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New This Month

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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and fieldwork in development.

Hammett, Daniel, Chasca Twyman, and Mark Graham.
New York: Routledge, 2015.

In this text, the authors present the theoretical bases, practice, and analysis techniques for both traditional and cutting edge research methods including interviews, ethnography, spatial and visual data, and big data and social media. Each chapter is supported by case studies linking theory to practice and locates development research within the field of international development.

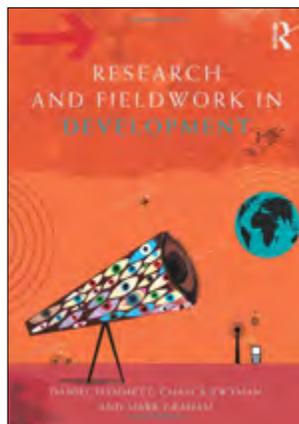


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Rethinking the Third World: international development and world politics.

Berger, Mark T. and Heloise Weber. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

Berger and Weber provide a critical account of the international politics and history of the Third World, highlighting the political and social consequences of westernized approaches towards the Third World. They argue for policies that place regional cooperation, rather than the sovereign nation-state, at the center of development.

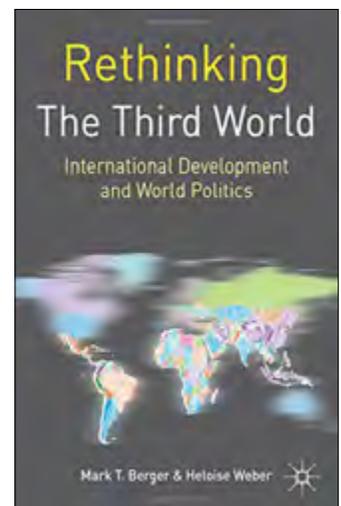


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Thinking small: the United States and the lure of community development. Immerwahr, Daniel. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015.

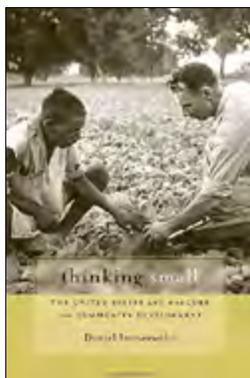


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Immerwahr explores the history of the United States' small-scale, community-based approaches to development, tracing their implementation back to the origins of international development practice. He warns of the detrimental consequences of these practices, detailing how within small communities the self-help often gave way to crushing local oppression, and he challenges readers to think about the risks and benefits of community development.

Trojan-horse aid: seeds of resistance and resilience in the Bolivian highlands and beyond.

Walsh, Susan. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2014.

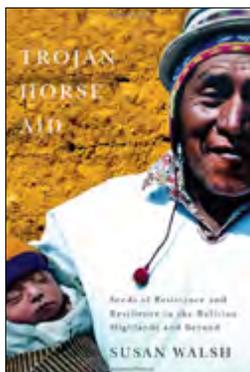


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In the early 2000s, national and international development organizations provided misguided aid to the Jalq'a people in Bolivia, pushing for food production changes that served their own interests and pushed farmers off their lands. Walsh, a development practitioner and researcher, provides a critique of development practices that undermine indigenous practices, and challenges the idea of Western capacity-building. She provides reflections on the future of development assistance and emphasizes a focus on the relationship between indigenous knowledge and resilience theory.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Economics of agricultural development: world food systems and resource use. Norton, George W., Jeffrey Alwang, and William A. Masters. New York: Routledge, 2015.

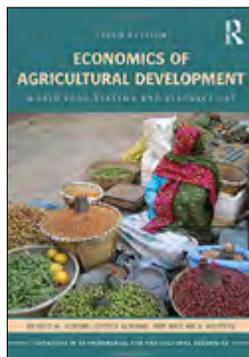


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The authors examine the causes, severity, and effects of poverty, population growth, and malnutrition in developing countries. They propose solutions to these problems and discuss the implications of globalization for agriculture, poverty, and the environment. Topics covered include sustainability of the natural resource environment, gender issues in relation to agriculture, agricultural technologies, and agricultural and macroeconomic development policies.

The evolving sphere of food security. Naylor, Rosamond L., editor. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.



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Looking beyond the traditional factors of economics and agriculture to address issues of food security, contributors explore the connections between food security and security of many kinds: energy, water, health, climate, the environment, and national security. Using personal accounts of field research and local and global policy analysis, they provide an interdisciplinary study of the opportunities and challenges involved in alleviating food insecurity.

Green grabbing: a new appropriation of nature.

Fairhead, James, Melissa Leach and Ian Scoones, editors. New York: Routledge, 2013.

