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SPOTLIGHT: ASIAN RISING

1. "Horizontal Asia"

[Anthony Bubalo](#) and [Malcolm Cook](#). *The American Interest*, May/June 2010, 8 pages.

The authors, both are Program Directors at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, argue that Asia should be perceived as a "horizontal" entity, with infrastructure and economic ties stretching west into the heart of the Asian continent. The implications for the Western countries are also discussed.

2. "Asia-Pacific Regional Economic Integration and Architecture"

[C. Fred Bergsten](#). *Speech at the Conference on Asia-Pacific Regional Economic Integration and Architecture*, March 25, 2010, 3 pages.

The author, Director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, discusses the importance of moving in parallel on Asia-Pacific trade liberalization simultaneously along with similar movements from inside in Asia itself, and the implications of an Asia trade bloc for the rest of the world.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

3. "Obama's Foreign Policy"

[Henry R. Nau](#). *Policy Review*, April/May 2010, 21 pages.

The author, a professor of Political Science and International Affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs, examines four areas of American foreign policy cycles between democracy and security, force and diplomacy, markets and regulation, and unilateralism and multilateralism, and analyzes where Obama administration seems to be heading.

4. "Complexity and Collapse"

[Niall Ferguson](#). *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2010, 15 pages.

The author, a Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University, examines the rise and fall of empires, focusing on a history of the decline of powers and the implications for the United States.

U.S. SOCIETY & VALUES

5. "THE ALTERNATIVE"

[Michelle Davis](#). *Washington Post Magazine*, April 11, 2010, 4 pages.

Younger students are giving community colleges a second look as a gateway to a four-year degree in a still-tight economy. As job losses rack up and family savings

dwindle, more students who saw themselves going directly from high school to a four-year institution are instead enrolling at their local community college.

MILITARY POWER AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

6. "Economic Development and Military Effectiveness"

[Michael Beckley](#). *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, February 2010, 37 pages.
What makes some states more militarily powerful than others? The author discusses the factors that significantly affect a country's ability to translate resources into fighting power, based on the hypothesis that military capability is a product of economic development.

7. "Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones as a New Deterrent?"

[Janene Sawers](#). *Peace Brief #24*, April 28, 2010, 5 pages.
The author discusses the concept of Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones (NWFZs), a theory that operates under the pretext that more nuclear weapons make the world inherently less safe, and demonstrates that countries do not need nuclear weapons to deter attack.

DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL FREEDOM

8. "The Erosion Accelerates"

[Arch Puddington](#). *Journal of Democracy*, April 2010, 15 pages.
With the release of the Freedom House's 2009 *Freedom in the World* report, the author, Director of Research at Freedom House, assesses the state of political rights and civil liberties in the world, focusing on the erosion of freedom worldwide.

9. "Democracy, Governance, and Randomized Development Assistance"

[Devra C Moehler](#). *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, March 2010, 17 pages.
The author, an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication, examines development and governance outcomes of social or economic development assistance in poor countries, and offers lessons about the prospects and obstacles to the future development of a useful body of experimental evidence on the political economy of development.

U.S. POLITICS

10. "Organizing in the Obama Era"

[Archon Fung](#). *The American Prospect*, May 2010, 4 pages.
The author, a Ford Foundation Professor of Democracy and Citizenship, discusses the strategies of Obama administration to regain its political initiative, and the need for tolerance of independent groups with extreme positions than those of the administration.

11. "The Ex-Presidents"

[Lisa Anderson](#). *Journal of Democracy*, April 2010, 15 pages.
What makes elected leaders step down at the appointed hour, and what do they have to look forward to once their terms end? The author, a provost of the American University in Cairo, examines the political afterlives of world leaders, and explores why the future prospects of presidents and premiers may well affect their behavior while in office.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

12. "Coming: The Biggest Boom Ever!"

[McKinley Conway](#). *The Futurist*, May/June 2010, 4 pages.

The author, the founder of Site Selection magazine, discusses factors that have been driving the U.S. economic growth amid the economic recession.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (IS)

13. "VIETNAM AND AMERICA: PARAMETERS OF THE POSSIBLE"

[Frederick Brown](#). *Current History*, vol. 109, no. 726, April 2010, 8 pages.

The author, a fellow of the Foreign Policy Institute at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, writes that the 2008 official visit of Vietnam's prime minister to Washington was a major step in thawing U.S.-Vietnam relations. Brown writes that the Vietnamese leadership have come to realize that their connection with the U.S. could be an asset in their competition with China, despite misgivings among conservative elements in both the Vietnamese Communist Party and in the U.S foreign-policy establishment.

CRIME AND CORRUPTION

14. "The Big Question: How Can Nations Break the Cycle of Crime and Corruption?"

