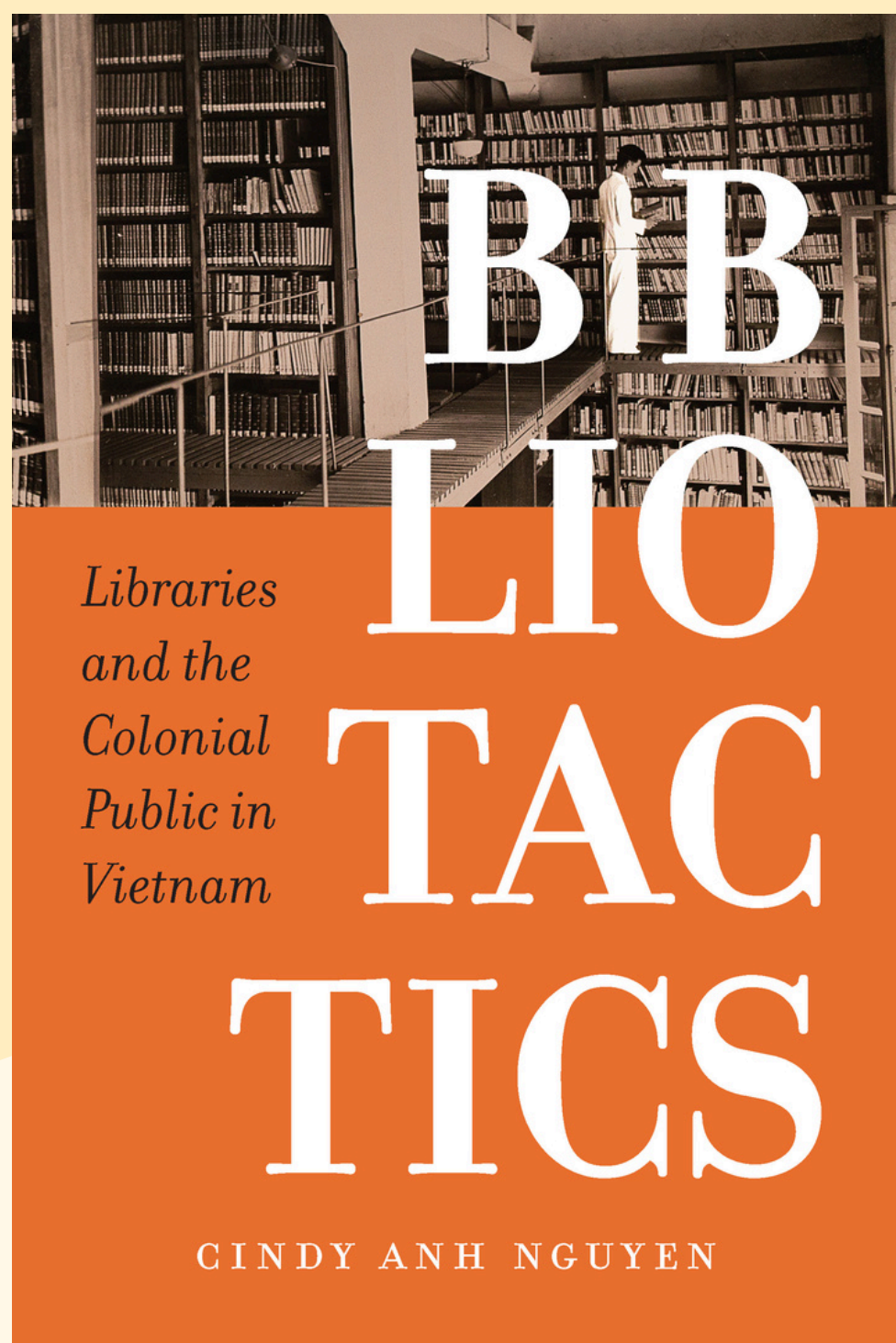


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INTRODUCTION: Colonial Publics - Unequal, Contending, Plural

Just read this chapter.
Bibliotactics as theory and
method. Dialog with colonial
studies, Southeast Asian
Studies, and Library and
Information history. A
takedown of Habermas

CH 1: Colonial Studies Meets Book History

Why were libraries and
archives created in Vietnam?
Colonial information order,
bureaucracy and
documentation, the
competing world of letters
between French, Sinitic,
Nôm, Quốc Ngữ

CH 2: Social Life of Library Reading

Who was reading, what were
they reading, how were they
reading? Dramas in public
space, reading against
library statistics and
surveillance, **public reading
culture**

CH 3: Politics and Technologies of Library Circulation

Why did the colonial state
care about what Vietnamese
read? **Cultural propaganda**,
international library
sciences, book vehicles,
provincial reading

CH 4: Grassroots Reading Culture

Beyond Hanoi and Saigon
state libraries? Aesthetics of
reading culture, women's
community libraries, Hue
literary life, vernacular print
culture, gender and morality,
**Vietnamese language
nationalism**

CH 5: Decolonization as Process

What happens to library
infrastructures across
periods of decolonization
and war? Infrastructure, Cold
War intellectual imperialism,
reassembly through
libraries in postwar states

Epilogue: The chapter that was supposed to be the sequel book

Why does this book end in
1958 (and not 1945 or 1954)?
Socialist information order,
republicanism, postcolonial
nation building through
libraries, cultural patrimony

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