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REPORTS

Because I am a Girl: The State of the World's Girls 2010; Digital and Urban Frontiers: Girls in a Changing Landscape. U.N. Human Settlements Programme. Nikki van der Gaag et al. 2010.

Despite all the threats that girls face in digital and urban spaces, the report finds that the best way to support their wellbeing and development, and to continue the fight against poverty, is to equip them with the skills to effectively and safely navigate the threats so they can make the most of the opportunities that are available to them. This also requires that those in positions of power and authority do their utmost to remove the barriers that prevent girls making the most of these opportunities. As in previous reports, this year's research demonstrates that removing the barriers to the opportunities for girls in cyberspace and urban areas will unlock their potential and play a key role in ending poverty and creating global prosperity.

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Full Text:

http://plan-international.org/files/global/publications/campaigns/BIAAG_2010_EN2.pdf
[PDF format, 199 pages].

Item#11AD223
Global

MSRP Theme: 12SI, 12PAD

Geo:

Giving Money Away? The Politics of Direct Distribution in Resource Rich States. Center for Global Development. Alexandra Gillies. November 5, 2010.

The governments of resource rich states have several options for how to allocate oil and mineral revenues, including the direct distribution of revenues to their citizens. This paper discusses the political feasibility and political implications of such cash transfers in the specific context of resource-rich states. Identifying the contexts in which this policy is mostly

likely to emerge, and understanding the potential governance risks and benefits, will help policymakers to consider the desirability of cash transfers as an allocation choice.

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Full Text:

<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424574/> [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD224
Global

MSRP Theme: 3D

Geo:

Global Routine Vaccination Coverage 2009. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. October 29, 2010.

The widespread use of vaccines has greatly improved global public health, preventing millions of childhood hospitalizations and deaths each year. Vaccination of children also is projected to avert adult deaths through the prevention of hepatitis B (HepB) virus--related chronic liver disease and liver cancer (1) and human papilloma virus--related cervical cancer (2). The report summarizes global routine vaccination coverage during 2000--2009 and progress toward achieving Global Immunization Vision and Strategy (GIVS) goals.

Full Text:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5942a3.htm?s_cid=mm5942a3_x [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD225
Global

MSRP Theme: 15C

Geo:

Identifying the Right Skills and Expertise for the Challenges of the 21st Century: Where to Find Them? How to Retain Them? IAEA Safeguards Symposium, Vienna 1-5, 2010. Pierre Goldschmidt. November 2010.

The anticipated expansion of nuclear energy worldwide will raise considerable challenges not only for the nuclear industry, but for IAEA member states and the Secretariat, in particular in the areas of nuclear safety, safeguards, and security. In addressing the IAEA November 2010 Symposium on International Safeguards in Vienna, Pierre Goldschmidt discusses the major safeguards challenges of the 21st century associated with the verification of an increasing number of complex nuclear facilities as well as new disarmament commitments.

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Full Text:

http://carnegieendowment.org/files/goldschmidt_safeguards_symposium.pdf [PDF format, 4 pages].

Item#11AD226
Global

MSRP Theme: 2G

Geo:

Outbreaks Following Wild Poliovirus Importations – Europe, Africa, and Asia. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. November 5, 2010.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) began in 1988. By 2006, indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus (WPV) had been interrupted in all but four countries (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan). However, outbreaks following WPV importations into previously polio-free countries remain an ongoing risk until polio is eradicated. The GPEI Strategic Plan for 2010--2012 (4) set the following two goals for outbreak control: 1) end outbreaks occurring in 2009 by mid-2010 and 2) end outbreaks occurring during 2010 to mid-2012 within 6 months of confirmation. This report describes new outbreaks that have occurred in the World Health Organization (WHO) European Region and updates previous reports on the status of outbreaks in Africa and Asia.

Full Text:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5943a1.htm?s_cid=mm5943a1_x [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD227
Global

MSRP Theme: 15A

Geo:

A Quick Fix for Climate Change? YaleGlobal. Michael Richardson. November 8, 2010.

Spewing particles into the skies to block sunlight, releasing chemicals into the oceans to encourage plankton growth and carbon absorption, are just two examples of how geo-engineering technologies might ease impacts of climate change. The interventions, still being tested, would be temporary and costly, warns the author. The technologies could also cross borders, damage habitat, make some regions too hot or cold, disrupt industries that depend on clear skies or oceans, and pose other unintended consequences. Unchecked emissions could eventually cost about 5 percent of global GDP.

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Full Text:

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/quick-fix-climate-change> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD228
Global

MSRP Theme: 14B

Geo:

Report of the Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Finance. United Nations. November 5, 2010.

