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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

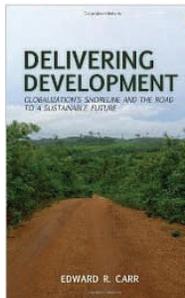


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Delivering development: globalization's shoreline and the road to a sustainable future. Carr, Edward. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Carr uses Ghana as an example of how common assumptions about development, globalization, and the environment are damaging developing countries. He says that countries on "globalization's shoreline" are directed by the decisions of those in wealthier countries, and that false assumptions have negatively impacted economic, social, and political growth. A new framework for development is introduced.

Designing a world that works for all: how the youth of the world are creating real-world solutions for the UN Millennium Development Goals and beyond. Gabel, Medard and the Design Science/Global Solutions Lab. Media, PA: Big Picture Small World Inc., 2010.

This report covers the Design Science/Global Solutions Labs held at the United Nations between 2005 and 2010. The labs brought together young people, mostly between the ages of 15 and 26, to discuss global issues like poverty, employment, and the environment. The book outlines the young people's suggestions for making the world livable for all.

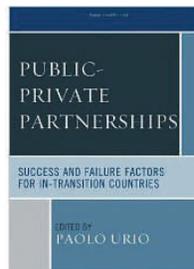


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Public-private partnerships: success and failure factors for in-transition countries. Urio, Paolo, editor. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2010.

Focusing on public-private partnerships (PPPs) for public services and infrastructure, this book examines environments in which partnerships may be successful for sustainable development. Authors particularly discuss PPPs in

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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

2011 State of the world: innovations that nurture the planet. The Worldwatch Institute. New York: Norton, 2011.

The newest *State of the World* report focuses on how agricultural innovation improves food security in Africa. The report examines innovative practices in areas like irrigation technology and agricultural policy throughout the continent. Projects like USAID's Production, Finance, and Technology (PROFIT) program in Zambia are discussed.

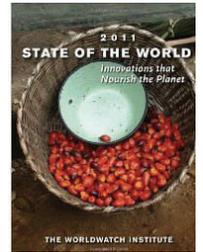


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Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction: issues and challenges. Shaw, Rajib, Juan Pulhin, and Joy Pereira, editors. Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2010.

The essays in this volume make the link between climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DDR). The authors introduce concepts of CCA-DDR and then explain how they may be linked with governance, education, and technology. Discussing South Asian and other small island developing countries, the volume also addresses how CCA-DDR may be utilized in different terrains.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

@ is for activism: dissent, resistance and rebellion in a digital culture. Hands, Joss. New York: Pluto Press, 2011. Hands investigates how digital media—like social networking and digital broadcasting—transforms politics. The author especially looks at “digital activism” and how it leads to new methods of discussion, collaboration, and recognition.



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Electoral systems: a comparative introduction. 2nd ed. Farrell, David M. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

The author introduces and explains different types of electoral systems. He elaborates on structures like the single-member plurality system, two-round systems, proportional representation, and mixed-member systems.

Managing the undesirables: refugee camps and humanitarian government. Agier, Michel, David Fernbach trans. Cambridge: Polity, 2011.

Agier uses his years of study in refugee camps to provide an ethnographic analysis of displaced persons and how they are managed in camps. He looks at “humanitarian government,” and institutions that control settlements of the displaced. Discussing camps in countries such as Sierra Leone, Kenya, Zambia, and West Bank, Agier also addresses issues of humanitarianism.

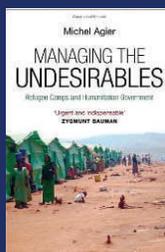


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Monsoon: the Indian Ocean and the future of American power. Kaplan, Robert D. New York: Random House, 2010.

Kaplan brings attention to countries in the Indian Ocean area, including: India; Pakistan; Indonesia; Burma; Sri Lanka; and Tanzania. He claims that countries in this region (sometimes dubbed “Monsoon Asia”) will become more noticeable to the U.S. as they deal with issues like democracy, energy, weak infrastructure, and Islamic extremism. The author discusses implications for the United States and considerations for foreign policy.

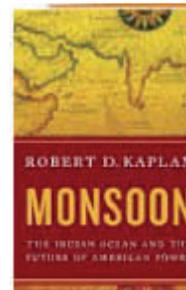


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Newsgames: journalism at play. Bogost, Ian, Simon Ferrari, and Bobby Schweizer. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2010.

This book is about videogames as a form of journalism. The authors discuss the use of interactive games to disseminate news, teach journalism techniques, and bring communities together. They describe different types of games and use real-life examples to demonstrate newsgames' purposes and impacts.



Religion, terror, and error: U.S. foreign policy and the challenge of spiritual engagement. Johnston, Douglas M. Jr. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2011.

