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### AID AND DEVELOPMENT

**By all means necessary: how China's resource quest is changing the world.** Economy, Elizabeth C. and Michael Levi. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

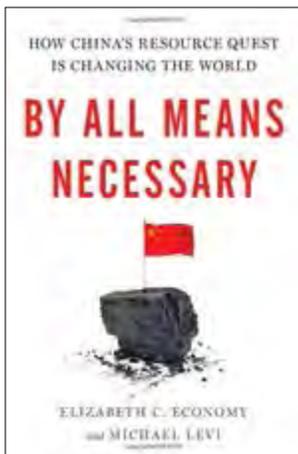


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Economy and Levi examine the likely consequences of China's drive for food, extractive minerals, and other resources. They write about the present and future role of the Chinese military and other sectors of Chinese society in this pursuit, while arguing that the quest not only affects the resource-rich countries, but also alters China's own long-held business, governance and security practices and policies in profound ways.

**Innovating for the Global South: toward an inclusive innovation agenda.** Soman, Dilip, Janice Gross Stein, and Joseph Wong, editors. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

The articles in this volume explore innovation for, in, and by the Global South, especially as it's applied to finding scalable solutions for poverty reduction. The nine essays here emanate from the University of Toronto's Global Innovation Group and discuss new approaches in nutrition, health care and pharmaceutical production, as well as entrepreneurialism, appropriate technology and foreign policy.

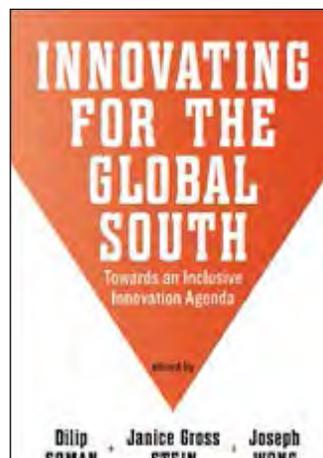


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## The new kings of crude: China, India, and the global struggle for oil in Sudan and South Sudan.

Patey, Luke. London: C. Hurst & Co, 2014.

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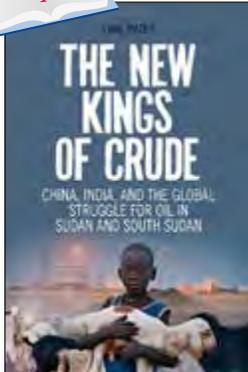


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Patey investigates the Chinese and Indian national oil companies that came to replace Western oil companies in Sudan. The political turmoil leading up to the birth of South Sudan proved a daunting challenge for these Asian oil giants. Patey's examination reveals how Sudanese politics, civil wars, and foreign relations influenced Asian national oil companies not only in these two countries, but also in their wider international operations.

## The social labs revolution: a new approach to solving our most complex challenges.

Hassan, Zaid. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2014.

In this manifesto/how-to book, Hassan denounces traditional reliance on 5-year plans as strategy tools for addressing important social issues. He argues instead for a new construct, the social lab, as a more nimble and data-driven means of bringing stakeholders together to respond to complex issues such as environmental problems, conflicts and international development challenges.

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## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

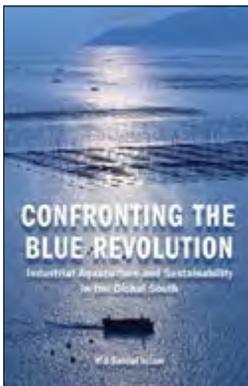


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## Confronting the blue revolution: industrial aquaculture and sustainability in the Global South.

Islam, Md Saidul. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

Islam examines the Blue Revolution's various effects as the revolution – the global restructuring of aquaculture to industrialize and

standardize production – nears the half-century mark. Concerned primarily with how shrimp farming impacts local communities in Bangladesh, Islam examines this industry's impact on local environmentalism, labor standards, and women's roles in the family and workplace.

## Poor people's energy outlook 2013: energy for community service.

Practical Action Publishing, Warwickshire, England: Practical Action Publishing, 2013.

An astounding one billion health care patients and nearly 300 million schoolchildren receive their services without electricity, this investigation finds. This Practical Action report focuses on the impact of energy poverty on health care, education, public institutions and infrastructure. Bangladesh, Bolivia and Rwanda are closely examined. A significant portion of this study analyzes commitments to and prospects for the UN's Sustainable Energy for All Campaign.

