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NEW TITLES IN THE USAID KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Atlas of global development: a visual guide to the world's greatest challenges. 3rd ed. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

The newest addition of the *Atlas of Global Development* discusses issues in developing countries like health, education, economy, and environment. Statistics and representative maps provide an overview of international development. USAID staff members may download this e-book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

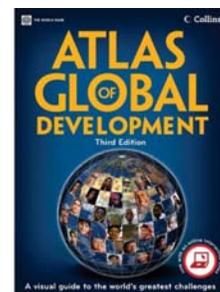


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Defying displacement: grassroots resistance and the critique of development. Oliver-Smith, Anthony. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2010.

The author examines the effects of development projects on local populations, especially how some programs force displacement. The book explains development forced displacement and resettlement (DFDR) and grassroots movements against resettlement.

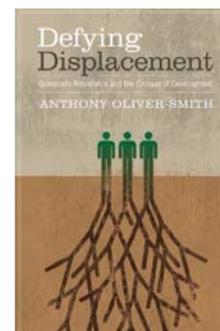


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Humanitarian charter and minimum standards in humanitarian response. Geneva: The Sphere Project, 2011.

From The Sphere Project, this handbook puts forth principles and practices for responding to humanitarian disasters. Focusing on ethics and respecting affected populations, the book covers the handling of water, hygiene, food, shelter, and health.

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Too much aid: not enough help. Gibson, Ken. Dublin: The Columbia Press, 2010.

Gibson contends that increased aid has not improved the circumstances of those in developing countries. He aims to explain the differences between different types of aid—namely money given to governments versus aid programs and services. He proposes how development organizations may change their models to better help those in need.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Agrobiodiversity for food security: a critical review. Lenné J.M. and D. Wood. Wallingford: CABI, 2011.

An e-book, this publication looks at the role of agrobiodiversity in food security. It discusses topics like crop diversity, introducing new crops, conservation policy, managing agrobiodiversity, and climate change. USAID staff may download the book via the library's subscription to [CAB eBooks](#).

Biofuels, land grabbing and food security in Africa. Matondi, Prosper, Kjell Havnevik, and Atakilte Beyene, editors. New York: Zed Books, 2011.

This volume looks at how the increasing quest for biofuels and food has led to land grabbing in Africa. It examines how these transactions for large amounts of land affect local populations, the environment, and governance in Africa. Case studies from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Ghana are included.

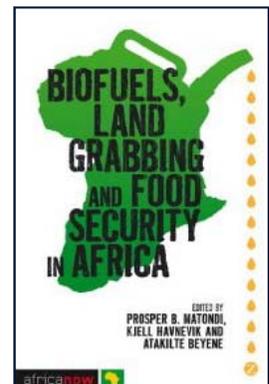


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Designing and building mini and micro hydropower schemes: a practical guide. Rodríguez, Luis and Teodoro Sánchez. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2011.

Containing abundant diagrams, photos, and tables, this handbook outlines the process of building small-scale hydropower schemes. It discusses varying aspects of design and implementation including equipment, installation, creating channels, powerhouse construction, and worker training.

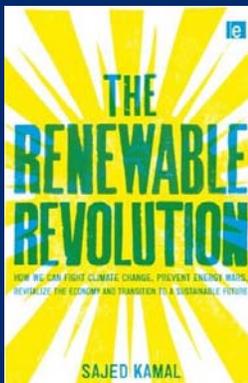


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The renewable revolution: how we can fight climate change, prevent energy wars, revitalize the economy and transition to a sustainable future. Kamal, Sajed. Washington, DC: Earthscan, 2011.

Kamal advocates a global transition to renewable energy. He examines new technologies in solar and wind power. He also speculates about how sustainable energy might benefit the environment and influence politics, economies, and innovation.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

Afghanistan and Pakistan: conflict, extremism, and resistance to modernity. Khan, Riaz Mohammad. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2011.

Having worked in the Pakistan Foreign Office, Khan provides an explanation of post-Soviet conflict in Afghanistan from the point of view of Pakistan. He specifically addresses the nature of Afghanistan-Pakistan relations and how the climate in Afghanistan affects Pakistan. The author surmises that Pakistan is “confused” about its challenges, including relations with the United States and adapting to modernity.

