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"Hills and Valleys and States in Southeast Asia, or, Why Civilizations Can't Climb Hills"

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His latest book, Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed, was published in 1998. His other publications include Political Ideology in Malaysia: Reality and the Beliefs of an Elite; Comparative Political Corruption; The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Subsistence and Rebellion in Southeast Asia; Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance; and Domination and the Arts of Resistance: The Hidden Transcript of Subordinate Groups. He has contributed to numerous journals, including Asian Studies; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Comparative Politics; American Political Science Review; Theory and Society; Politics and Society. His research interests include political economy, anarchism, ideology, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, and class relations.