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NEW TITLES IN THE USAID KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Contesting development: participatory projects and local conflict dynamics in Indonesia. Barron, Patrick, Rachael Diprose and Michael Woolcock. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011.

This book is about using participatory methods to mitigate conflict which may come about as a result of development projects. The authors use the Kecamatan Development Program in Indonesia to show how tactics like transparency, accountability, and local choice have been used to reduce conflicts between groups.

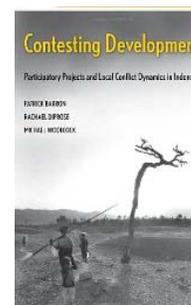


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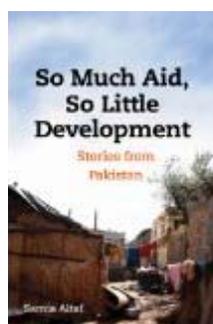


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So much aid, so little development: stories from Pakistan. Altaf, Samia Waheed. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2011.

Altaf uses the Social Action Program (SAP) in Pakistan to demonstrate problems in international development. She analyzes the processes and leadership of the SAP program from its start and discusses problematic aspects like its policies, implementation, and evaluation.

NEW FROM THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER



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THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

Governance Challenges and Opportunities



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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

The global food crisis: governance challenges and opportunities.

Clapp, Jennifer and Marc Cohen, editors. Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2009.

This collection of essays examines the recent global food crisis—how it happened and how food prices affected people and production across the globe. Essays discuss challenges of the current system and its lack of cohesive policies and governance. Authors suggest how to improve the system.

Measuring livelihoods and environmental dependence: methods for research and fieldwork. Angelsen, Arild, et al, editors. Washington, DC: Earthscan, 2011.

This book describes how to do quantitative measurement of rural livelihoods, with an emphasis on determining reliance on environmental resources. Essays discuss considerations and procedures for gathering data, data entry, analysis, and reporting.

CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION

Complex peace operations and civil-military relations: winning the peace. Egnell, Robert. New York: Routledge, 2009.

Egnell claims that civil-military cooperation plays an important role in the outcome of complex peace operations. Comparing and contrasting American and British peace operations in Iraq, he determines that UK peace-building efforts have been more successful since their civilian and military agencies are more integrated. USAID staff may check out the book or [view it as an e-book](#).

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

Afghanistan, Iraq and post-conflict governance: Damoclean democracy? Hussain, Imtiaz. Boston: Brill, 2010.

New in e-book, this book compares and contrasts the democratization of Afghanistan and Iraq. The author draws from different theories to examine progress and internal and external democratization forces in both countries. USAID employees may view the e-book by clicking [here](#).

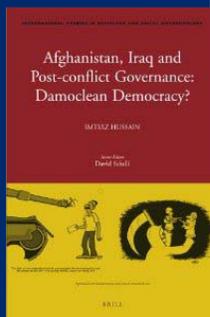


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The new Arab revolt: what happened, what it means, and what comes next. New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 2011.

This volume is a compilation of articles about recent revolutions in Middle Eastern countries. Sources include *Foreign Affairs*, the Council on Foreign Relations website, and the *Washington Post*. The book also includes transcripts of remarks by President Obama, Hillary Clinton, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, and Hosni Mubarak.

Pakistan: a hard country. Lieven, Anatol. New York: Public Affairs, 2011.

Lieven attempts to explain Pakistan, a country he says is vastly misunderstood by the West. He describes threats to the country and its security, including terrorism, Islamist rebellion, environmental vulnerabilities, overpopulation, and lack of economic growth. The author also warns that the United States has the potential to exacerbate Pakistan's problems.

The rule of law in Afghanistan: missing in inaction. Mason, Whit, editor. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

The authors of this volume examine why a decade of international intervention has not resulted in better security for the Afghan people. They believe that Western principles of law cannot be easily exported and applied in conflict zones. Local government and citizens, they say, must be able to make their own sense of rule of law in order to become motivated to enforce it.

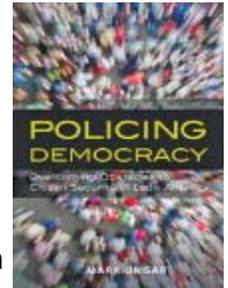


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Policing democracy: overcoming obstacles to citizen security in Latin America. Ungar, Mark. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2011.

Ungar looks at the high rate of crime and the challenges of policing in Latin America. Honduras, Argentina, and Bolivia are used as cases to examine current laws and enforcement institutions in Latin America. The author suggests how certain areas—like criminal law, incarceration, and investigation—may be reformed.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Fighting poverty together: rethinking strategies for business, governments, and civil society to reduce poverty. Karnani, Aneel. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Karnani advocates job creation as a method of reducing poverty. He looks at how business, government, and civil society can work together to help the poor to become producers.

