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New This Month

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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Explaining post-conflict reconstruction. Girod, Desha M. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.



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Why have some leaders of affected states succeeded at post-conflict reconstruction using foreign aid, while many others fail to do so? Girod argues that post-conflict leaders are more likely to invest in reconstruction when they are desperate for aid and are willing to submit to donor requirements, as opposed to when they can rely on natural resource rent.

Geographical distribution of financial flows to developing countries 2015: disbursements, commitments, country indicators (e-book from the OECD iLibrary). OECD. Paris: OECD Publishing, 2015.



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The text provides data on the volume, origin, and types of aid and other resource flows to around 150 developing countries. The data shows each country's intake of official development assistance and well as other official and private funds from members of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), multilateral agencies, and other key donors. This book is available for download by USAID staff members from the [OECD iLibrary](http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org).



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Negotiating relief: the dialectics of humanitarian space. Acuto, Michele, editor. London: Hurst & Company, 2014.



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This book focuses on humanitarian spaces and the dynamics of local and global humanitarian diplomacy that sustain them. Offering examples from Kosovo, Haiti, and Libya, among others, contributors provide a critical analysis of international theory, geopolitics, and dilemmas underpinning the negotiation of relief. They aim to present humanitarianism not only

as a relief delivery mechanism, but also as a phenomenon in dialogue with localized crises and global politics.

The politics of inclusive development: interrogating the evidence. Hickey, Sam, Kunal Sen, and Badru Bukenya, editors. Oxford, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2015.



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Utilizing a wide scope of case-study material, leading academics offer systematic reviews of how politics shapes development across multiple dimensions. This includes through growth, natural resource governance, poverty reduction, service delivery, social protection, justice systems, the empowerment of marginalized groups, and the role of traditional and non-traditional donors.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Climate change and poverty: a new agenda for developed nations. Fitzpatrick, Tony. Bristol, UK: Policy Press, 2014.

Fitzpatrick provides a new perspective on the 'ecosocial' understanding of the causes, symptoms of, and solutions to poverty. He applies this outlook while examining issues including fuel poverty, food poverty, housing, transport, and air pollution.

Food security and scarcity: why ending hunger is so hard. Timmer, C. Peter. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015.

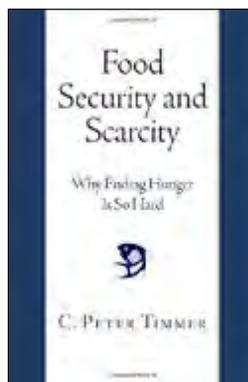


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Exploring the connections among markets, food prices, and food security, Timmer details the challenges of finding the right balance of market forces and government interventions to ensure that food supplies are readily available to even the poorest households. He explains what forms these challenges take in the long run and short term at the global, national, and household levels, while assessing what makes a productive, sustainable, and stable food system.

Water security in India: hope, despair, and the challenges of human development. Asthana, Vandana and A.C. Shukla. New York: Bloomsbury Publishing Inc., 2014.

Asthana and Shukla address the problems India faces in the sustainable use and management of water resources, including inadequate access to drinking water, an increase in water related disasters, and vulnerability to climate change. The authors analyze the challenges that contemporary India faces if it is to create a water-secure world and provide a roadmap to a future where water resources are safe, clean, and available to all.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

Counterinsurgency in Eastern Afghanistan

By Request

2004-2008: a civilian perspective. Kemp, Robert. Washington, DC: New Academia Publishing, 2014.

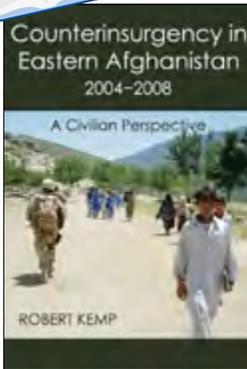


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This book examines the civilian perspective of civil-military cooperation in counterinsurgency efforts in Eastern Afghanistan. Kemp looks at how the United States, its allies, and Afghan counterparts, made efforts to rebuild security, development, and governance, while simultaneously fighting a war in the region. The work of USAID is discussed in several chapters.

