

Robert Knox Dentan
(American cultural anthropologist: 1936-)

Entries: 17
Last update: 30/01/2013
Compiled by Thanos Kouravelos

Dentan, R. K.

- 1964 “Senoi-Semang”, in *Ethnic groups of mainland South-East Asia*, by Frank M. LeBar, Gerald Cannon Hickey & John K. Musgrave (eds.), pp. 176-186. New Haven, CT: Human Relations Area Files Press.
- 1976 “Ethnics and ethics in Southeast Asia”, in *Changing identities in modern Southeast Asia*, by David J. Banks (ed.), pp. 71-82. The Hague: Mouton, World Anthropology.
- 1988a “Reply to Paul”, “Rejoinder to Brown” and “Rejoinder to Nanda”. *American Anthropologist* (N.S.) 90(2):420-423.
- 1988b Band-level Eden: a mystifying chimera. *Cultural Anthropology* 3(3):276-284.
- 1988c On reconsidering violence in simple societies. *Current Anthropology* 29(4):625-629.
- 1991 Potential food sources for foragers in Malaysian rainforest: sagos, yams and lots of little things. *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 147(4):420-444.
- 1992 “The rise, maintenance, and destruction of peaceable polity: a preliminary essay in political ecology”, in *Aggression and peacefulness in humans and other primates*, by James Silverberg & J. Patrick Gray (eds.), pp. 214-270. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 1997 “The persistence of received truth: how ruling class Malays construct Orang Asli identity”, in *Indigenous peoples and the state: politics, land, and ethnicity in the Malayan Peninsula and Borneo*, by Robert L. Winzeler (ed.), pp. 98-134. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, Yale Southeast Asia Studies, Monograph No. 46.
- 2000 Puzzling questions, not beyond all conjecture: Boehm’s “Evolutionary origins of morality”. *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 7(1-2):123-127.
- 2002a Ideas redeem, but political memories do run short: islamicization among Malaysia’s Orang Asli. *Social Justice* 3(3-4):153-190.
- 2002b Hawks, doves, and birds in the bush: a response to Keith Otterbein, Neil Whitehead, and Leslie Sponsel. *American Anthropologist* (N.S.) 104(1):278-280.
- 2006 “How the androgynous bird God brought agriculture to Semai of West Malaysia: discipline, hard work and subordination to the cycle of time”, in *Les messagers divins: aspects esthétiques et symboliques des oiseaux en Asie du Sud-Est/Divine messengers: bird symbolism and aesthetics in Southeast Asia*, by Pierre Le Roux & Bernard Sellato (eds.), pp. 295-356. Paris & Marseille: Éditions Connaissances et Savoir/SevenOrients & Institute for Research on Southeast Asia (IRASEC).
- 2008 Recent studies on violence: what’s in and what’s out. *Reviews in Anthropology* 37(1):41-67.
- 2010 “Nonkilling social arrangements”, in *Nonkilling societies*, by Joám

- Evans Pim (ed.), pp. 131-182. Honolulu, HI: Center for Global Nonkilling.
- Dentan, R. K. & Charles, I.
1997 Telling the truth in difficult times: Malaysian anthropologists and Orang Asli. *American Anthropologist* (N.S.) 99(4):836-838.
- Dentan, R. K., Endicott, K. M., Gomes, A. G. & Hooker, M. B.
1996 *Malaysia and the "original people": a case study of the impact of development on indigenous peoples*. Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon, Cultural Survival Studies in Ethnicity and Change. 175 p.
- Endicott, K. M. & Dentan, R. K.
2004 "Into the mainstream or into the backwater? Malaysian assimilation of Orang Asli", in *Civilizing the margins: Southeast Asian government programs for the development of minorities*, by Christopher R. Duncan (ed.), pp. 24-55. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.