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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Development without aid: the decline of development aid and the rise of the diaspora. Phillips, David A. New York: Anthem Press, 2013.

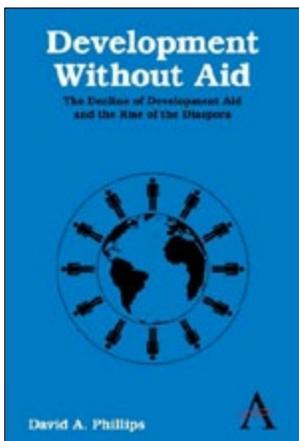


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Phillips, who grew up in what is now Malawi, surveys the foreign aid landscape and examines the literature on aid effectiveness from a micro and macro perspective. He investigates whether diasporas can replace traditional aid and looks at new aid instruments that have been introduced in recent years. The work of USAID is described in a number of chapters.

Handbook of early childhood development research and its impact on global policy. Britto, Pia Rebello, Patrice L. Engle, and Charles M. Super, editors. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

This volume summarizes existing research on early childhood development and promotes evidence-based policies for advancing the positive development of young children globally, with a specific focus on developing countries. Contributors suggest strategic actions needed to address poverty and economic and social exclusion in early childhood and present a set of recommendations for future research.

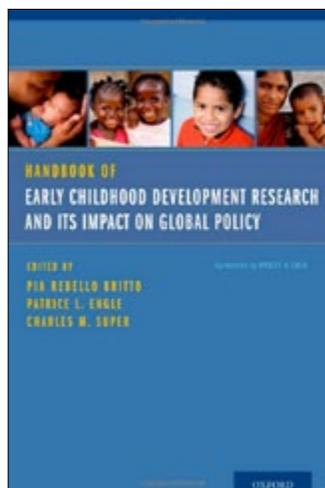


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How Asia works: success and failure in the world's most dynamic region.

Studwell, Joe. New York: Grove Press, 2013.

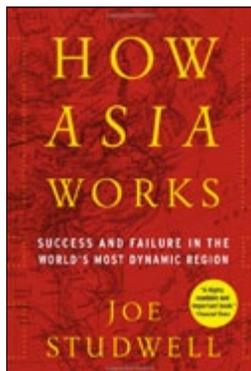


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Studwell investigates how rapid economic transformation has, or has not, been achieved in nine nations: China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. He focuses his analysis on the areas of land policy, manufacturing, and finance and presents three

critical interventions governments can use to speed up development.

Social protection in developing countries: reforming systems.

Bender, Katja, Markus Kaltenborn, and Christian Pfleiderer, editors. New York: Routledge, 2013.

This book examines the recent phenomenon of social protection reforms in low and middle-income countries. Contributors explore the objectives of social protection reforms, the legal framework and various approaches used as a means of poverty reduction. A number of case studies of African, Asian, and Latin American countries are included.

Child protection in development.

Bourdillon, Michael and William Myers, editors. New York: Routledge, 2013.

In this collection of articles from the journal *Development in Practice*, authors explore the complexity of protecting children in developing countries and suggest that

successful protection must be based on empirical evidence and community engagement. Ideas for reforms on a variety of child protection concerns, including children's work, independent migration, family separation, early marriage, and military occupation are presented.

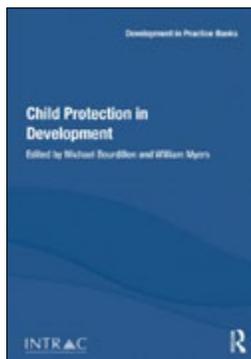


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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Contested agronomy: agricultural research in a changing world.

Sumberg, James and John Thompson, editors. New York: Routledge, 2012.



Authors explore some of the major developments in agronomy since the 1970s

and show how the emergence of the neoliberal project and environmentalism has shaped the practice of agronomic research in developing countries. A number of case studies set in a wide range of locations illustrate emerging practices such as agricultural intensification, conservation agriculture and participatory soil fertility management.

