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APRIL 2009

HIGHLIGHTS

- Democracy and Governance
- Development Issues
- Economic Growth and Agricultural Development
- Education
- Population, Health, and Nutrition
- Women in Development

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New travel, cultural, and management materials

NEW TITLES IN THE KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

Democracy and Governance

Cole, Juan. *Engaging the Muslim world*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

The author offers advice on the key foreign policy issues that America is grappling with today, from our dependence on Middle East petroleum to the promotion of Islamophobia by the American right. His ability to take the Muslim perspective into account when looking at East-West relations is useful as he suggests a course of action on fundamental issues like religion, oil, war, and peace.

Hashim, Ahmed. *Iraq's Sunni insurgency*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge for the International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2009.

From 2003 to 2008, the Sunni Arab insurgency in Iraq posed a key challenge to political stability in the country and to Coalition objectives there. This book explains the onset, composition and evolution of this insurgency. It begins by addressing both its immediate and deeper sociopolitical origins, and goes on to examine the multiple ideological strands within the insurgency and their often conflicting methods and goals.

Munck, Gerardo L. *Measuring democracy: a bridge between scholarship & politics*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009.

In this volume, Munck discusses the methodology of measurement of political concepts, focusing on the design of instruments to measure democracy as well as a comprehensive assessment of existing methodologies. It also introduces two new

instruments designed for UNDP and the Organization of American States.

Neumann, Peter R. ***Joining Al-Qaeda: Jihadist recruitment in Europe***. Abingdon, Oxon, New York: Routledge for the International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2008.

This book explains how European Muslims are recruited into the Islamist militant movement. It reveals that although overt recruitment has been driven underground, prisons and other “places of vulnerability” are increasingly important. It explores the recruitment roles of radical imams, gateway organizations, activists, and the Internet.

Development Issues

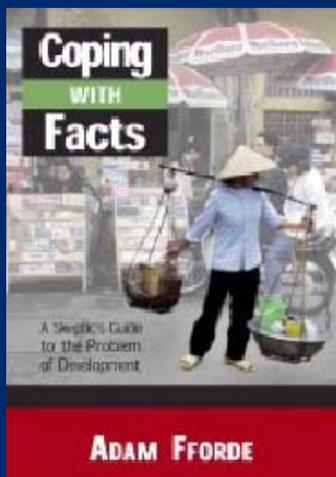


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Fforde, Adam. ***Coping with facts: a skeptic's guide to the problem of development***. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2009.

The author argues that development is a predictable process with knowable solutions. As a result, the literature is characterized by a combination of great certainty and great differences of opinion. This book offers guidance through a critique of development studies literature.

Moyo, Dambisa. ***Dead aid: why aid is not working and how there is a better way for Africa***. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009.

Written by a Zambian economist, this book maintains that African countries are poor because of the development assistance they receive from the United States and other donor countries. Moyo points out that as development aid has grown, the most aid-dependent countries have actually experienced annual growth rates of negative 0.2 percent. She offers four alternative sources of funding for African economies.

Taffet, Jeffrey F. ***Foreign aid as foreign policy: the alliance for progress in Latin America***. New York: Routledge, 2007.

This book provides a compelling analysis of John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress, the most significant aid program of the 1960s. The author shows how and why the original objectives of the Alliance were not met. The story of the Alliance illustrates the danger of letting short-term politics corrupt long-term development.

Economic Growth and Agricultural Development

Bhatia, Ramesh; Rita Cestti, Monica Scatasta and R.P.S. Malik, editors. ***Indirect economic impacts of dams: case studies from India, Egypt and Brazil.*** Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank, 2008.

Dams have brought many benefits to countries and regions, yet are associated with considerable social and environmental costs. This book evaluates the direct and indirect economic impacts of dams. It offers case studies for estimating the indirect economic impacts of the following dams: Bhakra Multipurpose Dam System and Bunga Check Dams in India; the High Dam at Aswan in Egypt, and the Sobradinho Dam and Cascade of Reservoirs in Brazil.



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Graham, Michael and Jean Woo. ***Fueling economic growth: the role of public-private sector research in development.*** Rugby, UK: Practical Action Publishing/IDRC, 2009.

This book analyzes alternative policy instruments and compares experiences in Argentina, El Salvador, Costa Rica, the Philippines, Malaysia, Peru, Tanzania, and China. It addresses trends in funding, performance, and management of R&D, and policy options to stimulate R&D in and for developing countries.

