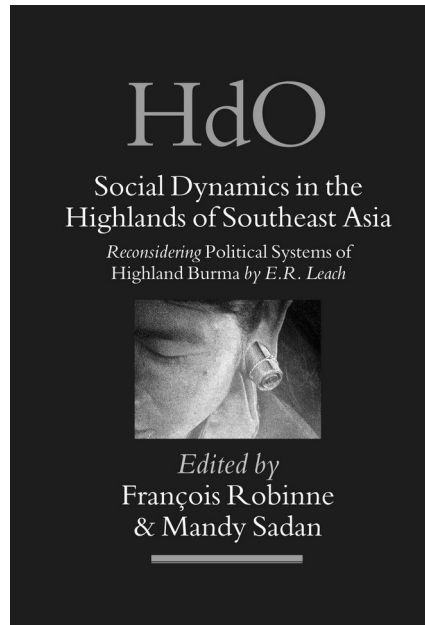


# Social Dynamics in the Highlands of Southeast Asia

*Reconsidering Political Systems of Highland Burma* by E.R. Leach

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