



New This Month

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NEW TITLES THIS MONTH

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

China & Angola: a marriage of convenience? Power, Marcus and Ana Cristina Alves, editors. Oxford: Pambazuka Press, 2012.

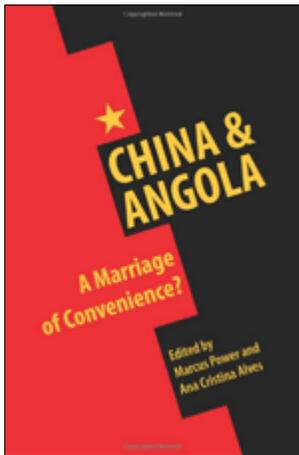


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In this volume contributors explore the development of the partnership between China and Angola. Topics explored include China's oil interests in Angola, the management of Chinese credit lines, and China's corporate practices in Angola. A literature review of the Sino-Angolan relationship is included.

Context-sensitive development: how international NGOs operate in Myanmar. Ware, Anthony. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2012.

This volume examines how international NGOs adapt their operations and projects to Myanmar. Sterling points out that restricted resources, limited mandates, authoritarian government and reservations by donors and governments have made Myanmar one of the most difficult development settings in the world.

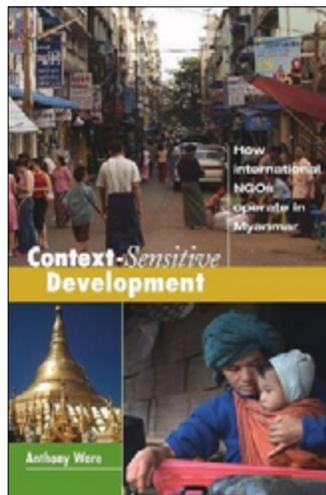


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New from the LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER HR/TE

New travel, cultural and management materials

The east moves west: India, China, and Asia's growing presence in the Middle East.

Kemp, Geoffrey. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2012.

In this volume Kemp examines the growing ties between Asia and the Middle East, including economic developments and infrastructure projects. The author also looks at unresolved conflicts and maritime issues between the two regions.

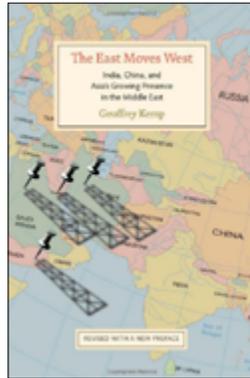


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Foreign aid competition in Northeast Asia. Kim, Hyo-sook and Potter, David M., editors. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2012.

Essays in this volume explore aid competition and cooperation among China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. Contributors note that due to high economic growth during the last few decades new aid donors have emerged and transformed the dynamics of aid programs in the region. They conclude that cooperation is limited and aid rivalry is well established among the four players.

From recipients to donors: emerging powers and the changing development landscape.

Mawdsley, Emma. New York: Zed Books, 2012.

This volume investigates the opportunities and challenges raised by non-traditional aid donors and partners such as Poland, China and Brazil. The author assesses the histories, practices and agendas of emerging and re-emerging foreign aid donors and notes that while many within the "mainstream" aid community may welcome there is a concern about lower levels of transparency and different approaches to development.

Killing with kindness: Haiti, international aid, and NGOs. Schuller, Mark. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2012.

In this book, based on extensive field work, Schuller evaluates two NGOs (one with USAID funding) and offers insight in the mechanisms of foreign aid in Haiti. He suggests that NGOs must accompany their intended recipients through the process and that the trickle-down aid model often disappoints. A chapter profiling USAID and its activities in Haiti is included.

More with less: disasters in an era of diminishing resources. Cahill, Kevin M., editor. New York: Fordham University Press, 2012.

Resources for disaster preparedness and response have been seriously diminished by the current global economic recession. This book documents the evolution of global philanthropy, while examining alternative methods to reduce costs through better preventative programs.

Provocations for development. Chambers, Robert. Bourton on Dunsmore, UK: Practical Action, 2012.

In this collection of short essays written over a number of years, the author examines the power of words in development, poverty and participation, the failure of aid in the past and how to do better. Ideas for the future, including the role of young people in development, are also explored.

Tajikistan's difficult development path. Olcott, Martha Brill. Washington, DC: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2012.

This book traces the path of Tajikistan's political, economic, agricultural, industrial and social development since independence. Olcott contends that foreign assistance has not had the intended effect and state failure is possible unless leaders fully embrace reform.