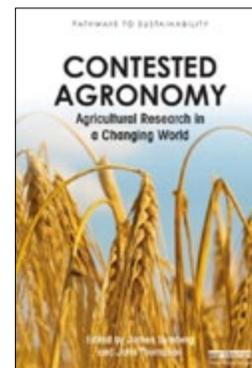


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Growing green: the economic benefits of climate action.

Deichmann, Uwe and Fan Zhang. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2013.

This e-book identifies the actions that governments in Europe and Central Asia can take to reduce the economic impact of climate change. It suggests that countries in ECA invest in large improvements in energy efficiency, shift to cleaner energy systems that will also improve local health and energy security, and better manage "green" natural resources in order to increase economic productivity and reduce carbon emissions. USAID staff may download the book via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

Low carbon development: key issues.

Urban, Frauke and Johan Nordensvärd, editors. New York: Routledge, 2013.

This textbook provides an introduction to low carbon development and explores the key political, socio-economic and technological issues surrounding the concept. Authors examine how low carbon development policy relates to the developing world, renewable energy, forestry, agriculture and transportation. A number of case studies from low, middle and high-income countries are included.

Macroeconomics and the environment: essays on green accounting. El Serafy, Salah. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2013.

In this e-book El Serafy argues the case for greening the conventional estimates of national income with the aim of obtaining more meaningful measurements for monitoring economic performance and guiding economic policy. Chapters provide a history of green accounting and describe methodological tools including the 'El Serafy Method'. USAID staff may read the book via [Ebrary](#).

Nature's fortune: how business and society thrive by investing in nature. Tercek, Mark R. and Jonathan S. Adams. New York: Basic Books, 2013.



In this volume Tercek and Adams argue that economic growth and environmental stewardship are not mutually exclusive and therefore saving nature is the smartest investment any business or government can make. Environmental challenges facing the world today are presented along with examples of companies that have adopted eco-friendly policies. They conclude that the way forward requires that businesses work with both governments and individuals.

State of the World 2013: is sustainability still possible? Worldwatch Institute. Washington, DC, Island Press, 2013.

In this collection of essays scientists and policy experts define sustainability and discuss how it should be

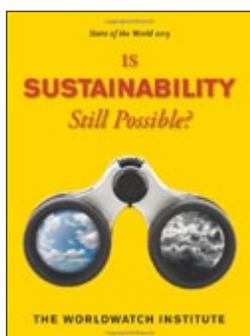


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measured, how we can attain it, and how we can prepare if we ultimately fall short. Authors explore issues related to climate change and fossil fuels along with the topics of renewable energy, water, fisheries, crops, population, and politics.

DEMOCRACY GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Arab uprising: the unfinished revolutions of the new Middle East. Lynch, Marc. New York: Public Affairs, 2012.

Lynch provides an overview of the historical and contemporary forces that shaped the recent uprisings in the Middle East, and their implications for the future of the region and American policy. He disputes that idea that social media catalyzed the protests, critiques the Obama administration's response to the uprisings, and notes that it is far too soon to know whether these events will produce new democracies.

Pathways to freedom: political and economic lessons from democratic transitions. Coleman, Isobel and Terra Lawson-Remer, editors. New York: Council on Foreign Relations Press, 2013.



This volume presents eight country studies of economic and political transformation over the past twenty-five years and reviews the statistical evidence on the factors that affect such transitions. Authors conclude that economic growth, electoral experiences, the level of violence, and neighborhood influences all play a critical role in shaping the trajectory of transitions.

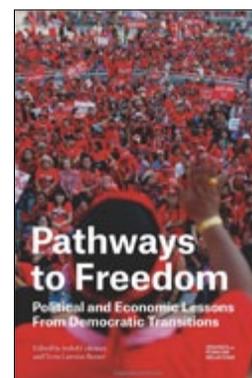


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Transitional justice in South Asia: a study of Afghanistan and Nepal. Sajjad, Tazreena. New York: Routledge, 2013.

