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REPORTS

THE GLOBAL AGING PREPAREDNESS INDEX. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Richard Jackson et al. October 14, 2010.

The world is being overtaken by a stunning demographic transformation known as global aging. Over the next few decades, global aging promises to affect everything from business psychology and workforce productivity to the shape of the family and the direction of global capital flows.

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http://csis.org/files/publication/101014_GlobalAgingIndex_DL_Jackson_LR.pdf [PDF format, 76 pages].

Item#11AD082
Global

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo:

WHEN DOES RIGOROUS IMPACT EVALUATION MAKE A DIFFERENCE?: THE CASE OF THE MILLENNIUM VILLAGES. Center for Global Development. Micahel Clemens and Gabriel Demombynes. October 11, 2010.

The authors study one high-profile case: the Millennium Villages Project (MVP), an experimental and intensive package intervention to spark sustained local economic development in rural Africa. They illustrate the benefits of rigorous impact evaluation in this setting by showing that estimates of the project's effects depend heavily on the evaluation method.

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<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424496> [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD083
Global

MSRP Theme: 1J

Geo:

ONCE A WINNER, CHINA SEES GLOBALIZATION'S DOWNSIDE – PART II.
YaleGlobal. Jeffrey Wasserstrom. October 13, 2010.

A poster child of successful globalization, China has recently taken some knocks from the process. The series explores how China's global connections brought prosperity but some unpleasant surprises as well. By leveraging its economic might and organizing power of the state, China has successfully used institutions like the International Olympics Committee to rebrand itself as an advanced global power. China has stumbled in its attempt due to an enduring authoritarian impulse. The most recent example of failure came when a Chinese prisoner-of-conscience, Liu Xiaobo, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Liu was repeatedly jailed for his call for expanding civil liberties. Similar fracas broke out earlier when Beijing denounced the participation of dissident writers in the Frankfurt Book Fair. Harsh attempts to suppress demands for democracy and human rights may ensure the party's hold on power, but tarnish China's image globally.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/china-sees-globalizations-downside-part-ii> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD084

MSRP Theme: 04

Geo: EAP

THE ENIGMA OF RUSSIAN MORTALITY. American Enterprise Institute. Nicholas Eberstadt. October 13, 2010.

Russia today is in the grip of an eerie, far reaching, and in some respects historically unprecedented population crisis. Since the end of the Soviet era, the population of the Russian Federation has fallen by nearly 7 million. Apart from China's paroxysm in the wake of Mao's catastrophic Great Leap Forward, this is the largest single episode of depopulation yet registered in the postwar era.

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Full Text:

<http://www.aei.org/docLib/Engima-Russian-Mortality-Eberstadt-101310.pdf> [PDF format, 7 pages].

Item#11AD085

MSRP Theme: 16

Geo: EUR

RESET RELOADED: THE SECOND PHASE OF OBAMA'S RUSSIA POLICY SHOULD NOW HAVE A MAJOR EUROPEAN COMPONENT. Brookings Institution. Emiliano Alessandri. October 14, 2010.

The Obama administration's "reset" policy with Russia has been a diplomatic success. It has eased tensions with Moscow and helped the U.S. gain Russia's cooperation on key priorities outside Europe, such as Afghanistan, Iran and nuclear non-proliferation. It is now time, however, for the reset to also have a major European component, says the author. Phase II of the reset should involve European countries more fully in the West's engagement of Russia.

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http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/1014_europe_russia_alessandri/1014_europe_russia_alessandri.pdf [PDF format, 11 pages].

Item#11AD086

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: EUR

DOES EGYPT NEED INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS? Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Michele Dunne and Amr Hamzawy. October 14, 2010.

International observers are for newly independent states without the institutions needed to run elections, unlike Egypt, according to Moqbel Shaker, Vice Chairman of Egypt's National Human Rights Commission. Shaker reportedly provided this explanation to police officers at an October 3 training seminar related to the upcoming parliamentary elections. But while the fact that the human rights commission is engaging with police is positive, Shaker unfortunately perpetuated a persistent fallacy circulating in Egypt regarding international election observers, say the authors.

Egyptian officials, including Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mufid Shehab, have so far rebuffed requests by international organizations to observe elections

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<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/publications/index.cfm?fa=view&id=41733> [HTML format, various paging]. Item#11AD087

12ELE

Geo: NEA

MSRP Theme:

THE MIDEAST MORATORIUM MESS. Council on Foreign Relations. Michelle Dunne. October 13, 2010.