Emerge! The rise of functional democracy and the future of the Middle East. Maalouf, Elza S. New York: Select Books Inc., 2014.

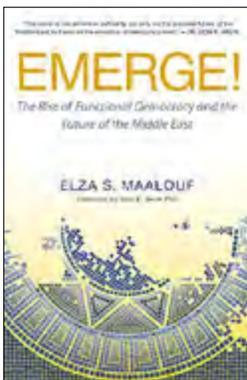


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Maalouf, founder of the Center for Human Emergence Mideast and the Build Palestine Initiative, details a framework for decoding the complexities of the Middle East by placing democracy in an evolutionary, values-system's context and demonstrating the foundations necessary for cultural change. In collaboration with colleague Don E. Beck, she establishes this model as the new standard for large-scale political change and shows the necessity of teaching youth to build their own sustainable, indigenous constructs.

Narrative politics: stories and collective action.

By Request

Mayer, Frederick W. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

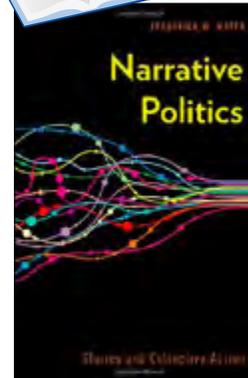


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Why is it that those who promote collective action so often turn to stories to call for action or rally the troops? Drawing on insights from numerous disciplines including political science, cultural studies, narrative theory and behavioral economics, Mayer explores the connection between story-telling and political and social movements. He details how leaders weave stories to construct common interests in a collective good, motivating an audience to collective action over self-interest.

Thieves of state: why corruption threatens

By Request

global security. Chayes, Sarah. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2015.

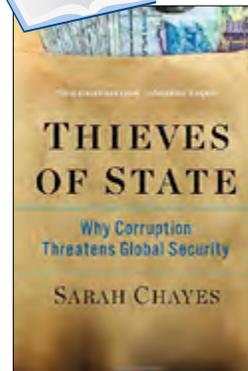


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Chayes draws connections between government corruption and violent extremism throughout history, from the Protestant Revolution to the Arab Spring. She argues that populations put in place rigid moral codes as an antidote to the collapse of public integrity among government officials, and makes a case for confronting corruption as a cause of global instability.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Cutting the Gordian knot of economic reform: when and how international institutions help.

Baccini, Leonardo and Johannes Urpelainen. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Why do leaders of countries opt to join international institutions that constrain their freedom to enact domestic policy? Baccini and Urpelainen take a comparative look at developing countries that have engaged in treaties with the US and the EU to analyze when and how leaders enter into international institutions to effect economic reform, showing how international institutions can serve as credible commitment devices for leaders facing domestic opposition to reform.

India 2050: a roadmap to sustainable prosperity.

Agarwala, Ramgopal. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications Inc., 2014.

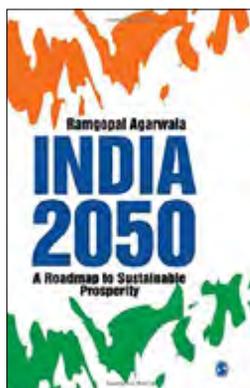


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In order for India to achieve a high-income status by 2050, Agarwala contends that the country must follow a middle-path approach rather than the socialistic policies of 1950-80 or the neo-liberalistic policies since 1980. He argues for inclusiveness, financial prudence, and low-carbon lifestyles as preconditions for long-term growth and emphasizes the centrality of a trade-oriented services sector.

The synergy of microfinance: fighting poverty by moving beyond credit.

Nayak, Binod B. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications Inc., 2015.

Nayak provides an analysis of financial instruments including microcredit, microsavings, microinsurance, microleasing, and payment systems for money transfer, and non-financial services such as social intermediation and livelihood promotion. He highlights how the lack of access to formal and poor-friendly financial services have been major impediments to fighting poverty effectively.

EDUCATION

Global learning and education: key concepts and effective practice.