Drawing upon seventeen cases from African, Asian and Latin American countries, contributors examine the act of 'green grabbing,' the appropriation of land and resources for environmental ends. Authors answer questions regarding the extent to which 'green grabs' constitute a new form of appropriation of nature, the political dynamics that underpin them, the implications 'green grabs' have for ecologies, landscapes and livelihoods, and who is gaining or losing as a result of these actions.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

How human rights can build Haiti: activists, lawyers, and the grassroots campaign. Quigley, Fran. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press, 2014.

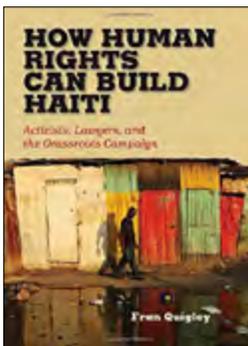


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Quigley profiles human rights lawyers Mario Joseph and Brian Concannon in their efforts to transform Haiti's dismal human rights legacy and historic cycle of disaster, corruption, and violence through a bottom-up social movement supported by local and international challenges to the status quo. He details how their efforts are creating a

template for a new human rights-focused strategy to end global poverty and fix failed states.

National insecurity: American leadership in an age of fear.

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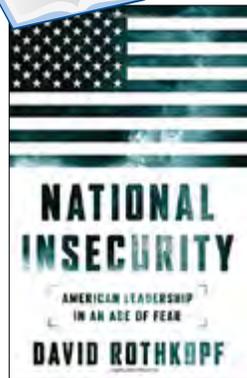


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Rothkopf, David. New York: PublicAffairs, 2014.

Rothkopf explores how foreign and national security policies were shaped under President Bush and President Obama in the wake of 9/11. Through over 100 interviews from principal advisors, Rothkopf provides insights into the two administrations and their struggles to cope with new risks to American power.

He emphasizes the difficulty of adjusting the nation's policies amid the threat of fear from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the 2008 financial crisis, and the dawn of cyber warfare.

NGOs, political protest, and civil society.

Boulding, Carew. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

In contrast to the dominant view that sees NGOs as strengthening democracy wherever they operate, Boulding contends NGOs promote moderate political participation through formal mechanisms such as voting only in democracies where institutions are working well. Where democratic institutions are weak, she argues that NGOs encourage more contentious political participation such as demonstrations, riots, and protests.

Ukraine crisis: what it means for the West.

Wilson, Andrew. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2014.

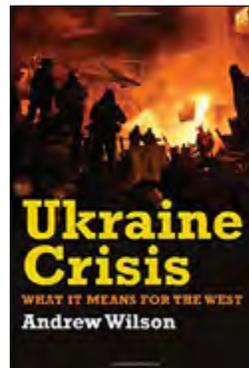


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Wilson examines the underlying factors leading up to the Kiev Uprising in February 2014, along with the subsequent events that occurred in its wake: the military coup in Crimea, election of President Petro Poroshenko, the Malaysia Airlines tragedy, and rising tensions among Russia's neighbors. He also discusses the

potential implications the unresolved issues will cause for those beyond Ukrainian borders.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Fusion economics: how pragmatism is changing the world. Brahm, Laurence J. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

With over forty percent of the world's population in poverty and the planet's resources diminishing, Brahm offers alternatives to the practices that contributed to the current economic situation. Based on his experience overseeing China's transformation from socialism to a market economy and its Green Growth National Policy, Brahm criticizes the business and development models that stressed profitability for the individualist and outlines global policies based on pragmatism and which contribute toward greater community and global sustainability.

Packing for India: a life of action in global finance and diplomacy. Mulford, David.

Lincoln, NE: Potomac Books, 2014.

In his memoir, former U.S. Ambassador to India David Mulford provides a description of the transformation of the global economy. Mulford delivers a first-hand account of his experiences as a scholar, private investment banker, Under-Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, and Ambassador

to India, while providing reflections on world leaders, and considerations of the United States' role in international finance.

Trading away from conflict: using trade to increase resilience in fragile states (e-book from the World Bank eLibrary). Cali, Massimiliano. Washington, DC: World Bank Group, 2015.

Through case study analysis and a review of cross-country evidence, Massimiliano argues that trade and trade policy have a large impact on the risk and intensity of conflict in fragile countries. He explains how higher mineral and oil exports raise the risk of conflict because of the incentive to fight over their control, and how trade-related increases in incomes and employment reduce the risk and intensity of conflict. This book is available for download by USAID staff from [The World Bank eLibrary](#).

Zambia: building prosperity from resource wealth. Adam, Christopher S., Paul Collier, and Michael Gondwe, editors. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2014.