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## DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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## The global war for Internet governance.

DeNardis, Laura. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014.

DeNardis issues a clarion call for greater civic engagement in key decisions about the Internet. Her study explains the often unseen Internet power structure and argues that only through community action will

decision making become more transparent, ensuring that the Internet can remain a tool for the promotion of democracy, development and civil liberties.

## Governing indigenous territories: enacting sovereignty in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Erazo, Juliet S. Durham: Duke University Press, 2013.

Erazo presents an ethnographic study of the Rukullata indigenous territory in Ecuador and the ways in which the community tackled property rights, land use, leadership development and the promotion of citizen engagement. She examines the tensions between Ecuador's national economic development priorities and the preferences of territorial residents.

## A micro-level perspective on the dynamics of conflict, violence, and development.

Justino, Patricia, Tilman Brück and Philip Verwimp, editors. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

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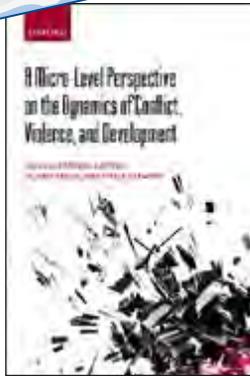


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The authors of this study have attempted to advance understanding of violent conflict and its aftermath to better the lives of conflict survivors. They draw on the results of MICROCON, a project of the European Commission's Households in Conflict Network.

Their work looks closely at how

the specific circumstances of people and communities affected by conflict shape their individual and collective behaviors.

## No exit from Pakistan: America's tortured relationship with Islamabad.

Markey, Daniel S. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

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Markey chronicles the many twists and turns in U.S.-Pakistan ties, including challenges to USAID's work in the country, beginning in the pre-9/11 era and closely tracing the particular troubles that surfaced in 2011. The author believes that these links can be strengthened, but only with a strong understanding of past misunderstandings and missteps. Markey offers three options the U.S. could pursue to get out of the "impossible bind" it finds itself in today with regard to this highly strategic South Asian nation.

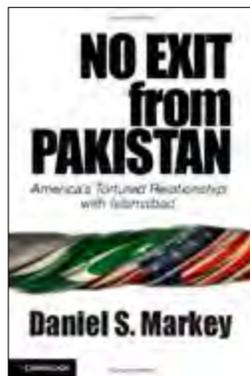


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## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

### Economic and political reform in Africa: anthropological perspectives.

Little, Peter D. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014.

These ethnographies, undertaken at the most local level, show the impact of and response to international aid and government policies and projects – especially those associated with structural adjustment. Among projects discussed is a USAID-funded project at Kenya Wildlife Services.

### Tourism, poverty and development.

Holden, Andrew. New York: Routledge, 2013.

The late African environmentalist Wangari Maathai, upon viewing farmers at work in their fields from the window of her luxury hotel room, once questioned how much of hotel's revenue was making its way to support sustainable agriculture. While much of this interdisciplinary work is devoted to basic perspectives on poverty and development, its concluding chapters interrogate Maathai's concerns and offer perspectives on future relationships between tourism and poverty reduction.

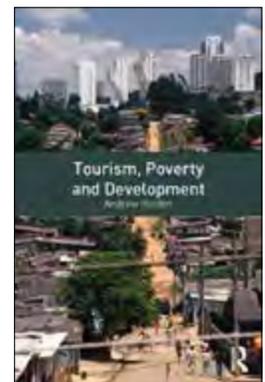


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### Tyranny of experts: economists, dictators and the forgotten rights of the poor.

Easterly, William. New York: Basic Books, 2013.

For decades, Easterly contends, economic development programs have addressed the symptoms, rather than the causes, of global poverty. Easterly, author of *The White Man's Burden*, says these strategies will do little good until underlying issues of political empowerment are resolved.

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## EDUCATION

**Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: comparing faith-inspired, private secular, and public schools.** Wodon, Quentin. Washington: World Bank, 2014.

Wodon's analysis provides a window on often overlooked aspects African schools. His data indicate the extent to which faith-based, private and public schools provide education to poor people.