Peterson, Andrew and Paul Warwick. New York: Routledge, 2015.



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Peterson and Warwick examine a central concern facing education systems around the world: how young people understand and experience globalization and how meaningful global learning can be developed. They explore key issues including interconnectedness and interdependency, cultural diversity, social justice, and

sustainable development and argue that extra-curricular activities and project-based learning can help students participate and engage in global issues.

Out of school youth in Sub-Saharan Africa: a policy perspective

(e-book from the World Bank eLibrary). Inoue, Keiko, Emanuela di Gropello, Yesim Sayin Taylor, and James Gresham. Washington, DC: The World Bank Group, 2015.



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This report provides an analysis of the state of out-of-school youth in Sub-Saharan Africa, examining the decision path youth take as they progress through the education system and the factors that explain youth's school and work choices. The report identifies key factors that characterize out-of-school youth and frames policy discussions around them along with three entry points for intervention: retention, remediation, and integration. USAID staff can download this book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Women and development in Africa: how gender works. Kevane, Michael. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 2014.

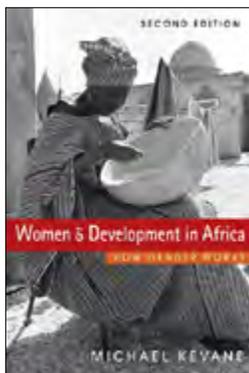


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Kevane provides an introduction to the overall issue of gender and development in Africa. Topics explored include land rights, the marriage market, bargaining power within the home, education, and political representation.

HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

Beholden: religion, global health, and human rights. Holman, Susan R. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Global health efforts today are often shaped by either a human rights-based approach to health and equity or a religious or humanitarian aid approach, two differing ideologies that can often create tensions and hostility. Holman, a scholar in religion and the history of medicine, stresses an integration of religion and culture with human rights and social justice to shape a new perspective on global health.



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Medicine and public health in Latin America: a history. Cueto, Marcos and Steven Palmer. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

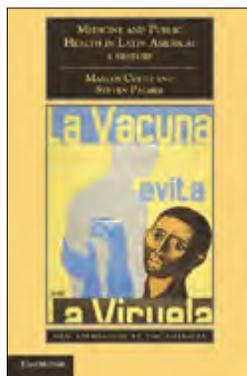


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This book summarizes the social history of medicine, medical education, and public health in Latin America from the sixteenth to the twenty-first centuries. The authors provide a synthesis of the history of Latin American medical developments while highlighting recent challenges of global health in the region.

Neglected tropical diseases - Middle East and North Africa. McDowell, Mary Ann and Sima Rafati, editors. New York: Springer, 2014.

This volume covers the most prevalent neglected tropical diseases found in about 22 Middle East and North Africa countries, emphasizing the disease burden, clinical manifestations and control approaches. Diseases discussed include: soil-transmitted helminth infections, human schistosomiasis, fasciolosis, trachoma, cutaneous leishmaniasis, visceral leishmaniasis, leprosy, dengue fever, and brucellosis.

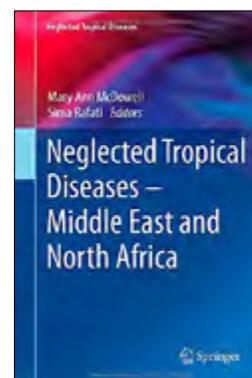


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Rural women's sexuality, reproductive health, and illiteracy: a critical perspective on development. Maynard-Tucker, Gisele. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015.

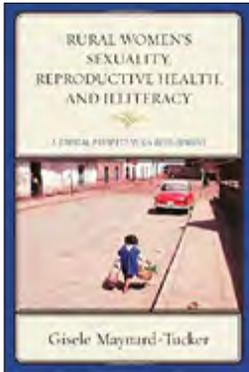


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Based on twenty-five years of fieldwork, Maynard-Tucker examines rural women's behaviors toward health in several developing countries. She discusses many of the challenges affecting women including gender inequalities, violence from partners, lack of economic independence, the struggle between traditional vs. modern medicine, and the challenges sex

work presents to existing HIV/AIDS programs. She also provides insight into weaknesses of the health systems currently in place and questions the progress of numerous international conferences supporting women's empowerment.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Information dashboard design: displaying data for at-a-glance monitoring. Few, Stephen. Burlingame, CA: Analytics Press, 2013.