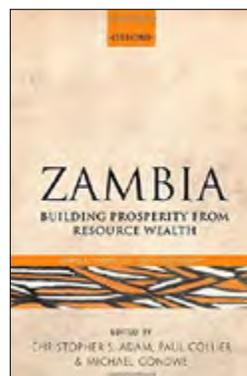


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Zambian and international authors contribute to a discussion of the policies Zambia should adopt to work toward harnessing the country's natural assets to deliver sustainable development and economic growth among a larger portion of the population. The contributors address key challenges in the areas of natural resource management, agriculture, trade, employment and migration, education, finance, and investment.

EDUCATION

Education policy outlook 2015: making reforms happen (e-book from the OECD iLibrary). OECD. Paris: OECD Publishing, 2015.

This volume offers a comparative review of education policy trends. It explores specific reforms adopted across the OECD over the past seven years to help countries learn from one another and choose the reforms best suited to facilitate changes within each respective country and education system. USAID staff can download this book from the [OECD iLibrary](#).

Learning and education in developing countries: research and policy for the post-2015 UN development goals. Wagner, Daniel A., editor. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

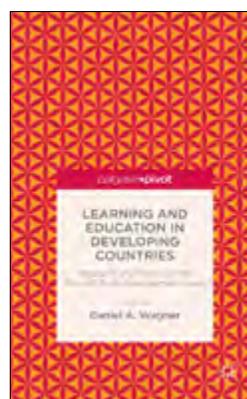


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The contributors examine the learning and education quality in developing countries and discuss strategies that can enhance the learning process. Specific topics addressed are early literacies, new technologies, conflict-affected contexts, non-formal education, and learning assessment.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Women and ICT in Africa and the Middle East: changing selves, changing societies. Buskens, Ineke and Anne Webb, editors. London: Zed Books, 2014.

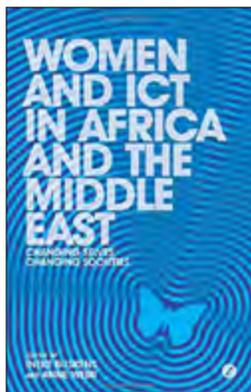


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What is the link between Information Communication Technology (ICT) and women's empowerment in today's development context? Based on analysis from twenty-one research teams in fourteen countries in Africa and the Middle East, authors detail case studies documenting the personal and social changes that take place when women set out to empower themselves through the use of ICT.

HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

Cholera outbreaks. Nair, G. Balakrish and Yoshifumi Takeda, editors. Heidelberg: Springer, 2014.

In this text, authors examine cholera outbreaks and their consequences in detail including possible sources of infection and molecular epidemiology in Asia, Africa, and America. It provides insight into the application of genome science to track the spread of cholera epidemics and how this information can be used to control cholera outbreaks as well as analyze the circumstances in which cholera vaccines can interrupt cholera epidemics.

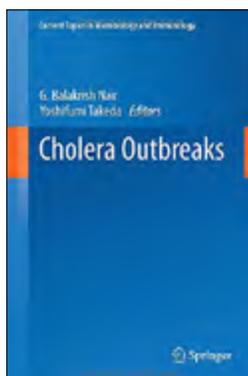


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Expanding opportunities for the next generation: early childhood development in the Middle East and North Africa (e-book from the World Bank eLibrary). El-Kogali, Safaa and Caroline Krafft. Washington, DC: World Bank Group, 2015.



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This book assesses the state of early childhood development in the Middle East and North Africa from before birth through age five including health, nutrition, socio-emotional development, early learning, and early work. The authors assess risk and protective factors for early development and the extent of inequality in early childhood. This

book is available for download by USAID staff from [The World Bank elibrary](#).

Geographies of health: an introduction. Gatrell, Anthony C. and Susan J. Elliott. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.

Gatrell and Elliott review evidence that links health outcomes with social and physical environments in the third edition of this overview of the field of health geography. Topics covered include neighborhoods and health, healthcare systems, ageing, migration, health impacts of climate change, and emerging infectious disease.

Recipient states in global health politics: PEPFAR in Africa. Pereira, Ricardo. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

Arguing in response to the idea that recipient countries assimilate to the global health programs of dominant donor states, Pereira contends that developing states can retain the ability to pursue their own policies and strategies to accomplish their national objectives. He shows how Botswana, Ethiopia, and South Africa have engaged in the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to serve their own respective interests. The work of USAID is discussed in multiple chapters throughout the book.



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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Data fluency: empowering your organization with effective data communication. Gemignani, Zach, Chris Gemignani, Dr. Richard Galentino and Dr. Patrick Schuermann. Indianapolis, IN: John C. Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2014.

