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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

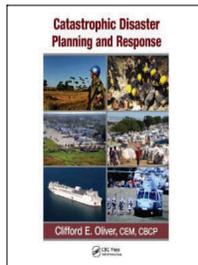


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Catastrophic disaster planning and response. Oliver, Clifford E. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2010. The author begins by defining catastrophic events and addressing legal, political, and ethical issues surrounding catastrophic disaster planning and response. Sections of the book cover operational issues of response, recovery, and reconstruction (logistics, infrastructure, mass care, evacuation), as well as planning and leadership of response operations.

Lives in the balance: improving accountability for public spending in developing countries. Griffin, Charles, et al. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2010.

The authors discuss how to go about making certain that public spending (especially aid money) is used for its intended purpose. Chapters in the book address topics such as issues in expenditure management, political aspects of accountability, transparency, and independent monitoring organizations.



The power of positive deviance: how unlikely innovators solve the world's toughest problems. Pascale, Richard, Jerry Sternin, and Monique Sternin. Boston: Harvard Business Press, 2010.

The authors propose their theory of *positive deviance* (PD) and how the practices of innovators in communities or organizations may be utilized to solve big problems. They say that each institution typically contains at least one person (under the same circumstances as everyone else) who has solved a problem by positively deviating from the norm. Several cases are presented from around the world to demonstrate the power of PD, including: female genital mutilation in Egypt, child soldiers in Uganda, and child malnutrition in Vietnam.

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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Vulnerable places, vulnerable people: trade liberalization, rural poverty and the environment. Cook, Jonathan, et al, editors. Washington, DC: World Bank; Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2010.

Case studies examine international trade rules from Vietnam, South Africa, Madagascar, Chile, China, and India in an attempt to make a connection between poverty reduction and environmental protection. The authors aim to prove the interdependence of the two sectors and they advocate environmental and social considerations in the evaluation of trade.

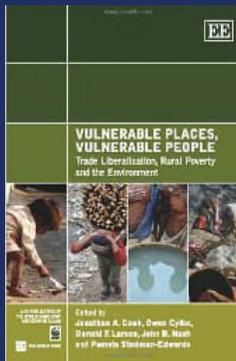


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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE



Human trafficking: a global perspective. Shelley, Louise. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

This book is a global examination of trafficking in persons with an emphasis on sex trafficking. The author first discusses social and economic factors which contribute to the proliferation of trafficking, especially globalization. The second part addresses the business side and role of organized crime groups in the practice. Case studies in section three focus on varying regional issues in Asia, Africa, Europe and Eurasia, Latin America, and the United States.

My brother, my enemy: America and the battle of ideas across the Islamic world. Smucker, Philip. New York: Prometheus Books, 2010.

Journalist Philip Smucker investigates American attempts to demonstrate respect for Muslim interests and rights. He uses interviews from a broad spectrum of officials and citizens to conclude that the US does not effectively demonstrate respect for Muslim issues because it fights wars to promote its own interests. The author attempts to portray both American viewpoints and those from Muslims in countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Indonesia, Israel, and Palestine.

The three circles of war: understanding the dynamics of conflict in Iraq. Gregg, Heather, Hy Rothstein, and John Arquilla, editors. Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2010.

The editors of this volume propose that there are three types of war going on in Iraq: interstate conflict, civil war, and insurgency. The book attempts to show how the *circles of war* are related to each other and what they mean for warfare in Iraq and beyond. The book closes with an outline of considerations for United States withdrawal.

Transitional justice and development: making connections. De Greiff, Pablo and Roger Duthie, editors. New York: Social Science Research Council, 2009.

This work aims to bridge a literature gap between the areas of development and transitional justice. The volume begins by conceptualizing how transitional justice and development are related. The second part focuses on how specific justice measures—such as truth commissions, reparations

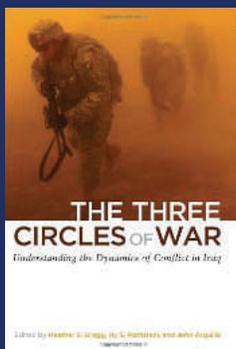


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programs, and institutional reforms—are connected to development. Papers in the third portion suggest how to go about incorporating the two objectives.

