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### AID AND DEVELOPMENT

#### Global sport-for-development: critical perspectives.

Schulenkorf, Nico and Daryl Adair, editors. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

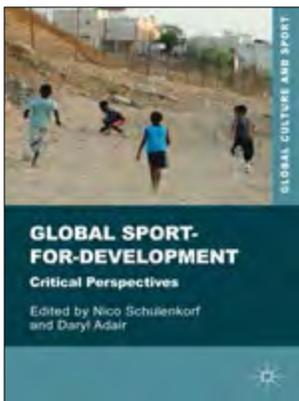


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Sport-for-development (S4D) aims to engage people from disadvantaged communities in physical activity projects to achieve positive social, cultural, physical, economic, or health related outcomes. Contributors to this volume provide a critical conceptual background to S4D then review the outcomes, challenges and limitations of governmental and corporate S4D programs in the developing world.

#### How numbers rule the world: the use and abuse of statistics in global politics.

Fioramonti, Lorenzo. New York: Zed Books, 2014.

Numbers are used to assess development strategies, measure performance, and inform policy-making and guide reforms. But what is behind these numbers? Fioramonti looks at the bureaucratization of statistics and how numbers have been used and abused in governance processes to entrench the power of markets and undermine public debate. The book includes a chapter examining how certain types of measurements have affected the development aid sector.

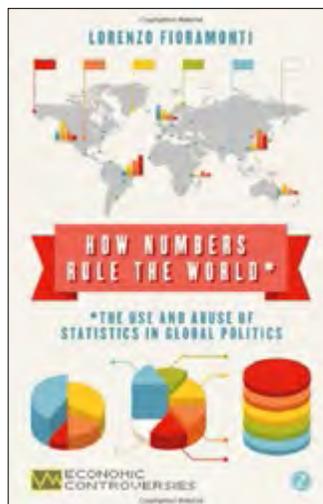


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**The rise of the BRICS in Africa: the geopolitics of South-South relations.** Carmody, Padraig. London: Zed Books, 2013.

Carmody, author of *The New Scramble for Africa*, picks apart a variety of constructs and perceptions about Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) in Africa. He discusses what he sees as the reconfiguration of African states and the development of new hierarchies within South-South cooperation, especially in the wake of the global economic crisis.

**Shaping the motherhood of indigenous Mexico.** Smith-Oka, Vania. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2013.

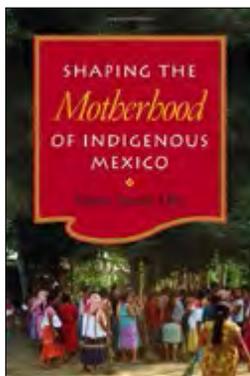


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Oportunidades is a World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank-funded social support program designed to help Mexican women to be “better mothers.” But what makes a better mother? This ethnographic study looks closely at the mothering practices of indigenous women in Mexico and their response to external efforts to shape their behavior. Smith-Oka provides context by writing about past practices of eugenics and population control. She delivers perspective by sharing the ways in which the mothers she studies make jokes about the sometimes demeaning treatment they receive.

## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**Delivering energy for development: models for achieving energy access for the world's poor.** Bellanca, Raffaella, Ewan Bloomfield and Kavita Rai. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2013.

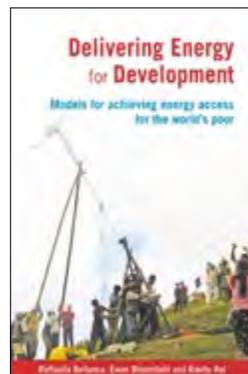


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This guide highlights ways to reduce energy poverty by analyzing models for the delivery of clean energy in off-grid, mini-grid and on-grid settings. Written for development practitioners, the book includes brief examples from Argentina, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Laos, Mozambique, and a host of other middle and low-income countries. The authors discuss energy market chains, financing, capacity building and policy making to enable energy service delivery.

**Diverting the flow: gender equity and water in South Asia.** Zwarteven, Margaret, Sara Ahmed and Suman Rimal Gautam, editors. New Delhi: Zubaan, 2012.

This collection investigates water policies and technologies, sanitation, and agrarian changes and how they are linked to women's lives and aspirations. The book concludes with change strategies, including a case study on adopting a gender approach in a water and sanitation project. The book is an outgrowth of a South Asian capacity building project on integrated water resources management.

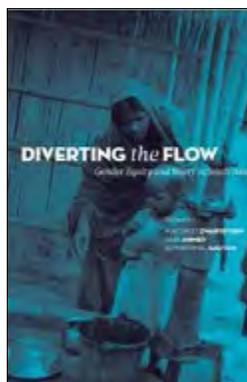


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**Environmental entrepreneurship: markets meet the environment in unexpected places.** Huggins, Laura E. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2013.