This comparative study, based on field observations and interviews, examines how Afghanistan and Nepal are grappling with the question of accounting for the past in a context of weak and inadequate legal institutions. Sajjad draws attention to the need for a more critical understanding of the "local" with which international actors engage and identifies five areas which should be considered critical components of what defines the "local".

War comes to Garmser: thirty years of conflict on the Afghan frontier. Malkasian, Carter. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Malkasian, who spent two years in the Garmser district of southern Afghanistan, chronicles the political-military history and complex tribal relations of the district over the past thirty years. He looks at why conflict lasted for such a long period, particularly focusing on how the Taliban came to Garsmer and how, after being ousted in 2001, it returned stronger than ever in 2006.

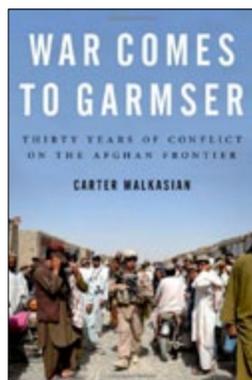


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The financial crisis and the global south: a development perspective. Akyuz, Yilmaz. London, Pluto Press, 2013.

This collection of papers looks at the actual and potential effects of the 2008 global financial crisis on developing and emerging economies. Akyuz outlines the immediate international policy response necessary to restore stability and growth and the global systematic reforms that need to be introduced to reduce the likelihood of such crises and manage them better should they occur.

Financing metropolitan governments in developing countries. Bahl, Roy, Johannes F. Linn and Deborah L. Wetzel, editors. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2013.

In this compilation of papers, scholars identify the most important issues and suggest needed reforms in the governance of the fast-growing metropolitan areas of developing countries. One of the main barriers to progress, they conclude, is that the central importance of cities is poorly understood by environmentalists, aid workers and policy makers and as a result interest in urban matters has seldom been a top priority.

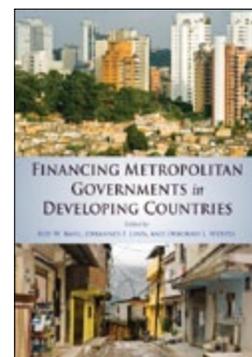


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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Banking on democracy: financial markets and elections in emerging countries. Santiso, Javier. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2013.

Santiso focuses on Latin America and explores the links between finance and politics in countries experiencing economic and democratic transitions. He investigates whether a democratic premium exists – financial markets and investors reacting positively to elections in these emerging markets – and concludes that many Latin American economies have entered a new phase with lower sensitivity to political cycles.

Building effective employment programs for unemployed youth in the Middle East and

North Africa. Angel-Urdinola, Diego F., Arvo Kuddo, and Amina Semlali, editors. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2013.

Active Labor Market Programs (ALMPs) are critical to reducing unemployment among young people in the Middle East and North Africa but face many challenges to their effective delivery. This e-book looks at the



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problems facing publicly provided ALMPs in the MENA and proposes a series of reforms that could improve their performance. USAID staff may download the book via the [World Bank eLibrary](#)

Poverty reduction in a changing climate. Dulal, Hari Bansha, editor. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013.

This book investigates how social inequality, weak governance, and fragile institutions adversely affect poverty alleviation and climate change mitigation outcomes. Contributors assess the role of official development assistance in reducing poverty and examine instruments that have the potential to reduce climate vulnerabilities. A number of country case studies are included.

Social entrepreneurship and social business: an introduction and discussion with case studies.

Volkmann, Christine K., Kim Oliver Tokarski, Kati Ernst, editors. Wiesbaden: Gabler Verlag, 2012.

By Request

This textbook offers a comprehensive overview of the field of social entrepreneurship. Contributors provide a theoretical survey of the current knowledge on social entrepreneurship along with background information and practical case studies. Topics include social entrepreneurs and their personalities, partnerships, marketing, financing and performance measurement.

EDUCATION

China's aid and soft power in Africa. King, Kenneth. Rochester, NY: James Currey, 2013.

