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# NEW THIS MONTH

MAY 2009

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- Administrative Issues
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New travel, cultural, and management materials

## NEW TITLES IN THE KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

### Administrative Issues

Cibinic, John, Ralph C. Nash, and James F. Nagle. **Administration of government contracts**. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, DC: George Washington University, National Law Center, Government Contracts Program; Chicago, IL: Wolters Kluwer/CCH, 2006.

Three professors of the George Washington University's National Law Center have compiled this work on the legal rights, obligations, adjustments, and claims of government contracts. Each of the thirteen chapters focuses on a different contract provision including: contract interpretation, disputes, and termination.

Martin, Michael G. **Federal statements of work: a practical guide**. Vienna, VA: Management Concepts, 2008.

A reference for project managers, this book defines statements of work and explains the makeup and composition of effective documents. Extensive sample SOWs are included, as well as a CD-ROM containing additional resources and electronic tools.

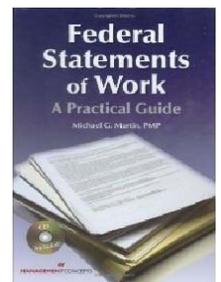


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### Aid and Development Issues

Call, Charles T. and Vanessa Wyeth, editors. **Building states to build peace**. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2008.

Focusing on post civil war nations such as Afghanistan, Liberia, Iraq, Israel, Somalia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, this book explores the difficulties of simultaneously es-

establishing peace and a state institution. This collection of essays offers case studies and suggestions as to how other institutions may assist in the development and success of post-conflict societies.

Haass, Richard N. and Meghan L. O'Sullivan, editors. **Honey and vinegar: incentives, sanctions, and foreign policy.** Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2000.

This collection focuses on how balancing positive incentives with military action can be successful when handling regimes. Case studies are given for countries—such as Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Libya—for which incentives improved United States relations.

Opoku-Mensah, Paul, David Lewis, and Terje Tvedt, editors. **Reconceptualising NGOs and their roles in development: NGOs, civil society and the international aid system.** Denmark: Aalborg University Press, 2007.

This collection is focused on the evolving functions of non-governmental organizations in development. The authors suggest new methods for analyzing the operations of NGOs.

Tandon, Yash. **Ending aid dependence.** Cape Town: Fahamu Books, 2008.

Tandon argues that southern countries (such as South Africa, India, China, and Brazil) must free themselves from northern aid dependence. Case studies, including Zimbabwe and Zambia, support the author's thesis. The work offers a seven-step exit strategy, which begins with changing the mindset of local populations.

## Democracy and Governance

de Ferranti, David, et al. **How to improve governance: a new framework for analysis and action.** Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2009.

The authors of this work claim that failures of governance are attributed to the lack of an all-encompassing framework for assessment. They suggest which elements should be included in a structure for evaluating the current state and potential of a country's governance. Particular focus is on civil society parties, the need for accountability, and strategy reform.

Norris, Pippa. **Driving democracy: do power-sharing institutions work?** New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

After considering four types of political establishments and analyzing the trends of every country for the past thirty-plus years, Norris' study concludes that power-sharing most likely leads to successful democracies. The book includes case studies and a discussion of the theory of consociationalism.

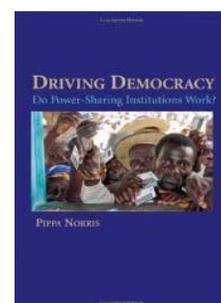


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### HONEY AND VINEGAR

Incentives, Sanctions, and Foreign Policy

Richard N. Haass and Meghan L. O'Sullivan, editors

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www.brookings.edu

## Economy and Trade

Bussolo, Maurizio and Rafael E. De Hoyos, editors. **Gender aspects of the trade and poverty nexus: a macro-micro approach.** Washington, DC: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

Part one of this collection investigates labor market, trade, and gender. The second section examines the effect of trade shocks and inequality on the household level. In addition to containing tables and analyses, the essays describe the changes that may come about from more economic opportunities for women.

