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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

The future can't wait: over-the-horizon views on development. Gale, Steven and Sarah Jackson, editors.

Washington, DC: United States Agency International Development, 2013.



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This book stems from the *USAID Symposium on Future Development Challenges* held in 2011. Contributors make a case for why futures analysis must become essential to USAID operations and then examine the key issues of population and demography, science and technology, politics and economics, and the environment. The publication concludes with a discussion of

the importance of forward-thinking analysis to the success of future development initiatives. The book may be checked out from the Library or downloaded in full-text from the [USAID website](http://www.usaid.gov).

Africa emerges: consummate challenges, abundant opportunities. Rotberg, Robert I. Malden, MA: Polity Press, 2013.

Rotberg asserts that Africa is no longer a deeply troubled continent and that most African countries are growing economically, progressing politically, and delivering improved social services. He discusses the chief obstacles that could derail progress: war and violence, disease, corruption, educational deficits, demographic changes, and missing infrastructure. The author then outlines ways of resolving these challenges.

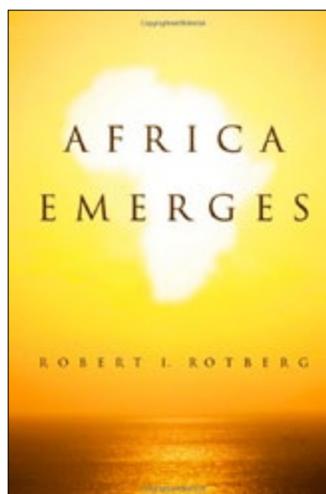


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China-Africa relations in an era of great transformations.

Xing, Li and Abdulkadir Osman Farah, editors. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2013.

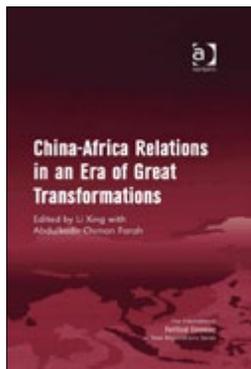


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This collection of essays examines China's increasing influence and impact on African countries, especially on the topics of "greening" relations, state-owned enterprises, soft power, and the first BRICS summit in Durban.

Fifty years in USAID: stories from the front lines.

Ballantyne, Janet C. and Maureen Dugan, editors. Arlington, VA: Arlington Hall Press, 2012.

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This publication tells the story of USAID from the perspectives of past and present USAID staff and administrators. Essay topics include the early years of USAID, experiences during the Vietnam War, the Nairobi embassy bombing, and the creation of the Global Development Alliance.

Finding a way in international development: options for ethical and effective work.

Parkinson, Sarah. Boulder, CO: Kumarian Press, 2013.

After providing a history and overview of the international development system, Parkinson explores the gaps and tensions between the stated intent and actual practice of development. Through numerous interviews, development professionals describe the ethical and practical dilemmas they face and the strategies they find most effective for overcoming them. The work of USAID is described in a number of chapters.



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International volunteer tourism: integrating travellers and communities.

Wearing, Stephen Leslie and Nancy Gard McGehee, editors. Boston, MA: CABI, 2013.

This e-book looks at the history, current state, and future of volunteer tourism. Contributors discuss the motivations of volunteer tourists and investigate the issues and perspectives of host communities. A number of case studies from around the world are included. USAID staff may download the book via [CABI eBooks](#).

NGOization: complicity, contradictions and prospects.

Choudry, Aziz and Dip Kapoor, editors. New York: Zed Books, 2013.

This book introduces the concept of "NGOization," the professionalization and institutionalization of social action. Authors argue that NGOs frequently undermine local and international movements for social change and environmental justice. They draw on global case studies to examine the political, economic and cultural forces behind NGOization. The work of USAID is described in a number of chapters.

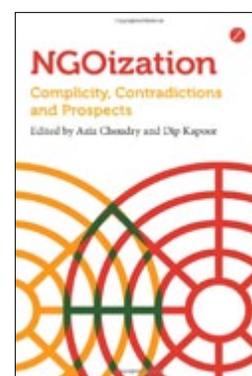


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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Bringing new ideas into practice: experiments with agricultural innovation.

Gildemacher, Peter R. and Remco Mur, editors. Amsterdam: Royal Tropical Institute, 2012.

This book documents lessons from Research Into Use (RIU) in Africa, a DFID program aimed at stimulating smallholder farm development by enhancing agricultural innovation. Five project case studies make up the greater part of the book: cowpea value chains in Nigeria; armyworm control in Tanzania and Kenya; smallholder farm technology in Kenya; maize innovation in Rwanda; and pork production in Malawi.