The trouble with the Congo: local violence and the failure of international peacebuilding. Autesserre, Séverine. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Autesserre analyzes international intervention in the Democratic Republic of the Congo between 2003 and 2006. She claims that peacebuilding failed in the DRC because policies and methods were focused on the national level rather than on local issues like resources, land disputes, and politics.



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Youth in post-conflict reconstruction: agents of change. Schwartz, Stephanie. Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace Press, 2010.

Schwartz investigates youth in post-conflict reconstruction, especially examining the factors which contribute to the decision of young people to either continue fighting or work towards a better future. She uses case studies from Kosovo, Mozambique, and the DRC to discuss the role of youth in the reconstruction process. The author additionally examines the effects of culture, programming, and interventions on the motivations of young people in post-conflict societies.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Financial promise for the poor: how groups build microsavings. Wilson, Kim, Malcolm Harper, and Matthew Griffith, editors. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2010.

This collection examines microsavings groups in developing countries. Essays address aspects such as types of groups, organizational involvement, and evaluation of self-help groups in countries such as Pakistan, Nepal, Haiti, and Kenya. Two USAID-funded programs are mentioned: the Pastoralist Livelihoods Initiative in Ethiopia, and the Women's Empowerment Program (now known as WORTH) in Nepal.

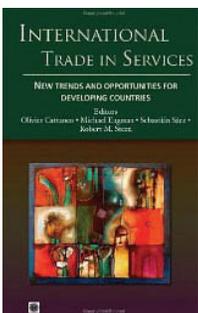


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International trade in services: new trends and opportunities for developing countries. Cattaneo, Olivier, et al, editors. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2010.

Authors use case studies about several services—such as legal, construction, distribution, information technology, and health—to emphasize the growth and importance of trade in services in developing countries. They speculate about the ways in which services may further benefit developing economies and how policies may facilitate such services. The book may be checked out from the library or accessed electronically from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

Why doesn't microfinance work?: the destructive rise of local neoliberalism. Bateman, Milford. New York: Zed Books, 2010.

Bateman claims that microfinance is not an effective method of economic and social development. He uses case studies from several countries—such as Mexico, India, and Bangladesh—to support his thesis that microfinance hinders development and poverty reduction in developing countries.

EDUCATION

South-South cooperation in education and development. Chisholm, Linda and Gita Steiner-Khamsi, editors. New York: Teachers College Press; Cape Town, South Africa: HSRC Press, 2009.

Essays in this book examine how Southern countries collaborate, especially for education and reform. The book begins with an explanation of the dynamics of South-South cooperation. It continues to investigate transfers, partnerships, and initiatives, and how the cooperation of Southern countries may be utilized to benefit education. Countries such as India, South Africa, Brazil, Turkey, and Azerbaijan are discussed.



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EVALUATION

Enhancing disaster and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery through evaluation. New directions for evaluation. Ritchie, Liesel and Wayne MacDonald, editors. San Francisco: Wiley/Jossey Bass, 2010.

Articles in this volume address various aspects of evaluating disaster operations, including interagency cooperation, real-time evaluation, logic modeling, and M&E systems. Authors emphasize the use of evaluation to improve preparedness, response, and recovery.

Evaluating peace operations. Diehl, Paul F. and Daniel Druckman. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2010.

Diehl and Druckman present a framework for assessing peace operations. The authors detail what they believe to be the key elements of evaluating peace operations, such as baselines and time perspectives. They discuss several evaluation considerations such as goals of conflict abatement, indicators of success, and how to apply the framework to real-world situations.



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HEALTH, NUTRITION AND POPULATION

Texting 4 health: a simple, powerful way to improve lives. Fogg, B.J. and Richard Adler, editors. Stanford, CA: Captology Media, 2009.

The essays in this volume are from Stanford University's 2008 *Texting 4 Health* conference. The volume begins by discussing the potential of mobile phone messaging to improve health. It goes on to specify how texting may be applied to health promotion in specific areas such as sexual health and weight management. Authors offer practical advice about how to go about implementing interventions using texting.