Direct peace talks between Israel and Palestinians were halted in early October after the expiration of the ten-month moratorium on settlement construction. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has so far not accepted Obama administration incentives to extend the moratorium for two months. The administration is now scrambling to avoid the collapse of the

peace talks, and struggling with a dilemma it helped create by launching a peace process "without having a solution wired for the expiration of the settlement moratorium," says the author. Dunne believes Netanyahu is looking for a way to renew the moratorium, but his recent offer a two-month settlement freeze if Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state is "less a serious proposal than an attempt to show that the Palestinians are the intransigent party."

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http://www.cfr.org/publication/23143/mideast_moratorium_mess.html [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD088

MSRP Theme: 1G

Geo: NEA

NEW CRISIS, OLD DEMONS IN LEBANON: THE FORGOTTEN LESSONS OF BAB-TEBBANEH/JABAL MOHSEN. International Crisis Group. October 14, 2010.

The crisis that has gripped Lebanon since the murder of former Prime Minister Rafic Hariri five years ago has taken a new and dangerous turn. The report looks at risks of escalation by focusing on two volatile neighbourhoods of Tripoli. The anticipated implication of Hizbollah members by the international tribunal investigating the 2005 assassination raises existential issues: inter-communal relations, the legitimacy of the resistance embodied by Hizbollah, the tribunal's credibility, survival of the current national unity government, the future of the recent Saudi-Syrian rapprochement and the country's fragile stability.

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<http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/iraq-syria-lebanon/lebanon/B29-new-crisis-old-demons-in-lebanon-the-forgotten-lessons-of-bab-tebbaneh-jabal-mohsen.aspx> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD089

MSRP Theme: 1G

Geo: NEA

COLOMBIA: PRESIDENT SANTOS'S CONFLICT RESOLUTION OPPORTUNITY. International Crisis Group. October 13, 2010.

President Juan Manuel Santos has taken welcome steps toward reform in his first ten weeks but now must put in place and execute a truly comprehensive and integrated conflict resolution strategy for Colombia to secure sustainable peace.

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<http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/latin-america/colombia/34%20Colombia%20-%20President%20Santoss%20Conflict%20Resolution%20Opportunity.ashx> [PDF format, 36 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 1B

Geo: WHA

REDUCING DRUG TRAFFICKING REVENUES AND VIOLENCE IN MEXICO: WOULD LEGALIZING MARIJUANA IN CALIFORNIA HELP? RAND Corporation. Beau Kilmer et al. October 12, 2010.

According to the authors, U.S. demand for illicit drugs creates markets for Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and helps foster violence in Mexico. The paper examines how marijuana legalization in California might influence DTO revenues and the violence in Mexico.

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Full Text:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/occasional_papers/2010/RAND_OP325.pdf [PDF format, 73 pages].

Item#11AD091

MSRP Theme: 9E

Geo: WHA

AMERICANS AND THEIR GADGETS. Pew Research Center. Aaron Smith. October 14, 2010.

In recent years the digital world has expanded far beyond the desktop, and consumers can now choose from an array of devices capable of satisfying their need for “anytime, anywhere” access to news, information, friends and entertainment.

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<http://www.pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2010/PIP-Americans%20and%20their%20Gadgets.pdf> [PDF format, 15 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 12ICE

Geo: USA

BIG OIL GOES TO COLLEGE: AN ANALYSIS OF 10 RESEARCH COLLABORATION CONTRACTS BETWEEN LEADING ENERGY COMPANIES AND MAJOR U.S. UNIVERSITIES. Center for American Progress. Jennifer Washburn. October 14, 2010.

The world's largest oil companies are showing surprising interest in financing alternative energy research at U.S. universities. Over the past decade, five of the world's top 10 oil companies, ExxonMobil Corp., Chevron Corp., BP PLC, Royal Dutch Shell Group, and ConocoPhillips Co., and other large traditional energy companies with a direct commercial stake in future energy markets have forged dozens of multi-year, multi-million-dollar alliances with top U.S. universities and scientists to carry out energy-related research. Much of this funding by "Big Oil" is being used for research into new sources of alternative energy and renewable energy, mostly biofuels.

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http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/10/pdf/big_oil_1f.pdf [PDF format, 220 pages].