Domestic food production and food security in the Caribbean: building capacity and

strengthening local food production systems.

Beckford, Clinton L. and Donovan R. Campbell. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Beckford and Donovan examine how declining domestic agricultural production and increased dependence on imported food are creating food security

vulnerability in Caribbean countries. They then present recommendations for improving the food security outlook of the region. Chapter topics include small-scale farmers, women in agriculture, climate change, and sustainable agriculture.

The great African land grab?: agricultural investments and the global food system.

Cotula, Lorenzo. New York: Zed Books, 2013.

Cotula explores the controversy surrounding large-scale land acquisitions in Africa and examines the implications of land deals for both the African people and for world agriculture and food security. He concludes that the majority of large-scale land deals have had negative impacts on local populations and outlines what governments, investors, international agencies and civil society can do to promote more inclusive models of investment.

Greenprint: a new approach to cooperation on climate change.

Mattoo, Aaditya and Arvind Subramanian. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development, 2013.

This volume investigates how international cooperation on climate change has been slowed by recriminations and altered by economic power shifts between industrialized and developing countries. Authors argue that

large emerging economies should take the lead in emphasizing technology generation and ending the “cash-for-cuts” approach.

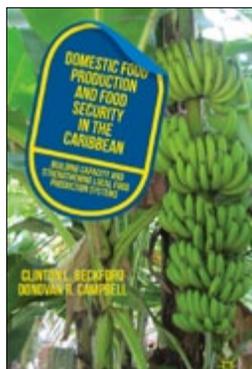


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Managing water and agroecosystems for food security.

Boelee, Eline, editor. Boston, MA: CABI, 2013.

A new e-book, this publication looks at the relationship between ecosystems, water, and food security. Authors lay out an ecosystem approach to sustainable agriculture, analyze the role of water in agriculture, and discuss the specific challenges posed by dry lands and wetlands. Examples of improved ecosystem services in agriculture are provided. USAID staff may download the book via [CABI eBooks](#).

Redeeming REDD: policies, incentives and social feasibility for avoided deforestation.

Brown, Michael I. New York: Routledge, 2013.

Brown critiques the goals and policies of the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) program. He says that initiatives for REDD have been widely endorsed by policymakers despite many implausible social and governance aspects of the program. He then presents a roadmap for a new REDD social contract.

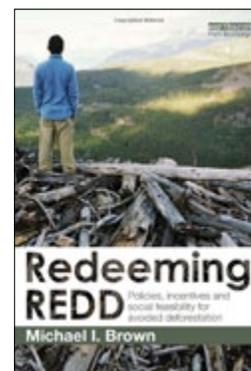


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DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Afghan lessons: culture, diplomacy, and counterinsurgency.

Gentilini, Fernando. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2013.

Gentilini spent nearly two years living in war-torn Afghanistan as a civilian envoy. He explores Afghan history, culture, politics, and tradition while also examining Western involvement in Afghanistan from both a diplomatic and military standpoint. He describes his early days in Kabul, meetings with numerous government officials and leaders of international organizations, and the conflict he experienced.

Egypt in flux: essays on an unfinished revolution. Iskandar, Adel. New York: The American University in Cairo Press, 2013.

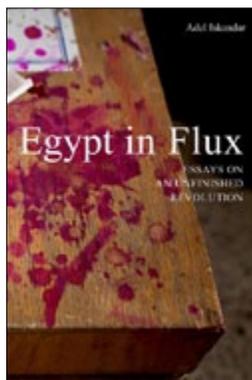


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Written over the past three years, this collection of essays delves into the political, economic, social, and cultural climate in Egypt during the revolutionary period. Essays address the conditions and circumstances which made the Arab Spring uprising inevitable, the hurdles placed before the revolution to derail its forward motion, and Iskandar's belief that the revolution will remain alive for years to come.

Improving international capacity development: bright spots. Armstrong, Jim. New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Armstrong investigates why large investments in capacity development often lead to poor results in developing country governments. He surveys literature on the topic and draws upon extensive personal experience to identify the lessons that can be learned from successful capacity development initiatives. A case study of Trinidad and Tobago is included.

Survival migration: failed governance and the crisis of displacement. Betts, Alexander. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2013.



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Betts defines survival migrants as those who flee failed states because they do not receive basic human rights. He investigates the underlying causes of survival migration from Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Somalia. He also examines the inconsistency of institutional responses across the neighboring host states.