Johnston discusses how the U.S. may go about dealing with religious terrorism in the Islamic world. He advocates tactics which are based on understanding systems that do not separate church and state.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Alleviating poverty through profitable partnerships: globalization, markets, and economic well-being. Werhane, Patricia, Laura P. Hartman, and Scott P. Kelley. New York: Routledge, 2010.

From the KSC's e-book collection, this publication advocates partnerships with global companies in order to alleviate poverty. The authors suggest that common aid practices have not worked in the last century, and that partnerships are the way to reach those at the bottom of the pyramid. The full book may be electronically accessed by those on the USAID network by [clicking here](#).



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How the West was lost: fifty years of economic folly—and the stark choices ahead. Moyo, Dambisa. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.

Moyo, author of *Dead Aid*, claims that dominant Western economies are losing their advantage due to poor decision-making over the past several decades. She says that bad policy and military choices, as well as the easier transfer of technology, have contributed to the economic downturn of several countries, especially the United States. Moyo also suggests policies which may help Western countries to regain economic and political standing.

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Rebuilding war-torn states: the challenge of post-conflict economic reconstruction. Del Castillo, Graciana. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Del Castillo examines post-conflict economic reconstruction. She outlines foundations and frameworks which she claims are crucial to successful economic reconstruction. Case studies from Afghanistan, Iraq, Kosovo, and El Salvador are included.

EDUCATION

Gender, equality, and education from international and comparative perspectives. Baker, David and Alexander Wiseman, editors. Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2009.

This e-book is a collection of essays which examine varying aspects of gender equality in education. Essays discuss issues and experiences from countries like Benin, Zambia, and Vietnam. The full book may be electronically accessed by those on the USAID network by [clicking here](#).



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A guide to building education partnerships: navigating diverse cultural contexts to turn challenge into promise. Hora, Matthew and Susan Millar. Sterling, VA: Stylus, 2011.

Hora and Millar provide a framework for preparing, creating, and implementing educational partnerships. They emphasize the importance of recognizing and understanding different organizational cultures and expectations. Focusing on K-12 and higher education, the book addresses partnerships with governments, NGOs, and the business sector.

GLOBAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

GIS for water management in Europe. Bedord, Mike. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press, 2004.

This book looks at the ways in which GIS contributes to water management in Europe. Case studies elaborate on how GIS may be applied to managing issues like flooding and avalanches.

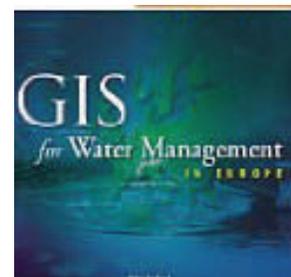


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Mapping forestry. Eredics, Peter, editor. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press, 2010.

The case studies in this publication discuss how GIS tools are used in sustainable forestry and land management. Brief essays about GIS in countries like Brazil, Bolivia, Cambodia, Romania, and the United States are included.

Spatial portals: gateways to geographic information. Tang, Winnie and Jan Selwood. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press, 2005.

As the authors describe, spatial portals are websites which allow users to access geographic information. This book looks at the uses and potential of spatial portals while providing real-world examples like Mapster in Canada and the South Carolina Community Assessment Network (SCAN).

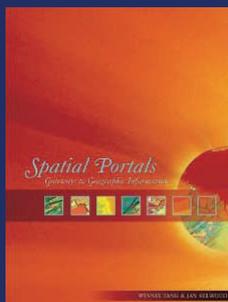


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HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION

The imaginations of unreasonable men: inspiration, vision, and purpose in the quest to end malaria. Shore, Bill. New York: Public Affairs, 2010.

Shore looks at efforts to eradicate malaria, emphasizing the relentless work and determination of scientists. He tells stories about the fortitude of scientists and organizations to curb malaria, despite setbacks, lack of recognition, and the growing magnitude of the problem.

Maternal and child health: global challenges, programs, and policies. Ehiri, John, editor. New York: Springer, 2009.

This textbook addresses a wide variety of factors which influence maternal and child health. Part one explains macro-level issues like working environments and health systems. The following sections delve into politics and power considerations, specific diseases, programs, and policies which have the potential to impact mothers and children.



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AFRICA

How Africa works: occupational change, identity and morality. Bryceson, Deborah Fahy. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2010.

The essays in this volume examine the individual and social implications of occupation change in Africa. Authors discuss how alternative livelihoods, especially in times of economic crises, create the need for new hierarchical systems, identities, and moral frameworks. Case studies—from countries like Tanzania, South Africa, Nigeria, and Kenya—are included.



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The memory of love. Forna, Aminatta. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 2010.