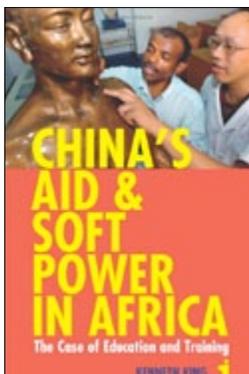


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King investigates the growth of China's soft power and support to education and training in Africa over the past sixty years. Topics include higher education partnerships, African exchange students in China, Chinese language teachers in Africa and the training done in Chinese Institutes of African studies.

PISA, power, and policy: the emergence of global educational governance.

Meyer, Heinz-Dieter and Aaron Benavot, editors. Oxford, UK: Symposium Books, 2013.

By Request

The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an assessment sponsored and administered by the OECD that is used to gauge student's progress in over seventy countries. In this volume authors investigate if the test administered globally can be truly culturally neutral and scrutinize the OECD's new role as an arbiter of global education governance.

School leadership in the Caribbean: perceptions, practices, paradigms.

Miller, Paul, editor. Oxford, UK: Symposium Books, 2013.

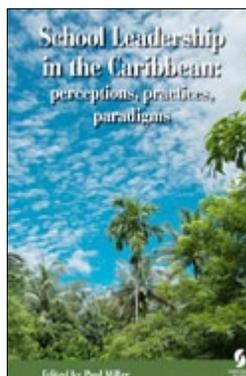


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This volume investigates the education leadership practices in a number of Caribbean countries. Authors examine high-performing principals in Jamaica, teachers as leaders, ICTs in education, the role of gender, and the importance of continuous professional development for educators.

Teacher reforms around the world: implementations and outcomes. Akiba, Motoko, editor. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2013.

This volume reviews the major teacher reforms implemented during the past decade and examines the implementations and outcomes of these reforms in ten countries. Authors look at reforms in the areas of teacher education, certification, recruitment and hiring, professional development, teacher evaluation and compensation. They conclude that more data on the impacts of teacher reforms on educators and students is needed.

EVALUATION

Emerging practices in international development evaluation.

Donaldson, Stewart I., Tarek Azzam, Ross F. Conner, editors. Charlotte, NC, Information Age Publishing, 2013.

Authors look at the challenges of establishing evaluation as a credible and useful practice in developing countries. They describe advances in the assessment of organizational performance that may prove useful to evaluations and make a case for the inclusion of organizational performance assessments (OPAs). Methods that can be used to evaluate capacity development, policy influence, partnerships, coalitions, sustainable development and innovation are described.

Evaluating environmental and social impact assessment in developing countries. Momtaz, Salim and S. M. Zobaidul Kabir. Waltham, MA: Elsevier, 2013.

Environmental impact assessments (EIAs) analyze the potential environmental and social impacts of development projects. The authors of this volume examine the process of conducting EIAs, and provide a framework for evaluating the process in developing countries. A case study from Bangladesh demonstrates the application of the framework.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Aid, NGOs and the realities of women's lives: a perfect storm. Wallace, Tina, Fenella Porter, and Mark Ralph-Bowman, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2013.

Contributors to this volume argue that NGO relationships with donors, partners and those they serve are changing in response to the rise of aid funding, growing competition and demand to show evidence of success. They look at how these changes fail to adequately address the inequalities that tend to marginalize women in development programs and offer examples from around the world illustrating successful approaches.

Women entrepreneurs: inspiring stories from emerging economies and developing countries. Guillén, Mauro F. New York: Routledge, 2014.

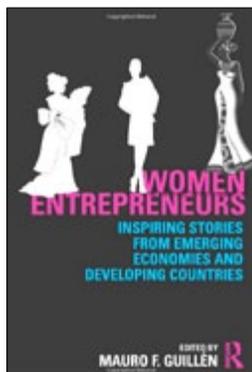


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Through case studies drawn from across a range of industries, Guillén details the trajectories of nearly two dozen women who have overcome societal and economic barriers to establish successful businesses around the world. The book also describes some of the political and social transformations in developing countries that have contributed

to opportunities for women.