Raising the \$100 billion needed annually to help developing countries adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change would require a mix of new public sources, a scaling-up of existing public sources and more private flows, say the Co-Chairs of an expert group charged with analyzing options to meet that goal, as they formally presented their findings to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

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Full Text:

http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/climatechange/shared/Documents/AGF_reports/AGF_Final_Report.pdf [PDF format, 81 pages].

Item#11AD229
Global

MSRP Theme: 14D

Geo:

Social Movements and Poverty in Developing Countries. U.N. Research for Social Development. Anthony Bebbington. November 3, 2010.

Poverty and inequality are both products and producers of the prevailing relationships of power in a society. By many definitions, social movements are understood as questioning the nature and exercise of power in society. As such they also play roles in challenging relationships of poverty and inequality. The paper explores some of these roles.

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[http://www.unrisd.org/unrisd/website/document.nsf/\(httpPublications\)/BF0E452A815E5A80C12577CF00558A72?OpenDocument](http://www.unrisd.org/unrisd/website/document.nsf/(httpPublications)/BF0E452A815E5A80C12577CF00558A72?OpenDocument) [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD230
Global

MSRP Theme: 12SIE

Geo:

Think Tank 20: Global Perspectives on the Seoul G-20 Summit. Brookings Institution. November 9, 2010.

On November 11-12, G-20 leaders meet in Seoul with Korea as the host—the first time that an emerging or newly industrialized country chairs the meeting. Opinion on what the G-20 has achieved since it started to meet at leaders' level two years ago is divided. Many focus on the actual summit meetings and on the fact that it has been hard to achieve concrete

agreement on key policy issues. No doubt the G-20 is also threatened by the syndrome of grand declarations with weak follow up that we already observed during G7 meetings in the past, says the report.

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Full Text:

http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2010/1109_g20_summit/g20.pdf [PDF format, 59 pages].

Item#11AD231
Global

MSRP Theme: 04

Geo:

Kosovo: The Next Steps. U.S. Institute of Peace. Daniel Serwer. November 2010.

A small group of experienced American Balkans hands met in October at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. to discuss the situation and the way forward. This Peace Brief summarizes salient points from their discussion.

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Full Text:

<http://www.usip.org/files/resources/PB%2067%20-%20Kosovo%20The%20Next%20Steps.pdf> [PDF format, 4 pages].

Item#11AD232

MSRP Theme: 1G

Geo: EUR

Will It Be Brussels, Berlin, or Financial Markets that Check Moral Hazard in Europe's Bailout Union? Most Likely the Latter! Peterson Institute for International Economics. Jacob Funk Kirkegaard. Web posted November 10, 2010.

The brief contains proposals for the EU to develop a solid long-term plan for reforming the EU fiscal policy and surveillance framework.

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Full Text:

<http://www.piie.com/publications/pb/pb10-25.pdf> [PDF format, 15 pages].

Item#11AD233

MSRP Theme: 4K

Geo: EUR

The Elusive Myth of Democratic Egyptian Elections. Brookings Institution. Mirette F. Mabrouk. November 8, 2010.

Later this month, Egyptians will go to the polls, or attempt to, in order to vote in the country's parliamentary elections. The elections will unlikely be a democratic affair in the Western sense. In fact, opposition candidates, voters, citizen groups, essentially everyone other than government representatives, are fully expecting the elections to be a violent and rigged episode. For easy reference, one can look to the June elections for the Shura Council, or upper house of Parliament, in which the governing National Democratic Party (NDP) managed to land 80 out of a possible 84 seats. Those elections were marked by violence and allegations of rampant violations.

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Full Text:

http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2010/11_egypt_elections_mabrouk/11_egypt_elections_mabrouk.pdf [PDF format, 8 pages].

Item#11AD234

MSRP Theme: 12EL

Geo: NEA

The Iran Stalemate and the Need for Strategic Patience. Atlantic Council. Barbara Slavin. November 8, 2010.

The Iran Task Force, co-chaired by Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat and Senator Chuck Hagel, seeks to perform a comprehensive analysis of Iran's internal political landscape, as well as its role in the region and globally, to answer the question whether there are elements within the country and region that can build the basis for an improved relationship with the West and how these elements, if they exist, could be utilized by U.S. policymakers in engaging Iran. Launched in February of 2010, with initial support from the Ploughshares Fund, the Task Force has hosted three workshops with leading experts addressing key issues such as "Iran's Regional Role," "Foreign Policy Choices Within Iran," and "Iran's Nuclear Capabilities and Strategic Goals."

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Full Text:

http://www.acus.org/files/publication_pdfs/403/ACUS_IranIBNov10.pdf [PDF format, 16 pages].

Item#11AD235

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: NEA

A Closer U.S.-India Embrace. Council on Foreign Relations. Jayshree Bajoria. November 8, 2010.