Youth and revolution in Tunisia. Honwana, Alcinda. New York, Zed Books, 2013.

Honwana focuses on events that led up to the revolution in Tunisia and describes the ways in which young people engaged with the revolution and its aftermath. She explores tensions and negotiations between the various political forces immediately following the revolution and discusses young people's views about the key political and social developments that marked the post-revolutionary transition.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Rough diamonds: the four traits of successful breakout firms in BRIC countries. Park, Seung Ho,

Gerardo R. Ungson, and Nan Zhou. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2013.

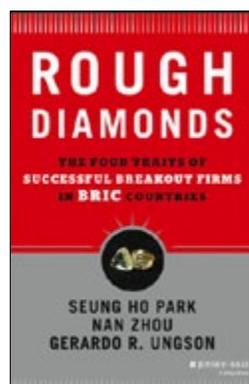


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This book looks at high-performing manufacturing firms in the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, and China) and identifies four key traits that have made the companies successful. Authors present implications and recommendations for western

firms to emulate success.

Social enterprise: accountability and evaluation around the world. Denny, Simon and Fred Seddon, editors. New York: Routledge, 2014.

This book introduces the concept of social enterprise and looks at how it can be defined, measured and evaluated. Authors critique social enterprise from social, political, financial, and ethical viewpoints. They also review tools that may be used to assess social enterprise performance such as social return on investment and randomized control trials.

Social innovation: solutions for a sustainable future. Osburg, Thomas and René Schmidpeter, editors. New York: Springer, 2013.



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In this volume, over 30 academic and business leaders provide a comprehensive introduction to social innovation and its relevance to the latest management approaches. Authors outline best practices in social innovation, describe real world applications, and speculate about the future role of business in society.

Startup rising: the entrepreneurial revolution remaking the Middle East. Schroeder, Christopher M. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

An internet executive, Schroeder looks at entrepreneurial growth in Dubai, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia by examining firms that have set up shop in the region. He examines the unique challenges faced by businesses in the Middle East and the roles of women and religion in entrepreneurship. Firms such as PayPal Middle East, Maktoob, and Souq.com are discussed.

Value chains in development: emerging theory and practice. Jones, Linda M., editor. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2011.



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This collection of papers traces the development of value chain theory and practice over the past two decades. Authors explore significant findings, interesting models, challenges, and new directions regarding the value chain approach. Case studies from Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Zambia are included. The work of USAID is described in a number of chapters.

EDUCATION

Early childhood education and development in poor villages of Indonesia. Hasan, Amer, Marilou Hyson, and Mae Chu Chang, editors. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2013.

An e-book, this publication documents the background, implementation, and preliminary impact evaluation of a project initiated in 2007 and funded by the World Bank in conjunction with the Dutch government. The aim of the project is to improve the school readiness of young children in Indonesia's poor rural communities. USAID staff may download the book via [The World Bank eLibrary](http://TheWorldBankeLibrary.com).

Global education policy and international development: new agendas, issues and policies.

Verger, Antoni, Hulya K. Altinyelken, Mario Novelli, editors. New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2012.

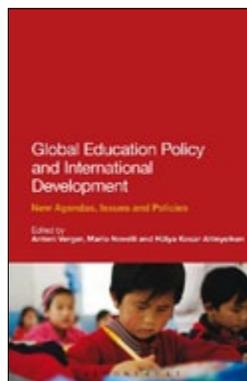


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Contributors to this volume investigate the effects of political and economic globalization on education policies in the developing world. Case studies set in countries including Kenya, India, and Brazil examine how international organizations and other political actors shape education agendas and disseminate education policies. The work of USAID is described in a number of chapters.

GENDER AND WOMEN'S EQUALITY

Gender and international relations. Steans, Jill.
Malden, MA: Polity Press, 2013.

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This text provides an introduction to the study of gender in international relations. Steans explores the key issues and debates surrounding gender in the context of human rights, violence, citizenship, peacekeeping, security, global political economy, and development.

Gender justice and legal pluralities: Latin American and African perspectives. Sieder, Rachel and John Andrew McNeish, editors. New York: Routledge, 2013.

This volume explores the relationship between legal pluralism and gender justice by analyzing how gendered rights claims are made and handled in a variety of cultural, economic and political settings. Case studies from Africa and Latin America investigate how individuals and groups use legal and quasi-legal instruments to challenge or reinforce gendered forms of exclusion.

