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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Atlas of global development: a visual guide to the world's greatest challenges. 4th ed. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2013.

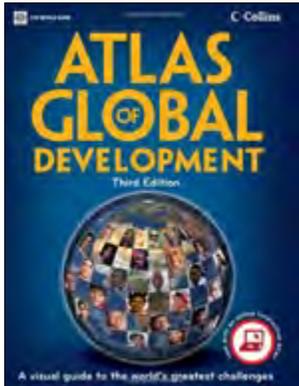


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This completely updated e-book uses colorful world maps, tables, graphs, and photographs to illustrate World Bank data on development challenges. Topics include poverty, education, maternal and child health, population growth, food production, climate change, and foreign direct investment. USAID staff may download the book via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

Development and underdevelopment: the political economy of global inequality. 5th ed. Seligson, Mitchell A. and



John T Passé-Smith, editors. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2014.

Contributors to this volume present evidence on the international and domestic gaps between rich and poor and describe the historical origins of income inequality. Authors also explore the impact of culture on development and the role of institutions. This updated volume contains fourteen new chapters, including a section on natural resource and environmental issues.



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Disaster management: international lessons in risk reduction, response and recovery.

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López-Carresi, Alejandro, et al., editors. New York: Routledge, 2014.

Geared to practitioners, this book covers all phases of the disaster cycle. Contributors look at community-based disaster risk reduction (DRR) and the many facets of disaster response and recovery. They present regional perspectives from Africa, Latin

America and Asia and then examine tools that have been found to be useful to community-based DRR.

The rise of the reluctant innovator.

Banks, Ken, editor. London: London Publishing Partnership, 2013.

Authors tell stories of ten social innovators who dedicate their lives to solving difficult problems, injustices and wrongs. The creation of organizations such as Medic Mobile, We Care Solar, Ushahidi, PlanetRead, and DataDyne is discussed. In order to make the most impact, authors advise that innovators should work locally on problems that they intimately understand.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Climate change and food security in West Asia and North Africa.

Sivakumar, Mannava V.K., Rattan Lal, Ramasamy Selvaraju, Ibrahim Hamdan, editors. New York: Springer, 2013.



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The countries of West Asia and North Africa (WANA) have long faced the environmental challenges of water scarcity, drought, land degradation and desertification. Climate change is already a reality in the region and places additional constraints

on fragile ecosystems in WANA. This book presents an overview of climate change and food security in the region and looks at integrated mitigation and adaptation options for a range of agroecosystems.

The global hunger crisis: tackling food insecurity in developing countries.

Bne Saad, Majda. London: Pluto Press, 2013.

Bne Saad asserts that the volatility of world food prices over the past few years is creating a global food crisis of unprecedented proportions. In this volume she lays out the concepts of food security and insecurity and then examines the world food system. Turning her focus to low-income countries, she describes the main characteristics of peasants' farming systems and looks at the types of land tenure in developing countries.

Sustainable animal agriculture.

Kebreab, Ermias, editor. Boston: CABI Publishing, 2013.

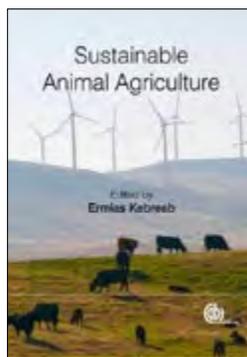


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This e-book opens with a discussion of how sustainability can be defined and the ways it can be achieved. It then looks at how the three primary pillars of sustainability – social, environmental and economic – can be applied to animal production. Authors address such practical topics as animal welfare, manure and feed management, water issues, air quality and production efficiency. USAID staff may download the book from CABI eBooks.

Water security: principles, perspectives and practices.

Lankford, Bruce, Karen Bakker, Mark Zeitoun and, Declan Conway. New York: Routledge, 2013.

This volume presents recent ideas and debates on water security from a number of viewpoints. Authors examine themes such as interconnectedness, comprehensiveness, and harmonization in water management. Topics include international law, climate change, and trans-boundary water management.

DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Dispatches from the Arab Spring: understanding the new Middle East. Amar, Paul and Vijay Prashad, editors. Minneapolis, MN: University Of Minnesota Press, 2013.

