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NEW TITLES IN THE USAID KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Child poverty, evidence and policy: mainstreaming children in international development. Jones, Nicola and Andy Sumner. Bristol, UK: Policy Press, 2011.

This book looks at child poverty in developing countries, especially how knowledge about children influences policy. Case studies from the regions of Asia, Latin America, and Africa examine how power issues affect children's well-being and how international actors respond to the needs of children.

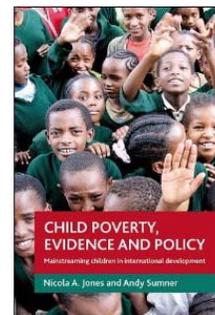


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Development, sexual rights and global governance. Lind, Amy, editor. New York: Routledge, 2010. The essays in this volume examine issues of sexuality in development. The authors claim that economic development and human rights practices have often been based on what they call heteronormativity, or assumptions about gender roles and family dynamics. They also look at the emerging role of development organizations in promoting sexual rights.

Governing the poor: exercises of poverty reduction, practices of global aid. Ilcan, Suzan and Anita Lacey. Montreal McGill-Queen's University Press, 2011.

This book revolves around the notion that development organizations generalize and therefore marginalize the poor. Ilcan and Lacey believe that organizations attempt to govern the poor rather than provide them with solid solutions. The authors highlight the consequences of such attitudes and suggest how policies and practices may become more accommodating. Chapter 6, titled "Partnering the Poor," looks at some of USAID's partnerships.

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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

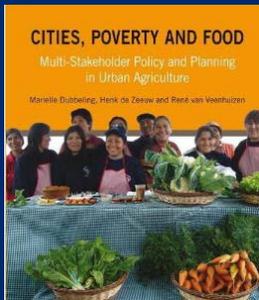


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Cities, poverty and food: multi-stakeholder policy and planning in urban agriculture. Dubbeling, Marielle, Henk de Zeeuw, and René van Veenhuizen. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action Publishing, 2010.

This volume depicts the experiences of the Resource Centers on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF) while conducting the Cities Farming for the Future project from 2005-2008. The program focused on urban food security, poverty alleviation, environmental management, and participation.

Climate change adaptation and international development: making development cooperation more effective. Fujikura, Ryo and Masato Kawanishi, editors. Washington, DC: Earthscan, 2011.

This volume addresses climate change adaptation in Asia and Africa, with an emphasis on its relationship with international development. Topics include climate change projection and the economic and social impacts of climate change. Case studies examine adaptation in countries like the Philippines, Thailand, Malawi, and Ethiopia.

Food sovereignty: reconnecting food, nature and community. Wittman, Hannah, et al, editors. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing, 2010.

This collection of essays provides an overview of food sovereignty. The authors address topics like the rise of the industrial agriculture system and related environmental and social issues. They also discuss peasant movements.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

The net delusion: the dark side of internet freedom. Morozov, Evgeny. New York: Public Affairs, 2011.

Morozov uses the term “net delusion” to refer to false assumptions about internet freedom in authoritarian countries. He claims that the internet makes it even more difficult to promote democracy since the Web may also be used by dictators. He advocates policies and procedures which are based on a more balanced understanding of the implications of the internet.



The digital origins of dictatorship and democracy: information technology and political Islam. Howard, Philip. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Howard examines information communication technologies (ICTs) in Muslim communities, especially how mechanisms like the internet and cell phones have influenced political transformation.

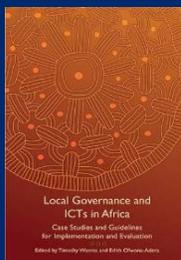


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Local governance and ICTs in Africa: case studies and guidelines for implementation and evaluation. Mwololo, Timothy and Edith Ofwona Adera, editors. Oxford: Pambazuka Press, 2011.

This publication about e-governance in Africa examines how information communication technologies (ICTs) impact service in areas such as political inclusion, land management, citizen registration, economic

development, and education. Case studies from 9 countries—including Egypt, South Africa, Uganda, and Ghana—are included.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE



More than good intentions: how a new economics is helping to solve global poverty. Karlan, Dean and Jacob Appel. New York: Dutton, 2011.

The authors use behavioral economics and evaluation techniques to examine how poverty alleviation programs work on the ground. They look at subjects like microfinance, agriculture, and family planning while attempting to determine why programs succeed or fail. They conclude by suggesting how best to go about economic development.

Microfinance and its discontents: women in debt in Bangladesh. Karim, Lamia. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2011.

