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New This Month

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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Air power in UN operations: wings for peace.

Dorn, A. Walter, editor. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014.

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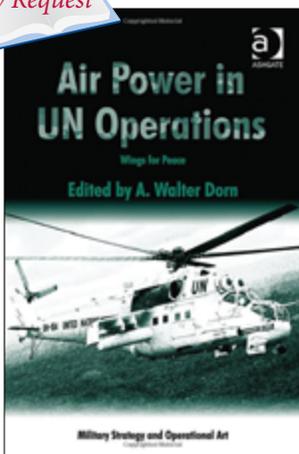


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This volume examines the use of air power for peacekeeping and UN enforcement, including functions such as the transportation of vital supplies to UN peacekeepers, serving as “eyes in the sky” for the organization, and as combat aircraft enforcing the peace. Case studies illuminate the

past and present of UN air power and contributors provide projections for the future.

Popular representations of development: insights from novels, films, television, and social media.

Lewis, David, Dennis Rodgers and Michael Woolcock, editors. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2014.

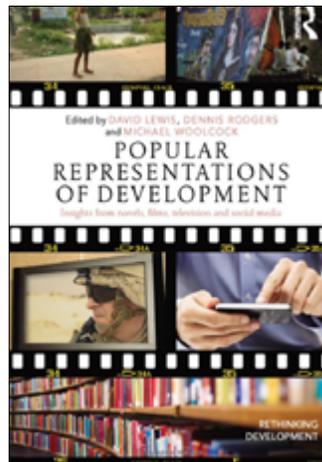


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This collection of essays examines the popular dimension of development. Authors explore depictions of economic development in various media representations including: literature and fiction, media and television, film, public campaigns, and social networks, in order to build a more complete understanding of

development issues in the public sphere.

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Timor-Leste: the history and development of Asia's newest nation. Joseph, Abraham and Takako Hamaguchi. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2014.

This text is a study of how the small Asia-Pacific nation of Timor-Leste has emerged from prolonged conflict and successfully navigated a path to durable peace and sustainable development. The authors provide insights into the reconstruction of a nation and its rapid transformation into a peaceful and democratic state, anticipating that other countries may draw lessons from Timor-Leste's experiences in management of natural resources, empowerment of the vulnerable, and advancement of women.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

The climate casino: risk, uncertainty, and economics for a warming world. Nordhaus, William. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2013.

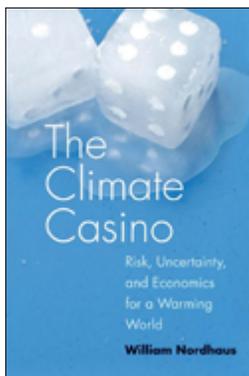


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Yale economist William Nordhaus believes we are entering the climate casino, as economic growth is producing perilous changes in the climate system. He explores the links between economic activity and climate change, discussing global warming's origins in our personal energy use, and advocates for effective economic policies that can be enacted to reduce these dangers.

Energy, climate change and environment: 2014 insights (e-book from the OECD iLibrary). International Energy Agency. Paris: IEA, 2014.

This report offers in-depth analysis of selected policy questions at the energy-climate interface including: designing cost-effective emissions trading systems, accelerating the transition from existing high-emissions infrastructure, and whether curbing local air pollution will help reconcile energy priorities with environmental sustainability. It also features an update of key energy and emissions statistics for ten world regions. This book is available for download by USAID staff from the **OECD iLibrary**.

Managing geo-based challenges: world-wide case studies and sustainable local solutions. Baban, Serwan M.J. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2014.

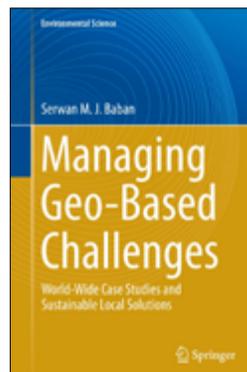


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In this book, Baban provides the technical tools to energize research thinking and develop locally driven sustainable solutions to geo-based challenges in developing countries. His aim is to move the management of geo-based challenges from reactive to proactive approaches. Case studies that utilize new technologies and scientific thinking are based on Baban's experiences in arid/semi-arid, temperate, and tropical conditions.

Understanding sustainable development. John Blewitt. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2014.

