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DEFENSE AND SECURITY CHALLENGES

1. "A New Arms Race? Explaining Recent Southeast Asian Military Acquisitions"

Richard A. Bitzinger. *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, April 2010, 20 pages.

Is Southeast Asia currently in the grips of a regional arms race? The author, a senior fellow with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore, discusses this growing concern, focusing on whether it is accurate to describe the recent Southeast Asian arms acquisitions as a genuine arms race.

2. "The New Rules of War"

John Arquilla. *Foreign Policy*, March/April 2010, 9 pages.

Modern warfare has indeed become exceedingly fast-paced and complex. The author, a professor of defense analysis at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, discusses the challenges traditional militaries face in the new-style conflicts with networked adversaries. Three simple rules that can reduce this complexity and save untold amounts of blood and treasure in the netwar age are offered.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

3. "Helping Others Defend Themselves"

Robert M. Gates. *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2010, 5 pages.

The author, U.S. Secretary of Defense, discusses the future of U.S. security assistance, focusing on the needs for the United States to help other countries defend themselves without using U.S. troops in the kind of military interventions. The contemporary global security environment is examined.

4. "All the President's Dreams"

Richard Burt. *The National Interest*, March/April 2010, 4 pages.

The author, a managing director at McLarty Associates, examines U.S. foreign policy under the Obama administration, taking a look at realism in the President's approach to foreign policy and offering a critique of the administration by political scientist Zbigniew Brzezinski.

DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW

5. "And Justice for All"

Gary Haugen and Victor Boutros. *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2010, 8 pages.

The authors, lecturers at the University of Chicago Law School, examine the enforcing of human rights for disadvantaged people in developing countries, as well as efforts by the modern human rights movement over the last 60 years. How these efforts have contributed to the criminalization of abuses towards the poor is also examined.

6. "Changing Mass Attitudes and Democratic Deepening"

Matthew D. Fails and Heather Nicole Pierce. *Political Research Quarterly*, March 2010, 14 pages.

Are mass attitudes of democratic legitimacy really instrumental for the stability of democratic governance? Is there an identifiable casual effect on regime stability when democracy becomes "more acceptable" to the mass public? The authors, both PhD candidates in the Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, examine whether aggregate levels of democratic legitimacy are related to the level, stability, and deepening of democracy.

U.S. POLITICS

7. "Give 'Em Hell, Barry"

Robert Kuttner. *The American Prospect*, May 2010, 4 pages.

What can President Barack Obama learn from former President Harry Truman's inspired use of partisanship? The author, co-founder and co-editor of *The American Prospect*, examines the Truman Presidency, which had to deal with transitioning the war economy to a peacetime economy, as a role model for the Obama Presidency.

8. "What Kind of Socialist Is Barack Obama?"

Jonah Goldberg. *Commentary*, May 2010, 7 pages.

Does President Obama's preference for wealth redistribution in order to create an equitable society sound like a socialist? The author, an editor-at-large of *National Review Online*, discusses President Obama's political philosophy and its relationship to the various types of socialism.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

9. "Crisis? What Crisis?"

Christian Caryl. *Foreign Policy Online*, April 5, 2010, 5 pages.

When the 2008 financial crisis hit, there were dire predictions that millions of people in developing countries would fall back into poverty as a result of the collapse. The author, a contributing editor to *Foreign Policy*, discusses why that has not been the case.

10. "Beyond the Dollar"

Paola Subacchi. *The World Today*, April 2010, 2 pages.

The author, Research Director of International Economics at Chatham House, examines how the financial crisis, which began in August 2007, may have created an opportunity for change in the international monetary system. The status of the international monetary system in 2010 and economic trends in regard to protecting against the failure of the dollar are discussed.

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM

11. "Bigger Is Better"

Richard Rosecrance. *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2010, 7 pages.

The author, Director of the Project on U.S.-China Relations at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, examines the trading-state model and a transatlantic economic union, focusing on the need for the growth of global markets and financial assets.

12. "Free, Tolerant, and Happy"

Richard Florida. *The Atlantic Online*, April 19, 2010, 9 pages.

To what extent is economic freedom associated with tolerance and happiness? To what extent is economic freedom also associated with other factors like affluence and material well-being, the level of human capital, and the transition to postindustrial economic structures? And what is the relationship between freedom and economic inequality? The author, a founder of the Creative Class Group, discusses these correlations.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

13. "Flushing Forests"

Noelle Robbins. *World Watch*, May/June 2010, 7 pages.

The author, a San Francisco Bay-area freelance writer specializing in community and environmental health issues discusses the expanding global demand for toilet paper and the accompanying environmental effects of raw material sourcing and manufacturing.