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Innovation and inequality: emerging technologies in an unequal world.

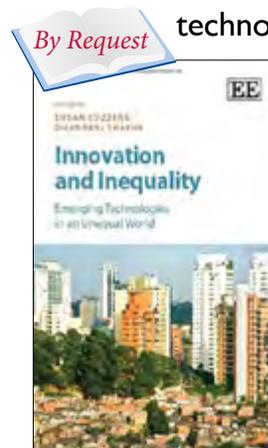


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Cozzens, Susan and Dhanaraj Thakur, editors. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, Inc., 2014.

As they spread around the world, do emerging technologies contribute to more inequality or less? This volume examines the role emerging technologies play in the dynamics of social and economic inequality.

Contributors consider five emerging technologies in eight countries in Africa, Europe, and the Americas, and analyze how and why these technologies were associated with increasing or decreasing inequalities in these nations.

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

AFRICA

Thirteen cents: a novel. Duiker, K. Sello. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2013.

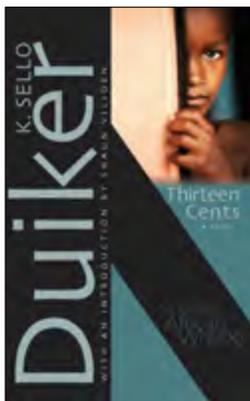


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Cape Town, situated between the picture postcard mountain and sea, has a dark shadow: a place of dislocation and uncertainty, dependence and desperation, destruction and survival, gangsters, pimps, pedophiles, hunger, hope, and moments of happiness. Azure, a thirteen-year-old black teenager, makes his living on the streets

of this city, bound to gang leaders but determined to create some measure of independence in this dangerous world.

MEMOIR

Interventions: a life in war and peace. Annan, Kofi and Nader Mousavizadeh. New York: Penguin Books, 2012.

After forty years of service at the United Nations, Nobel Peace Prize winner Kofi Annan shares his personal biography of global statecraft. He writes of his unique experiences during the terrorist attacks of September 11; the American invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan; the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah War; the brutal conflicts of Somalia, Rwanda, and Bosnia; and the geopolitical transformations following the end of the Cold War.

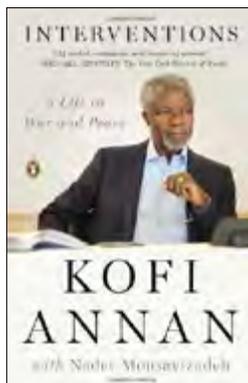


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MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Clash: how to thrive in a multicultural world.

Markus, Hazel Rose and Alana Corner. New York: Plume, 2013.

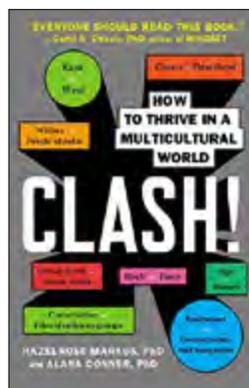


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As the world gets smaller, cultural conflicts are increasing between regions, races, genders, classes, religions, and organizations. Cultural psychologists Markus and Corner reveal how we can leverage our differences to mend the rifts in our workplaces, schools, and relationships on both local and global scales.

Engaging government employees: motivate and inspire your people to achieve superior performance. Lavigna, Robert J. New York: American Management Association, 2013.

Government employees are asked to address some of the nation's most challenging issues including security, poverty, and education, yet are faced with stagnant budgets and complex organizational structures. Lavigna provides managers the resources they need to leverage employee talents including knowledge of why a one-size-fits-all engagement model doesn't work in the public sector; how to measure employee engagement, and how to apply the science of engagement to dramatically improve performance within the workplace.



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