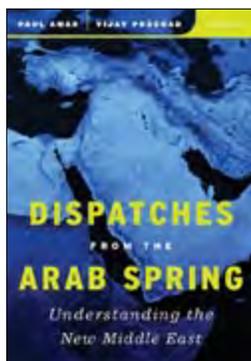


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Scholars present an overview of uprisings that swept across North Africa and the Middle East from 2010 onward. Country level chapters delve into historical contexts behind revolts, as well as the structural and societal forces that have shaped each

nation differently. Profiled countries include Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Governance for development in Africa: solving collective action problems. Booth, David and Diana Cammack. London: Zed Books, 2013.

This book presents the findings of a five-year Africa Power and Politics Programme (APPP) study on how various forms of governance affect the delivery of key public goods. Authors conclude that the provision of basic goods is often blocked in poor countries and that the solution lies not in “good governance,” but in local problem-solving.

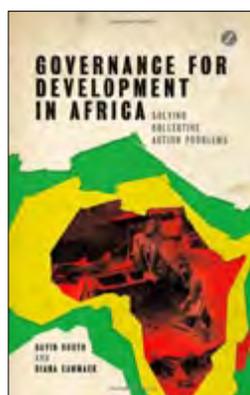


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Governing global land deals: the role of the state in the rush for land. Wolford, Wendy, et al., editors. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.

This collection of essays analyzes contemporary land deals from a range of vantage points and examines how legal frameworks, bureaucratic structures and customary laws regulate land access and management. Contributors argue that governments around the world have very different responses to land deals and often act as calculating partners. Case studies from Colombia, Guatemala, Brazil, Mozambique, Senegal and other countries are included.

Political aid and Arab activism: democracy promotion, justice, and representation. Carapico, Sheila. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

After 9/11, and more recently following the Middle East youth uprisings, professional democracy brokers flocked to the Arab region with projects to upgrade legal systems, institutionalize competitive elections, encourage women’s political participation and organize liberal civic networks. This book investigates the details of such projects, their immediate outputs and the experience of practitioners. The work of USAID is described in a number of chapters.

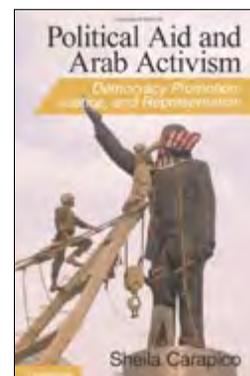


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Political change in Southeast Asia. Bertrand, Jacques. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Bertrand surveys political change in Southeast Asia in order to assess circumstances which have influenced political trajectories. He concludes that while the end of the Cold War and changes in the international system have framed some of the region’s transformation, domestic factors have been more influential to political change (or its absence) across various countries.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Betrayed: politics, power, and prosperity. Kaplan, Seth D. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

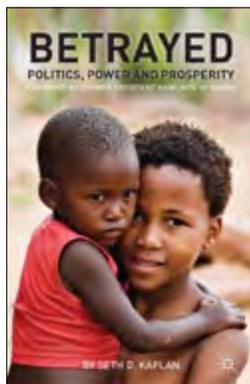


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After providing an overview of global poverty, Kaplan discusses how social exclusion – and the forces that create and sustain it – contributes to many problems facing the poor. He argues that the solution to poverty lies in governments improving the quality and inclusiveness of growth, increasing their effectiveness, and building confidence in reforms. A chapter

on the role of foreign aid is included.

Economics in action: an easy guide for development practitioners. Santhakumar, V. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2013.

Geared to development practitioners who have never studied economics, this book provides an easily comprehensible overview of microeconomics, the role of the macroeconomic environment and the specialized area of development economics. Chapters look at economic growth, poverty, inequality, gender discrimination and environmental impact. Case studies from India are included.

Global financial development report 2014: financial inclusion. World Bank Group. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2014.

This e-book highlights new evidence on policies that improve—and those that undermine—access to finance in the developing world. It emphasizes that financial inclusion is important for poverty reduction and that poor populations benefit greatly from using basic payments, savings and insurance services. Contributors conclude that achieving these benefits requires an environment of strong laws and regulations, good information, and healthy competition among financial service providers. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

Worthless, impossible and stupid: how contrarian entrepreneurs create and capture extraordinary value. Isenberg, Daniel. Boston: Harvard Business Review Press, 2013.