World Policy Journal, Spring 2010, 4 pages.

Corruption and crime drag nations into a cycle of deprivation and wanton greed. How do nations, especially developing ones, escape this swamp? A panel of experts discusses the issue and weighs in on the challenges.

WORLD ENERGY ISSUES

15. "Prospects for Oil Prices: Up and Down"

[Paul Stevens](#). *The World Today*, March 2010, 3 pages.

The author, a Chatham House's senior research fellow on Energy, Environment and Development Programme, explores the factors that have led to an increase in crude oil prices across the globe during a global recession in 2010 despite the fact that demand for oil has fallen dramatically. Global forecasts that have been made concerning the future of oil prices are also examined.

16. "The Role of Natural Gas in a Low-Carbon Energy Economy"

[Christopher Flavin](#) and [Saya Kitasei](#). *World Watch Institute Briefing Paper*, April 2010, 23 pages.

The authors examine an initiative designed to foster an innovative and strategic partnership between natural gas, renewables, and efficiency industries -- and the environmental community, which is essential for a low-carbon economy.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

17. "Paper or Plastic? Uh...Can I Get Back to You?"

[Tom McNichol](#). *The Atlantic*, April 29, 2010, 3 pages.

Are paper bags always better for the environment than plastic ones? The author, a San Francisco-based writer, discusses whether paper bags are that much more environmentally friendly than plastic.

18. "The Last Taboo"

[Julia Whitty](#). *Mother Jones*, May/June 2010, 20 pages.

The author discusses the global population challenges, focusing on the problems of

overpopulation combined with excessive consumption and efforts to reduce the global birth rate.

19. "Building a Green Economy"

[Paul Krugman](#). *New York Times Magazine*, April 11, 2010, 10 pages.

Krugman, Nobel Prize-winning economist, notes that we can afford to tackle climate change, but any serious solution must rely mainly on giving everyone a self-interested reason to produce fewer emissions.

JOURNALISM

20. "Journalism Ethics amid Structural Change"

Jane B. Singer. *Daedalus*, Spring 2010, 11 pages.

The author examines key aspects of journalism structural change in the 21st century, focusing on how they affect the ethical beliefs and behaviors of journalists.

21. "Repression Goes Digital"

[Joel Simon](#). *Columbia Journalism Review*, March/April 2010, 3 pages.

The author discusses the efforts of repressive governments to control the internet as a global outlet for news about their activities. The internet's effects on news gathering -- in shifting it from professional journalists to average citizens via email, social networking web sites, text messaging, and other online technologies -- is also discussed.

22. "New Economic Models for U.S. Journalism"

Robert H. Giles. *Daedalus*, Spring 2010, 13 pages.

The author discusses the search for workable business models for U.S. journalism, focusing on how high-quality journalism can survive and thrive in the internet age.

LIBRARY TRENDS

23. "Can We Future-Proof Library Automation?"

[Marshall Breeding](#). *Computers in Libraries*, March 2010, 3 pages.

How do we make our technology investments not only future-proof, but also more able to endure the cycles of change that will continuously transform libraries? The author, Vanderbilt University Libraries' Director for Innovative Technologies and Research, examines the role of [electronics in transforming libraries](#), focusing on the importance of [planning for change](#).

24. "The Ripple Effect: Widening the Library's Circle of Influence"

[Tom Storey](#). *Next Space*, January 2010, 7 pages.

The author discusses how libraries can extend their reach beyond traditional boundaries in order to better reach users in new and compelling ways, focusing on the "ripple effect" and how libraries can generate enthusiasm and action within the communities that support them.

EDUCATION

25. "12 Things Teachers Must Know about Learning"

[Bill Page](#). *The Education Digest*, April 2010, 3 pages.

The author discusses how learning occurs on a neural level, and offers 12 things that teachers can use to help students learn and remember more effectively.

26. "Teachers Testing Mobile Methods"

[Katie Ash](#). *Education Week*, March 18, 2010, 4 pages.

The author, an *Education Week* reporter-researcher, discusses efforts of teachers in devising ways to use mobile technologies for education, focusing on the challenges of incorporating mobile devices into classroom learning.

27. "Dancing with History: A Cautionary Tale"

[Brenda Gourley](#). *Educause Review*, January/February 2010, 12 pages.

The author, former Vice Chancellor of The Open University, discusses the challenges on the integration of technology on the teaching models in higher education, and the benefits of using technology in the educational system.

28. "Remaking Education for a New Century"

[Patrick Tucker](#). *The Futurist*, January/February 2010, 3 pages.

The author, senior editor of *The Futurist*, interviews Janna Anderson, an associate professor in Elon University's School of Communications, about the role that outside classroom education plays in the future study and teaching class.