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NEW TITLES IN THE USAID KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Empowerment on an unstable planet: from seeds of human energy to a scale of global change. Taylor, Daniel, Carl Taylor, and Jesse Taylor. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

The authors outline how to bring about social change through community action. Case studies—from places like Nepal, Afghanistan, and New York—discuss successes of the SEED-SCALE approach to development.

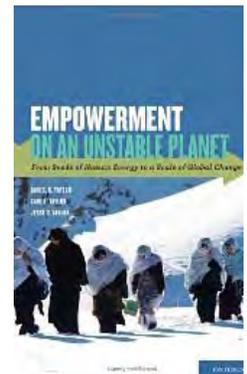


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Famine and foreigners: Ethiopia since Live Aid. Gill, Peter. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Gill provides a history of Ethiopia and reflects on how issues of poverty in the country captured the world's attention in the 1980s and 1990s. He investigates whether foreign aid, aggressive development goals, and campaigns like Live Aid have contributed to sustainable development in Ethiopia.

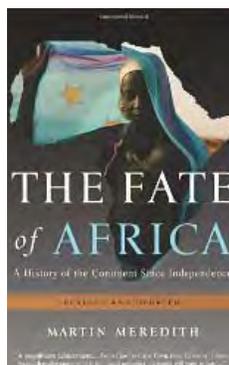


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The fate of Africa: a history of the continent since independence. Meredith, Martin. New York: Public Affairs, 2011.

This updated edition provides a history of the African continent since countries gained independence. Meredith looks at many long-standing issues in Africa, including the effects of corrupt African rulers on their countries, the implications of Western aid, and the exploitation of natural resources.

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Frontiers in PRA and PLA: PRA and PLA in applied research. Mukherjee, Amitava. New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2009.

This volume examines how participatory rural appraisal (PRA) and participatory learning and action (PLA) techniques can be applied to a variety of projects. Mukherjee provides case studies from successful participatory projects in countries including Ghana, India, and Armenia. Projects discussed include the areas of institutional development, poverty assessment, biodiversity, and elections.



Purposeful program theory: effective use of theories of change and logic models. Funnell, Sue and Patricia Rogers. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2011.

This text book introduces program theory, which the authors describe as the concept of how an intervention will lead to results. Sections address initial assessment, developing a program theory, and using program theory for evaluation.

Toxic charity: how churches and charities hurt those they help (and how to reverse it). Lupton, Robert D. New York: Harper-Collins, 2011.

Lupton says that charity projects are often destructive to recipient communities. He claims that programs like food and clothing distribution and urban beautification projects contribute to the indignity of local populations and prevent sustainable development. He proposes a framework of “transformative charity” to spawn community-driven change.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

China's energy relations with the developing world. Currier, Carrie Lui and Manochehr Dorraj, editors. New York: Continuum, 2011.

This book examines China's strategies for obtaining energy security. China's energy politics and foreign relations with developing countries are examined. Regional case studies from Africa, Central Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East are presented.

Food security, nutrition, and sustainability. Lawrence, Geoffrey, Kristen Lyons and Tabitha Wallington, editors. New York: Earthscan, 2011.

The multidisciplinary essays in this volume discuss issues of food security and how to go about feeding the world in a way that does not harm the environment. Topics include nutrition, energy, ecology, and political economy.

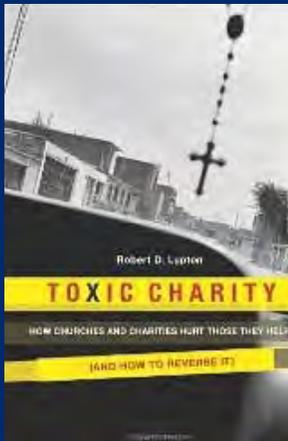


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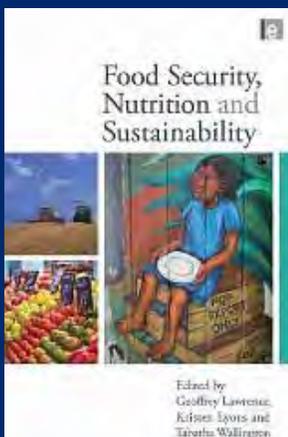


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Small farmers, big change: scaling up impact in smallholder agriculture. Wilson, David, Kirsty Wilson, and Claire Harvey. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2011.