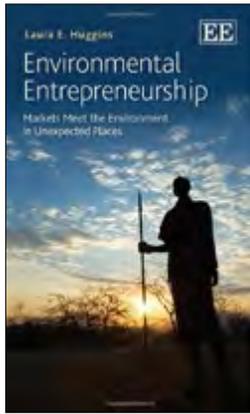


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Much has been written about environmental problems facing the developing world such as polluted air and water, flooding and deforestation. This book takes a different approach by looking at places where local entrepreneurs are finding innovative solutions to these challenges. Huggins presents real world case studies from Bolivia, China, Namibia and Kenya that illustrate the importance of establishing property rights and encouraging market exchange.

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## DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

**Corruption, contention and reform: the power of deep democratization.** Johnston, Michael. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Deep democratization – what some might call grassroots empowerment – is the key to rooting out corruption in all its many forms, Johnston contends. In his view,

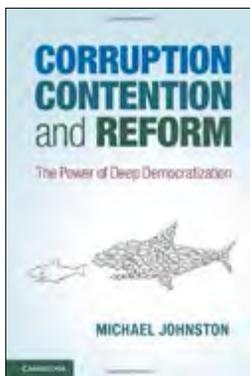


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electoral political reform alone is not enough, nor is stand-alone economic reform. Johnston calls for an updated understanding of how corruption benefits, in his classification, official moguls, oligarchs and clans, elite cartels, and influence markets.

**Indian youth and electoral politics: an emerging engagement.** Kumar, Sanjay, editor. New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2014.

Articles in this collection explore the political consciousness and electoral participation of Indian youth as well as their aspirations of becoming career politicians. The authors conducted a study in the aftermath of a 2009 parliamentary election that saw a rise in the number of young parliamentarians. The authors looked at the extent to which Indian youth embrace concepts of political reform, how they were affected by unemployment, poverty and rising prices, and whether they preferred to vote for young candidates.

**Toppling Qaddafi: Libya and the limits of liberal intervention.** Chivvis, Christopher S. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

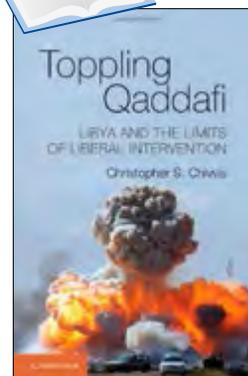


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Chivvis investigates the 2011 intervention by U.S. and allied forces in Libya and draws lessons from the experience by relating the operation to past events and future contingencies. He recounts how the war against Muammar Qaddafi was won and reflects on what the Libyan experience may mean for future U.S. policy, NATO cooperation, humanitarian intervention, the nature of post conflict stabilization and for Libya itself.

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## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

**The great escape: health, wealth, and the origins of inequality.** Deaton, Angus. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2013.

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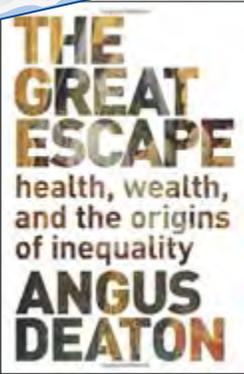


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This volume explores inequality—between classes and between countries—with a statistical analysis of trends in infant mortality, life expectancy, and income levels over the past 250 years. The author looks at the measurement and limitations of the various welfare indicators then turns his attention to the effectiveness of foreign aid. He concludes that foreign assistance

does not promote growth and suggests that to effect change the West should provide in-kind aid in lieu of transfer payments.

**ICT pathways to poverty reduction: empirical evidence from East and Southern Africa.** Adera, Edith Ofwona, et al, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2014.

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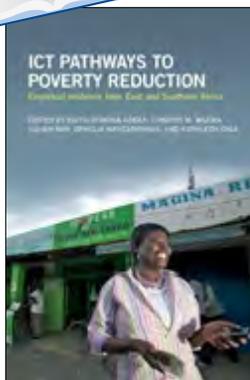


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Information and communication technologies (ICTs) are hailed by some as the solution for developing countries while others are more pessimistic and point to the growing digital divide that excludes some countries and regions. This study looks at how various forms of ICTs affect aspects of poverty in East and Southern African countries and presents statistical evidence that

enhanced use of these technologies leads to higher rates of poverty reduction.

**Making foreign direct investment work for Sub-Saharan Africa: local spillovers and competitiveness in global value chains.** Farole, Thomas and Deborah Winkler, editors. Washington: World Bank, 2014.

As many African economists, business people and political leaders have long maintained, when international companies invest in African countries, the results cannot be measured by simply assessing the exchange of money. This study, gleaned from 400 surveys of agriculture, apparel, and mining investors and suppliers, measures the collateral effects of investment, including the transfer of knowledge and technology, the linking supply chains, and the building of networks. This volume draws on study results from Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, and Swaziland. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](http://World Bank eLibrary).