14. "Fresh Water"

Barbara Kingsolver. *National Geographic*, April 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a Pulitzer-nominated essayist, discusses the supply of fresh water on the earth in 2010 and examines the impact that global warming is having on it. The impact that continued global warming may have on the future of the earth and the earth's fresh water supply is also examined.

15. "Nuclear Power – A Panacea for Future Energy Needs?"

Allison MacFarlane. *Environment*, March/April 2010, 13 pages.

In light of new calls to bring nuclear energy back to the table in alternative energy discussions, the author, an associate professor of Environmental Science and Policy at George Mason University, examines the costs and benefits of this hot-button issue, focusing on nuclear energy performs, its safety issues and waste management strategies.

JOURNALISM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

16. "How to Save the News"

James Fallows. *The Atlantic*, June 2010, 12 pages.

The author, a national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, discusses efforts by search engine giant Google to define a profitable business plan for news organizations, noting the social importance of news organizations in reporting news and their need for an updated business model.

17. "Sustaining Quality Journalism"

Jill Abramson. *Daedalus*, Spring 2010, 6 pages.

Rather than battling over whether bloggers are real journalists or whether newspapers need to be preserved, the author argues that this fight should focus more on championing serious, quality journalism, no matter who produces it or where it is published. The need to sustain quality journalism and its challenges are discussed.

18. "What is News in the Age of Blog and Tweet?"

Robert Knight. *The Quill*, March/April 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a veteran wire service, print and broadcast reporter, discusses how the increasing use of social media, like Twitter, affects journalism. A look at the value of newsworthiness and how the social media has provided a different definition in handling issues is also provided.

19. "Think Again: The Internet"

Evgeny Morozov. *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2010, 6 pages.

The author, a contributing editor to *Foreign Policy*, discusses whether the Internet is the ultimate tool to foster tolerance, destroy nationalism, and transform the planet into one great wired global village.

LIBRARY TRENDS

20. "Adding an 'E' to Free"

Donna F. Ekart. *Computers in Libraries*, March 2010, 2 pages.

The author, a librarian and communications coordinator at K-State Libraries, Kansas State University, explores how to build a decent e-collection around free online resources, focusing on several e-resources for librarians, including Google Books, Directory of Open Access

Journals, and Cities and Buildings Database.

21. "Improving the Search Experience with Site Search"

Jeff Wisniewski. *Online*, May/June 2010, 3 pages.

The author discusses the use of site search as a navigation tool on a website and the importance to have one search box that has the capability to search everything including the content of a site like databases, catalogs and digital collections.

EDUCATION

22. "10 Suggestions for Enhancing Lecturing"

Ray Heitzmann. *Education Digest*, May 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a professor at Villanova University, examines ways to develop better lecturing skills and how to motivate students to pay attention.

23. "Bad Writing and Bad Thinking"

Rachel Toor. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 16, 2010, 4 pages.

The author, an assistant professor of creative writing at Eastern Washington University, discusses what she sees as poor academic writing and offers a simple list of rules to improve it, citing the 1946 essay "Politics and the English Language" by George Orwell which explains the connections between bad writing and bad thinking.

24. "Tracking a Global Academic Revolution"

Philip G. Altbach, et al. *Change*, March/April 2010, 10 pages.

The author discusses the basic forces that have propelled the academic revolution in late 20th and early 21st centuries, and the relationship between education and globalization, which has been formed by elements such as structured world economy, new communications, and information technologies.

25. "What Do International Students Want? Jobs"

Aisha Labi. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 26, 2010, 6 pages.

The author discusses foreign students' main interest in being able to work in the United States after graduation, focusing on what kinds of schools international students seek out.

26. "CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: A TOPIC AS OLD AS JEFFERSON AND AS NEW AS TODAY"

Quentin Kidd. *Choice* vol. 47, no. 9, May 2010, page 14.

The author discusses the literature of civic engagement under areas such as making sense of the subject, everyday engagement and renewal, roles that youth can play, education, practice, civic engagement in the information age, religion, immigration, environmentalism, and new directions and approaches.

DIGITAL AGE LITERATURE

27. "Fiction in the Age of E-books"

Paul Theroux. *The Atlantic*, May 2010 Fiction Supplement, 2 pages.

What does the proliferation of Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and other e-readers portend for the publishing industry? What does the e-reader mean for writers, storytellers, and the place of fiction in the cultural landscape? Author Paul Theroux discusses the magical qualities of electronic books and readers, differences between American literary culture and that of other countries, and advice for young writers.