This novel takes place in the aftermath of Sierra Leone's civil war. Kai, a young surgeon, and Elias, who is still coping with the war, are brought together by a psychologist and a woman that exists in both of their stories. The novel addresses the problems of modern Africa while emphasizing the power of love.

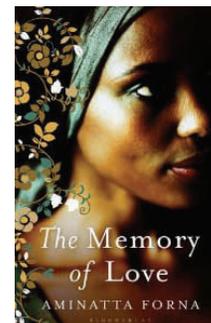


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Western Sahara: war, nationalism, and conflict irresolution. Zunes, Stephen and Jacob Mundy. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2010.

This book about the Western Sahara territory begins by discussing military and political conflict in the area, including the involvement of actors like Morocco, Algeria, France, and the United States. The second section examines nationalism in the colony, and the third part addresses decolonization peace processes and why conflict has not been completely resolved.

ASIA

The Minaret of Djam: an excursion in Afghanistan. Stark, Freya. New York: Tauris Parke Paperbacks, 2010.

Originally published in 1970, this travelogue details Stark's journey to the Minaret of Djam. Situated in Afghanistan's Ghor province, the brick minaret (which served as a vantage point for calls to prayer) was built in the 12th century and is the second largest minaret in the world. The travelogue details her travels through remote Afghan countryside and the people she met along the way.

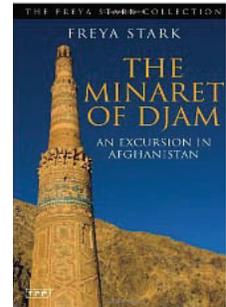


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Moonshine in the morning. McNicoll, Andrea. Richmond: Alma Books, 2008.

This novel features women in a Thai village who are attempting to deal with encroaching modernity and their unruly husbands. They try to determine why the village's sacred banyan tree is dying—is it because of the actions of men or women?

EUROPE AND EURASIA

City of thieves. Benioff, David. London: Plume, 2009.

Lev is arrested for looting during the Nazi's Leningrad blockade. He and Kolya, another prisoner, are given a chance at being pardoned from execution by providing a Soviet colonel with hard to find items: a dozen eggs for his daughter's wedding cake. The two prisoners embark on a dangerous journey behind enemy lines in order to find eggs.

The exchange-rate between love and money: a novel. Leveritt, Thomas. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2008.

Frito and Bannerman arrive in Sarajevo in 2003 with dreams of making big money in the wake of the war. They find Sarajevo to be filled with a myriad of humanitarians, contractors, black marketers, lawyers, soldiers, and gamblers. They eventually take on the work of tracking down those accused of war crimes and they end up falling in love with the same woman—a prosecutor working for the war crimes tribunal.

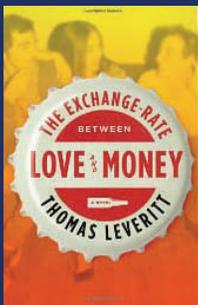


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LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Destiny and desire. Fuentes, Carlos. Edith Grossman, trans. New York: Random House, 2011.

Josué tells the story of his life and death from beyond the grave. An awkward teenager, he becomes fast friends with Jericó. Although they initially intend to follow their intellectual pursuits, the two fall into dark realms of Mexican society, like the dangerous worlds of crime, drugs, and sex.

Haiti noir. Danticat, Edwidge, editor. New York: Akashic, 2011.

This is a collection of stories which take place in Haiti. The stories, by authors of varying ages and backgrounds, cover varying aspects of life in pre-earthquake Haiti.

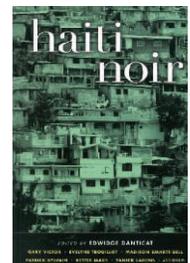


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MIDDLE EAST

Arab society and culture: an essential reader. Khalaf, Samir and Roseanne Saad Khalaf. London: Saqi, 2009.

This anthology addresses contemporary Arab culture in a variety of Middle Eastern and North African countries. Topics include new media, religion, family patterns, gender, and sexuality.

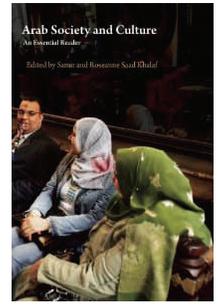


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Being young and Muslim: new cultural politics in the global South and North. Herrera, Linda and Asef Bayat, editors. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

The essays in this collection examine the perspectives and experiences of Muslim young people worldwide, especially in the context of globalization and modernity. The authors indicate that, although Muslim youth share economic, political, and social issues, they often perceive them differently. Essays address minority and majority youth in countries like Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Niger, Gambia, and Mali.