## Population, Health, and Nutrition

Farmer, Paul. **Infections and inequalities: the modern plagues.** Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

Centering on Farmer's work in Haiti, Peru, and Boston, his book discusses the influence of poverty on the spread of diseases. Written from a medical and anthropological perspective, the work offers case studies and argues that the proliferation of disease is due to the conditions induced by economic and social inequalities.

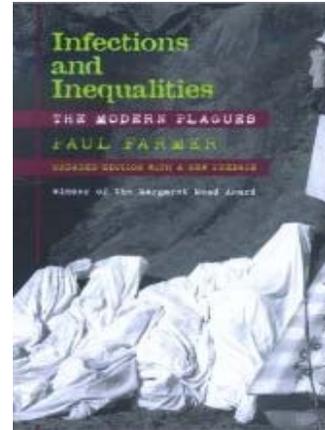


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### **Need to Stay on Top of the Daily News?**

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**Global Health Watch 2005-2006: an alternative world health report.** Global Health Watch. London, Pretoria; Zed: UNISA Press, 2005.

This report, compiled by several scholars, health workers, and civil society organizations, aims to be an unbiased evaluation of the health care political economy. In addition to reviewing current views on the influences on world health, the book suggests what should be done to meet the UN's Millennium Development Goals for health.

**Global Health Watch 2: an alternative world health report.** People's Health Movement. London, Pretoria; Zed: UNISA Press, 2008.

The second edition of *Global Health Watch*, this volume expands on global health governance. A number of issues are discussed, including globalization, sanitation, health organizations, and health care for prisoners, migrants, and the mentally ill.

Hein, Wolfgang, Sonja Bartsch, and Lars Kohlmorgen, editors. **Global health governance and the fight against HIV/AIDS.** New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

This compilation of essays examines how non-governmental organizations, health organizations, and pharmaceutical companies are involved in HIV/AIDS policy. Focusing on South Africa and Brazil, the book explains the aspects of global health governance.

**Implementing the WHO Stop TB Strategy: a handbook for national TB control programmes.** Geneva: World Health Organization, 2008.

Summarizing the WHO Stop TB Strategy, this work overviews the issues concerning tuberculosis control. Risk factors and challenges are discussed, as well as the steps necessary to achieve targets set for TB control by 2015.

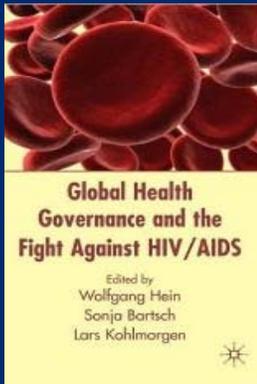


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## Save the Date!

### Wednesdays in July 2009

Participate in USAID-hosted seminar series for knowledge sharing and to explore a range of development topics, innovative approaches, and diverse experiences among USAID and the development community.

**Dates:** July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Time:** 9:30—11 am

More information coming in June!



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*This event is open to the public.*

## Women in Development

Buskens, Ineke and Anne Webb, editors. **African women and ICTs: investigating technology, gender and empowerment.** London: Zed Books; Pretoria: Unisa Press, 2009.

The result of the Gender Research in Africa into ICTs for Empowerment (GRACE) project, this is a collection of essays about women's use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). The essays, by African researchers, reveal how women are using and contributing to technologies in the context of their own empowerment. Included are discussions of ICTs and gender violence, access, entrepreneurship, and policy.

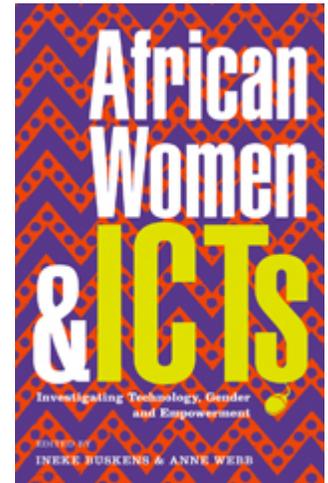


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Goldberg, Michelle. **The means of reproduction: sex, power, and the future of the world.** New York: Penguin Press, 2009.