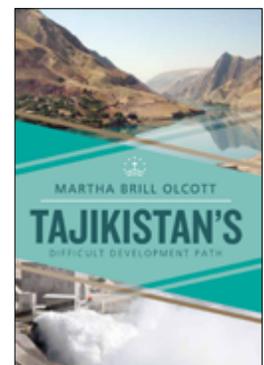


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AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

Battlegrounds and breakthroughs: programs for rural development. Agbayani, Victor E. Caloocan City, Philippines: Philippine Graphic Arts, 2010.

Agbayani, a former Governor of the Pangasinan province in the Philippines, documents programs developed in his province to meet critical needs in the areas of agriculture, infrastructure, health, heritage conservation, resettlement and the environment. Numerous color photographs, charts, graphs and copies of government documents are included.

Conservation and sustainable development: linking practice and policy in Eastern Africa.

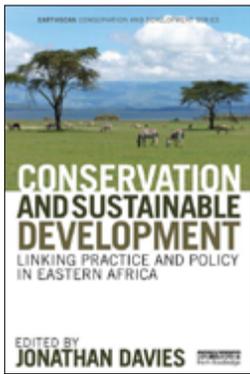


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Davies, Jonathan, editor. New York: Routledge, 2012.

This book examines the links between policy and practice in natural resource management. Contributors note that while the close relationship between environment and development is well researched, it is often poorly reflected in policies and development planning.

Evidence-based conservation: lessons from the Lower Mekong. Sunderland, Terry, C.H., Jeffrey Sayer and Minh-Ha Hoang, editors. New York: Routledge, 2012.

In this series of case studies from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia field practitioners critically assess aid and conservation projects in the Lower Mekong. Contributors find that outcomes have been mixed with some projects achieving success while others having little impact. Results of their analysis are presented in the form of management and policy recommendations.

Living with the Trees of Life: Towards the Transformation of Tropical Agriculture. Leakey, Roger. Cambridge, MA: CABI, 2012.

In this volume Leakey discusses how introducing agroforestry practices into farming can increase employment opportunities, reduce malnutrition and diminish environmental impacts in the tropics.

Wild hope: on the front lines of conservation success. Balmford, Andrew. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2012.

In this book Balmford offers several examples of successful conservation efforts from across the globe. Through case studies set in diverse environmental locales he shows that with committed people and well thought out policies the widespread destruction of the environment can be stopped and reversed.

DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE & HUMAN RIGHTS

Competitive authoritarianism: hybrid regimes after the Cold War. Levitsky, Steven and Lucan A. Way. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Competitive authoritarian regimes can be defined as civilian regimes in which formal democratic institutions exist, but in which the playing field is heavily skewed in favor of incumbents. This book explores the trajectories of these hybrid regimes in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and post-communist Eurasia.

Electoral systems and political context: how the effects of rules vary across new and established democracies. Moser, Robert G. and Ethan Scheiner. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

This volume investigates mixed-member electoral systems in which voters get two votes – one for a candidate in a single-member district and one for a party under proportional representation.

Making democratic governance work: how regimes shape prosperity, welfare, and peace. Norris, Pippa. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

Norris investigates the effect of democratic governance on economic prosperity, human welfare, and security. After discussing the debate in the international community about the role of regimes as drivers of human security she concludes that regimes reflecting both democracy and governance are necessary for effective development.

Of empires and citizens: pro-American democracy or no democracy at all?

Jamal, Amaney A. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012.

A number of Arab states continue to resist demands for more democracy even though economic growth levels are high and their citizens have demonstrated a strong commitment to democratic ideals. Amaney contends that anti-Americanism, Islamism, and the involvement of the U.S. have intersected to stifle democratization gains in the Arab world.

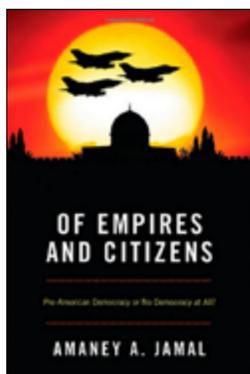


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Social movements and the new state: the fate of pro-democracy organizations when democracy is won. Grodsky, Brian K. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2012.

In this volume Grodsky examines the relationship between new political leaders and the social-movement organizations that brought them to power. After presenting case studies from Poland, South Africa and Georgia the author concludes that the influence of pro-democracy organizations wanes after regime change and a clash of expectations often sabotages relations between activists and the newly democratizing state.

War, will, and warlords: counterinsurgency in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 2001-2011. Cassidy, Robert M. Marine Corps University Press, 2012.

Cassidy compares and contrasts the insurgencies that have taken place in Afghanistan and Pakistan since October 2001. A short historical background on the crisis along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border from 1973-2001 is included.

ECONOMIC GROWTH & TRADE

Bonded labor: tackling the system of slavery in South Asia. Kara, Siddharth. New York: Columbia University Press, 2012.