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Overcoming Tragedy with Microcredit

A family-run food stall in Bolivia rebuilds after a fire with a microcredit firm's support. Bermudes Ramos and his family were able to rebuild their stall after a devastating fire in Santa Cruz's Los Pocitos market through microcredit.

Upcoming KSC Event

May 12, 2009

9:30-11:00 am

USAID Spring Seminar

Sustainable Economic Recovery in Post-Conflict Environments: Practical Strategies based on 13 Case Studies.

USAID's Microenterprise Development Office will present a detailed review of selected enterprise development initiatives in 13 conflict-affected countries. The seminar will focus on key findings, lessons learned and best practices for sustainable economic growth with poverty reduction.

Location: Center for Association Leadership in the Ronald Reagan Building.

Seminars will be open to the public.

Education

Schiefelbein, Ernesto F. and Noel F. McGinn. ***Learning to educate: proposals for the reconstruction of education in Latin America***. Paris: UNESCO, 2008.

The authors examine evidence-based research on each element in the Latin American education system and identify those that have a positive impact on teaching and learning. They present major strategies for improving education, including greater emphasis on learning how to learn, making teachers managers of learning, shifting change to the local level, and improving teacher training.

Population, Health and Nutrition

Price-Smith, Andrew T. ***The health of nations: infectious disease, environmental change, and their effects on national security and development***. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2002.

The author examines the influence of infectious disease on nations' stability and prosperity. He also provides a theoretical and empirical foundation for the emerging field of health security. This book will be of interest to health practitioners, political scientists, human rights advocates, and others concerned about the microbial environment and its threat to human security.

Wootton, Richard. ***Telehealth in the developing world***. Ottawa, ON: International Development Research Centre; London: RSM, 2009.

Telemedicine offers solutions for emergency medical assistance, long distance consultation, administration and logistics, supervision and quality assurance and education and training for health-care professionals and providers. This book aims to balance the relative lack of published information on successful telehealth solutions in the developing world.

Save the Date! **Tuesday, 28 April 2009**

Informative Resources — Expert Staff — Delicious Refreshments

KSC Open House

9:30 am—1 pm

USAID Knowledge Services Center
Mezzanine Level of Ronald Reagan Building

This event is open to the public.



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PROPOSALS FOR
THE RECONSTRUCTION
OF EDUCATION
IN LATIN AMERICA



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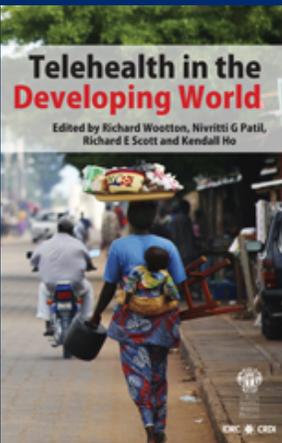


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Women in Development

Mukasa, Rosemary Semafumu. *The African women's protocol: harnessing a potential force for positive change*. Auckland Park, South Africa: Fanele, 2008.

On November 25, 2005, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa entered into force, after receiving its 15th ratification. This book evaluates the impact of the African Women's Protocol and focuses on the impact it has had on three African countries—South Africa, Zambia, and Mozambique.

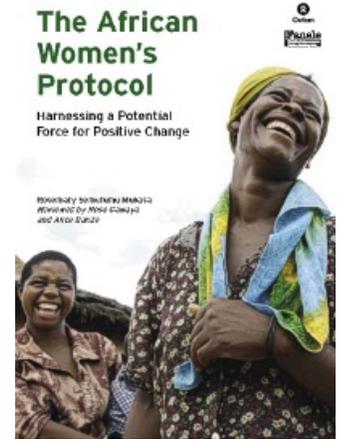


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AFRICA

Hatzfeld, Jean. *The antelope's strategy: living in Rwanda after the genocide*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009.

French journalist Jean Hatzfeld revisits the Tutsi survivors and Hutu killers that he interviewed in his previous two books. He describes the haunted memories and continued grief and fear of the survivors and the repentance of the Hutus.

Novogratz, Jacqueline. *The blue sweater: bridging the gap between rich and poor in an interconnected world*. New York: Rodale, 2009.

The author blends two narratives in this memoir about her years fighting global poverty. In one thread, she recounts her early experiences in Africa developing microfinance organizations to assist women. She focuses on relationships with the local women in government who contributed to her success, as well as the personal trials she encountered matching her Western vision with their ideas about the future.

Verghese, A. *Cutting for stone: a novel*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2009.