Karim examines the effects of NGO microfinance programs on women in Bangladesh. She specifically looks at ideals of globalization and neoliberalism in NGOs and how they attempt to economically influence women. Case studies and narratives from her fieldwork examine how women are affected by microfinance—the author claims that many women are forced into debt.

Realizing the development potential of diasporas. Sharma, Krishnan, et al, editors. New York: United Nations University Press, 2011.

Essays in this book examine how diasporas may benefit the economies of their homelands. Authors especially look at how expatriates may drive private industries and economic growth through contributions like remittances and entrepreneurship.

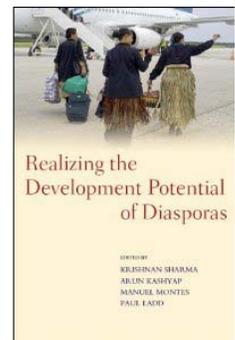


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EDUCATION

Responding to the educational needs of post-school youth: determining the scope of the problem and developing a capacity-building model. Cloete, Nico, editor. Wynberg, South Africa: Centre for Higher Education Transformation, 2009.

This report examines youth education in South Africa. It finds that, as of 2009, 3 million people between the ages of 18 and 24 were either not employed, in training, or in some sort of educational program. The report provides extensive data while discussing the economic and social dilemmas of South Africa's post-school youth. It also suggests how the country may go about building youth capacity.

Universities in transition: the changing role and challenges for academic institutions. Göransson, Bo and Claes Brundenius, editors. New York: Springer, 2011.

Essays in this collection address evolving relationships between universities and society, particularly how higher education interacts with national governments, civil societies, and businesses. Authors use several case studies—from countries like Brazil, Russia, and South Africa—to examine universities' role in innovation and social and economic development.

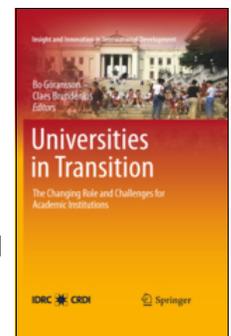


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GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

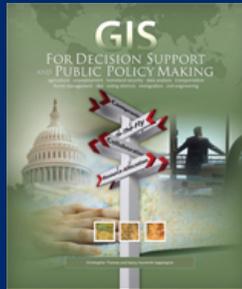


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GIS for decision support and public policy making. Thomas, Christopher and Nancy Humenik-Sappington. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press, 2009.

This book demonstrates through several case studies how local governments in the United States and Canada have used GIS to assist with daily operations, decision making, and policy making. Topics include cost effectiveness, efficiency, accuracy, and allocation of resources.

Thinking about GIS: geographic information system planning for managers. 3rd ed. Tomlinson, Roger. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press, 2007.

Tomlinson outlines the process of planning a GIS. This book is meant to bridge the knowledge gap between senior management and those who are responsible for carrying out the technical aspects of creating and maintaining a GIS.

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION

Digital medicine: health care in the internet era. West, Darrell. Washington, DC: Brookings, 2009.

This electronic text looks at the limitations of technology in health care. The author argues that information technology will not be useful until policymakers realize and address issues like cost, privacy, political issues, and ethics. USAID staff may access this book electronically by [clicking here](#).

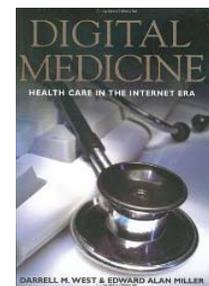


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INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Development connections: unveiling the impact of new information technologies. Chong, Alberto, editor. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Case studies in this book examine ICTs in education, health, environment, and economic development interventions in Latin America. The authors conclude that, while cell phones, computers, and the internet are valuable and often successful development tools, ICTs need proper institutional support and evaluation in order to be of use to developing countries.

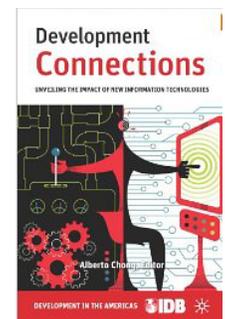


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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS



Global action networks: creating our future together. Waddell, Steve. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Waddell describes global action networks (GANs) as “global, multi-stakeholder, inter-organizational change networks.” He begins with a discussion of GANs and provides several examples of innovation-focused networks from sectors like health, economics, and agriculture. He then outlines strategies for how to go about forming and working in GANs.