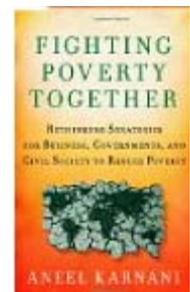


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Mis-measuring our lives: why GDP doesn't add up. Stiglitz, Joseph, Amartya Sen, and Jean-Paul Fitoussi. New York: New York Press, 2010.

This report examines whether Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is an accurate measurement of economic and social development. The authors find that GDP is not an appropriate indicator, and they suggest new methods of assessing progress.



The next convergence: the future of economic growth in a multi-speed world. Spence, Michael. New York: Ferrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.

Spence takes a look at global economic growth since 1945. He examines growth in developing countries and why certain economies have advanced more quickly than others. The effects of the global economic crisis, sustainability, and the interaction of “affluent” and developing countries are discussed.



Special economic zones in Africa: comparing performance and learning from global experience. Farole, Thomas. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

Farole uses data and other research to analyze special economic zones in 10 developing countries. He investigates policies for such districts and looks at factors which contribute to the successes or failures of formal manufacturing zones. USAID staff may check out the book or download it as an e-book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

EDUCATION



Deliverology 101: a field guide for educational leaders. Barber, Michael, Andy Moffit and Paul Kihn. Thousand Oaks, CA: 2011.

This guide on education reform is about what Barber calls *deliverology*, the process of pushing progress and bringing about results in the public sector. Intended for leaders of education reform in the United States, the book outlines four *deliverology* components.

Making schools work. Bruns, Barbara, Deon Filmer, and Harry Anthony. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

An e-book, this publication looks at how policy reforms have been used to address service delivery and outcome problems in 11 developing countries. The authors look at strategies to improve accountability, school-based management, and teacher incentives. USAID staff may download this title as an e-book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

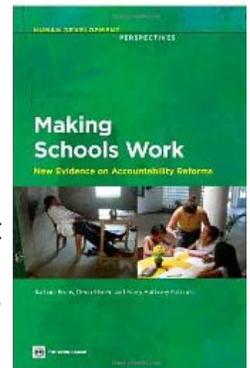


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EVALUATION

A practical guide to outcome evaluation. Hoggarth, Liz and Hilary Comfort. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2010.

The authors discuss the process of evaluating social projects, emphasizing performance measurement and outcome assessment. They discuss different facets of outcome evaluation like tools, ethics, and analysis.

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION



Aids, behavior, and culture: understanding evidence-based prevention. Green, Edward C. and Allison Herling Ruark. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press, 2011.

The authors advocate AIDS prevention programs which are based on changing behaviors in communities. They say that promoting behaviors like monogamy and delaying the age of sexual activity are cheaper and better than condoms, counseling, or treatment programs.

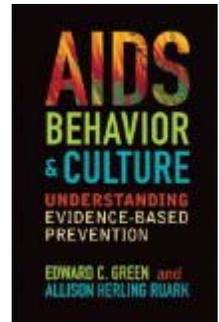


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\$h!t matters: the potential of community-led total sanitation. Mehta, Lyla and Synne Movik, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action Publishing, 2011.

Essays in this volume discuss community-led total sanitation (CLTS), a participatory practice which began in Bangladesh in 2000. Projects in Bangladesh, India, and Indonesia are examined to demonstrate the successes and challenges of CLTS programs. Financial, social, ecological, and technological aspects of CLTS are discussed.

WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

Making up the difference: women, beauty, and direct selling in Ecuador. De Casanova, Erynn Masi. Austin, University of Texas Press, 2011.

De Casanova examines how some women in Guayaquil, Ecuador use direct cosmetic selling to generate household income. She looks at several different economic and social implications of flexible employment for women in a developing country, including gender relations, professional image, and juggling domestic and outside work duties.

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LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

AFRICA

News from home: stories. Atta, Sefi. Northampton, Interlink, 2010.

The stories in this collection address contemporary Nigerian issues like arranged marriage, drug smuggling, Sharia Law, and immigration. Characters are from different socio-economic backgrounds and circumstances.

Zimbabwe: picking up the pieces. Besada, Hany, editor. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

The essays in this collection suggest how Zimbabwe may boost economic and social development. The authors propose ideas in areas like governance, peacebuilding, economic recovery, and donor engagement.