Developing independent media as an institution of accountable governance: a how-to guide. Kalathil, Shanthi. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This concise volume outlines the process of designing programs to support independent media. USAID staff may check this book out from the library or download the full-text PDF via the [World Bank eLibrary](http://www.worldbank.org).

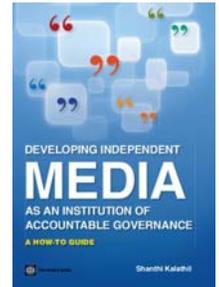


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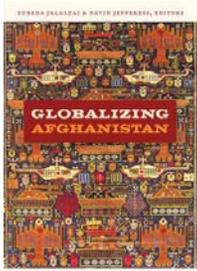


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Globalizing Afghanistan: terrorism, war, and the rhetoric of nation building. Jalalzai, Zubeda and David Jefferess, editors. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2011.

These essays present Afghanistan as a “global national space,” since many international actors are involved in its nation-building and development. Authors look at what globalization means to several facets of Afghan culture, politics, and security, especially women’s rights, the opium industry, and conflict.

How Pakistan negotiates with the United States: riding the roller coaster. Schaffer, Howard B. and Teresita C. Schaffer. Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace, 2011.

The authors look at how Pakistan negotiates with American officials. They discuss the aspects of Pakistani culture, government, and military structure which influence the country’s interaction with the United States. American diplomacy towards Pakistan is also discussed.

Modern slavery: a beginner’s guide. Bales, Kevin, Zoe Trodd, and Alex Kent Williamson. Oxford: Oxford, 2011.

This book is an introduction to the issue of modern-day slavery. It examines the definitions and types of slavery today by presenting research, data, and stories of those forced to work against their will. The authors discuss matters of gender, race, religion, conflict, health, and the global economy.

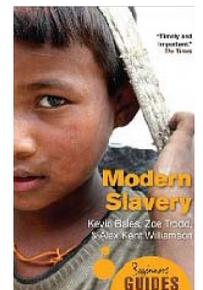


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Peace and conflict 2012. Hewitt, J. Joseph, et al, editors. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2012.

This biennial report examines trends in conflict, democratization, terrorism, and genocide. An updated Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger provides a global ranking of instability, and essays discuss armed violence prevention and peacemaking.

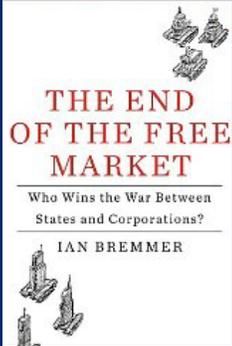


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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE



The end of the free market: who wins the war between states and corporations? Bremmer, Ian. New York: Portfolio, 2010.

State capitalism is described as a government's use of state-owned companies to acquire resources and wealth for political gain. Bremmer says that authoritarian regimes (like China, Russia, and Arab monarchies) created state capitalism, and that some developing countries seek to emulate the model. He contemplates how state-owned companies influence the global economy, and what state capitalism means for free market economies.

The local alternative: decentralization and economic development. De la Cruz, Rafael, Carlos Mannheim, and Caroline Pöschl, editors. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Looking at economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean, this volume examines what a decentralized framework in the region means for growth. It presents the experiences, ideas, and lessons learned of actors at local levels about topics like participation, transfer, finance, and competitiveness.

EVALUATION

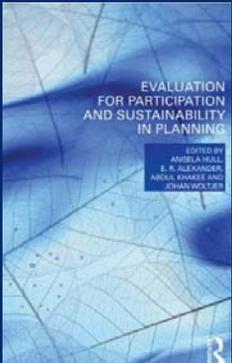


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Evaluation for participation and sustainability in planning. Hull, Angela, et al, editors. New York: Routledge, 2011.

This volume examines the role and process of evaluation during the planning of development projects. It uses examples from transportation, infrastructure, biodiversity, and participation projects to demonstrate how evaluation during the planning process will strengthen outcomes.

GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

GIS tutorial series. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press, 2011.