This volume discusses Oxfam's experiences in connecting small farmers with larger agricultural markets. Case studies from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean show steps taken on programmatic, policy, and social levels to improve the livelihoods of rural farmers.



Edited by David Wilson, Kirsty Wilson and Claire Harvey

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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

Defeating dictators: fighting tyranny in Africa and around the world. Ayittey, George. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Ayittey looks at dictatorships—how they came about and why they persist. He discusses foreign aid and why the West has not been able to end tyranny in Africa. The African people, he says, can bring an end to dictatorship through democratic institutions and grass root initiatives.

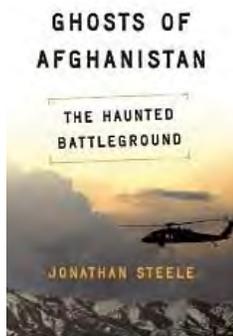


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Ghosts of Afghanistan: the haunted battleground. Steele, Jonathan. Berkeley: Counterpoint, 2011.

Steele provides a recent history of Afghanistan, comparing American intervention with Soviet occupation in the 1980s. He attempts to disprove 13 myths about Afghanistan, its people, and the Taliban. He also suggests how negotiations may be used to ease the effects of civil war and foreign intervention.

Global human smuggling: comparative perspectives. 2nd ed. Kyle, David and Rey Koslowski, editors. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011.

This book examines the history, causes, and consequences of trafficking in persons. The reasons and ways that people are illegally transported are discussed, as are the social, economic, and political implications of smuggling.

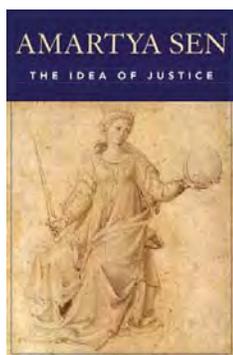


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The idea of justice. Sen, Amartya. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 2011.

This book by Amartya Sen explores theories of social justice and varying ideas of what constitutes fairness. The author criticizes current theories and sets forth a new framework for understanding and implementing justice for all.

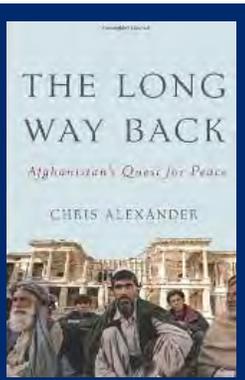


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The long way back: Afghanistan's quest for peace. Alexander, Chris. New York: Harper Collins, 2011.

Alexander, former Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan and UN Special Representative, discusses peacekeeping and nation building in Afghanistan since 2001. He analyzes why peace has not yet been achieved in Afghanistan and suggests measures which may contribute to stability and rule of law.

Proxy warriors: the rise and fall of state-sponsored militias. Ahram, Ariel I. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011.

This book examines why and how some governments rely on militias, warlords, paramilitary groups, and former rebels for support. Ahram provides a framework for understanding the role of state-sponsored militias in developing countries. Paramilitary groups in Indonesia, Iran, and Iraq are examined.



When more is less: the international project in Afghanistan. Suhrke, Astri. New York: Columbia University Press, 2011.

Suhrke analyzes assistance to Afghanistan from international donors. She says that international coordination has become too complex and therefore destructive to Afghanistan, since countries and agencies have differing policies and procedures. She proposes a new plan for development, security, and statebuilding.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE



Business innovation policies: selected country comparisons. Paris: OECD, 2011.

This report examines how select governments use policies and programs to support business innovation. It looks at public support for research and development, demand-side policies, and evaluation. Countries include Canada, Australia, and the Netherlands.