In this book, Marion, who has just graduated from medical school, flees Ethiopia and makes his way to America, working as an intern at a crowded New York City hospital. When the past catches up to him, Marion entrusts his life to the two men he once trusted least in the world: the surgeon father who abandoned him and the brother who betrayed him.

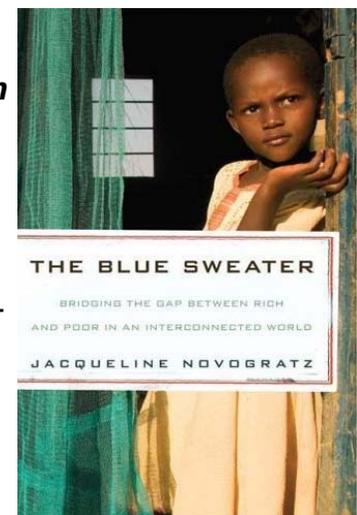


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ASIA

Adiga, Aravind. *The white tiger : a novel*. New York : Free Press, 2008.

The debut novel by Aravind Adiga, this book tells the story of Balram Halwai, an Indian man trying to break free of societal chains and expectations. Balram manages to escape his village and move to Delhi after being hired as a driver for a rich landlord. The novel consists of correspondence from Balram to the premier of China, who is expected to visit India and whom Balram believes could learn a lesson or two about India's entrepreneurial underbelly.

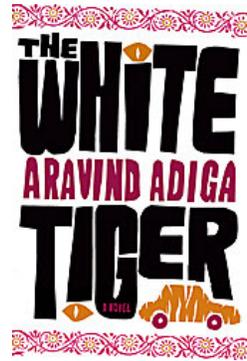
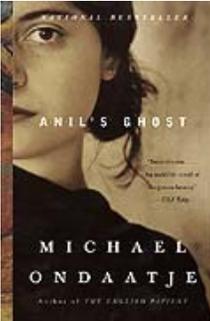


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Ondaatje, Michael. *Anil's ghost*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

Set in Sri Lanka's brutal civil war in the 1980s, this novel tells the story of Anil Tissera, a native Sri Lankan who returns as part of an international human rights fact-finding mission. Anil is caught in a web of danger and deceit as she investigates what appears to be a government-sponsored murder.

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Sinha, Indra. *Animal's people: a novel*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2008.

Orphaned Bhopal slum resident Animal, who used to be human before an industrial chemical accident left his bones twisted like a hairpin, narrates this tense story, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 2007. Animal, who walks on all fours, focuses on the events surrounding the impending trial of the Kampani responsible for the accident.

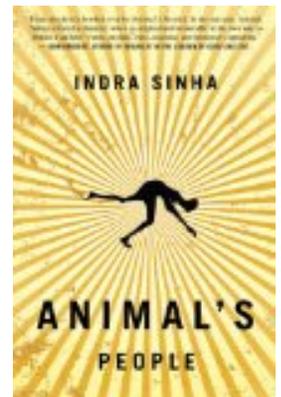


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The Indian miracle? DVD. New York, NY: Filmmakers Library, 2008.

As the gap between the rich and the poor in India widens, a renowned news journalist questions the social stability of a country that will soon enter the top five of the world's economic giants.

EUROPE

Taylor, Jeffery. *Murderers in mausoleums : riding the back roads of empire between Moscow and Beijing*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2009.

This book describes the journey across some of the world's most remote and challenging terrain, exploring why democracy has yet to thrive in such places. The book focuses on the vast expanse of remote terrain from the steppes of southern Russia and the Caucasus Mountains to the deserts of central Asia and northern China, describing the rise of new autocratic states.

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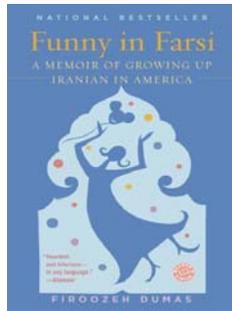


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Dumas, Firoozeh. ***Funny in Farsi: a memoir of growing up Iranian in America.*** New York: Villard, 2003.

Firoozeh Dumas moved from Iran to Southern California in the early 1970s, arriving with no firsthand knowledge of this country beyond her father's memories of his graduate school years in the United States. This book chronicles the American journey of Dumas's family transition from life in Iran to life in the United States.

MANAGEMENT

O'Keefe, Paul and Dan Thompson. ***The art of customer service.*** Mill Valley, CA: Kantola Productions, 2008.

This 12-minute DVD examines the ACT (attention, respect, time) method of customer service, presented by way of a humorous skit.