Blewitt provides a multi-perspective approach and breadth of coverage in this comprehensive introduction to sustainable development. This updated second edition includes increased coverage of topics including: ecosystems, production and consumption, sustainability literacy and learning, new media technologies, conservation, globalization and global crises, and urban sustainability.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE

Constitutions in authoritarian regimes. Ginsburg, Tom and Alberto Simpser, editors. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

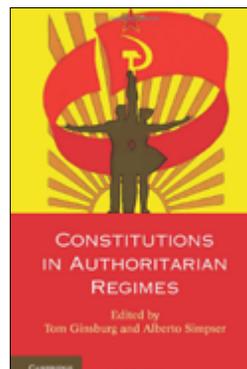


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Contributors explore the form and function of constitutions in countries with authoritarian regimes. Case studies representing different forms of authoritarian regimes are presented, providing broader insights into the study of practices such as co-optation and repression; institutions such as legislatures, courts and elections; and non-democratic sources of accountability.

Human dignity and the future of global institutions.

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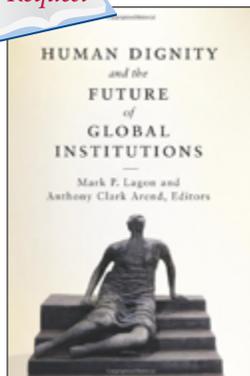


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Lagon, Mark P. and Anthony Clark Arend, editors. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2014.

What does human dignity mean and what role should it play in guiding the mission of international institutions? Contributors examine the degree to which several prominent traditional and emerging institutions are

advancing human dignity as a central mission and identify strategies to make human dignity a greater focus of international institutions' work.

The limits of democratic governance in South Africa: centralized power vs. local needs.

Picard, Louis A. and Thomas Mogale. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2014.

This book focuses on South Africa's shift from apartheid rule to democratic governance. Yet, residents of the urban slums and rural villages still have not benefited from promises of development made during this transition. Picard and Mogale examine the conflict between the promise of local participatory governance and the realities of a hierarchical state.

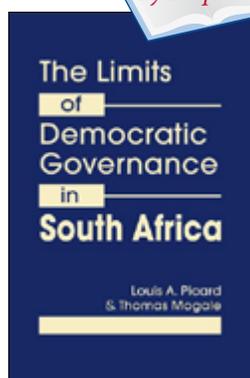


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Understanding Central America: global forces, rebellion, and change. Booth, John A., Christine J. Wade, and Thomas W. Walker. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2014.

The authors explain how domestic, global, political and economic forces have shaped rebellion and regime change in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras throughout their histories. They explore the origins and development of the region's political conflicts, their resolution and ongoing political change. This second edition provides up-to-date information on the most recent political changes in each of the five countries presented.

World order. Kissinger, Henry. New York: Penguin Press, 2014.

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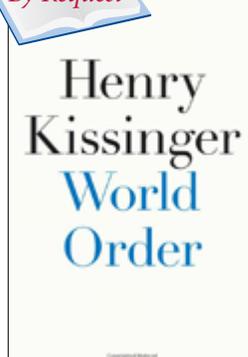


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Kissinger reveals his analysis of the ultimate challenge for the twenty first century: how to build a shared international order in a world of divergent historical perspectives, violent conflict, proliferating technology, and ideological extremism. He guides readers through episodes in recent world history, including the Nixon administration's negotiations with Hanoi at the end of the Vietnam War, and provides insights into U.S.-China relations, the evolution of the European Union, and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Lessons from Latin America: innovations in politics, culture, and development. Arocena, Felipe and Kirk Bowman. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

In this text, the common perception that Latin America is an "underdeveloped" region is refuted. Arocena and Bowman explore the ways in which these countries have addressed their respective difficulties, and highlight the innovative approaches that have emerged in areas of cultural rights, inequality, racism, women and politics, social security, and military budgeting. They argue that the "lessons" learned from these policy and cultural changes within Latin America, including successes, failures, and unintended consequences, should inform policy discussions globally.

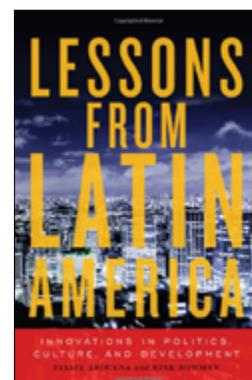


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New strategies for social innovation: market-based approaches for assisting the poor.

Anderson, Steven G. New York: Columbia University Press, 2014.

