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**CRISIS OF RELEVANCE AT THE U.N. Council of Foreign Relations. Bernard Gwertzman. September 20, 2010.**

The United Nation's sixty-fifth General Assembly opens amid doubts about its relevance. But Stewart Patrick says that despite other multilateral venues, U.N. efforts on the part of refugees, development, and other issues remain essential.

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Global

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**GLOBAL GOVERNANCE 2025. Atlantic Council. September 20, 2010.**

The report analyzes the gap between current international governance institutions, organizations and norms and the demands for global governance likely to be posed by long-term strategic challenges over the next 15 years. The report is the product of research and analysis by the NIC and EUISS following a series of international dialogues co-organized by the Atlantic Council, TPN, and other partner organizations in Beijing, Tokyo, Dubai, New Delhi, Pretoria, Sao Paulo & Brasilia, Moscow, and Paris.

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**STEPS OUT OF THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT CRISIS. YaleGlobal. Jens Martens. September 20, 2010.**

As world leaders gather in New York to review the progress of the Millennium Development Goals set a decade ago, the enormity of the task ahead is clear. As the economic crisis spread across the globe, the government quickly adopted stimulus packages to stave off collapse. The fixes were temporary, though, failing to address immense structural challenges of trade imbalances, wage inequality and declining natural resources combined with growing populations. The developmental goals included global partnership, environmental sustainability and universal education. But divisive politics and opposition from the few who profit from reckless development subvert the agenda. Resistance to comprehensive plans to tackle global development – mitigating its social and environmental impacts – means no long-term resolution for unemployment, poverty and conflict, explains Jens Martens.

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Global

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**ELECTORAL VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA. Council on Foreign Relations. John Campbell. September 21, 2010.**

Nigeria's upcoming election, scheduled for January 2011, may well be the first in the country's history featuring a genuine political contest between the predominantly Christian South and the Muslim North. Candidates could be tempted to leverage Nigerians' ethnic and religious identities for political gain, a practice that may lead to widespread electoral violence or even a military coup. The memo concludes that the United States should capitalize on the value elite Nigerians place on their country's bilateral relationship with the United States to hedge against the worst outcomes the 2011 election might produce.

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**“TARGETS OF BOTH SIDES” VIOLENCE AGAINST STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOLS IN THAILAND’S SOUTHERN BORDER PROVINCES. Human Rights Watch. September 20, 2010.**

The report details how ethnic Malay Muslim insurgents, who view the government educational system as a symbol of Thai state oppression, have threatened and killed teachers, burned and bombed government schools, and spread terror among students and their parents.

The insurgents have also used Islamic schools to indoctrinate and recruit students into their movement. At the same time, Thai army and paramilitary forces are disrupting education and placing students at unnecessary risk of insurgent attack by occupying schools for long periods as bases for their counterinsurgency operations.

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Geo: EAP

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**THE ARCTIC: A VIEW FROM MOSCOW. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dmitri Trenin and Pavel Baev. September 20, 2010.**

The Arctic is emerging as the world’s next hot spot for oil and gas development. As the melting ice cap opens new shipping lanes and makes it easier to access strategic energy reserves, countries are racing to gain control over the Arctic’s abundant natural resources. The authors offer a view from Moscow on what the opening of the Arctic means. While there is a strong desire to compete over the resources in order to meet increasing energy demands, the authors argue that all countries, with Russia in a leading role, can benefit more through cooperation.

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**SUSTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF FISCAL REFORM IN HUNGARY. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Colin Forthun and Robert Hagemann. September 13, 2010.**

Hungary has faced a considerable challenge to regain credibility following persistent and high fiscal deficits. Efforts during recent years have produced substantial results.

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<http://bit.ly/amfBCD> [PDF format, 38 pages].

