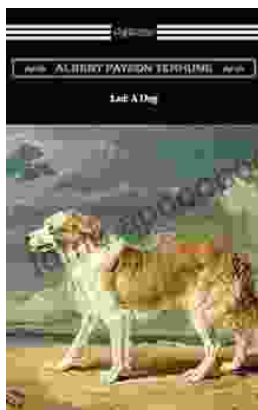
This book is a must-read for anyone interested in political science, international relations, history, or anticolonial studies. It is a timely reminder that the struggle for freedom and self-determination is a continuous one, and that the legacies of colonialism and imperialism continue to shape our world today.



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