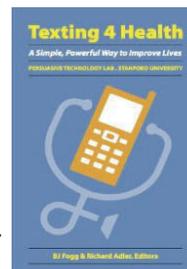


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WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

Trading stories: experiences with gender and trade. Carr, Marilyn and Mariama Williams, editors. London: Commonwealth Secretariat, 2010.

The 20 case studies in this volume attempt to connect economic development, trade, and gender. The authors examine the affects of trade policies on women and how to go about connecting women with export markets. They address inequality in globalization and trade liberalization.

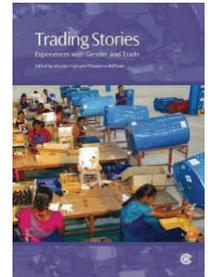


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AFRICA

Held at a distance: my rediscovery of Ethiopia. Haile, Rebecca. Chicago: Academy Chicago Publishers, 2007.

Haile's family settled in the United States in 1976, a few years after the Derg coup overthrew Ethiopia's long-time king. This memoir is about the author's return to her country after growing up in the United States. She addresses recent history in Ethiopia and reconnecting with her family, culture, and country.

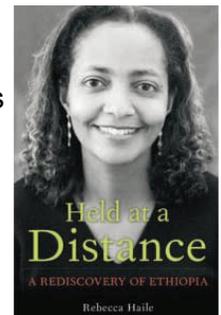


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ASIA

Born under a million shadows. Busfield, Andrea. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2009.

This novel about hope in Afghanistan features Fawad, an eleven-year-old boy born during the Taliban regime. His mother, who suffers the loss of her husband and two other children, becomes a housekeeper for a Western woman and her foreign friends. Fawad is fascinated by the foreigners, especially with one woman's relationship with an Afghan warlord. His love of Afghanistan is tested when he endures a shocking event.

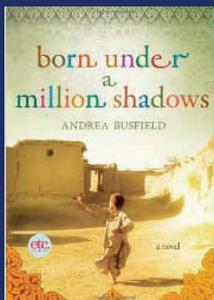


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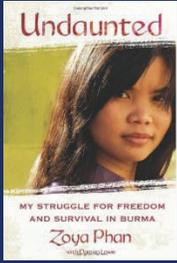


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Undaunted: my struggle for freedom and survival in Burma. Phan, Zoya and Damien Lewis. New York: Free Press, 2010.

Phan begins her life story by depicting her idyllic childhood in a remote Burmese village. She tells about fleeing to a refugee camp in Thailand when her village is bombed by a military junta. Phan leaves her family in order to attend college and takes a job after graduating, but she returns to Burma to help her mother. She flees to the United Kingdom after discovering a murder plot against her and becomes a spokesperson against oppression.

MIDDLE EAST

The attack. Khadra, Yasmina. New York: Doubleday, 2005.

A respected Arab-Israeli surgeon vigorously works to help those injured in a bombed restaurant. His wife is found dead in the group of victims and evidence builds to indicate that she was behind the attack. He struggles between fond memories of his wife and the realization that the woman he loved and thought he knew was a fundamentalist terrorist.

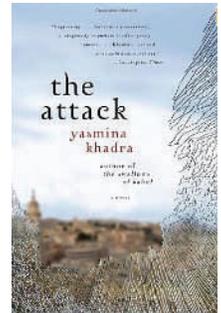


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Arranged. Film Movement, 2007.

Two public school teachers in Brooklyn rely on each other for support as they go through individual processes of arranged marriage. Nasira, a Syrian Muslim, and Rachel, an Orthodox Jew, attempt to maintain their happiness and cultures while dealing with pressures from family and the general public.

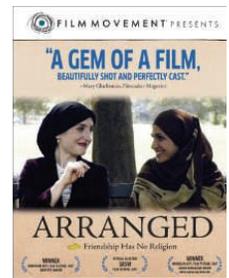


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Emmanuel's gift. First Look Media, 2005.

Disabled and orphaned as a child in Ghana, Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah overcomes physical and emotional obstacles by competing in a bike race using a prosthetic leg. He aims to change the perception of the disabled in his country and to inspire people around the world.

