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SPOTLIGHTS: THE UNITED STATES AND ASIA

1. "A Road Map for Asian-Pacific Security"

[Gary J. Schmitt](#). *American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research Outlook Series#3*, December 2009, 10 pages.

The author, Director of the Program on Advanced Strategic Studies at American Enterprise Institute, examines the Obama administration's foreign policy approach to Asia and presents a road map for current and future U.S. policy, focusing on the strategic needs of the United States to maximize its influence in the region.

2. "Systemic Neglect? A Reconsideration of U.S.-Southeast Asia Policy"

[Alice Ba](#). *Contemporary Southeast Asia: A Journal of International & Strategic Affairs*, December 2009, 30 pages.

Has the United States lost its important standing and its influence on the balance of power in Southeast Asia? The author, Director of East Asian Studies Program at the University of Delaware, examines the systemic forces behind the challenges of U.S.-Southeast Asia policy and relations during the presidency of George W. Bush. Policy adjustments on both sides are also highlighted with the conclusion the changes may ultimately prove healthy for both the United States and its Southeast Asian partners.

THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD AFFAIRS

3. "Good Start, Long Road"

[Joseph S. Nye](#). *The American Interest*, January/February 2010, 2 pages.

The author, University Distinguished Service Professor at Harvard Kennedy School, discusses the dilemma in world affairs faced by the Obama administration, as well as looks at how to manage the Bush administration's legacy and create his own vision of how Americans should deal with the world.

4. "The World Still Needs a Leader"

[Leslie H. Gelb](#). *Current History*, November 2009, 3 pages.

The author, President Emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations, examines America's role in the new world -- one in which no great power dominates world politics the same way it has throughout history. A view into how power is distributed in the 21st century world and how U.S. leaders can use their power effectively is also provided.

5. "Setting History's Course"

[Ken Jowitt](#). *Policy Review*, October/November 2009, 12 pages.

The author, Hoover Institution's Pres and Maurine Hotchkis Senior Fellow, analyzes political and civilizational trends in global history, focusing on the aftermath of the Cold War and the role of the United States. Various large-scale political and social movements such as socialism and liberalism are compared and a discussion as to whether any ideology exists that can offer a legitimate and positive alternative to the international socio-political culture typical of the world's developed nations in the early 21st century is presented.

NONPROLIFERATION ISSUE

6. "The Long Road to Zero"

[Charles D. Ferguson](#). *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2010, 9 pages.

In a world where the strongest conventional military power cannot envision giving up its nuclear weapons before all other nations have abandoned theirs, how will humanity ever rid itself of these weapons? The author, Adjunct Senior Fellow for Science and Technology at the Council on Foreign Relations, looks at how the United States can overcome the obstacles to reach a nuclear-free world.

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

7. "Moral Bankruptcy"

[Joseph E. Stiglitz](#). *Mother Jones*, January/February 2010, 4 pages.

According to the author, a world-renowned economist and a Nobel Prize laureate, the economic crisis exposed not only flaws in the U.S. economic system, but also uncovered the moral deficit demonstrated by American society. The perceived lack of accountability of the banking and financial industry after the global economic crisis of 2008-2009 is discussed.

8. "Feeble Critiques"

[Jagdish Bhagwati](#). *World Affairs*, Fall 2009, 10 pages.

The author, Senior Fellow in International Economics at Columbia University, argues that despite the difficulties caused by the global troubles, capitalism is a sound economic process. In this article, the state of global capitalism in the wake of the international financial crisis of 2008-2009 and the subsequent

recession around the world are reviewed.

9. "A Never-Ending Economic Crisis?"

[David M. Smick](#). *Commentary*, January 2010, 6 pages.

The author, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson Smick International, Inc., discusses the future of the U.S. economy in the wake of the global financial crisis of 2008-2009.

10. "Fortifying the Financial Architecture: Unanswered Questions"

[Barry Eichengreen](#). *Current History*, January 2010, 7 pages.

The author, Professor of Economics and Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, discusses strategies to strengthen the global financial architecture so as to prevent a recurrence of the kind of crisis the world suffered in late 2008.

PROTECTIONISM

11. "Imaginative Obstruction: Modern Protectionism in the Global Economy"

[Philip I. Levy](#). *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, Summer/Fall 2009, 8 pages.

With international trade has growing exponentially in recent decades, so has the variety of motivations for individual countries to institute trade protections, according to the author, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

Protectionist policies are examined and a definition and taxonomy of modern protectionism are offered.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

12. "FDR, LBJ or Jimmy Carter?"

[Francis Fukuyama](#). *The American Interest*, January/February 2010, 3 pages.

The author, Professor of International Political Economy at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, examines the Obama administration's domestic and foreign policy, while also looking at the chances that President Obama will share the same fate of one of three former Democratic presidents: Jimmy Carter, Lyndon Johnson, and Franklin Roosevelt.

DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND JUSTICE

13. "Populism, Pluralism, and Liberal Democracy"

[Marc F. Plattner](#). *Journal of Democracy*, January 2010, 12 pages.

Despite the obstacles that democracy has encountered in recent years, it continues to endure remarkably well opines the author, Director of the International Forum for Democratic Studies at the National Endowment for

Democracy. The resilience of democracy and the nature of modern democracy, focusing on why liberal democracy has shown itself to be so durable, are analyzed.