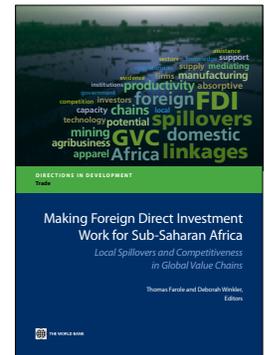


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## EDUCATION

**Changing education through ICT in developing countries.** Georgsen, M. and P.O. Zander. Aalborg, Denmark: Aalborg University Press, 2013.

The nine chapters assembled here examine the use of information and communication technology (ICT)

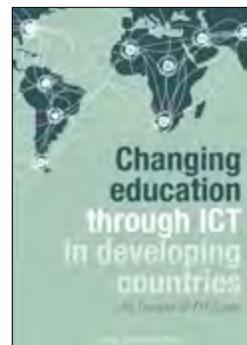


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in Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Fiji, India, Malaysia and Vietnam. The authors focus on the role of knowledge in development, digital literacy, pedagogy, varieties of learning cultures, and teacher training.

**Creating room to read: a story of hope in the battle for global literacy.** Wood, John. New York: Plume, 2013.

John Wood, founder of the nongovernmental organization Room to Read, shares the ups and downs of his global libraries and literacy campaign. His chronicle spotlights Room to Read's work in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, South Africa and other countries.

**Open: how we'll work, live and learn in the future.** Price, David. United Kingdom: Crux Publishing, 2013.

In this education manifesto, Price calls for a radical shift in the learning mechanisms employed by elementary and secondary schools, universities and workplaces. He suggests that knowledge acquisition in the formal sector should be as open, as peer-to-peer based, as it is in the informal areas of human endeavor. He proposes innovative learning designs and writes of new models such as Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and project-based learning styles made possible by today's technologies.

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## GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

**Feminists in development organizations: change from the margins.** Eyben, Rosalind and Laura Turquet, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action Publishing, 2013.

Much of this work explores the small-scale interventions women in multilateral and bilateral aid agencies and nongovernmental organizations use to exert influence in the pursuit of

women's rights programs and policies. These essays spring from a participatory research project designed to assess the real experiences of gender rights proponents within development organization bureaucracies.

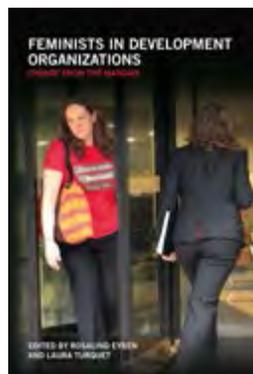


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**Women, business and the law 2014: removing restrictions to enhance gender equality.** World Bank. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2013.

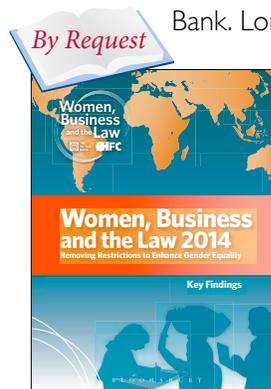


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This is the most recent in a series on legal and regulatory barriers faced by women entrepreneurs in 143 countries. The volume's data explores formal challenges to women seeking to access institutions, maintain personal safety, overcome property laws, get jobs, and build credit.

Detailed tables for each country provide recent indicators in each of these areas, as well as noting the extent to which women have access to courts and whether the country's education and tax policies and provision of childcare provide incentives for women to work.

**Voice male: the untold story of the profeminist men's movement.** Okun, Rob A., editor. Northampton, MA: Interlink Books, 2014.

This introduction to the profeminist movement among men contains short essays, articles, and poems from three decades of writings in the magazine of the same name. Chapters cover a range of issues related to men's identity, some of them dealing directly with men's relationships with women or support of the women's movement, while others address race, recovery from abuse and violence, fatherhood, health, and LGBT matters.

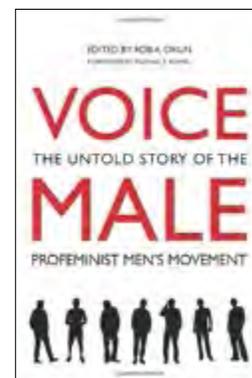


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## HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

### Promoting healthy living in Latin America and the Caribbean: governance of multisectoral activities to prevent risk factors for noncommunicable diseases.

Bonilla-Chacin, Maria

Eugenia, editor. Washington: World Bank, 2013.