Item#11AD093

MSRP Theme: 4E, 12EDF

Geo: USA

CITY FISCAL CONDITIONS IN 2010. National League of Cities. Christopher W. Hoene and Michael A. Pagano. October 2010.

Cities' finances continue to weaken under the strain of the recession, resulting in cities being less able to meet their fiscal needs in 2011 and beyond. According to the report on cities' fiscal conditions, financial officers report the largest spending cuts and loss of revenue in the 25-year history of the survey. In the report, 87% of city finance officers report their cities are worse off financially than in 2009.

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http://www.nlc.org/ASSETS/AE26793318A645C795C9CD11DAB3B39B/RB_CityFiscalConditions2010.pdf [PDF format, 8 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 4O, 12DEK

Geo: USA

HOW FOOD AWAY FROM HOME AFFECTS CHILDREN'S DIET QUALITY. U.S. Department of Agriculture. Lisa Mancino et al. October 2010.

Based on 2 days of dietary data and panel data methods, this study includes estimates of how each child's consumption of food away from home, food from school, and caloric sweetened beverages affects that child's diet quality and calorie consumption. Compared with meals and

snacks prepared at home, food prepared away from home increases caloric intake of children, especially older children.

Full Text:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/ERR104/ERR104.pdf> [PDF format, 32 pages].

Item#11AD095

MSRP Theme: 5A, 15B

Geo: USA

INVESTING IN YOUNG CHILDREN: NEW DIRECTIONS IN FEDERAL PRESCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY. Brookings Institution. Ron Haskins and W. Steven Barnett. October 13, 2010.

New rules recently proposed by the Obama administration aim to force improvements in the near half-century old Head Start program - an \$8 billion per year federal initiative that accomplishes much less than some other preschool programs that boost child development and learning. This new collection of papers issued assesses federal policies for early childhood education and child care, and includes ways to reform Head Start and other early education programs to make them better targeted, more effective, and provide better taxpayer bang-for-the buck in these tough fiscal times.

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http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2010/1013_investing_in_young_children_haskins/1013_investing_in_young_children_haskins.pdf [PDF format, 104 pages].

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Geo:

USA

POST-PARTISAN POWER: HOW A LIMITED AND DIRECT APPROACH TO ENERGY INNOVATION CAN DELIVER CLEAN, CHEAP ENERGY, ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY AND NATIONAL PROSPERITY. American Enterprise Institute. Steven F. Hayward et al. October 12, 2010.

American energy policy is at a standstill. A new approach is needed that focuses on energy innovation as a key driver of American economic growth, national security, and health and safety benefits. This joint paper by the Brookings Institution, the American Enterprise Institute, and the Breakthrough Institute argues that the federal government should invest roughly \$25 billion per year in military procurement, R&D, and a new network of university-private sector innovation hubs to create an energy revolution. The program should be financed through several mechanisms, including a low price on carbon.

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Full Text:

<http://www.aei.org/docLib/Post-Partisan-Power-Hayward-101310.pdf> [PDF format, 36 pages].

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MDRP Theme: 4E

Geo: USA

SHORT-TERM ENERGY AND WINTER FUELS OUTLOOK. Energy Information Administration. October 13, 2010.

The Outlook projects average household expenditures for space-heating fuels will total \$986 this winter, October 1 to March 31, an increase of \$24, or 2.5 percent, from last winter. It projects higher expenditures in all fuels except electricity, where expenditures decline by 2 percent. The forecast reflects moderately higher prices for all the fuels, although slightly milder weather than last winter for much of the Nation should contribute to lower consumption in many areas.

Full Text:

http://www.eia.gov/emeu/steo/pub/steo_full.pdf [PDF format, 45 pages].

Item#11AD098

MSRP Theme: 4E

Geo: USA

VIDEO CALLING AND VIDEO CHAT. Pew Internet & American Life Project. Lee Rainie and Kathryn Zickuhr. October 13, 2010.

Almost a fifth of American adults – 19% – have tried video calling either online or via their cell phones. These figures translate into 23% of internet users and 7% of cell phone owners who have participated in video calls, chats, or teleconferences. Video calling has become increasingly available as camcorders have spread through the online environment, cameras have been built into smart phones, and as video-chat services like Skype, Google Talk, and Apple iChat have become a feature of the online and smart phone environment. Teleconferencing is also becoming more embedded in the business environment.

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Full Text:

http://www.pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2010/PIP_Video%20calling%20data%20memo.pdf [PDF format, 12 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 12ICF

Geo: USA
