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- **Democracy and Governance**
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- **Economy and Trade**
- **Environment and Climate Change**
- **Population, Health and Nutrition**

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Aid and Development Issues

Fox, Louise and Melissa Sekkel Gaal, ***Working out of poverty: job creation and the quality of growth in Africa***, Washington, DC: IBRD and The World Bank, 2008.

Contributors to this volume describe the low rate of job creation in Africa. In order to find ways of improving the situation, they look at the structure of economic growth and labor, policies aimed at raising the quality of the workforce, and expansion of the informal sector.

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**Indonesia:
Coastal Village Leads
Farm Recovery in
Indonesia**

Jantang is a small coastal village in the foothills of Lhoong, Indonesia, was one of three districts hit hardest by the December 2004 tsunami.

Democracy and Governance

Elson, R.E., ***The idea of Indonesia: a history***, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

The author examines why and how the nation-state of Indonesia came to exist. He provides the chronology of this development, putting the politics and ruling elites in historical perspective. The often bloody coups can only be analyzed by emphasizing the relationship between the Indonesian people and their rulers.

Green, December and Laura Luehrmann, ***Comparative politics of the third world: linking concepts and cases***, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 2007.

The authors present their opinions on the historic reasons for the conditions obtaining in a number of developing countries. They then focus on factors contributing to the relative backwardness of these countries and regions, especially examining attitudes towards capitalism, gender and religion.

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El Salvador: Woman Watches Counting of Ballots in El Salvador

A decade after a 12-year civil war, El Salvador is a stable democracy with a market-friendly economy and active civil society.

TAMKEEN



West Bank/Gaza: Election Monitors Observe Palestinian Elections

Election monitors observe officials running the voting in the Palestinian elections in January 2005.

Kennett, Patricia, ***Governance, globalization and public policy***, Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2008.

This volume discusses the challenges for governance that globalization has brought. Nations are increasingly interacting and interdependent. Governments need to develop public policies that can both regulate and facilitate aspects of governance such as domestic and international law, trade agreements, financial institutions, health and poverty indicators and measures taken for national security.

Pierce-Colfer, Carol J., ***Lessons from forest decentralization: money, justice and the quest for good governance in Asia-Pacific***, Sterling, VA: CIFOR: Earthscan, 2008.

The contributors present the latest research from Asia-Pacific countries including India, Nepal, China, Korea, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam, focusing on equity, illegal logging and corruption, land use, policy-practice gaps, community forestry, household economies and environmental impact. They discuss the future of financing and reinvestment in sustainable forest management under decentralized governance.

Zakaria, Fareed, ***The post-American world***, New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2008.

This book discusses America's future position in the world. According to the author, America has been an overwhelming power but is now one among many rising economic powerhouses. He explains that this is all for the best, as wealth and power are more equally distributed around the planet leading to a healthier situation for a greater percentage of the population than has been the case in the past.

Conflict Resolution

Dumper, Michael, ***The future for Palestinian refugees: toward equity and peace***, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publisher, 2007.

The author compares the Palestinian refugee crisis with others throughout the world. He examines the role of external forces in peace agreements, issues of integration and resettlement, the role of lead agencies in repatriation programs, reparations, and reconciliation.

Economy and Trade

Bourguignon, Francois et.al., editors, ***The impact of macroeconomic policies on poverty and income distribution: macro-micro evaluation techniques and tools***, Washington, DC: Palgrave, Macmillan and The World Bank, 2008.

This title deals with challenges to the macro-micro linkage models. The authors compare various macro-micro linkage techniques and rate them according to their analytic and predictive powers.

Environment and Climate Change

Kameyama, Yasuko, et.al., editors, **Climate change in Asia: perspectives on the future climate regime**, Tokyo: United Nations University Press, 2008.

The contributors try to identify the links between climate change and sustainable development. They examine how Asian institutions are addressing climate change issues and national circumstances that impede these countries from fully participating in the international debate.

Simpson, R. David, et.al., editors, **Scarcity and growth revisited: natural resources and the environment in the new millennium**, Washington, DC: RFF Press Group, 2005.

The authors observe that in the past, concern about resources has focused on sufficient quantity rather than on the effect that extracting these resources has on the planet. The strain of an increasing population requires legal, financial and social protections for the environment.

Population, Health, and Nutrition

Performance-based contracting for health services in developing counties: a toolkit, Health, nutrition and population series: Washington, DC: IBRD and The World Bank, 2008.

This is a toolkit for aid workers in the health sector. It describes in detail the process of finding contractors that fit the needs of the stakeholders, how to draft, bid on, monitor, evaluate and manage contracts and contractors.



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AFRICA

The greatest silence: rape in the Congo (DVD), New York, NY: Women Make Movies Release, 2007.

The United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs states that “the sexual violence in the Congo is the worst in the world. The sheer numbers, the wholesale brutality, the culture of impunity—it’s appalling.” This film interviews victims of all ages who have been raped, mutilated and tortured. Perpetrators are also interviewed, indifferent and remorseless. The women featured show extraordinary bravery in trying to continue with their lives.

ASIA

Missing women: female-selective abortion and infanticide (DVD), Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 2006.

Female infanticide and sex-selective abortions in India, China and Pakistan, persist in spite of government efforts to prevent them. As a result of these practices, many men are unable to find wives in cultures that expect all to marry and produce sons, an activity requiring both genders. Despite the paradox, people plead that poverty and/or custom compels them to continue sex-selective reproduction even if it leads to their eventual oblivion.

My home – your war: a film by Kylie Grey (DVD), New York, NY: Women Make Movies Release, 2006.

Shot in Baghdad over three years, *My Home, Your War*, takes us inside the home of an Iraqi family, interviewing Layla Hassani and her family as they deal with the disruptions and terror of war in their daily lives. This film is not only a historical document of the Iraq war and the Middle East region in general, it is also a personal account of how these changing times are playing out for Arab women.

Small Change, Big Business: the Women's Bank of Bangladesh 10 years later (DVD), Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities, 2006.

This film is a follow-up to the 1995 documentary *The Women's Bank of Bangladesh*, that examined Bangladesh's Grameen Bank, which extended micro credit to poor, mainly female, entrepreneurs. Success was mixed, but those who did prosper could not have done so without the loans. The video looks at the long-term effects of micro credit on the households and on the Islamic community.

MISCELLANEOUS

A simple cup of tea 1965 (DVD), Washington, DC: National Archives and Record Administration, 2008.

This is a historical recording, first made in 1965, and provided by the National Archives of the United States. It features community development specialist, Ben Ferguson, in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), as he advises the Agency for International Development to concentrate on increasing the production of food and other agricultural products.



Still image from *My home – your war*

Image courtesy of Women Make Movies, www.wmm.com.



Still image from ***Small Change, Big Business: the Women's Bank of Bangladesh 10 years later***

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