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GLOBAL EDUCATION

1. "A Global Compact on Learning: Taking Action on Education in Developing Countries"

[Jenny Perlman Robinson, et al.](#) The Brookings Institution, June 15, 2011, 44 pages. The authors discuss the new global education agenda and the urgent need for international cooperation and action in tackling the global learning crisis.

2. "Why Education Leaders Must Become Political Animals"

[Mary Esther Van Shura](#). *Education Week*, May 25, 2011, 4 pages. The author, an adjunct faculty member in the school of education at the University of Pittsburgh, explores how educational leaders must work more to engage with the political community in order to have a better position from which to enact educational changes or take similar actions.

EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS

3. "New Technologies to Get Your Students Engaged"

[Ryan Cordell](#). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 13, 2011, 5 pages. The author, an assistant professor of English at St. Norbert College, discusses educational technology and student engagement, and how to incorporate technology with pedagogical goals.

4. "E-Reading: The Transition in Higher Education"

[David McCarthy](#). *Educause Review*, March/April 2011, 5 pages. The author, Director of Product Management for Digital Education at Barnes & Noble, examines the growth of e-reading and a digital transformation in higher education, focusing on students' needs and expectations regarding digital content, and the challenges higher education institutions face during the transition to e-reading.

5. "Removing Instructional Barriers: One Track at a Time"

[Kimberly LaPrade](#). *Education*, Summer 2011, 13 pages.

The author, an alumnus of Grand Canyon University, discusses the educational method of detracking in U.S. schools as a means for narrowing the achieving gap for marginalized students. She also discusses professional development opportunities for teachers including professional learning communities.

ASIA RISING

6. "Can Asia Lead? Power Ambitions and Global Governance in the Twenty-First Century"

[Amitav Acharya](#). *International Affairs*, July 2011, 19 pages.

Is the much hyped 'rise of Asia' translating into global public good? The author, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance, discusses the rise of Asia and its role in global governance, focusing on the contradiction between the desire of Asia's leading states to be recognized and treated as global powers and their limited and hesitant contribution to global governance.

THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD AFFAIRS

7. "Democratization and Stability in East Asia"

[Jennifer Lind](#). *International Studies Quarterly*, June 2011, 28 pages.

The author, an assistant professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College, analyzes whether East Asia's upcoming democratic transitions will create regional instability by debating two theories -- democratization and war theory and economic interdependence theory.

8. "Globalization, Democracy, and the Public Sector in Asia"

[Dae Jin Yi](#). *Asian Survey*, May 2011, 25 pages.

Does democracy in Asia have a mediating impact on a country's public sector? The author, a research professor of Political Science at Korea University, examines the mediating impact of democracy on the size of the public sector of Asian governments in the era of globalization through an analysis of government expenditures in a time-series cross-sectional analysis of 18 Asian countries from 1960 to 2005.

9. "Population Aging and Economic Progress in Asia: A Bumpy Road Ahead?"

[Andrew Mason](#) and [Sang Hyop Lee](#). *AsiaPacific Issues No. 99*, February 2011, 8 pages.

The authors examine the demographic trend for the economies of the Asia Pacific region, focusing on the shift in age structure and its challenges in sustaining economic growth.

WORLD ECONOMY

10. "Globalisation with Growth and Equity: Can We Really Have It All?"

[Lloyd Gruber](#). *Third World Quarterly*, May 2011, 24 pages.

The author, a lecturer in Political Economy of Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science, examines globalization's long-run impacts on economic development, focusing on how economic growth and inequality interact.

11. "Is Protectionism Dying?"

[Uri Dadush](#), et al. *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Paper*, May 2011, 34 pages.

What economic and political factors account for the lack of protectionism? The authors explore the legal and structural changes in the world economy that prevented a costly rise in protectionism during the recent economic crisis.

THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD AFFAIRS

12. "A World Order without Superpowers: Decentered Globalism"

[Barry Buzan](#). *International Relations*, March 2011, 23 pages.

The author, a professor in the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, discusses a decentered globalist world, focusing on why the United States is unlikely to remain a superpower, why China and the EU are unlikely to become superpowers, and what the possible downsides of a more regionalized international order might be, focusing particularly on the problem of regional hegemony.

13. "George W. Bush, Barack Obama and the Future of U.S. Global Leadership"

[James M. Lindsay](#). *International Affairs*, July 2011, 15 pages.

The author, the Maurice R. Greenberg Chair at the Council on Foreign Relations, examines differences of foreign policy world views of George W. Bush and Barack Obama, and its impact on American global leadership and the future of U.S. foreign policy.

