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SPOTLIGHT: ASIA IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

1. Regional Trade Blocs: The Way to the Future?"

[Alejandro Foxley](#). Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, September 2010, 65 pages.

The author, a senior associate in the Carnegie International Economics Program, analyzes how three regions, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and East Asia, are increasing trade within their borders and building a broader free trade system. Copyrighted document.

2. "Monetary Transmissions of Global Imbalances in Asian Countries"

Woon Gyu Choi and [Il Hyoung Lee](#). *IMF Working Paper 10/214*, September 2010, 27 pages.

The authors explore the linkages between global and domestic monetary gaps, and estimate the effects of monetary gaps on output growth, inflation, and net saving rates using panel data for 20 Asian countries for 1980-2008.

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

3. "Life Dollars: Finding Currency in Community"

[Douglas Rushkoff](#). *The Futurist*, September/October 2010, 3 pages.

The author of the best-selling book *Media Virus and Innovation from the Inside Out* examines how to achieve common good beyond corporatism, which he views as a concept that is gaining more control over the economy.

4. "Is Our Financial System Serving Us Well?"

[Benjamin M. Friedman](#). *Daedalus*, Fall 2010, 13 pages.

While the recent financial crisis has prompted a flood of proposals to reform the regulation of financial markets, the author, the William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy, and formerly Chairman of the Department of Economics, Harvard University, argues that what is missing is the more fundamental aspects of how well the financial system is serving us, and at what cost.

5. "Penny Wise, Pound Foolish"

[Harry J. Holzer](#). Center for American Progress. September 2010, 19 pages.

Will poverty adversely affect many more children when they become adults if poverty rates rise now, even for a limited number of years, due to the recession? What economic and fiscal costs might poverty impose on the United States over time? The author, a Georgetown University professor, explains why a set of policy responses to mitigate the effects of the Great Recession on parents and their children is needed.

DEMOCRACY AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

6. "The Elusive Synthesis"

[Thomas Carothers](#). *Journal of Democracy*, October 2010, 15 pages.

The author, Vice President for Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, examines the relationship between democracy aid and development aid communities, focusing on the changing relationship and how it has shifted from an initial position of relative separation to a partial but still uneasy convergence.

U.S. POLITICS AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

7. "Prospects Past and Future: America's 20-Year Tug-of-War"

[Paul Starr](#). *The American Prospect*, September 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a co-editor of *The American Prospect* magazine, examines the issues that influenced the power struggle between Republicans and Democrats in the last 20 years to 2010, and assesses the state of progressivism today.

8. "From Facebook to Government: Can Millennials Increase Government Popularity?"

[John Della Volpe](#). *Governing*, September 2010, 3 pages.

Millennials, a new generation workforce in the United States born between 1982 to 2000, made Facebook and texting popular. Can they do the same with government? The author, Director of Polling at Harvard's Institute of Politics, explores the role of Millennials in American politics, and offers 10 ways that the most junior government employees can mentor up in their organizations.

SECURITY CHALLENGES IN ASIA

9. "Asia's Clouded Horizon – Part I and II"

[Marvin Ott](#) and [Yoichi Funabashi](#). *YaleGlobal Online*, September 27 and 29, 2010, 8 pages.

This two-part series examines foreign policy conflicts in Asia and the potential for cooperation among economic giants such as China, United States and Japan.

10. "Asia's Dangerous Security Dilemma"

[Paul Godwin](#). *Current History*, September 2010, 3 pages.

The author, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, discusses military forces and the security dilemma in Asia, particularly China's efforts to increase the size of its military, as well as whether China may use its military power to change the power dynamics in Asia.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND WORLD AFFAIRS

11. "While America Fought"

[Alex Palmer](#). *Harvard International Review*, Summer 2010, 4 pages.

The author, a senior editor of *Harvard International Review*, examines the implications of a new U.S. foreign policy focus, with an emphasis on changes in U.S. foreign policy, which marks a change in the global power balance wherein the geopolitical groundwork of world security is shifting.

12. "No First Use: The Next Step for U.S. Nuclear Policy"

[Michael S. Gerson](#). *International Security*, Fall 2010, 41 pages.

The author, a research analyst at the Center for Naval Analyses, examines U.S. nuclear policy, focusing on why the United States should adopt a more restrictive nuclear policy such as no first use, and how such a policy could impact U.S. national security and strategic stability.