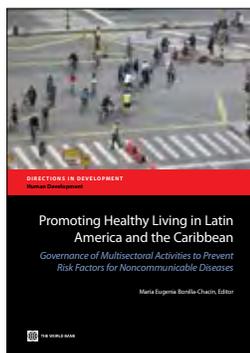


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With three-quarters of deaths in Latin America and the Caribbean attributable to cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke, this study offers policy recommendations for reducing these deaths and addressing risk factors such as tobacco and alcohol use and physical inactivity.

The report offers data on economic impacts and policy approaches in Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

### South African women living with HIV: global lessons from local voices.

Aulette-Root, Anna, Floretta Boonzaier and Judy Aulette. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014.

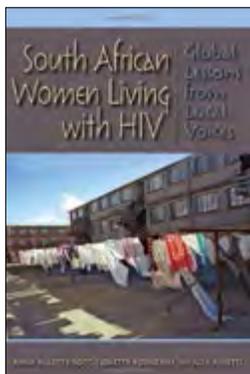


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By sharing the lives of a group of women in a Capetown support group, the authors of this book offer an intimate portrait of how women with HIV negotiate the thorny issues of disclosing their HIV status to potential partners, living with the changes in their physical appearance, and coping with their marginalization. The interviews that inform this book

provide a unique insight on how living with HIV affects the way women think of themselves.

### Transforming health markets in Asia and Africa: improving quality and access for the poor.



Bloom, Gerald, Barun Kanjilal, Henry Lucas, and David H. Peters, editors. New York: Routledge, 2013.

In recent years there has been a dramatic increase of market relationships in the health sectors of Asia and Africa. Contributors to this volume explore the challenges associated with these unregulated health markets and develop an exploratory framework for understanding how they operate in developing and transitional economies. Case studies evaluate informal healthcare providers in rural Bangladesh, China's rural hospitals, patent medicine vendors in Nigeria, and peer educators in Cambodia.

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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Big data @ work: dispelling the myths, uncovering the opportunities.

Davenport, Thomas H. Boston: Harvard Business Review Press, 2014.



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Big data, big data, big data. If you'd like some help getting to the heart of this hot button issue of the 2010s, this volume, written in plain English, might be for you. Davenport distinguishes between what's old and what's new about the big data phenomenon and uses real-world examples to demonstrate why skeptics should not dismiss the trend, but learn to exploit big data to build more effective businesses and organizations.

### The great Indian phone book: how the cheap cell phone changes business, politics and daily life.

Doron, Assa and Robin Jeffrey. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2013.

The full gamut of telephony issues comes under scrutiny in this account of the meteoric rise of the cell phone in India, a technological shift that, the authors say, has upset India's traditional social hierarchies. Doron and Jeffrey pull apart "the ecosystem of the cheap phone" by describing the use of the mobile in business and in domestic life, by political entities, and as a tool for criminal activities and political violence.

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## AFRICA

**Of Africa.** Soyinka, Wole. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012.

In this book-length essay, the Nigerian playwright, novelist and human rights advocate upholds African

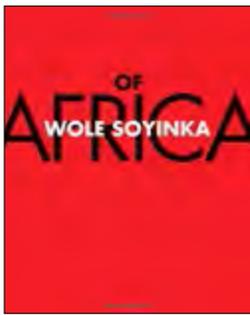


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humanism and spirituality while ruminating on what he calls the continent's "march of extreme intolerance in the form of religious fundamentalism." This is the reflection of a near-octogenarian still fighting to overcome intransigent, simplistic, and often racist views of Africa while simultaneously grappling

with the disappointments brought on by corruption, poor leadership and disunity.

### **Children are diamonds: an African apocalypse.**

Hoagland, Edward. New York: Arcade, 2013.

This the story of North American NGO staff members, some dedicated, some less so, caught in the maelstrom of the war for South Sudan. The novel touches on the desperation of hunger, the travails of girls and women engaged in sex work, the atrocities of the Lord's Resistance Army and a harrowing but redemptive act of rescue.

## ASIA

**Land of the unconquerable: the lives of contemporary Afghan women.** Heath, Jennifer and Ashraf Zahedi. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013.

Thirty-three women, many of them from Afghan families, write here with an urgent sense that stereotypes of Afghan women must go. Personal profiles, case studies, analyses and interviews paint a compelling picture of the intricate tapestry of Afghan womanhood and the complexities of daily life experienced by individual

women. Some contributors ask why more has not been done to engage Afghan men in the quest for women's justice, as well as why Islam has not been seen as a potent force for change. Visual and literary artists and health care practitioners are among the women readers meet in these accounts, as are rural women, prisoners, sex workers and others.

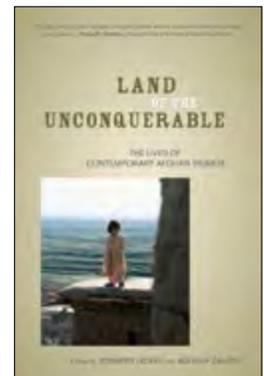


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