Isenberg highlights entrepreneurial efforts happening around the world and offers problem-solving tips and encouragement for aspiring businesspeople at all stages of their careers. He dispels three common myths about the nature of entrepreneurs and presents case studies of those who have created and captured extraordinary value by seeing opportunity where it was unnoticed, ignored, or downplayed by others.

EDUCATION

Education policy in developing countries.

Glewwe, Paul, editor. Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 2014.

This volume presents an overview of education issues in developing countries and then summarizes twenty years of research on school resources and educational outcomes. Contributors look at many critical aspects of education in developing countries including preschool programs, school management, child health, and student and parent incentives.

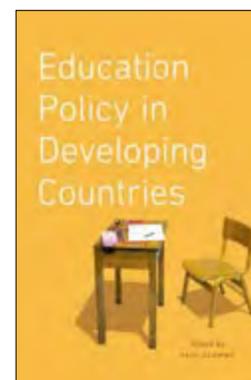


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EVALUATION

Running randomized evaluations: a practical guide. Glennerster, Rachel and Kudzai Takavarasha. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2013.

For evaluators and practitioners, this book explains how to conduct randomized impact evaluations of social programs in developing countries. Authors review how these evaluations can be a powerful tool for fighting poverty and explore why it is so difficult to measure the causal effects of programs. After explaining the role the evaluator plays in program design, they guide the reader step-by-step through the process of doing a randomized evaluation.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Do Muslim women need saving? Abu-Lughod, Lila. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2013.



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This volume assesses sensational representations of Muslim women's repression. Abu-Lughod focuses on the stories of individual women and takes a look at issues such as honor crimes, arranged marriages, the burqa, and veiling. She contends that these women are not asking to be rescued from their religion but from the discriminatory legal system and outdated patriarchal society that continues to inhibit their freedom.

HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

Noncommunicable diseases in the developing world: addressing gaps in global policy and research.

Galambos, Louis and Jeffrey L. Sturchio, editors. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014.

After providing an overview of the noncommunicable disease (NCD) crisis in developing countries, authors present essays on steps that can be taken to move ahead in the global campaign against NCDs. Contributors look at the regulation of NCD medicines, structuring supply chains, improving access to interventions, restructuring primary care, and promoting sectoral cooperation.



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Reimagining global health: an introduction.

Farmer, Paul, Arthur Kleinman, Jim Yong Kim and Matthew Basilio, editors. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2013.



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Authors including Paul Farmer investigate principal challenges and complexities confronting global health equity. Contributors examine three key historical periods critical to an understanding of global health today, look at the rise of foreign assistance for health, and outline

a number of key priorities for the next decade. The work of USAID is described in a number of chapters.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Technologies of choice?: ICTs, development, and the capabilities approach.

Kleine, Dorothea. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2013.

Kleine looks at how information and communication technologies and state ICT policies affect the lives of disadvantaged people. She uses Amartya Sen's capabilities approach and another conceptual framework to study how microentrepreneurs use ICT for development in rural Chile.

Who owns the future? Lanier, Jaron. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2013.

A pioneer in the field of virtual reality, Lanier offers a critical analysis of how the internet operates today and the ways it negatively impacts economies. He contends that information can't be free if the digital economy is to thrive and foresees a future where automation, robotics, 3-D printers, and computer networks will eliminate entire industries and lead to mass unemployment and social unrest.



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

AFRICA

Absolution. Flanery, Patrick. New York: Riverhead Books, 2012.

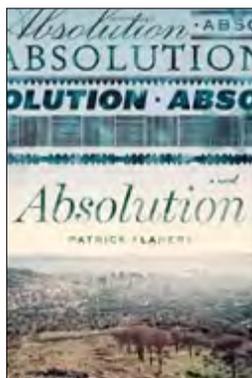


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This novel details the violence and horror that surround daily life in both contemporary and apartheid-era South Africa. The central figures are Clare, an aging and reclusive South African author haunted by her past, and Sam, an expatriate who has returned home to write her biography. Told from several viewpoints, the story focuses

on the complicated bonds between Clare and Sam and whether reconciliation is possible.

We need new names: a novel. Bulawayo, NoViolet. New York: Reagan Arthur Books, 2013.