Goldberg reports on the historical and current issues surrounding the oppression of women's reproductive rights. Focusing on the cultures of Africa, Asia, South America, and Europe, the author discusses the relationship between the control of fertility and issues such as policy, poverty, demographics, economy, ideology, and health. This book additionally depicts the United States' history of both obstructing and progressing the global women's rights movement.



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## **LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER** Office of Human Resources M/HR/TE

### Africa

**Birth of a surgeon: empowering midwives in Mozambique.** DVD. Filmmaker/Living People Documentary; Education Broadcasting Company, 2008.

The documentary follows one woman as she trains to become a surgical delivery midwife. Her training is part of a Mozambique program to decrease its maternal death rate.

Butcher, Tim. **Blood river: a journey to Africa's broken heart.** London: Chatto & Windus, 2007.

Butcher tells of his 44 day journey through the Republic of Congo. Interweaving the Congo's colonial history with current states of politics and culture, this account depicts some of the disturbing aspects and lost potential of the region.

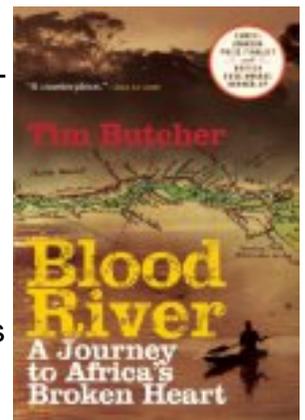


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**Diamonds of war: Africa's blood diamonds.** DVD. National Geographic, 2003.

*National Geographic* follows diamonds from Sierra Leone to Belgium to New York.

**Heart of Darfur: fighting an international humanitarian crisis.** DVD. Filmmaker/Living People Documentary; Education Broadcasting Company, 2008. General Martin Luther Agwai (the commander of the United Nations/African Union peacekeeping force) is shown as he attempts to convince Darfur's rebels to negotiate. This documentary also details life in the midst of the Darfur crisis.

**Inside a Shari'ah Court.** DVD. BBC: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2008.

A documentary about courts run by Muslim communities, this film investigates a Shari'ah court in Nigeria. The rights of women in Shari'ah courts, as well as their viewpoints on the religious legal system, are an additional focus of the film.

Lamb, Christina. **House of stone: the true story of a family divided in war-torn Zimbabwe.** Chicago: Lawrence Hill Books, 2006.

Lamb depicts postcolonial and post civil war Zimbabwe through the separate accounts of Nigel Hough, a wealthy farmer, and his maid, Aqwi Shamvi. The book investigates the toll of social and political upheaval on two citizens of different race and socio-economic status.

**Lost boys of Sudan.** DVD. Actual Films/Principe Productions, 2003.

This film documents Santino and Peter, two of Sudan's 20,000+ "lost boys," as they experience life and culture in the United States. Spanning the boys' first year in Texas, the film explores their adaptation in the context of the American Dream.

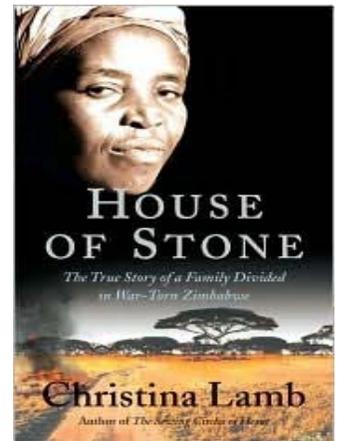


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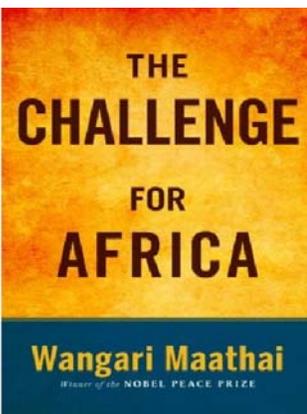


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Maathai, Wangari. **The challenge for Africa.** New York: Pantheon Books, 2009.