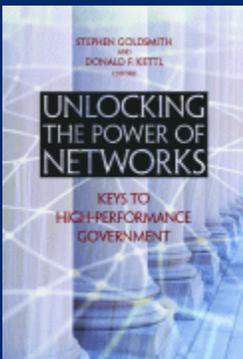


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Goldsmith, Stephen and Donald F. Kettl, editors. ***Unlocking the power of networks: keys to high-performance government.*** Cambridge, MA: Harvard Kennedy School; and Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2009.

This collection explores the potential, strategies, and best practices of high-performance networks in the public sector. It shows how networked governance can achieve policy goals in case studies on the Federal Cooperative Conservation Initiative, the Chesapeake Bay Program, the U.S. Coast Guard's Port Security Network, and the intelligence community's anti-terrorism efforts.

As simple as respect: Diversity, respect and inclusion in the workplace. DVD. ATS Media, 2004

This video-based workshop program features a series of workplace vignettes that illustrates disrespectful behavior and guidelines on how to correct it. The vignettes take place in healthcare, manufacturing, retail and office settings.

Reeves, Douglas B. ***Renewal coaching: sustainable change for individuals and organizations.*** San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2009.

This book provides a series of personal assessments that will guide individuals and teams through the seven stages of renewal. Each assessment includes both survey and narrative responses, and readers can use the journal pages in the text or online formats to respond.

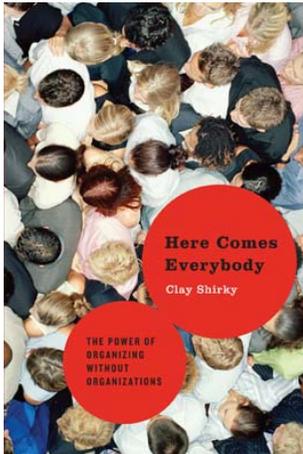


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Shirky, Clay. *Here comes everybody: the power of organizing without organizations*. New York: Penguin Press, 2008.

This book examines the ways in which the rapid spread of new forms of social interaction are changing the way humans form groups and exist within them, with profound long-term economic and social effects. It discusses and uses examples of how digital networks transform the ability of humans to gather and cooperate with one another.

Sommerville, Joseph. *Rainmaking presentations : how to grow your business by leveraging your expertise*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

This book describes the wide array of opportunities for professionals to present their knowledge and services. It covers new electronic channels, such as the webinar and podcast, as well as more traditional forums. It is organized to be used both as a guide and a reference book.

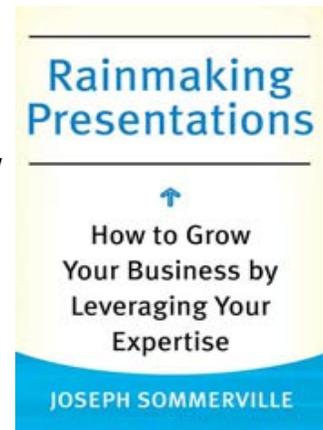


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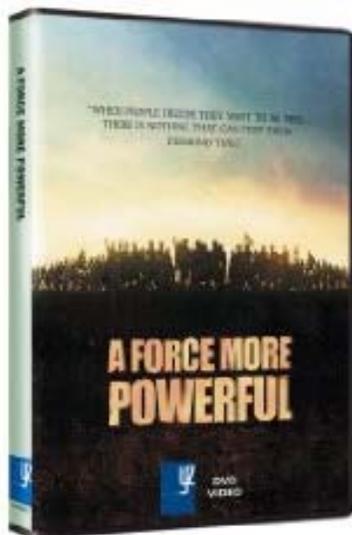


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This series examines the 20th century's most important and least-known stories and how nonviolent power overcame oppression and authoritarianism.

Part One chronicles how Gandhi refines and expands the nonviolent weaponry he discovered in South Africa as he leads India's campaign for full independence from Britain in the 1930s. Another segment focuses on the American civil rights movement and the struggles in South Africa to dismantle the apartheid system.

Part Two recalls how Danish citizens resisted the Nazi occupation of their country during World War II. It discusses how striking Poland ship workers forged together in solidarity to fight communism in 1980, as well as how citizens in Chile overcame their fears about the power of dictator Augusto Pinochet and participated in a special election in 1988 to throw him out of office.

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Country Videos & DVDs	1 week	10 weeks
Travel Guides	4 weeks	10 weeks
Language Materials	2 weeks	10 weeks
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