Borderless economics: Chinese sea turtles, Indian fridges and the new fruits of global capitalism. Guest, Robert. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Guest says that migration contributes to economic growth, innovation, and democracy. He looks at migration in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the United States to examine how people who leave their home countries help to connect the global economy.

Working hard, working poor: a global journey. Fields, Gary S. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Fields attempts to shed light on employment and workers' issues in developing countries. He uses stories and analysis from across the globe to explain why even employed individuals may not be able to bring themselves out of poverty. He also suggests which policies and actions may be put into place to spur economic development.

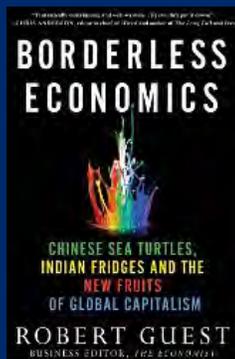


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EDUCATION

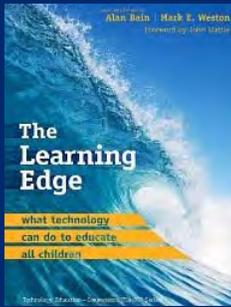


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The learning edge: what technology can do to educate all children. Bain, Alan and Mark Weston. New York: Teachers College Press, 2012.

This book investigates why information and communication technologies (ICTs) like computers and mobile devices have yet to make a noticeable contribution to education outcomes. Authors use research, case studies, and their own field experience to discuss how to incorporate ICTs in all levels of the education system.

No small matter: the impact of poverty, shocks, and human capital investments in early childhood development. Alderman, Harold, editor. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This e-book advocates preschool programs as an effective method of early childhood development. Authors discuss how the economic crisis hinders early childhood development, and they explain how programs may contribute to breaking the poverty cycle. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).



Women and the teaching profession: exploring the feminisation debate. Kelleher, Fatmiah, et al. London: Commonwealth Secretariat; Paris: UNESCO, 2011.

This report examines the prevalence of female teachers in several countries and what the feminization of the profession means for education outcome, society, economy, and gender equality. Case studies from Lesotho, Sri Lanka, India, Dominica, and Samoa are included.

EVALUATION

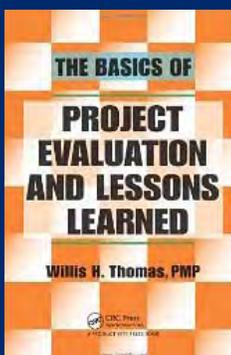


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The basics of project evaluation and lessons learned. Thomas, Willis H. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 2012.

This volume provides an outline of the processes of evaluation, lessons learned, and project management. The author presents a 10-step framework for determining lessons learned. An accompanying CD contains several supporting worksheets and slide presentations.

GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Gender and the economic crisis. Pearson, Ruth and Caroline Sweetman, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2011.

The authors discuss how the global economic crisis affects women in developing countries who, they say, are already marginalized. Case studies examine the impact of recession on particular groups of women like garment workers in the Philippines, Ethiopian domestic workers, and farm workers in Peru.

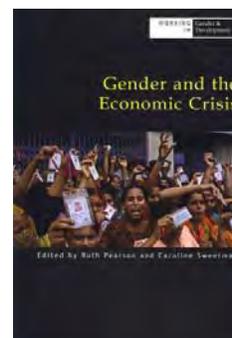


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Harvesting feminist knowledge for public policy: rebuilding progress. Jain, Devaki and Diane Elson, editors. New Delhi: Sage, 2011.

The authors of this publication discuss what they perceive to be problems in economic development—namely an emphasis on profits rather than social justice. They analyze gender issues in a variety of development areas and suggest how progress may be made to achieve equality.

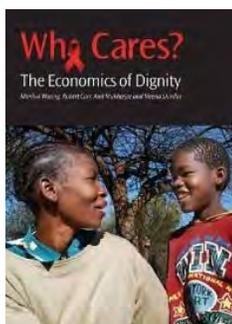
HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION

Global health disparities: closing the gap through good governance. Kebede-Francis, Enku. Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning, 2011.