On his state visit to India, President Obama won export deals to generate U.S. jobs and supported India's bid for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council, but analysts noted challenges ahead for the strategic partnership.

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Full Text:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23332/closer_usindia_embrace.html [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD236

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: SCA

India-U.S. Relations. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. K. Alan Kronstadt et al. October 27, 2010.

Long considered a “strategic backwater” from Washington’s perspective, South Asia emerged in

the 21st century as increasingly vital to core U.S. foreign policy interests. India, the region’s

dominant actor with more than one billion citizens, is often characterized as a nascent great power and “indispensible partner” of the U.S., one that many analysts view as a potential counterweight to China’s growing clout. The two countries now engage in numerous and unprecedented combined military exercises, and major U.S. arms sales to India are underway.

Full Text:

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/150780.pdf> [PDF format, 64 pages].

Item#11AD237

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: SCA

Action on Social Security: The Urgent Need for Delay. Center for Economic and Policy Research. Dean Baker. November 8, 2010.

There is enormous public confusion about the extent of Social Security’s projected shortfall. Many policymakers and analysts point out that projections from the Congressional Budget Office and the Social Security Trustees show the program to be out of balance in the long-term, therefore we would be best advised to make changes as soon as possible. The paper argues that supporters of the existing Social Security system should try to ensure that no major changes to the core program are implemented in the immediate future.

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Full Text:

<http://www.cepr.net/documents/publications/ss-2010-11-1.pdf> [PDF format, 9 pages].

Item#11AD238

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo: USA

Americans Are of Two Minds on Trade. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. November 9, 2010.

The public is of two minds when it comes to trade with other countries. Most Americans say that increased trade with Canada, Japan and European Union countries -- as well as India, Brazil and Mexico -- would be good for the United States. But reactions are mixed to increased trade with South Korea and China. More generally, there is increased skepticism about the impact of trade agreements such as NAFTA and the policies of the World Trade Organization. Roughly a third (35%) say that free trade agreements have been good for the United States, while 44% say they have been bad for the U.S.

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Full Text:

<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1795/poll-free-trade-agreements-jobs-wages-economic-growth-china-japan-canada> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD239

MSRP Theme: 12ELG, 05

Geo: USA

Characteristics of the 100 Largest Public Elementary and Secondary School Districts in the United States: 2008-09. National Center for Education Statistics. November 2010.

The annual report provides basic information from the Common Core of Data about the nation's largest public school districts in the 2008-09 school year. The data include such characteristics as the number of students and teachers, number of high school completers and the averaged freshman graduation rate, and revenues and expenditures. Findings include: In 2008-09, these 100 largest districts enrolled 22 percent of all public school students, and employed 22 percent of all public school teachers. The districts produced 20 percent of all high school completers (both diploma and other completion credential recipients) in 2007-08. Three states -- California, Florida, and Texas -- accounted for almost half of the 100 largest public school districts. Current per-pupil expenditures in fiscal year 2008 ranged from a low of \$6,363 in the Granite District, Utah to a high of \$23,298 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Full Text:

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2011/2011301.pdf> [PDF format, 83 pages].

Item#11AD240

MSRP Theme: 12EDE

Geo: USA

Grus Americana and a Texas River: A Case for Environmental Justice. James A. Baker III
Institute for Public Policy. Ronald Sass. November 9, 2010.

Protecting the Guadalupe-San Antonio River system could be vital to the survival of the
whooping crane, according to the author.

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Full Text:

<http://www.bakerinstitute.org/publications/GCC-pub-SassGrusAmericana-110910.pdf> [PDF
format, 35 pages].

Item#11AD241

MSRP Theme: 14A

Geo: USA

The Macroeconomics of U.S. Defense Spending: Problems in Federal Spending, and Their
Impact on National Security. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Anthony H.
Cordesman et al. November 9, 2010.

The U.S. faces growing pressures on its defense spending. The U.S. is still dealing with two
ongoing wars and has a very different role in global power projection than its allies. So far, it
has not made realistic efforts to project the cost of these wars in its defense budget, and the
Afghan war is almost certain to put major new pressure on the defense budget in FY2012 and
beyond.

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Full Text:

http://csis.org/files/publication/101108_FY11_macro_defense.pdf {PDF format, 63 pages}.

Item#11AD242

MSRP Theme: 1D

Geo: USA

Unemployment Statistics on Older Americans. Urban Institute. Richard W. Johnson et al.
November 9, 2010.

The recession has increased joblessness among older Americans. The graphs and tables report
unemployment rates and how they have varied by age, sex, race, and education since 2007.

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Full Text:

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411904_unemploymentstatistics.pdf [PDF format, 11
pages].

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MSRP Theme: 5I, 12SI

Geo: USA