A guide to innovative public-private partnerships: utilizing the resources of the private sector for the public good. Cellucci, Thomas. Lanham: Government Institutes, 2011.

This volume uses various branches of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to demonstrate public-private partnerships and commercialization. The book is meant to be a guide for both government and public sector audiences for forging and implementing partnerships.



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How to engage with the private sector in public-private partnerships in emerging markets. Farquharson, Edward, et al. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This book discusses the process of creating public-private partnerships in developing countries. Topics include financing, procurement, and contracts. USAID staff may check out this book or access it electronically via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

Gender and macroeconomic policy. Nallari, Raj and Breda Griffith. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This e-book elaborates on gender aspects of macroeconomic policies. Based on the premise that macro policies affect women and men differently, this book addresses inequalities and matters such as women in economic growth, the labor market, and finance. USAID staff may access this book electronically via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

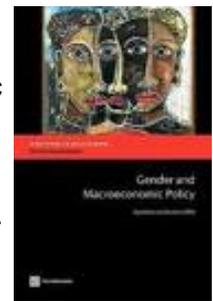


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Lightening the load: labour saving technologies and practices for rural women. Carr, Marilyn and Maria Hartl. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action; Rome: IFAD, 2010.

This publication is based on the premise that labor-saving technologies allow women to spend more time participating in development activities, generating income, and caring for their families. Authors discuss how technologies over the past few decades—like protected wells and motorbikes—have helped ease the workload of women in developing countries.



WOMAN
ACCEPTABLE EXPLOITATION
FOR PROFIT

SHREELA FLATHER

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Woman: acceptable exploitation for profit. Flather, Shreela. Caithness, Scotland: Whittle Publishing, 2010.

Flather claims that women are the key to development success. She advocates putting women at the core of all development initiatives, especially those that incorporate income generation.



AFRICA

Chocolate nations: living and dying for cocoa in West Africa. Ryan, Órla. London: Zed Books, 2011.

Ryan aims to tell the story of cocoa production in Africa. She particularly attempts to bring light to the plight of cocoa farmers in West Africa who she says see very little money from the global chocolate industry.

The fear: Robert Mugabe and the martyrdom of Zimbabwe. Godwin, Peter. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2010.

Godwin returns to his native Zimbabwe in 2008 after its leader, Robert Mugabe, lost an election. He discusses Mugabe's refusal to leave power and how Mugabe's retaliatory actions—like torture and village burning—affected the country. The author conveys the resilience, audacity, and kindness of Zimbabweans, especially in the midst of crisis.

Green oranges on Lion Mountain. Joy, Emily. London: Eye Books, 2004.

A British doctor, Joy sets out to volunteer in Sierra Leone for a few years. She is faced with the reality of life in rural Africa, as there is no medical equipment, electricity, food, or water. She begins to enjoy her adventures as she bonds with the people of the village.

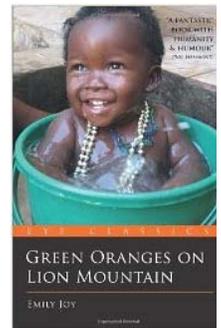


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How to read the air. Mengestu, Dinaw. New York: Riverhead Books, 2010.

In this novel, Jonas attempts to connect with his immigrant parents by retracing a road trip they took early in their marriage. He attempts to understand the divide between himself and his Ethiopian immigrant parents after his father passes away. Jonas discovers his family's history in Ethiopia and how his parents envisioned a brighter future in the United States.

The last brother: a novel. Appanah, Nathacha. Minneapolis, MN: Graywolf Press, 2007.

At 9-years-old, Raj is too concerned with everyday life in Mauritius to realize that World War II is happening in the rest of the world. He is sent to the hospital of a prison camp after being beaten. He meets a boy named David, whose family is forced to live at a refugee camp in Mauritius. A storm approaches the island and Raj decides to help his new friend escape from the camp.

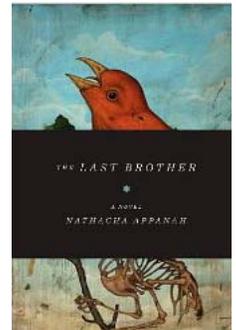


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ASIA

The dressmaker of Khair Khana: five sisters, one remarkable family, and the woman who risked everything to keep them safe. Lemmon, Gayle Tzemach. New York: Harper, 2011.

This book about the strength and courage of Afghan women features Kamila, who received her teaching degree during Afghanistan's civil war. She is confined to her home when the Taliban takes over Kabul and she begins a small sewing business to provide for her family when the men are forced to flee. Her business becomes very successful.