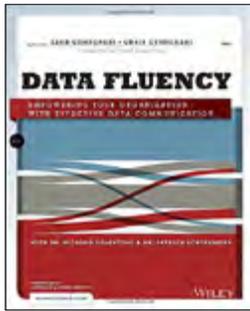


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Offering help in bridging the gap between the volumes of data collected by organizations and people who can make use of it, the authors provide knowledge and techniques to help users create focused data presentation tools including visualizations, dashboards, and key metrics.

Topics covered in the book include data reporting and communication, audience and user needs, layout and styling, and common design failures.

Introducing GitHub: a non-technical guide.

Bell, Peter and Brent Beer. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly Media Inc., 2015.

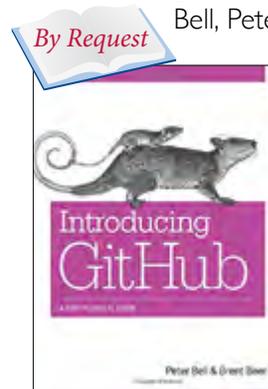


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This concise guide provides project managers and team members an introduction to GitHub's web interface, allowing developers to collaborate on software development and other text-based documents. The hands-on book provides instruction on topics including: tracking the status of a project, creating and editing files through GitHub, suggesting changes to projects you don't have permission to edit, and creating a GitHub repository.

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

ASIA

Island of a thousand mirrors. Munaweera, Nayomi. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2012.

In Sri Lanka, Yasodhara lives a full life with her Sinhala family in Colombo until their serene existence is shattered by the beginnings of civil war. Saraswathi, living in the active war zone, has her hopes of becoming a teacher stamped out when she is arrested by a group of Sinhala soldiers and forced into a conflict she has tried to avoid. One chance encounter between these women leads to the cultural heritage they must reckon with for decades to come.



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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Prayers for the stolen. Clement, Jennifer. New York: Hogarth, 2014.

Author Jennifer Clement paints a portrait of women in rural Mexico and explores the hidden consequences of the drug war. In Guerrero, Mexico, where drug lords are kings, Ladydi Garcia Martinez dreams of a future that holds more promise than just survival. When she is offered work as a nanny for a wealthy family in Acapulco, she seizes the chance, but a local murder tied to the cartel implicates a friend and Ladydi's future takes a dark turn.

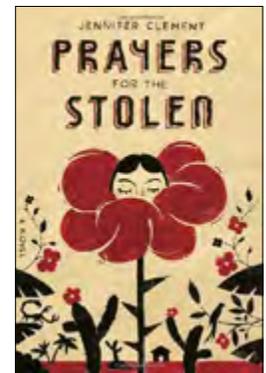


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MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Gallery of best cover letters: a collection of quality cover letters by professional resume writers. Noble, David F. St. Paul, MN: JIST Works, 2012.

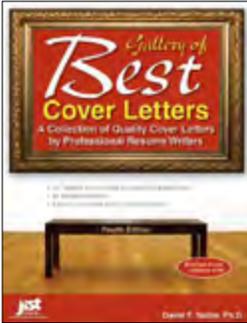


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Learn how to craft a cover letter that highlights your skills and qualities and captures an employer's attention. Filled with over 300 cover letters and more than 11 corresponding resumes written by professional resume writers, this book contains expert tips for writing and designing cover letters for a variety of occupations in over 30 fields.

Scaling up excellence: getting to more without settling for less. Sutton, Robert I. and Huggy Rao. New York: Crown Business, 2014.

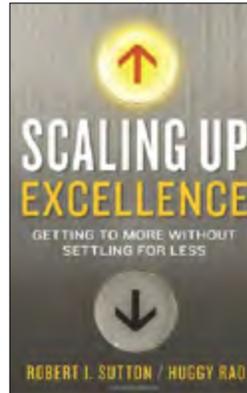


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Sutton and Rao draw on case studies, inside accounts, and research from a variety of industries to identify key scaling challenges that confront every organization. They provide insight into how leaders can help to clear away destructive beliefs and behaviors, navigate the “Buddhism-Catholic continuum,” connect people and cascading excellence, and help others link personal daily actions to an organization's long-term scaling goals.



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USAID's Knowledge Management Reference Group presents: Data Visualization

Data visualization helps us to communicate information clearly and efficiently to users, helping them to analyze data and evidence. Effective data visualization makes complex data more accessible, understandable and usable for decision-making.

Please join the KM Reference Group in discussing data visualization with Presidential Management Fellow Jessica Pomerantz (on rotation with the Office of Learning, Evaluation and Research (LER) in the Bureau of Policy, Planning & Learning (PPL)) and John Gold, a senior economist and information and data analyst with DevTech at USAID's Economic Analysis and Data Services (EADS) from the Management Bureau's Chief Information Office. An open discussion on data visualization will follow the presentations.

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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