14. "A Way Forward with the International Criminal Court"

[Tod Lindberg](#). *Policy Review*, February/March 2010, 17 pages.

The author, Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution, examines the International Criminal Court's roles, focusing on why the pursuit of justice, the pursuit of reconciliation, and social reconstruction sometimes conflict.

RESPOND TO GLOBAL CRISIS

15. "The World's Water Challenge"

[Erik R. Peterson](#) and [Rachel A. Posner](#). *Current History*, January 2010, 4 pages.

The authors examine the global challenge of water resources, focusing on why the demand for water is rising so rapidly and how to address the challenge. Key opportunities for developing solutions to this potential crisis are discussed.

16. "The New Population Bomb"

[Jack A. Goldstone](#). *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2010, 13 pages.

A series of looming demographic trends will greatly affect international security in the 21st century. How policymakers adjust to these changes now will determine the course of global political and economic stability for years to come. The author, Professor at the George Mason School of Public Policy, discusses four alarming demographic trends that will transform international security in the 21st century.

17. "Against the Grain"

[Carlisle Ford Runge](#) and Carlisle Piehl Runge. *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2010, 7 pages.

The "green revolution" dramatically boosted crop yields throughout the world, but it also bred overconfidence and complacency resulting in a situation where global food stocks are now too low and food prices are too high. The authors discuss the food supply and price crisis that came out of the green revolution and subsequent technological advances.

DIGITAL WORLD AND INFORMATION AGE

18. "The Dawn of the Postliterate Age"

[Patrick Tucker](#). *The Futurist*, November/December 2009, 5 pages.

The author, Director of Communications for the World Future Society, discusses the decline of reading in the post-literate era and the challenges facing traditional literacy in today's Information Age. A focus on how information technology, cybernetics, and artificial intelligence may render written language "functionally

obsolete" by 2050 is also provided.

19. "The World is Digital"

[Daniel Castro](#) and [Scott Andes](#). *Internet Computing*, November/December 2009, 5 pages.

The transition to a digital and connected world disrupts economies and creates new challenges, but it can also lead to economic growth and improvements in quality of life. How should policymakers respond? The authors discuss the current debates on the impact of IT-driven globalization and offer the key lessons policymakers should learn from these debates.

20. "Low-Carbon Computing"

Karla Hignite. *Educause Review*, November/December 2009, 11 pages.

The author, contributing editor for *Business Officer Magazine*, discusses the growing interest depicted in green information technology for the reduction of energy and carbon footprints, focusing on the significance and growing contribution of computing, data processing and electronic file storage on energy consumption in the business sector and on higher education campuses.

21. "Securing the Information Highway"

[Wesley K. Clark](#) and [Peter L. Levin](#). *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2009, 8 pages.

The authors discuss the importance of computer network security to national defense in the United States, while also taking a closer look at threats of cyberspace attacks committed by both government and private hackers.

MEDIA AND JOURNALISM

22. "The Reconstruction of American Journalism"

[Leonard Jr. Downie](#) and [Michael Schudson](#). *Columbia Journalism Review*, November/December 2009, 24 pages.

The authors provide a view into the function of the American press and the future of "accountability" journalism, which is viewed as a public service, during this time of crisis in news media. Six recommendations for the support of credible, independent and original news reporting are offered.

23. "Are Next-Generation Journalists The Future for a Profession in Transition?"

[Christopher Connell](#). *Carnegie Reporter*, Fall 2009, 13 pages.

The author, an independent journalist, introduces News21, a multi-million-dollar experiment by Carnegie Corporation of New York and the James S. and John L. Knight Foundation that looks to determine if a new crop of journalists can awaken interest in news where older and more experienced journalists have failed.

LIBRARY TRENDS

24. "When Service Matters"

[Charles London](#). *Library Journal*, January 2010, 4 pages.

The author examines the impact that a global recession and the effect the challenging economic situation in the United States is having on the services that libraries in the United States are being asked to provide to their customers, particularly those unemployed. Cases in which librarians have gone above and beyond their job descriptions to provide additional assistance to needy patrons are discussed.

EDUCATION

25. "Twenty-First-Century Skills in Everyday Teaching"

Wayne Thornes. *Connect Magazine*, January/February 2010, 3 pages.

What is 21st-century learning and what does it mean for teaching? The author, a curriculum and technology integration specialist, discusses the challenges of teaching 21st-century skills in his school in Tucson, Arizona, through the adoption of a 21st-century learning framework for implementation across the curriculum.

26. "What Makes a Great Teacher?"

[Amanda Ripley](#). *The Atlantic*, January/February 2010, 8 pages.

According to the author, some teachers are an inspiration, capable of moving students' grade levels ahead of their classmates, while other teachers are not. The author, a *TIME* Magazine contributor, discusses what it takes to be a great teacher.

AMERICAN CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

27. "Soul of a Writer"

David Geffner. *Humanities*, November/December 2009, 5 pages.

The author, a journalist and filmmaker based in Los Angeles, narrates work by, filmmaker and author Jim Thompson. Thompson, author of numerous hard-boiled crime novels like *A Hell of a Woman*, *Savage Night* and *The Killer Inside Me*, stands among the ranks of such classic pulp-fiction writers as James M. Cain and Dashiell Hammett.