In this book, Anderson assesses emerging market-based social change approaches including: corporate social responsibility, social entrepreneurship, private sustainable development, and fair trade. He identifies the problems these programs address and describes their core, shared principles. Individual chapters provide background on the development and application of each approach, as well as processes for implementation and the underlying assumptions related to successful outcomes.



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EDUCATION

Schools for conflict or for peace in Afghanistan.

Burde, Dana. New York: Columbia University Press, 2014.

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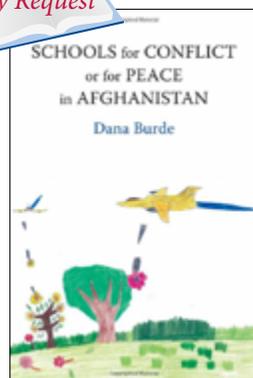


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Burde makes the case that humanitarian models often offer limited attention and resources toward education. She examines how humanitarian aid for education has undermined statebuilding efforts in Afghanistan, sowing conflict in the 1980s with an anti-Soviet curriculum, and in the 2000s through misguided stabilization programs. Incorporating insights gained through extensive fieldwork in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Burde commends recent programs that have produced positive results and contributed to peacebuilding efforts. The work of USAID is discussed in multiple chapters.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Gender, war, and conflict.

Sjoberg, Laura. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2014.

How useful are traditional gendered categories in understanding the dynamics of war and conflict? Sjoberg explores this question and reveals how gender matters in the making and fighting of wars today. Based on examples from conflicts throughout the world, she argues that both women and men play more diverse roles in wars than either the media or traditional scholarly accounts convey.



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Women in public life: gender, law and policy in the Middle East and North Africa (e-book from the OECD iLibrary). OECD/CAWTAR. Paris: OECD Publishing, 2014.

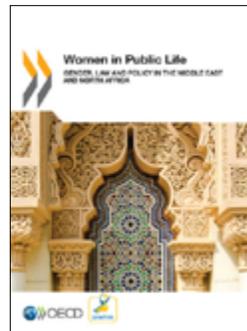


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This report provides a comparative overview of the policies affecting women's participation in public life across the Middle East and North Africa region. It analyzes the existing legal barriers for gender equality in public life, with regard to political and economic rights, freedom of movement, labour law, family law, access to justice and gender-based violence and provides focused policy-recommendations to close legal and institutional gaps. USAID staff can download the book from the [OECD iLibrary](#).

HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

Accelerating health reforms through collective action: experiences from East Africa (e-book from the World Bank eLibrary). Nkrumah, Yvonne and Julia Mensah, editors. Washington, DC: World Bank Group, 2014.

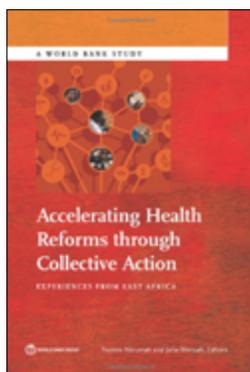


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Based on the experiences of three East African countries—Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya—the book outlines each country’s experience in building and sustaining multistakeholder coalitions to drive reforms in the health sector. The authors show that coalitions have powerful potential to bring important health system benefits to governments and the citizens they serve. This book

can be downloaded by USAID staff via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

African health leaders: making change and claiming the future. Omaswa, Francis and Nigel Crisp, editors. Oxford, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Written by Africans, who have themselves led improvements in their own countries, the book discusses the creativity, innovation and leadership that has been involved in tackling everything from HIV/AIDs, to maternal, and child mortality and neglected tropical diseases. It sets out a vision for the future, showing how new relationships can be created with international partners, and demonstrates how insights and experiences from Africa can help improve health globally.

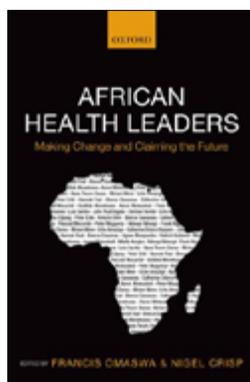


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Communicable diseases in developing countries: stopping the global epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and diarrhea. Dowling, John Malcolm and Chin-Fang Yap. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.



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Through a series of case studies, Dowling and Yap provide details of how recent developments in diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases—in particular, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and diarrhea—have been successfully integrated into public health systems in developing countries. The study of treatment and diagnosis of communicable diseases is examined alongside

the practical social implications for delivery of these services to the public.

Ebola: the natural and human history of a deadly virus. Quammen, David. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2014.