The government and politics of the Middle East and North Africa. 6th ed. Long, David, Bernard Reich, and Mark Gasiorowski, editors. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2011.

This text discusses governments and politics of the Middle East and North Africa. Each chapter is devoted to a country in the region, including Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, and Iraq. Countries' individual histories and current economic, social, political, and foreign policy issues are discussed.

Late for tea at the Deer Palace: the lost dreams of my Iraqi family. Ghalabi, Tamara. New York: Harper Collins, 2011.

Members of the author's family were heavily involved in Iraqi politics and society until they were exiled in the 1950s. Ghalabi grows up hearing stories about Iraq and returns with her father shortly after the fall of Baghdad in 2003. Her memoir investigates Iraq, its history, her family's involvements, and her personal connec-

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Business planning for enduring social impact: a social-entrepreneurial approach to solving social problems. Wolk, Andrew and Kelley Kreitz. Cambridge, MA: Root Cause, 2008.

This publication is about the business aspects of social entrepreneurship. The authors describe how to go about planning businesses that meet social needs. They outline the process of creating a social impact model, making an implementation plan, finalizing a business plan, and getting the organization started.

The rise of the global nomad: how to manage the new professional in order to gain recovery and maximize future growth. Matthewman, Jim. London: Kogan Page, 2011.

The author explains that *global nomads* are mostly Generation Y professionals who possess a distinctive set of values and attitudes. He says that *global nomads* are the key to tapping into new markets because they are energetic, ready for a challenge, and do not remain tied to one organization. In addition to explaining the nature of *global nomads*, Matthewman explains how multinational organizations may adapt their practices to attract, manage, utilize, and retain this type of employee.

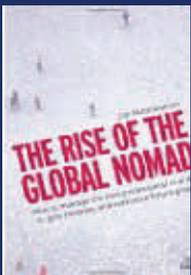


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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

How to do everything: Microsoft SharePoint 2010. Cawood, Stephen. New York: McGraw Hill, 2010.

This guide explains how to create, customize, and maintain SharePoint sites. It introduces the concepts behind SharePoint and covers topics like working with documents, collaborating, tagging, taxonomies, and using web parts.

Office and SharePoint 2010 user's guide: integrating SharePoint with Excel, Outlook, Access, and Word. Antonovich, Michael P. New York: Apress, 2010.

The author describes how to merge work in Microsoft Office 2010 with SharePoint. He shows how to combine tasks like managing documents, exporting databases and synchronizing calendars with SharePoint's collaborate workspace.

Wikis for dummies. Woods, Dan and Peter Thoeny. Indianapolis: Wiley Publishing, 2007.

The authors introduce wikis and describe how to go about using them. Topics include contributing content, creating a wiki, and how to manage a wiki.

Wordpress for dummies. 3rd ed. Sabin-Wilson, Lisa. Indianapolis: Wiley Publishing, 2010.

This book demonstrates how to use Wordpress software in blogs. It walks the user through beginning a blog and using Wordpress to manage it. Topics include templates, media, plugins, themes, and converting an existing blog to Wordpress.



DEVELOPMENT ON FILM NEW DVD TITLES

Blue gold: world water wars. Purple Turtle Films, 2010.

The filmmaker speculates that access to water will spark conflicts as freshwater becomes more scarce. The documentary examines how a lack of water may affect politics, livelihoods, and local and global dynamics.

Consequences of conflict. Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2010.

Several short chapters on this DVD examine the political, economic, environmental, and social impacts of armed conflict. Conflicts in Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, and Zimbabwe are used to show many products of war, such as: ruined infrastructure; child soldiers; displacement; and issues pertaining to aid money.

Endgame. MMVIII Endgame Films, Ltd., 2010.

This feature film takes place in South Africa in 1985 during the violence and uncertainty surrounding the end of apartheid. It depicts secret, behind-the-scenes discussions—including those with the African National Congress and Nelson Mandela—which led to the end of the apartheid regime.



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Eritrea's struggle to survive: behind the crisis. Barney Media, 2010.

A documentary about Eritrea in the wake of its 30-year civil war, this film looks at how people in the country are attempting to save portions of their country's past while improving their long-term prospects. They attempt to save art deco architecture from Mussolini's construction of the city of Asmara. Citizens have also created a system which improves the health and education of their children.

The Nile River: shared or monopolized? Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2009.

This film looks at the role of the Nile River to those whose livelihoods depend on it. Filmmakers examine controversy over the river—who owns the Nile, and who should be able to control it?

The story of India. Maya Vision International; PBS Home Video, 2008.

This 6-hour film delves into India's past and present. The filmmaker examines its rich history, landscapes, and the nuances of its people and cultures. He looks at India's contributions to world history and the roles that the country may play in the future.

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