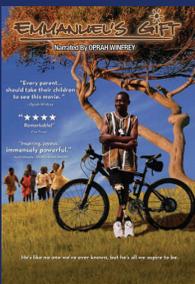


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For my father. Film Movement, 2009.

Forced to become a Palestinian suicide bomber, Tarek gets a second chance when his explosives do not detonate. He spends a few days in Tel Aviv awaiting the repair of the device and bonds with several Israelis, including a beautiful young Jewish woman. Tarek's explosive vest is repaired and he must make the decision to follow through with his mission or abandon it. The film is in Hebrew with English and Arabic subtitles.

Free zone. New Yorker Video, 2005.

Rebecca, an American living in Jerusalem, grabs a cab after breaking off her engagement. The cab driver, Hanna, is headed to Jordan (an economic "free zone") to gather her husband's debts. Looking to escape, Rebecca joins Hanna on her trip to Jordan. The debtor, however, is missing when they arrive. A Palestinian woman, Leila, joins the group as they attempt to collect the debt. The three women bond in the process of trailing the missing debtor.



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Live and become. Menemsha Films, 2008.

An Ethiopian boy is airlifted from a Sudan refugee camp during Operation Moses in 1984. His mother sends him off with the instruction to "go, live, and become." He is adopted by an Israeli woman and becomes known as Shlomo. Shlomo struggles with his identity and memory of his biological mother.

Secret ballot. Sony Pictures, 2002.

This comedy is about voting day on a remote island on the Iranian coast. A woman official is assigned to gather votes in a ballot box which was airdropped to the shore. A soldier escorts her around the island on a comical adventure to get people to cast their votes.

We are together. Palm Pictures, 2007.

The Agape Orphanage in South Africa houses mostly children whose parents died of AIDS. The documentary features twelve-year-old Slindile and her siblings over the course of three years and the role of the Agape Choir in helping them with cope with life. The film is in Zulu with English subtitles.

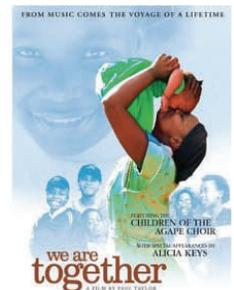


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Without the king: the shocking and astonishing story of the Kingdom of Swaziland. Red Envelope Entertainment, 2007.

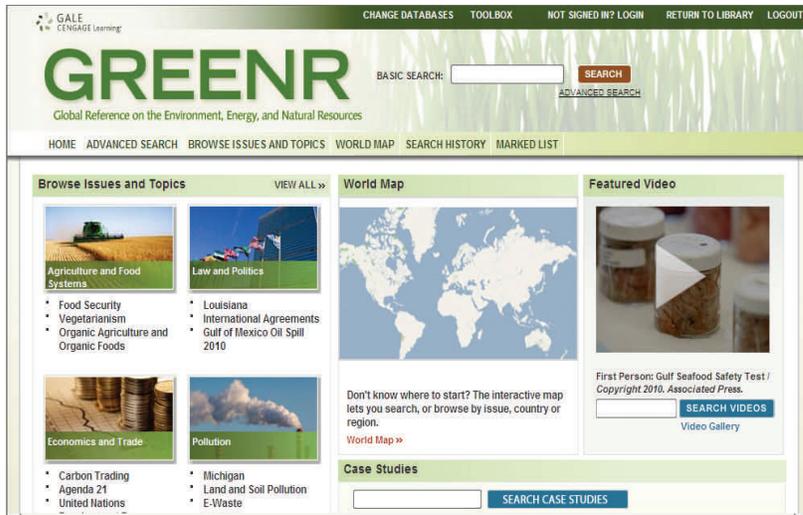
Filmmakers provide a glimpse into the lives of the royal family of Swaziland. King Mswati III, often accused of being "out of touch," is depicted as living in luxury with his thirteen wives. The audience is introduced to his first wife, Queen LaMbi-kiza, and Princess Pashu, a rapper. The film also addresses poverty and HIV in Swaziland.

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