Sex and international tribunals: the erasure of gender from the war narrative. Mibenge, Chiseche Salome. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013.

Mibenge argues that violence against women is an extreme form of discrimination and outlines the developments that put gender into the discourse of human rights law. Case studies from Rwanda and Sierra Leone demonstrate how gender and violence have been included or excluded from the processes of ad hoc criminal tribunals.



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HEALTH, NUTRITION AND POPULATION

Around the globe for women's health: a practical guide for the health care provider. Shirazian, Taraneh and Erin Gertz, editors. New York, Springer, 2013.

This collection of case studies highlights important medical issues and barriers to care faced by women in the developing world. Issues explored include maternal mortality, obstetric fistula, malaria in pregnancy, postpartum hemorrhage, family planning needs, and access to radiation therapy.

Evaluation of PEPFAR. Institute of Medicine. Washington, DC: National Academies Press, 2013.

This volume looks at the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a USAID sponsored program that supports a range of activities for all aspects of HIV response. Authors analyze and interpret available data from a wide variety of sources and present recommendations for the program. They conclude that while PEPFAR has achieved many of its goals, there is still work to be done.

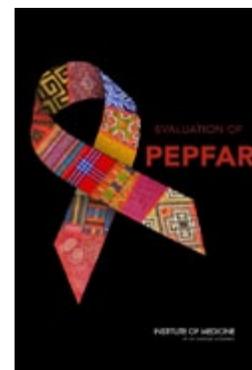


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Fevered: why a hotter planet will hurt our health—and how we can save ourselves. Marsa, Linda. New York: Rodale Books, 2013.

Marsa investigates the health impacts of global warming including rising rates of asthma, allergies, heart and lung disease, and cancer. She draws from real-world examples to illustrate the increasing dangers of tropical diseases, declining air quality, heat stroke, extreme weather, and famine. She also suggests how governments may prepare for and mitigate the health effects of climate change.

Getting better: improving health system outcomes in Europe and Central Asia. Smith, Owen and Son Nam Nguyen. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2013.

Authors of this e-book explore challenges facing the health sectors in Eastern and Central Asia. They identify three key agendas for achieving more rapid convergence with the best-performing health systems in the world and examine issues such as strengthening public health and primary-care interventions, improving financial protection and equity, and increasing efficiency in health spending. USAID staff may download the book via [The World Bank eLibrary](#).

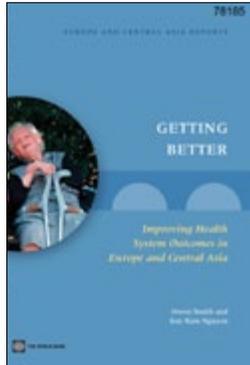


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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Managing federal government contracts: the answer book. Solloway, Jr., Charles. Tysons Corner, VA: Management Concepts Press, 2013.

Presented in question-and-answer format, this volume provides federal contracting guidance to program/contracting personnel, contracting officers representatives, contractor employees, and inspectors. Examples of forms and templates used in actual contract work are included.

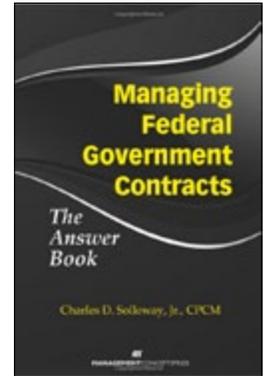


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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Data points: visualization that means something. Yau, Nathan. Indianapolis, IN: Wiley, 2013.

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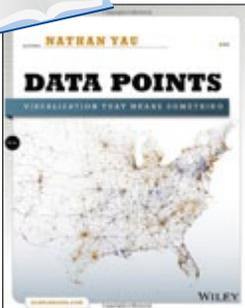


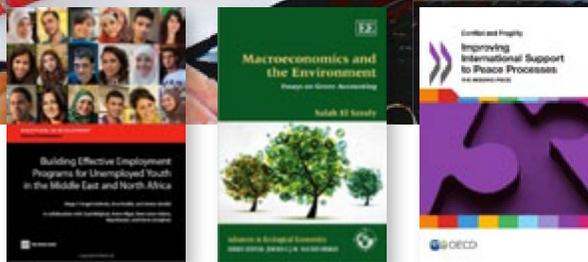
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In this illustrated volume, Yau focuses on the process of designing data graphics and suggests how readers can create original and meaningful visualizations. He examines standard rules across applications and then explores when and where these rules may be broken.



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