Environmental activist Wangari Maathai exposes what she feels to be Africa's developmental problems; colonialism, post-independence leaders, loss of culture, and Western media. She suggests what can be done, especially within the local populations, in order to better foster development and democracy.

Redi, Richard, editor. **Eritrea's external relations: understanding its regional role and foreign policy.** Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2009.

The authors of this collection claim that Eritrea, with its militarization and lack of democratic and socioeconomic development, is becoming more important to the stability Saharan region. They attempt to explain the country's foreign policy on a regional and international level.

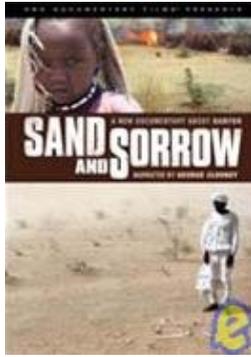


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**Sand and sorrow: a new documentary about Darfur.** DVD. HBO Documentary Films, 2008.

Produced and narrated by George Clooney, this film describes the events and government that have led to the displacement and genocide of the people of Darfur. The film also conveys the lack of international response to the crisis and investigates life in Darfur.

Steinberg, Jonny. **Sizwe's test: a young man's journey through Africa's AIDS epidemic.** New York: Simon & Schuster, 2008.

Steinberg contemplates why, in the midst of an AIDS epidemic, more Africans do not utilize readily available health resources and antiretroviral treatment. He learns from Sizwe, who has never been tested for HIV, about the indigenous attitudes surrounding the virus, including: blame, resentment, fear, privacy, conspiracy, and traditional ways.

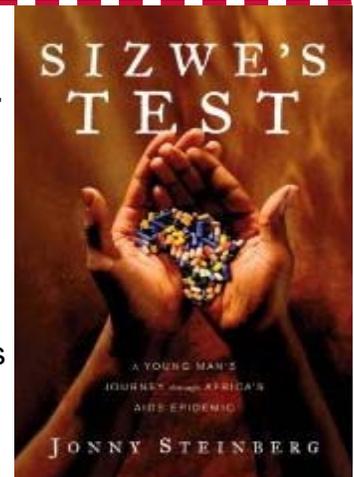


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## Asia

**Balzac and the little Chinese seamstress.** DVD. SeSeville Picturesville Pictures, 2002.

Based on the novel by Dai Sijie and set in Maoist China, two teenage boys are sent to the country for re-education. One boy falls in love with the tailor's daughter and demonstrates that, like the human spirit, the power of literature cannot be contained.

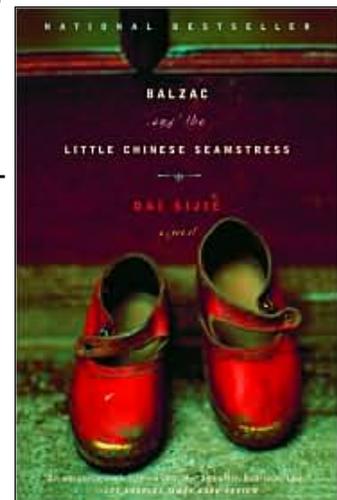


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Vogelsang, Willem. **The Afghans**. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishers, 2008.

Beginning with the second millennium BC and spanning through the War on Terror, Vogelsang's book tells of Afghanistan's history, culture, and archaeology. Topics in Afghan history include Indo-Iranians, Scythian Horsemen, various dynasties, the beginning of Islam, and communist rule.