This book, based on a decade of field research in India, Nepal, Pakistan and Bangladesh, includes interviews with bonded laborers working in a number of economic sectors.

Entrepreneurship and sustainability: business solutions for poverty alleviation from around the world. Halkias, Daphne and Paul W. Thurman, editors. Burlington, VT: Gower, 2012.

In this volume contributors challenge the belief that government and non-governmental organization projects reduce poverty and propose that the solution lies in the growth and development of local business sectors. Numerous case studies from around the world profiling entrepreneurs who are making a difference in their communities are included.

Globalization, trade and poverty in Ghana. Ackah, Charles and Ernest Aryeetey, editors. Ottawa: International Development Research Centre, 2012.

This study, co-authored by leading Ghanaian researchers, investigates the impact of globalization and trade liberalization on economic growth and poverty reduction in Ghana. Authors find that those involved in exporting activities and skilled labor have benefited while some poor and unskilled workers have not.

Manufacturing enterprise in Asia: size structure and economic growth. Mazumdar, Dipak and Sandip Sarkar. New York: Routledge, 2013.

This volume investigates the growth trajectories of a number of Asian economies in relation to the differing size structures of their manufacturing firms. The author finds three basic patterns in these economies: bi-modal distribution, the classic East Asian model with rather even size distribution, and the pattern in which development is skewed to larger firms.

Partnership for development: alternative approaches to poverty alleviation in

Bangladesh. Khanom, Nilufa Akhter. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012.

This volume examines the performance of the IGVDG and RMC Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangements for poverty alleviation in Bangladesh. The author describes the origin and structure of PPPs, provides data on the two programs and offers ideas for improvement.

The quest for prosperity: how developing economies can take off. Lin, Justin Yifu. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012.

In this volume Lin promotes a “new structural economics” framework which recognizes the importance of exploiting a nation’s comparative advantage. Lin suggests that, while the role of government in guiding the economy is critical, states need to recognize the power of markets and limit interference to encourage continual industrial progress and technological innovation.

The time of youth: work, social change, and politics in Africa. Honwana, Alcinda. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2012.

This book looks at the lives of young people in Africa. Honwana concludes that unemployment and low education levels have pushed many young Africans into a state of “waithood” in which they are unable to live independently, get married and establish families.

EDUCATION

Preparing teachers and developing school leaders for the 21st century: lessons from around the world. Schleicher, Andreas, editor. Paris: OECD, 2012.

This publication summarizes the presentations from the International Summit on the Teaching Profession held in March 2012. Major topics covered include: developing effective school leaders, preparing teachers to deliver 21st century skills and matching teacher supply and demand.

EVALUATION

Working with assumptions in international development program evaluation. Nkwake, Apollo M. New York: Springer, 2013.

All development programs and policies are based on a wide range of assumptions that are often not made explicit to program staff. This volume reviews the crucial place that these assumptions hold in conceptualizing, implementing and evaluating development programs.

GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT

Gender and International Security. Detraz, Nicole. Malden, MA: Polity Press, 2012.

The goal of this book is to demonstrate the central place gender has in security topics. The key issues of militarization, peacekeeping, terrorism, human security and the environment are explored from a gendered viewpoint.

Peacebuilding with women in Ukraine: using narrative to envision a common future. Flaherty, Maureen P. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012.

This volume examines women’s narrative as a peacebuilding tool in the still fractured Ukraine. After offering a short social and political history of the Ukraine and a discussion of the role of gender and empowerment in social change, the author presents the stories of eighteen Ukrainian women.

Conflict-related sexual violence: international law, local responses. St. Germain, Tonia and Susan Dewey, editors. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2012.

Essays in this volume discuss the disconnection between international law and its practice, the masculine nature of international initiatives, and the complex roles men play in relation to conflict-related sexual violence. Case studies from Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Colombia, Haiti, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and South Africa are included.

HEALTH, NUTRITION AND POPULATION

Social protection and cash transfers to strengthen families affected by HIV & AIDS.

Adato, Michelle and Lucy Bassett. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute, 2012.

This volume reviews the impact of 20 cash transfer programs worldwide. Findings show that conditional and unconditional cash transfer programs have impacted poverty, education, health and nutrition in countries with high, as well as low, HIV prevalence.

South-south collaboration in health biotechnology: growing partnerships amongst developing countries.

Thorsteinsdottir, Halla, editor. New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2012.

This book examines cooperation between developing countries in the health biotechnology sector. Outcomes are based on research by investigators based in Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, India, South Africa and Zambia.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

International communications strategy: developments in cross-cultural communications, PR and social media.

Cambie, Silvia and Yang-May Ooi. Philadelphia, PA: Kogan Page, 2009.

