

# ASIA'S UNKNOWN UPRISINGS VOLUME 2

People Power in the Philippines, Burma, Tibet,  
China, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand and  
Indonesia 1947–2009

**George Katsiaficas**

Ten years in the making, this book provides a unique perspective on uprisings in nine places in East Asia in the 1980s and 1990s. While the 2011 Arab Spring is well known, the wave of uprisings that swept East Asia in the 1980s became hardly visible. This book begins with an overview of late 20th century history—the context within which Asian uprisings arose. Through a critique of Samuel Huntington's notion of a "Third Wave" of democratization, the author relates Asian uprisings to predecessors in 1968 and shows their subsequent influence on the wave of uprisings that swept Eastern Europe at the end of the 1980s. By empirically reconstructing the specific history of each Asian uprising, significant insight into major constituencies of change and the trajectories of these societies becomes visible.

It is difficult to find comprehensive histories of any one of these uprisings, yet this book provides detailed histories of uprisings in nine places (the Philippines, Burma, Tibet, China, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, and Indonesia) as well as introductory and concluding chapters that place them in a global context and analyze them in light of major sociological theories. Richly illustrated, with tables, charts, chronologies, graphs, index, and footnotes.

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George Katsiaficas is author or editor of eleven books, including *The Imagination of the New Left: A Global Analysis of 1968*, the first book to place sixties movements in their worldwide context. Together with Kathleen Cleaver, he co-edited *Liberation, Imagination and the Black Panther Party*. His book, *The Subversion of Politics: European Autonomous Social Movements and the Decolonization of Everyday Life*, was co-winner of the 1998 Michael Harrington Award for best new book in political science. In 2010, the May Mothers' House—widows and mothers of men killed in the 1980 Gwangju Uprising—awarded his service and commitment. A longtime activist for peace and justice, he was a student of Herbert Marcuse and twice granted Fulbright fellowships. Currently, he is based at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA.

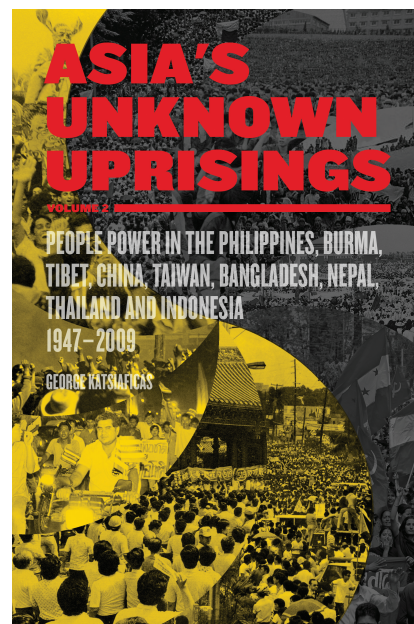
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"George Katsiaficas has written a majestic account of political uprisings and social movements in Asia—an important contribution to the literature on both Asian studies and social change that is highly-recommended reading for anyone concerned with these fields of interest. The work is well-researched, clearly-argued, and beautifully written, accessible to both academic and general readers."

—Carl Boggs, author of *The Crimes of Empire and Imperial Delusions*

"George Katsiaficas is America's leading practitioner of the method of 'participant-observation,' acting with and observing the movements that he is studying. This study of People Power is a brilliant narrative of the present as history from below. It is a detailed account of the struggle for freedom and social justice, encompassing the different currents, both reformist and revolutionary, in a balanced study that combines objectivity and commitment. Above all, he presents the beauty of popular movements in the process of self-emancipation."

—James Petras, professor of sociology at Binghamton University



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