Wodon's work quantifies families' reasons for choosing the three types of schools and their relative levels of satisfaction. The study also looks at school cost and performance. USAID staff may download the e-book via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

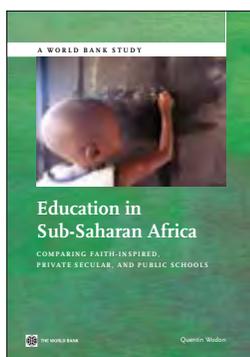


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**Improving education in Mexico: a state-level perspective from Puebla.** Aguerrondo, Inés, Alastair Blyth, Isobel McGregor, Francisco Benavides, and Anna Pons. Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 2013.

This report outlines a central Mexico program to revamp the region's underperforming school systems. OECD urges the state of Puebla to adopt long-range measures to raise the capabilities of teachers and school leaders, expand student access to the late secondary grades, upgrade the school infrastructure and improve educational assessments. USAID staff may download the e-book via the [OECD iLibrary](#).

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## EVALUATION

**Evaluation methodologies for aid in conflict.**

Andersen, Ole Winckler, Beate Bull and Megan Kennedy-Chouane, editors. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2014.



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The tools and methodologies of evaluation haven't always taken into account the particularities of programs and projects undertaken in the midst of conflict. This collection touches on evaluation design, data collection and other aspects of the evaluative process in such situations. The authors in this volume share their conclusions about evaluation efforts in

Afghanistan, Congo, Kosovo, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, and other conflict-ridden settings.

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## GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

**Gender, violence and human security: critical feminist perspectives.** Tripp, Aili Mari, Myra Marx Ferree, and Christina Ewig, editors. New York: New York University Press, 2013.

The essays in this volume address the specific issues of gender-based violence in Uganda and Thailand and among Turkish immigrants in Germany. Authors discuss economic and judicial aspects of gender-based violence and suggest how various sectors may work to end violence against women.

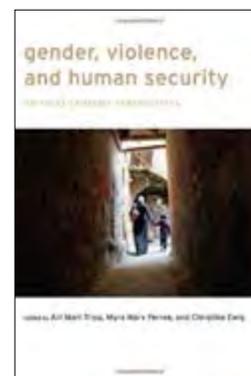


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**Voicing demands: feminist activism in transitional contexts.** Nazneen, Sohela and Maheen Sultan. London: Zed Books, 2014.

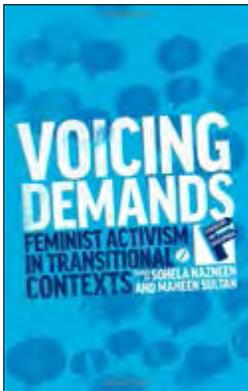


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Scholars, evaluators and activists have contributed to this collection on women's engagement in struggles for social justice in Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Pakistan, Palestine and South Africa. Nazneen and Sultan maintain that the requirements imposed by international donors have often "sanitized" women's movements, prompting them to focus on institutional reform

instead of mounting direct challenges to discrimination, injustice and inequality.

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## HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

**Innovations in maternal health: case studies from India.** Satia, Jay K., Madhavi Misra, Radhika Arora, and Sourav Neogi, editors. New Delhi: Sage, 2014.

Studies in this volume examine ways to improve maternal health, such as using boats to reach patients. Authors consider initiatives to augment citizen participation in public health efforts such as through the USAID-funded Community-led Initiatives for Child Survival. The case studies present ways to address direct and indirect sources of mortality, best practices, and innovations in program evaluation.

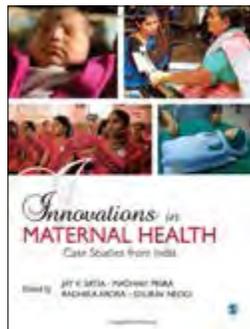


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**Risking your health: causes, consequences and interventions to prevent risky behaviors.** De Walque, Damien, editor. Washington: World Bank, 2013.

This volume weighs the factors that influence people to engage in unhealthy practices, the costs of such practices, and the merits of legal interventions. USAID staff may download the e-book via the [World Bank eLibrary](#)

**Rural public health: best practices and preventive models.** Warren, Jacob C. and K. Bryant Smalley, editors. New York: Springer, 2014.

The articles in this collection discuss health systems, health promotion, and specific challenges such as environmental and occupational concerns and the health of migrant farmworkers. While these articles focus on rural health in the United States, they offer analyses and observations applicable in a variety of settings.