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**BRAZIL'S EARLY URBAN TRANSITION: WHAT CAN IT TEACH URBANIZING COUNTRIES? International Institute for Environment and Development. George Martine and Gordon McGranahan. Web posted September 2010.**

The paper specifically describes the urbanization experience of Brazil, by far the largest country in Latin America, and which has attained levels of urbanization that surpass those of most European countries. Despite historical differences in timing and context, the trajectory of urbanization in Brazil holds many parallels and key lessons for other countries that are currently undergoing rapid urban growth. Reflections based on this narrative, including both the account of failed policies of the past and the innovative but partly proven policies of the present, could help policymakers in countries facing similar challenges deal more successfully with their own urban transitions.

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**CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM FOR PEACE IN COLOMBIA. U.S. Institute of Peace. Virginia M. Bouvier. September 2010.**

The new Colombian administration that took office in early August faces a unique set of peacemaking challenges and opportunities related to the country's internal armed conflict. Following a spate of tensions with neighboring countries regarding the presence of illegal armed groups along Colombia's border areas, newly-inaugurated President Juan Manuel Santos moved quickly to create new mechanisms with his neighbors to ensure that contentious regional issues are addressed before they reach the boiling point.

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**ARE YOU GAINFULLY EMPLOYED?: SETTING STANDARDS FOR-PROFIT DEGREES. Education Sector. Ben Miller. September 2010.**

The U.S. Department of Education had released a new proposal that would make it more difficult for for-profits to access billions of dollars in federal funds. At the center of the proposal is a rule called “gainful employment” that would penalize for-profit colleges and other vocational training programs for saddling students with more debt than they can pay back. For-profits have grown by leaps and bounds in recent years, largely free of federal regulation. That freedom would be significantly curtailed if the gainful employment standard takes effect.

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Geo: USA

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**BACK TO COLLEGE. U.S. Department of Labor. September 2010.**

In 2009, there were over 10,000 establishments, places of employment, whether campuses, offices, research facilities, or other locations, operated by colleges and universities in the United States. The report presents Bureau of Labor Statistics data related to college and university students and graduates, as well as colleges and universities as an industry and place of employment.

<http://bit.ly/bQoT4p> [PDF format, 15 pages].

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USA

MSRP Theme: 5I, 12EDF

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**ENGAGING DIVERSE VIEWPOINTS: WHAT IS THE CAMPUS CLIMATE FOR PERSPECTIVE-TAKING? American Association of Colleges and Universities. Eric L. Dey and Associates. September 2010.**

According to the report, Core Commitments, a signature initiative of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), aims to reclaim and revitalize the academy's role in fostering students' development of personal and social responsibility. The initiative is designed to help campuses create learning environments in which all students reach for excellence in the use of their talents, take responsibility for the integrity and quality of their work, and engage in meaningful practices, including taking seriously the perspectives of others, that prepare them to fulfill their obligations as students in an academic community and as responsible global and local citizens.

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**FEW SAY RELIGION SHAPES IMMIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT VIEWS. Pw Research Center for the People & the Press. September 17, 2010.**

Many Americans continue to say their religious beliefs have been highly influential in shaping their views about social issues, including abortion and same-sex marriage. But far fewer cite religion as a top influence on their opinions about several other social and political issues, including how the government should deal with immigration, the environment and poverty.

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**FISCAL POLICY CHOICES IN UNCERTAIN TIMES. Congressional Budget Office. Douglas W. Elmendorf. September 16, 2010.**

The Congressional Budget Office expects that the economic recovery will proceed at a modest pace, leaving the unemployment rate above 8 percent until 2012. There are monetary and fiscal policy options that, if applied at a sufficient scale, would increase output and employment during the next few years. Such options would have costs as well. Expansionary

fiscal policy would increase federal budget deficits and debt relative to current baseline projections. Policymakers need to address those trade-offs.

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Geo: USA

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**THE HIGH-INCOME RATE REDUCTIONS: THE NEGLECTED STEPCHILD OF THE BUSH TAX CUTS. American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. Alan D. Viard. September 2010.**

Congress is considering allowing the Bush tax cuts' rate reductions for high-income households to expire at the end of 2010 while providing a deficit-financed extension of the middle-class portion of the tax cuts. This combination would damage economic growth by hiking marginal tax rates on saving and investment while swelling the budget deficit. The vulnerable state of the high-income rate reductions is largely due to the failure of supporters of the Bush tax cuts to make the economic-growth case for these reductions, says the author.