HEALTH, NUTRITION AND POPULATION

Living with HIV and dying with AIDS: diversity, inequality and human rights in the global pandemic. Doyal, Lesley and Len Doyal. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2013.

This volume examines the experiences of HIV positive people around the globe from first diagnosis to death and investigates how inequities in wealth, gender, sexuality, class, and race/ethnicity harm people with HIV/AIDS and their families and communities. Authors recommend strategies that can be implemented at national and international levels to remedy these disadvantages.



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mHealth in practice: mobile technology for health promotion in the developing world.

Donner, Jonathan and Patricia Mechael, editors. New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013.

Through case studies set in developing countries, this book highlights how mobile technologies can be used to provide health information, improve knowledge and engage people in healthier behaviors. Authors note that it is dangerous to make assumptions and that focus groups with the people who are going to use the service early on will lead to better program design.

When people come first: critical studies in global health. Biehl, João, Adriana Petryna, editors. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2013.

This book investigates the nature of global health interventions and their impact on health systems and practices. Through case studies set in the developing world, authors look at tensions between patients, citizens, medical markets and public institutions. They conclude that few, if any, institutions have been put in place to conceptualize, evaluate, or monitor the broader moral and social impact of the growing field of global health.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Big data: a revolution that will transform how we live, work, and think. Mayer-Schonberger, Viktor and Kenneth Cukier. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.



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This volume investigates the risks and rewards of “Big Data” – huge sets of data that are analyzed in order to draw conclusions that were not previously possible. Authors describe the use of big data by companies such as Google, Walmart, Amazon and Netflix

and warn against potential privacy issues and overreliance on its use.

Big data for dummies. Hurwitz, Judith, Alan Nugent, Fern Halper, and Marcia Kaufman, editors. Hoboken, NJ: For Dummies, 2013.

Big data enables organizations to store, manage and manipulate vast amounts of data in order to gain insights. This introductory text explains the basic concepts and technological foundations of big data and explores emerging technologies such as MapReduce and Hadoop. Authors also identify analytics tools and describe how to implement and secure big data solutions.

Predictive analytics: the power to predict who will click, buy, lie, or die. Siegel, Eric. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2013.



This introductory text explores how predictive analytics – technology that learns from experience to predict the future behavior

of individuals – is used in advertising, finance, healthcare, fraud, insurance, government, and employment to forecast outcomes and scenarios. The author provides many real-world examples on how organizations such as Target, Hewlett-Packard, Chase Bank, and Netflix turn large amounts of data into meaningful metrics.

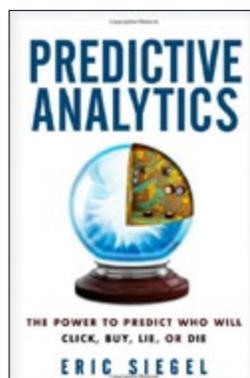


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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Public-private partnerships in developing countries: a systematic literature review. The Hague, The Netherlands: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, 2013.



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This study reviews the available evidence regarding the development impact of public-private partnerships and evaluates PPP arrangements and the contractual framework under which they take place. Over forty case studies of PPPs in developing countries are presented in summary table format.

Strategic public private partnerships: innovation and development. Maurrasse, David J. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2013.

Maurrasse describes the emergence of cross sector partnerships and analyzes their strengths and weaknesses. Chapter topics include rural environments, climate change, global health, and poverty reduction. A number of case studies from across the globe are presented along with challenges going forward and strategies that can be used to strengthen partnerships.

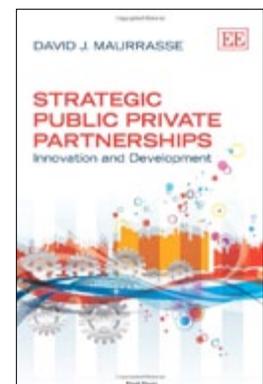


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