This introductory text book looks at the relationship between governance and health. Indicators such as life expectancy and access to clean water are used to examine outcomes in developed, developing, and least developed countries.

Health promoting properties of fruit and vegetables. Terry, Leon, editor. Oxfordshire: CABI, 2011.

This e-book examines the nutritional and medicinal values of fruits and vegetables. Chapters devoted to common produce like potatoes, avocados, strawberries, and grapes explain how produce benefits health on a biological and chemical level. USAID staff may download the book from the [CAB database](#).



Who cares? the economics of dignity. Waring, Marilyn, et al. London: Commonwealth Secretariat, 2011.

This book discusses those who care for people infected with HIV/AIDS. The authors say that these unpaid workers are often stigmatized, abused, and lacking rights. They say that directing assistance to caregivers at the household level will contribute to human rights and global health.

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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

The little data book on information and communication technology 2011.
Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This e-book is a quick reference guide to ICT data. Country and regional level data is presented on aspects like usage, quality, affordability, and trade. USAID staff may download this book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).



LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

**Travel, Cultural, and Management
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AFRICA

Nowhere in Africa: an autobiographical novel. Zweig, Stefanie.
Madison, WI: Terrace Books, 1996.

The Redlich family flees Nazi Germany in 1938 and settles on a rural farm in Kenya. The family adapts to their new lives in different ways. Regina, the daughter, acclimates to Kenyan culture by learning the language and befriending the farm's cook.

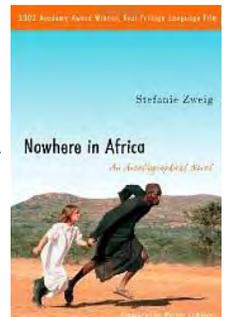


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MIDDLE EAST

The lemon tree: an Arab, a Jew, and the heart of the Middle East.
Tolan, Sandy. New York: Bloomsbury, 2006.

Bashir, a Palestinian, returns to the house in Israel that his family was forced to flee several years before. He meets Dalia, an Israeli college student and current occupant. Despite their differences, the two forge a strong friendship which they struggle to maintain through the next few decades.

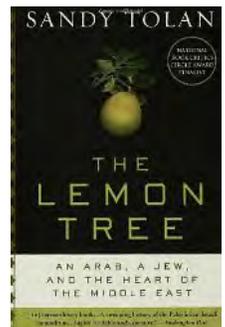


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DEVELOPMENT ON FILM NEW DVD TITLES

Blood and tears. Concord Media Group, 2006.

Filmmakers examine the Arab-Israeli conflict by interviewing a number of insiders, officials, and affected citizens. They attempt to determine the causes of the conflict and why it remains unresolved.

Osama. United Artists Films, 2004.

Based on a true story, this film takes place during the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. A single mother and her daughter are unable to make ends meet once the Taliban forbids women from leaving their houses without a male escort. The girl pretends to be a boy and finds herself caught up in a scary and confusing journey.

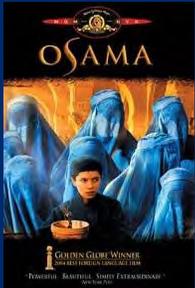


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It's Live! Virtual Discussion of *Cutting For Stone*

Did you miss the last USAID Book Club Meeting?

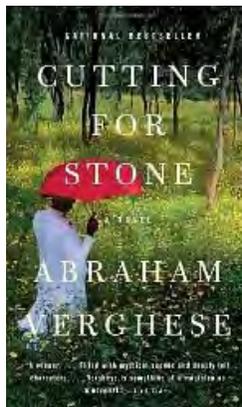


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Check out [The Extreme Librarian blog](#) to see what your colleagues are saying about development in Ethiopia and Abraham Verghese's popular book *Cutting For Stone*.

Get a recap of the discussion and find out:

- * what *Cutting For Stone* teaches us about international development
- * some of Ethiopia's health issues
- * what "cutting for stone" means

You'll want to see photos from the December 15th meeting, and don't forget to log in and **add your own comments** to the [Virtual Discussion of *Cutting For Stone*!](#)

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