13. "Defending a New Domain"

[William J. Lynn III](#). *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2010, 12 pages.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn III examines various aspects of the cyber warfare mounted against the United States and measures taken by the U.S. Department of Defense to counter it.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CRISIS

14. "How Much Is Left?"

[Michael Moyer](#) and [Carina Storrs](#). *Scientific American*, September 2010, 8 pages.

The authors explore the amount of resources left on planet Earth, including water, minerals, and biodiversity of plants and animals, plotted against time, from 1976 through 2560.

15. "Time for a Sea Change"

[Paul Greenberg](#). *National Geographic*, October 2010, 12 pages.

The author examines global fish consumption patterns and the environmental aspects of overfishing and the natural food chain.

16. "Reducing Urban Water Use"

[Lester R. Brown](#). *Earth Policy Institute Book Bytes*, November 3, 2010, 3 pages.

Brown writes that composting toilets drastically reduce water usage by removing the toilet from the water system, making it much easier to reclaim the nutrients and recycle used household water. He notes that many developing countries are beginning to realize that high-maintenance water-based sewage systems are not environmentally or economically viable.

CLIMATE CHANGE

17. "Changing the Climate Is a Family Affair"

[Seymour Simon](#). *USA Today*, September 2010, 3 pages.

The author, who wrote more than 250 children's books, discusses the importance of informing children about the different aspects of global warming and how they can help combat the threat.

JOURNALISM

18. "Traffic Problems"

[Paul Farhi](#). *American Journalism Review*, September 2010, 6 pages.

The author, a *Washington Post* reporter, discusses the effect on news judgment on efforts to attract ever-larger numbers of visitors and advertisers to news web sites.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATIONS

19. "Changing the Channel"

[Daniel Chudnov](#). *Computers in Libraries*, October 2010, 3 pages.

The author, an information technology specialist at the Library of Congress's Office of Strategic Initiatives, reflects on how technology innovation has changed the way in which people use media devices, focusing on the implications of the trend for both people's homes and libraries.

20. "Good Riddance: Human Creations the World Would Be Better Off Without"

[John Pavlus](#), et al. *Scientific American*, September 2010, 6 pages.

The authors explore a list of human inventions and innovations that the world does not need including daylight savings time, the space shuttle, and the invention of Teflon.

21. "The Open World: Access to Knowledge as a Foundation for an Open World"

[Carolina Rossini](#). *Educause Review*, July/August 2010, 8 pages.

The author, a Fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, discusses the foundational role of access to knowledge in the open world as well as its impact on developing countries.

LIBRARY TRENDS

22. "Facebook VS. Twitter: Battle of the Social Network Stars"

[Curt Tagtmeier](#). *Computers in Libraries*, September 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a reference librarian at Fremont Public Library in Mundelein, Illinois, discusses whether libraries need to choose between Facebook and Twitter when joining online social networking programs to reach patrons, and examines the costs and effectiveness of maintaining both accounts.

23. "Does Taxonomy Matter in a New World of Search and Discovery"

[Suzanne BeDell](#) and [Libby Trudell](#). *Online Magazine*, September/October 2010, 3 pages.

The authors explore whether taxonomies still add value at a time when keyword searching seems sufficient to many users, and how to blend taxonomy and other tools in the new world of search.

EDUCATION

24. "Key Emerging Technologies for Postsecondary Education"

[Laurence F. Johnson](#), et al. *The Education Digest*, October 2010, 5 pages.

The authors examine emerging technologies that could have an impact on education

between 2010 and 2015. Predictions of key trends and critical challenges that face education and technology are also discussed.

25. "Blended Teaching and Learning"

[Liz Pape](#). *The Education Digest*, October 2010, 6 pages.

The author, President of the Virtual High School Global Consortium in Maynard, discusses online resources, learning continuity, and personal connections in relationship to the blended learning/teaching method.

26. "What's the Problem With Quiet Students? Anyone? Anyone?"

[Mary M. Reda](#). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 10, 2010, 5 pages.

The author, an associate professor of English at the City University of New York's College of Staten Island, explores factors that could lead students to sit quietly in classrooms and how to create more-effective learning conditions for all students.

27. "Why Teaching Is Not Priority No. 1"

[Robin Wilson](#). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 10, 2010, 3 pages.

The author discusses college teaching methods in the United States and a movement to gauge educational quality based on what college students are learning in classrooms. The difference between the amount of studying that college students do and an upward trend in grades is discussed.