In this volume, excerpted and adapted from his 2012 book *Spillover*, Quammen places the 2014 West Africa Ebola outbreak within a broader context. He offers the story of Ebola—it’s past, present, and future—shaped by his personal travels through Ebola habitat.

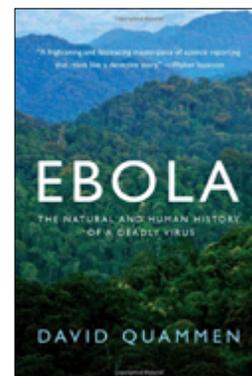


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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Interactive data visualization for the web.

Murray, Scott. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly Media Inc., 2013.

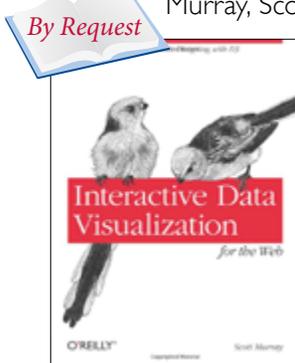


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This hands-on introduction provides a step-by-step guide to creating and publishing interactive data visualization projects on the Web. Murray provides instruction in D3, a JavaScript-based tool for loading data in a web browser, and helps you expand web programming skills using tools such as HTML and JavaScript.

3D printing for development in the Global

South: the 3D4D challenge.

Birtchnell, Thomas and William Hoyle. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

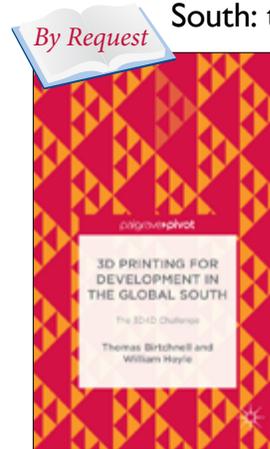


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Will 3D printing alleviate poverty to any meaningful extent in the Global South? Birtchnell and Hoyle assess the development potential of this technique for producing three-dimensional objects and explore how it could offer an alternative to the worldwide production and consumption system.

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AFRICA

The orchard of lost souls: a novel. Mohamed, Nadifa. New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2013.

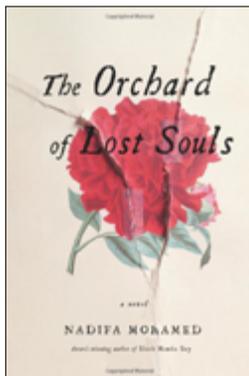


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The novel chronicles Somalia's civil war in the late 1980s through the interwoven narratives of three women: Deqo, a nine year old who has left the refugee camp for the city and the promise of a new pair of shoes; Kawsar, a widow confined to her bed after a brutal police beating; and Filsan, a female soldier helping to suppress the growing

northern rebellion. As the country unravels, the lives of these ordinary women are intertwined.

MIDDLE EAST

My accidental jihad: a love story. Bremer, Krista. Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books, 2014.

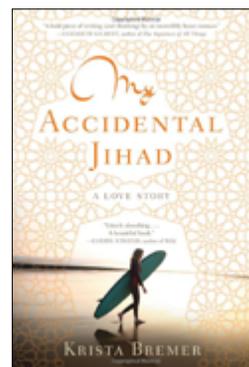


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Fifteen years ago, Krista Bremer would not have been able to recognize her life today. A surfer from a secular, middle-class family, Krista met Ismail, a Libyan Muslim raised in a fishing village, while on a running trail in North Carolina. When an unexpected pregnancy prompts them to become a family, Krista and Ismail begin a lifetime journey negotiating a bicultural marriage. Krista learns to embrace the differences, and explores what it means to open one's mind and heart to another culture.

MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

International human resource management: an employment relations perspective. Lucio, Miguel Martínez, editor. Los Angeles: Sage Publications, 2014.



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This collection focuses on the ways in which changing labor markets and national markets are affecting how employment is managed. In keeping with these changing contexts, the authors examine International Human Resource Management (IHRM) from an employment relations perspective, rather than

a managerial one, highlighting the tensions that exist in an employment relationship. Global case studies and examples are explored through a range of essays.

Managing the matrix: the secret to surviving and thriving in your organization. Metcalfe, Dawn. West Sussex, UK: John Wiley and Sons Ltd., 2014.



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Metcalfe reveals the skills needed to succeed in a complex matrix organization. She teaches readers how to use emotional intelligence to navigate workplace politics and develop key skills to build an effective team through communication, influencing, coaching, negotiation, and conflict management.



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