A fistful of rice: my unexpected quest to end poverty through profitability. Akula, Vikram. Boston: Harvard Business Review Press, 2011. Akula discusses his experiences in setting up SKS Microfinance, a social enterprise which aims to use the principles of capitalism to alleviate poverty. He addresses the challenges he faced in starting a new micro-finance organization and the inspiring people he met along the way.

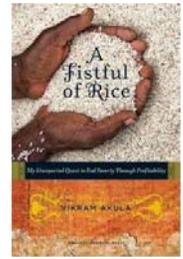


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LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN



Revolution: the year I fell in love and went to join the war. Unferth, Deb Olin. New York: Henry Holt & Company, 2011.

The author recounts how, in 1987, she and her boyfriend left college to join the Sandista revolution in Nicaragua. They have a difficult time finding jobs to support the revolution, and soon discover that their enthusiasm is unwelcome. Their relationship begins to disintegrate as they hop around Central America. Unferth returns to Nicaragua years later to learn more about the country and the impact of its revolution.

MIDDLE EAST

Day of honey: a memoir of food, love, and war. Ciezadlo, Annia. New York: Free Press, 2011.

After reporting from Baghdad, journalist Annia Ciezadlo moves to Beirut with her new husband. She meets inspiring people along the way and explains the people and culture of the Middle East through its food and eating rituals. The book concludes with recipes of several dishes discussed in the book.

Life as politics: how ordinary people change the Middle East. Bayat, Asef. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2010.

The essays in this collection focus on how the practices of individuals contribute to social change. Authors discuss how every day behaviors and practices are used to defy authoritarian regimes and how individuals band together on the small scale to evoke larger change.

Shari'a politics: Islamic law and society in the modern world. Hefner, Robert W., editor. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2011.

This book looks at Shari'a movements in Muslim-majority societies in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. The authors examine what spurs movements before or against Islamic law, and what public action means for democracy in countries like Egypt, Iran, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Indonesia.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The hamster revolution: how to manage your email before it manages you. Song, Mike, Vicki Halsey, and Tim Burrell. San Francisco: Brett-Koehler Publishers, 2007.

This book provides tips on how to effectively manage e-mail. Told through the story of Harold the Hamster, who deals with an overload of never-ending e-mails, the book suggests how to cut down on unnecessary e-mails, compose more effective messages, and organize communication.

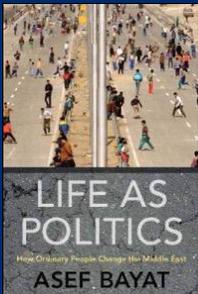


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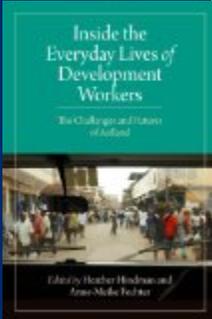


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How am I doing?: the perfect appraisal interview training video. Video Arts, 2009. This DVD for managers addresses how properly conducted appraisal interviews may assess positive and negative issues with employees. Filmmakers claim that appraisals have the potential to increase productivity and morale. The three sample interviews demonstrate how *not* to conduct an employee appraisal.

Inside the everyday lives of development workers: the challenges and futures of Aidland. Fechter, Anne-Meike and Heather Hindman, editors. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2011. The essays in this collection look at development through the lens of individual aid workers. Authors delve into the motivations, perceptions, and experiences of NGO and government aid workers.



DEVELOPMENT ON FILM NEW DVD TITLES

Battle for Haiti: rebuilding in the face of gang violence and corruption. PBS Frontline, 2011. This documentary depicts gangs and corruption in post-earthquake Haiti. It examines how gangs undermine the reconstruction process, as well as how they attempt to intimidate and control local populations.

SAVE THE DATE 2011 Summer Seminar Series

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.

Place: The National Press Club,
529 14th Street NW, 13th Floor

Time: 9:30 am -11 am



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Dates: Wednesdays in July and August

July 6: Global Trends in Science and Technology: What's Ahead?

July 13: A Greener Revolution: Improving Productivity and Increasing Food Security While Enhancing Ecosystem Services

July 20: Working in Complex Environments

July 27: Business and Human Rights: Emerging Issue on the Development Horizon

August 3: Geographic Information Systems: The Next Development Breakthrough

For more information about previous seminars, please see the [USAID Internet](#).

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