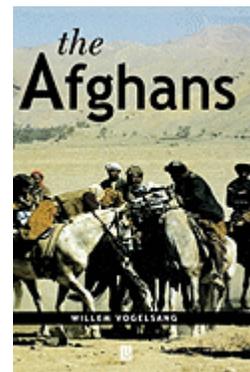


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## Career Development

Kopp, Harry W. and Charles A. Gillespie. **Career diplomacy: life and work in the U.S. Foreign Service**. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2008.

Potential and current Foreign Service Officers will be interested in this resource about the different career aspects of foreign policy and American diplomacy. Covering the history, organization, functions, importance, and future of the Foreign Service, this book tells all about life as a FSO.

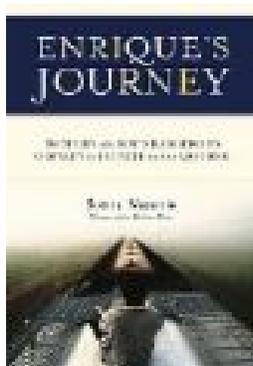


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## Latin America & Caribbean

Nazario, Sonia. **Enrique's journey: the story of a boy's dangerous odyssey to reunite with his mother**. New York: Random House, 2007.

Like thousands of children each year, Honduran Enrique rode a train through Mexico in an attempt to illegally enter the United States. His quest exemplifies the tribulations of young migrants attempting to reunite with their families in the United States.

**Ojos qué no ven: la corrupción...no tiene límites**. DVD. Venevision, 2005.

Based on the upheaval resulting from Vladimiro Montesinos' (Director of Intelligence Services) corruptive activities, this movie shows how such corruption can affect individual citizens. Taking place in Peru, the movie is in Spanish with English subtitles.

## Middle East

Lamb, Christina. **The sewing circles of Herat: a personal voyage through Afghanistan**. New York: Harper Collins, 2002.

Journalist Christina Lamb writes not just of the story, but of the people she encountered while covering Afghanistan after 9/11. The author tells us about the people she became acquainted with: a former Taliban member, an artist, a princess, and the sewing circles that are much more than meet the eye.



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**The Singing Revolution.** DVD. Docurama Films, 2008.

The people of Estonia used singing as a peaceful protest when they attempted to free their country from Soviet Occupation. This documentary is about how citizens congregated to sing forbidden songs between 1986 and 1991.

## Europe & Eurasia

Emerson, Michael and Amel Boubekour. **Ethno-religious conflict in Europe: typologies of radicalisation among Europe's Muslim nations.** Centre for European Policy Studies, 2009.

Case studies of Muslim-related violence and tension are presented for the countries of Spain, Russia, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Russia, the Netherlands, and France. Accounts are presented within social context.

Olcott, Martha Brill. **Kazakhstan: unfulfilled promise.** Washington, DC: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Brookings Institution Press, 2002.

This book analyzes Kazakhstan's development since gaining independence in 1991. The author examines the aspects of Nursultan Nazarbayev's presidency and corruption. Islamic and secular tensions remain in the country.

## Knowledge Management

Heath, Chip and Dan Heath. **Made to stick: why some ideas survive and others die.** New York: Random House, 2007.

The authors explain why we remember certain ideas and forget other, sometimes more important, ones. Memorable ideas "stick" because they are simple, unexpected, concrete, credible, emotional, and stories.

Noveck, Beth S. **Wiki government: how technology can make government better, democracy stronger, and citizens more powerful.** Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2009.

Noveck advocates collaborative democracy through technology. The Peer-to-Peer Patent Project is used to describe the success of allowing the public to participate in a formerly closed process. The author suggests how policy, law, and technology can be transformed by public and electronic collaboration.

## Borrowing Polices for Library and Learning Resources Center materials

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	AID-Washington	AID-Mission
Circulating Books	4 weeks	10 weeks
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Country Videos & DVDs	1 week	10 weeks
Travel Guides	4 weeks	10 weeks
Language Materials	2 weeks	10 weeks
Management Training Materials	4 weeks	10 weeks

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