Ten-year-old Darling lives in a Zimbabwe shantytown where the harsh realities of empty stomachs, fractured families and social decay are never far away. She is left in the care of her grandmother while her father works the mines in South Africa and her mother trades in the border region. Darling is later sent to live with an aunt in Detroit and struggles to navigate daily life as a teenager in a foreign land.

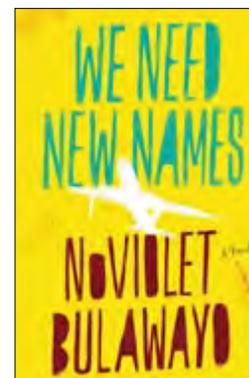
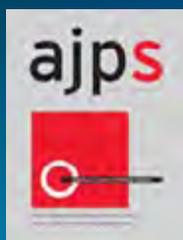


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In the shadow of the Banyan: a novel. Ratner, Vaddey. New York: Simon and Schuster, 2012.

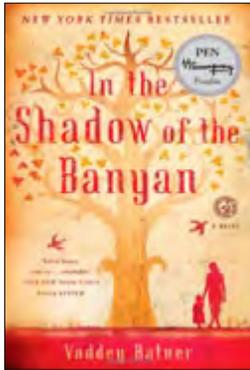


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Ratner, who grew up in Cambodia, tells the semi autobiographical story of Raami, a 7-year-old girl struggling to survive under the Khmer Rouge. Raami's father is of royal lineage, which leads to his execution. After losing her father, she and her mother and sister are removed from their palatial home in Phnom Penh and sent to live in the country. When

their privileged background is exposed, they are marked "undesirable" and sent to a labor camp.

A small fortune. Dastgir, Rosie. New York: Riverhead, 2013.

When middle-aged Harris, the patriarch of his large extended family in both England and Pakistan, receives a divorce settlement from his English ex-wife, he seeks to unload this unseemly sum as quickly as possible. Candidates for his largesse include his poor cousins in Pakistan and his cash-strapped daughter. But in a rash moment he gives the entire sum to his least deserving relative, initiating feelings of obligation and resentment among his family.

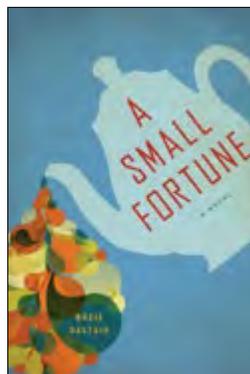


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MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Finding your element: how to discover your talents and passions and transform your life.

Robinson, Ken. New York: Viking, 2013.

This sequel to the author's previous book, *The Element*, offers guidance on discovering your passions and turning them into a vocation. Robinson encourages readers to find self-fulfillment by trying new activities, exploring their passions and aptitudes, and identifying key values. Practical exercises and questions to prompt self-exploration are included.

SmartTribes: how teams become brilliant together. Comaford, Christine.

New York: Penguin, 2013.

Comaford, an applied neuroscience expert, offers a systematic approach to creating what she calls a SmartTribe – a company culture that will outperform, outsell, and out-innovate the competition. After reviewing the five qualities that define top performing teams, she presents an action plan to building your own SmartTribe.

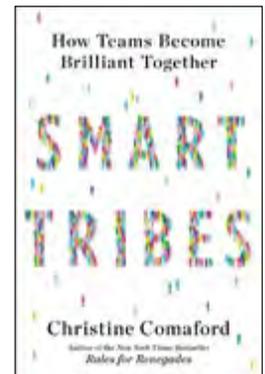


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The titleless leader: how to get things done when you're not in charge. Russell, Nan S. Pompton Plains, NJ: Career Press, 2012.

Russell asserts that how people work, communicate, collaborate, and manage responsibilities has changed and that knowing how to build influence and lead others without title or authority is now a workplace necessity. She provides practical and helpful suggestions for getting results from work colleagues, plus exercises and examples to guide the reader through the leadership development process.



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Mid-term evaluation of the higher engineering education alliance program (HEEAP)

Afghanistan Pakistan task force support services : final report – Sept. 30, 2009–July 30, 2011

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Statement of the NDI pre-election delegation to Afghanistan

IFES public opinion in Ukraine 2013 : key findings

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