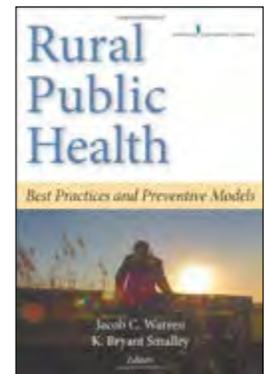


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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Data visualization for dummies.** Yuk, Mico and Stephanie Diamond. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, 2014.

An introduction to data visualization projects, this book walks readers through the process of creating meaningful pictorial and graphic representations. It is chock full of examples and resources.

**Data insights: new ways to visualize and make sense of data.** Whitney, Hunter. Waltham, Massachusetts: Elsevier, 2013.

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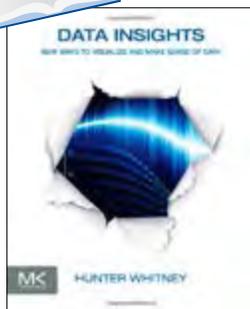


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This book offers a contextual exploration of the underlying drivers and concepts of data visualization. Whitney discusses why and how data visualization, with its ability to bridge many previously highly discrete disciplines, is now an essential tool of knowledge creation.

**Open development: networked innovations in international development.** Smith, Matthew L., and Katherine M. A. Reilly, editors. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2013.

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This volume focuses on the emergence of open networked models based on digital network technologies and the opportunities and threats they pose for international development. After offering a theoretical exploration of open development and related terms, contributors explore the potential limits and drawbacks of applications for openness in global health, education, government and knowledge management.

## LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

Travel, Cultural, and Management Materials from the Office of Human Resources (HR/TE)

### AFRICA

**Ghana must go.** Selasie, Taiye. New York: Penguin Press, 2013.

Four adult children and their enigmatic mother reconnect after years of estrangement when they return to Ghana

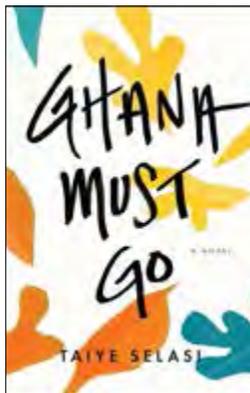


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for a funeral. Selasie's first novel is a complex tale of how this family of high achievers unraveled, how its members try to reweave the fabric of their connections, and the particular experiences of dealing with home country ties when life has taken you far from home.

**Looking for transwonderland: travels in Nigeria.** Saro-Wiwa, Noo. Berkeley: Soft Skull Press, 2013.

Travel writer Noo Saro-Wiwa, daughter of the executed Nigerian environmentalist Ken Saro-Wiwa, turns her observations to her family's homeland. Raised in England, Saro-Wiwa humorously accounts Nigeria's contradictions. She unflinchingly covers both sides of the country's complexities – the seductive beauty of its rich and complex cultural heritage and the unsightliness of its moral, financial and political corruptions.



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## MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**The positive dog.** Gordon, Jon. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 2012.

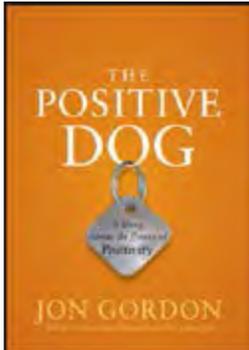


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This tiny handbook is a quick read full of reminders and tips for minimizing negativity and bringing an upbeat approach to life's challenges. Using relevant psychological research, Gordon hopes to inspire readers to engage in daily attitude adjustment.

**Rippling: how social entrepreneurs spread innovation throughout the world.** Schwartz, Beverly. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2012.

Schwartz presents a compendium of social entrepreneurship examples and observations. Her book includes accounts of successful work by 18 Ashoka Fellows in Brazil, Palestine, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Palestine, Peru and other developed and developing countries.

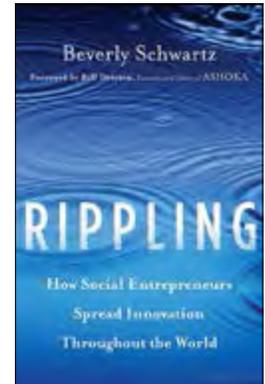


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