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This work is the result of a collective effort to introduce the main trends of research interest, as well as some of the major findings, in the field of area studies at the Institute of Developing Economies since its inception in 1960. The essence of studies on Korea, China, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America that have been published largely in Japanese has now been made available in English for the first time. Research on each of the regions is summarized in separate chapters, and the book ends with a chapter discussing the meaning of area studies.

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