14. "International Security in a Time of Uncertainty"

[Craig Cohen](#) and Josiane Gabel, ed. *CSIS Global Forecast 2011*, June 2011, 96 pages.

The authors analyze the newly emerging security landscape and recurring tensions between short- and long-term international security challenges, and how governments and the private sector can benefit from technological changes without leaving citizens at risk.

15. "Terrorism, Democracy, and Credible Commitments"

[Michael G. Findley](#) and [Joseph K. Young](#). *International Studies Quarterly*, June 2011, 22 pages.

What explains the variation in terrorism within and across political regimes? Using a recently released database that includes transnational and domestic terrorist events from 1970 to 1997, the authors estimate a set of statistical analyses appropriate for the challenges of terrorism data and then examine the robustness of the results.

HEALTH AND FOREIGN POLICY

16. "Human Rights in Global Health Diplomacy: A Critical Assessment"

[Michelle L. Gagnon](#) and [Ronald Labonte](#). *Journal of Human Rights*, April-June 2011, 25 pages.

The idea that governments should consider health seriously within their foreign policy became an official UN General Assembly Resolution in early 2009. Why should health be a prominent foreign policy concern? The authors discuss the movement of integration of health policy into foreign policy.

GLOBAL CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

17. "The Challenges of Decreasing Oil Consumption"

[Steve A. Yetiv](#) and Eric S. Fowler. *Political Science Quarterly*, Summer 2011, 27 pages.

Oil dependence increases the impact of supply disruptions and oil price shocks, and the use of oil, while critical to the global economy, generates negative effects. The authors discuss the perils of global oil dependence and the challenges of reducing the rise in global oil consumption.

18. "Elements of [Modern] Style"

[Hugh Aldersey Williams](#). *Discover*, July/August 2011, 6 pages.

Without the elements collectively known as rare earths, there would be no iPods and no hybrid cars. The author explores the most important metals that are crucial to the products of the modern world, from flat screen TVs to smart phones to hybrid cars, and discusses the global political and environmental impacts caused by their fast-growing demand.

CLIMATE CHANGE

19. "The Last Great Global Warming"

[Lee R. Kump](#). *Scientific American*, July 2011, 6 pages.

The author discusses scientific evidence that suggests the pace of prehistoric global warming was much worse than what human beings are facing in the 21st century, and how knowledge of an abrupt global warming that occurred 56 million years ago could help scientists foresee what the future of humankind will be like.

20. "Could Dirt Help Heal the Climate?"

[Kristin Ohlson](#). *Discover*, May 2011, 2 pages.

The author, a Creative Workforce fellow, examines the potential use of agricultural soils to sequester carbon dioxide through changes in farming procedures, and whether it is one of the simplest solutions to climate change.

21. "Food Ark"

[Charles Siebert](#). *National Geographic*, July 2011, 23 pages.

The author discusses the impact of a growing world population, climate change, crop extinction and crop diseases on the global food supply, as well as on food crops and populations of animals that are used as food.

INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA

22. "Whither Internet Control?"

[Evgeny Morozov](#). *Journal of Democracy*, April 2011, 13 pages.

While Internet control can manifest itself both as censorship and as surveillance, there is also a sociopolitical dimension that overlaps the technological dimension. So, what exactly is Internet control, and how best may it be combated? The author, a contributing editor of *Foreign Policy*, discusses the practice of Internet control and the ways to minimize the technological dimension of Internet censorship.

23. "Young, Angry, and Wired"

[Jeffrey Bartholet](#). *National Geographic*, July 2011, 6 pages.

The author, a veteran foreign correspondent, examines the role that cellular telephones, social media and sheer determination are playing in the 2011 rebellious efforts being made of frustrated youth in countries from North Africa to the Middle East to create social change.

24. "The Web: Still Connecting Us in Surprising Ways"

[Daniel Chudnov](#). *Computers in Libraries*, June 2011, 3 pages.

The author, an information technology specialist at the Library of Congress, discusses how well people can use the Web to connect in times of crisis and how poorly some Web applications can make connections for people, how such links can entangle people in knots, and how difficult these knots can be disentangled.

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

25. "Why People Decide to Participate in State Politics"

[Andrea McAtee](#) and [Jennifer Wolak](#). *Political Research Quarterly*, March 2011, 14 pages.

Why do people choose to engage in one level of government versus another? The authors examine whether level of participation in state politics are responsive to the unique environments of states and whether the reasons people participate at the state level mirror the roots of political action at the local and national level.