This series of workbooks provides exercises to demonstrate the use of ArcGIS Desktop 10. Each workbook is accompanied by a CD-ROM containing maps and data with which to complete the exercises. Each volume may be checked out separately:

GIS tutorial 1: basic workbook

GIS tutorial 2: spatial analysis workbook

GIS tutorial 3: advanced workbook

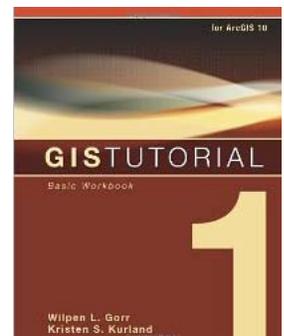


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Making spatial decisions using GIS: a workbook. Keranen, Kathryn and Robert Kolvoord. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press, 2012.

The exercises in this workbook are meant to foster critical thinking while using ArcGIS Desktop 10. The user is walked through varying scenarios—like those dealing with urban planning, hurricane damage, and hazardous emergency situations—and must use GIS to set up maps and analyze situations. The companion DVD contains data and other resources needed to complete the exercises.

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION

Health impact assessment: principles and practice. Birley, Martin. New York: Earthscan, 2011.

As the author explains, health impact assessment (HIA) is pre-project analysis which identifies how specified actions will affect public health. This text walks through the purpose and administration of HIA and describes its applications in scenarios like: water resource development, extractive industries, and housing planning.

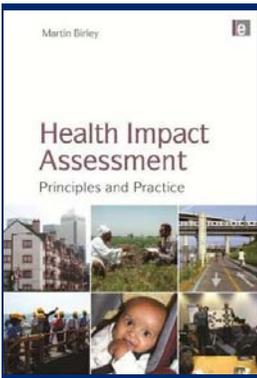


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AFRICA

Coltan. Nest, Michael. Cambridge, UK: Polity, 2011.

Found in abundance in the DRC, coltan is a mineral which is used in the manufacture of cell phones and laptop computers. This book looks at violence and politics surrounding the coltan industry in the DRC, and how the issues surrounding coltan affect geopolitics.

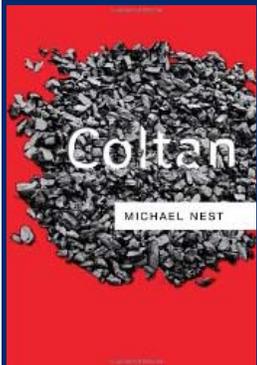


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Poisoned wells: the dirty politics of African oil. Shaxson, Nicholas. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

The author explores the impact of the oil industry on Africa's development, economy, and stability. In relation to the problem of corruption, Shaxson explains why he believes oil is hindering African development.

ASIA

Miss new India. Mukherjee, Bharati. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2011.

Anjali is not satisfied with the prospect of arranged marriage and settling down in her rural Indian town. She moves to Bangalore to work in the call center industry, with the help of a teacher who recognizes Anjali's ambition and aptitude for language. Anjali discovers a more liberating way of life and meets young people with the same attitudes towards life.

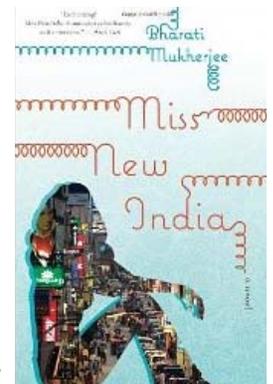


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Ring of fire: an Indonesian odyssey. Blair, Lawrence and Lorne Blair. Singapore: Editions Didier Millet, 2010.

This book recounts the Blair brothers' ten year journey through Indonesia in the 1970s and 1980s. They relate their adventures through the Indonesian islands and their interactions with indigenous tribes.

The Taliban shuffle: strange days in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Barker, Kim. New York: Doubleday, 2011.

A reporter, Barker tells about her work covering insurgencies in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Although discussing the serious topics of war, politics, the Taliban, and society, the author conveys her observations and experiences with irony and humor.

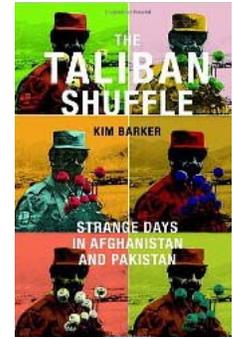


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EUROPE AND EURASIA

A mountain of crumbs: a memoir. Elena Gorokhova. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2009.