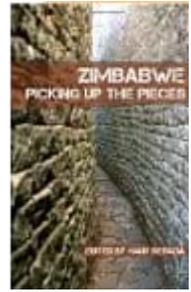


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ASIA

India calling: an intimate portrait of a nation's remaking. Giridharadas, Anand. New York: Times Books, 2011.

Raised in the United States, Giridharadas moves to his native India after graduating from college. He rediscovers the country that he remembers as a child, and finds it to be a place where traditions intermingle with modernity.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

The devil behind the mirror: globalization and politics in the Dominican Republic. Gregory, Steven. Berkeley, University of California Press, 2007.

This ethnology focuses on the effects of globalization on life and culture in the Dominican Republic. The author looks at tourism and multinational companies in the DR and globalization's influences on Dominican citizenship, gender, work, and urban development.

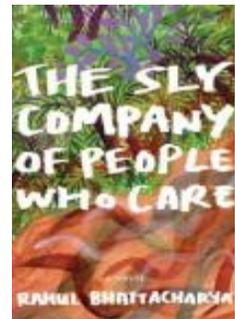


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The sly company of people who care: a novel. Bhattacharya, Rahul. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.

A young man leaves his life as a sports writer in Bombay to discover himself in Guyana. He finds Guyana to be fascinating, with its old colonial buildings, slave descendants, and Caribbean influences.

MIDDLE EAST

I shall not hate: a Gaza doctor's journey on the road to peace and human dignity. Abuelaish, Izzeldin. New York: Walker & Company, 2010.

A Palestinian, Abuelaish lost three of his daughters and a niece when his house on the Gaza Strip was hit by Israeli shells. Although still mourning the loss of his children, Dr. Abuelaish describes in his memoir why he continues to promote peace between Israelis and Palestinians by supporting dialogue and providing his medical services to anyone in need.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Join the club: how peer pressure can transform the world.

Rosenberg, Tina. New York: Norton, 2011.

Rosenberg claims that it is possible for positive peer pressure to bring about social change. She uses examples of how social influences have been successful in initiatives concerning AIDS prevention, addiction, elections, and health care. The author briefly mentions USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives and its support of Otpor in Belgrade.



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United States protocol: the guide to official diplomatic etiquette. French, Mary Mel. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2010.

This publication outlines formal and diplomatic protocol in the United States. It covers aspects of etiquette such as titles, entertaining, table seating, gift giving, and meeting with the President.



Bhutto. First Run Features, 2011.

Examining the life of Benazir Bhutto, this film looks at how she became Prime Minister of Pakistan, her work for women's rights, and her efforts to end religious extremism. Her story is drawn upon archival video footage and audio clips.

Black in Latin America. PBS, 2011.

This film examines the influences of African culture on Latin America. It examines the histories of Cuba, Brazil, Mexico, Haiti, Peru, and the Dominican Republic to determine how Latin culture became infused by the legacy of colonial slaves.

The fall of Fujimori. Cinema Libre, 2006.

Alberto Fujimori was elected as Peru's president in 1990. This film shows the extreme measures that Fujimori took to combat Peru's problem of insurgency, turning Peru's government into an authoritarian regime.

Lumo. Goma Film Project, 2007.

Lumo loses her fiancé and her family when she is raped by soldiers in the DRC. Left with a fistula, she makes her way to HEAL Africa, a hospital that caters to the physical and emotional needs of rape survivors. Lumo finds the care and community she needs to facilitate her healing process.

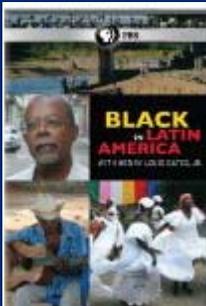


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Made in India: a film about surrogacy. Women Make Movies, 2010.

This documentary follows an international surrogacy process, featuring an American couple and the woman in India who is carrying their unborn child. Filmmakers look at the motivations of both parties and address international law, corporate practices, reproductive rights, and ethics.

Miss Gulag. Neihausen-Yatskova and Vodar Films, 2007.

Natasha, Tatiana, and Yulia are prisoners in a Siberian prison. A documentary about their competition in a prison beauty pageant, the film also looks at the first generation to grow up in Post-Soviet Russia and their expectations for themselves and the future of their country.

Mother, Lebanon and me. Women Make Movies, 2009.

The filmmaker honors the memory of her mother while also paying tribute to their native Lebanon. She addresses the Lebanese Civil war and its impact on the country, all the while paying homage to her mother, who became severely depressed when the Lebanese Civil War began in 1975.

SAVE THE DATE

2011 Summer Seminar Series

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

July 20: Working in Complex Environments: What we know and what we hope to learn

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

August 3: Geospatial Information Systems: The Next Development Breakthrough

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