This volume looks at how the PR and corporate communications landscapes are being shaped by multinationals from emerging economies and globalization. Authors also examine the role of social media, the need for new leadership models, and corporate social responsibility. Case studies from around the world are included.

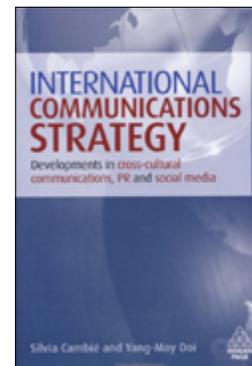


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LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

Travel, Cultural, and Management Materials from the Office of Human Resources HR/TE

LITERATURE

River of smoke. Ghosh, Amitav. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.

In 1838, three ships are caught in a storm off the coast of China. Among the passengers are a wealthy opium merchant from Bombay, a deposed-rajah-turned-convict, an orphaned French girl, and a botanist in search of rare medicinal plants. As they pursue romance, riches and a legendary rare flower their lives intersect in Canton on the eve of the Opium Wars.

One day I will write about this place: a memoir.

Wainaina, Binyavanga. Minneapolis, MN: Graywolf Press, 2011.

This biography is the story of a young middle-class man coming of age in post-colonial Kenya. Born of a Ugandan mother and a Kenyan father, Wainaina struggled with his cultural identity in his youth. After dropping out of university in South Africa he fell into a depression and became homeless. He returned to his home country, discovered his passion for writing, and won the Caine Prize for African Writing.

Migritude. Patel, Shailja. New York: Kaya Press, 2010.

Patel, a poet and performance artist, was born in Kenya and educated in England and the U.S. In this book she weaves together poems, monologues and essays about her life, family, politics and journeys as a migrant.

MANAGEMENT

Guide to cross-cultural communication (2nd edition). Reynolds, Sana and Deborah Valentine. Boston: Prentice Hall, 2011.

The goal of this book is to make the reader a more successful communicator in culturally diverse workplaces both at home and abroad.

Topics include cultural understanding, written, verbal, and nonverbal communication, and negotiation.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Present with power, punch, and pizzazz!: the ultimate guide to delivering presentations with poise, persuasion, and professionalism. Sanow, Arnold J. and Henry Lescault.

Arnold J. and Henry Lescault. iUniverse: Bloomington, IN, 2011.

This guidebook provides a number of tips, tools, solutions and best practices to improve presentation skills. Topics include: overcoming anxiety, using humor and body language effectively, and slide show do's and don'ts.

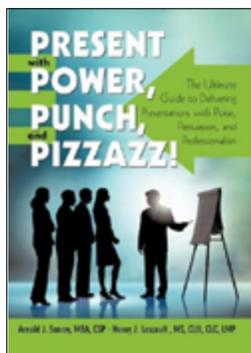


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DVD

Jane's journey. First Run Features, 2011.

This film profiles world renowned primatologist and wildlife conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall. After recalling her early years in England, Goodall journeys to Gombe National Park in Tanzania where she began her groundbreaking research nearly half a century ago.

Beyond the gates. 20th Century Fox, 2007.

In a secondary school in Kigali, Rwanda during the 1994 genocide, a Catholic priest and an idealistic young teacher shelter 2,500 refugees after UN peacekeeping forces leave the country. The two men must decide whether to stay with the Tutsis in danger of being massacred or to flee for safety.

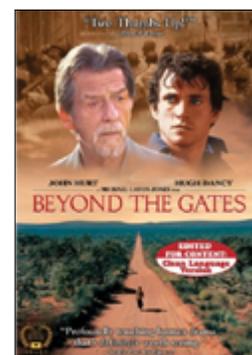


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Motherland Afghanistan. Independent Television Service, 2007.

This film tells the story of an Afghan-American obstetrician who traveled to Kabul in 2003 at the invitation of the US government with the goal of improving women's health in his home country. Told through the eyes of his daughter, it documents high maternal and infant mortality and the inadequate health care system in Afghanistan.

The interrupters. Independent Television Service, 2012.

This film looks at a year in the life of three CeaseFire workers – Chicago natives with criminal pasts who devote their days to saving lives. These violence interrupters look back on their past experiences with street violence to try and steer young people in the right direction.

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Save the Date!

USAID's Knowledge Management Expo will provide an opportunity for staff and contractors to demonstrate how KM tools and practices are used at USAID. Come see how knowledge management is used at USAID by KM practitioners, staff and partners to inform development programs and increase their impact.

Exhibitors will showcase USAID KM-related projects, programs and tools. Presenters will spotlight KM-related projects at USAID, knowledge management topics, trends, strategies and lessons learned. Presentations will be 20 minutes including time for questions.

The KM Expo will be open to USAID staff and the public. If you'd like more information, please contact the KM Team at ksckmteam@usaid.gov.

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