Gorokhova describes her youth in 1960s Russia. She copes with life in a struggling country and butts heads with her overbearing and protective mother. The author takes joy in learning English and makes the decision to leave her family and country in an act of freedom and self-preservation.

MIDDLE EAST

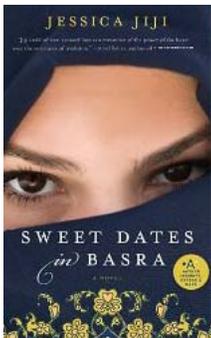


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Sweet dates in Basra: a novel. Jiji, Jessica. New York: Avon, 2010.

Set in Iraq in the 1940s, this novel tells the story of beautiful Kathmiya, who is sent to Basra to work as a servant. She falls in love with a Jewish boy and must consider the consequences of a forbidden love, which could be punishable by death. Meanwhile, their town begins to experience local tensions and ripple effects of WWII.

The truth about Syria. Rubin, Barry. Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

Rubin examines 21st century Syria. He discusses various ethnic groups, political repression, and radicalism in the country.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The corner office: indispensable and unexpected lessons from CEOs on how to lead and succeed. Bryant, Adam. New York: Times Books, 2011.

The result of interviews of dozens of CEOs from companies like Yahoo, Microsoft, and Ford, this book aims to explain the keys to becoming successful in business. The author outlines leadership styles, personality traits, and other skills conducive to success.

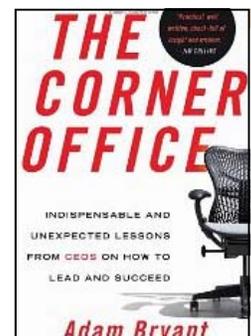


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Immunity to change: how to overcome it and unlock the potential in yourself and your organization. Kegan, Robert and Lisa Laskow Lahey. Boston: Harvard Business Press, 2009.

Kegan and Lahey look at factors which inhibit change in individuals and organizations, like emotions and group dynamics. They suggest how to transcend the immunity to change.

We first: how brands and consumers use social media to build a better world.

Mainwaring, Simon. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Case studies from companies like Starbucks, Toyota, and Pepsi demonstrate how companies may use social media to build customer loyalty. The author also discusses the role of social-networking sites to increase corporate responsibility and contribute to change.



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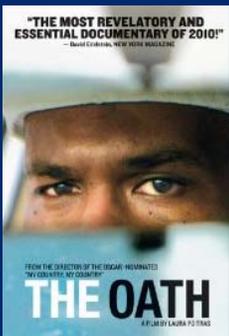


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Beatrice's goat. CBS Broadcasting, 2005.

This *60 Minutes* segment shows how a goat helps Beatrice make her way from a rural Ugandan village to a university in the United States. The goat is given to Beatrice by an American NGO, Heifer International.

Inside Islam: what a billion Muslims really think. Unity Productions Foundation, 2010.

Gallup conducted a multi-year poll of Muslims in 35 countries to document their opinions on topics like extremism, anti-Americanism, and gender. This film looks inside the process and examines results of the survey. The corresponding book, *Who Speaks for Islam*, may also be checked out from the library.

The oath. Praxis Films, 2010.

Brothers-in-law from Yemen, Jandal and Hamdan became involved with the Taliban by serving as bin Laden's bodyguard and driver. The film depicts their lives during and after their work with Al-Qaeda, especially Hamdan's imprisonment at Guantanamo and subsequent military tribunal trial.

Veiled voices. Typecast Films, 2010.

This documentary delves into the lives of women religious leaders in Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon. It depicts the ambition and challenges of 3 women as they attempt to become influential leaders in Islam and their communities.

Pick the next USAID Book Club title!

The internal USAID Book Club meets quarterly to discuss issues raised by a particular international development book. A subject matter expert from within the Agency leads each meeting, which is held during lunchtime in the Ronald Reagan Building. Mission staff take part in the discussion via [The Extreme Librarian blog](http://www.extremelibrary.org).

What would YOU like to discuss at the next book club meeting?

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