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Geo: USA

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**INSIGHTS ON THE EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION ON PRICES AND CONSUMPTION. RAND Corporation. Beau Kilmer. September 21, 2010.**

This is the transcript of the testimony presented before the California State Assembly Public Safety Committee and California State Senate Public Safety Committee on September 21, 2010.

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**THE NEW ‘CLUSTER MOMENT’: HOW REGIONAL INNOVATION CLUSTERS CAN FOSTER THE NEXT ECONOMY. Brookings Institution. Mark Muro and Bruce Katz. September 21, 2010.**

Twenty years after Harvard Business School professor Michael Porter introduced the concept to the policy community and 10 years after its wide state adoption, clusters ,geographic concentrations of interconnected firms and supporting or coordinating organizations, have reemerged as a key tool and rubric in Washington and in the nation’s economic regions.

After a decade of delay, the executive branch and Congress have joined state and local policymakers in embracing “regional innovation clusters” (RICs) as a framework for structuring the nation’s economic development activities. At the state level, governors and gubernatorial candidates of both parties are maintaining or stepping up their longstanding interest.

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USA

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**RURAL AMERICA AT A GLANCE, 2010 EDITION. U.S. Department of Agriculture. September 13, 2010.**

The study highlights the most recent indicators of social and economic conditions in rural areas for use in developing policies and programs to assist rural areas. The 2010 edition focuses on the U.S. rural economy, including employment trends, poverty, and demographics.

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<http://bit.ly/9Iewn> [PDF format, 6 pages].

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USA

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Geo:

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**SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT: BANK LENDING RESTRAINS JOB CREATION. U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee. September 13, 2010.**

The report shows that small business hiring has not started to increase, although larger and mid-sized firms continue to increase hiring. Additionally, the report finds that the number of small business loans and the dollar value of these loans are both dropping. The number of loans made to small businesses, which peaked at 27.2 million in the second quarter of 2008,



has fallen by over 4.8 million since then, a drop of 17.8 percent. The total value of those loans fell by \$60 billion to approximately \$650 billion.

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<http://bit.ly/8XEmE2> [PDF format, 4 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 5I, 4K

Geo: USA

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**STILL AN HOURGLASS?: IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN MIDDLE-SKILLED JOBS. Migration Policy Institute. Randy Capps et al. September 2010.**

It has been conventional wisdom that the immigrant workforce is shaped like an hourglass — wide at the top and the bottom but narrow in the middle. In reality, immigrants are more evenly dispersed across the skills spectrum than has been widely recognized, say the authors.

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**A THOUSAND CUTS: WHAT REDUCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT THROUGH LARGE SPENDING CUTS COULD REALLY LOOK LIKE. Center for American Progress. Michael Ettlinger and Michael Linden. September 20, 2010.**

The deficits our nation will run for the next few years are important for getting the country back on a solid economic foundation, according to the report. It also recommends planning for longer-term deficits.

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**U.S. MEAT DEMAND: THE INFLUENCE OF ANIMAL WELFARE MEDIA COVERAGE. Kansas State University. September 2010.**

U.S. consumers are expressing increasing interest in the production practices used in modern food production. An issue rapidly increasing in importance to consumers is the treatment of farm animals raised for meat, milk, and eggs destined for human consumption. Recently U.S. residents in several states have signaled concern for animal well-being through ballot initiatives that prohibit the use of particular practices i.e., gestation crates/stalls in swine production. However, a critical question remains: what, if any, influences do animal-welfare concerns have on aggregate consumer demand for meat?

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**WALKING AWAY: A THIRD OF THE PUBLIC SAYS IT'S SOMETIMES OK TO STOP PAYING A MORTGAGE. Pew Research Center. Paul Taylor et al. September 15, 2010.**

A majority of Americans say it is "unacceptable" for homeowners to stop making their mortgage payments and abandon their homes, according to a Pew Research Center survey. But more than a third (36%) say the practice of "walking away" from a home mortgage is acceptable, at least under certain circumstances.

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