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SPOTLIGHT: POLITICS AND ELECTIONS

1. "Forget Populism"

[Kevin Mattson](#). *The American Prospect*, September 2010, 4 pages.

The author, the Connor Study Professor of Contemporary History at Ohio University, raises questions on the populist approach to campaigning to win elections, arguing that populism is not only too simplistic in its worldview, but also is susceptible to pandering and over-promising that generate disillusionment in the face of the reality of political compromise and the demands of governance in a complex world.

2. "On Political Corruption"

[Samuel Issacharoff](#). *Harvard Law Review*, November 2010, 25 pages.

The author, a Reiss Professor of New York University's School of Law, examines the nature of political corruption and campaign finance, and discusses if the processes of financing campaigns can be fixed to address the problems and to increase the level of democratic engagement in politics.

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

3. "Why Does the Economy Fall to Pieces after a Financial Crisis?"

[Robert E. Hall](#). *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Fall 2010, 18 pages.

Why do output and employment collapse after a financial crisis and remain at low levels for several years after the crisis? The author, a professor of Economics at Stanford University, analyzes the causes of deep financial collapses, focusing on events in the United States since 2008.

4. "Role of the IMF in the Global Financial Crisis"

[Miranda Xafa](#). *Cato Journal*, Fall 2010, 15 pages

The author, a former member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Executive

Board, examines the role of the IMF in global financial crises, offering analysis and recommendations that have served as the basis of official actions on several fronts.

5. "Cut to Grow"

[Stephen Spruiell](#). *National Review*, August 2, 2010, 3 pages.

Economists can agree on the need to balance the U.S. budget, but can not agree on the conditions under which it can be balanced. The author, a correspondent for *National Review*, discusses various ways to speed up the recovery of the U.S. economy.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

6. "New Powers in the Club: The Challenges of Global Trade Governance"

Amrita Narlikar. *International Affairs*, May 2010, 12 pages.

What impact has the emergence of the new powers — Brazil, India and China — had on the World Trade Organization (WTO)? The author discusses the changing role of the new powers in the WTO, and analyzes the opportunities and challenges that these developments generate.

CYBER-CRIME TRENDS

7. "Diffusion and Effects of Cyber-Crime in Developing Economies"

[Nir Kshetri](#). *Third World Quarterly*, October 2010, 23 pages.

The author, an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina's Bryan School of Business and Economics, examines the structure of cybercrimes in developing economies, and discusses why cyber-criminals are more likely to be stigmatized in the developing world rather than developed countries.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND ASIA

8. "Deter and Assure: Charting a Course for America's Asian Alliances in a New Nuclear Age"

[Tim Sullivan](#). *Center for Defense Studies Working Paper*, November 2010, 17 pages.

The author, a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, examines U.S. alliances in Asia, assessing in particular allied perceptions of, and responses to, recent adjustments in U.S. nuclear policy. The emerging nuclear multi-polarity in Asia and the shifting nuclear balances in the region are also discussed.

9. "East Asian Relative Peace - Does It Exist? What is It?"

[Timo Kivimaki](#). *The Pacific Review*, September 2010, 24 pages.

The number of battle deaths in East Asia has been in staggering decline for years. Several recent studies have testified to this trend by referring to it as East Asian Peace. The author, a professor at the University of Copenhagen's Department of

Political Science, analyzes whether the decline in battle deaths has brought about genuine peace in the region.

THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD AFFAIRS

10. "The Future of American Power"

[Joseph S. Nye](#). *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2010, 11 pages.

Is the United States in absolute decline? Is there a probability that it will remain more powerful than any other state in the coming decades? The author, a Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor, examines the future of U.S. power.

11. "Power Shift? Not Yet"

[Michael Cox](#). *World Today*, October 2010, 3 pages.

The author, a chair of U.S. Discussion Group at [Chatham House](#), discusses world politics and global power shifts in the 21st century, focusing on the idea, popular among some political pundits, that China's developing economy will enable it to eclipse the U.S. and European Union in terms of power and prestige.

GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

12. "Diffuse Threats, Frail Institutions: Managing Security in the New Era"

[Bates Gill](#). *Current History*, November 2010, 7 pages.

The author, a director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, examines the emerging threats to global security and the phenomenon of diffusion that has had an increasingly deleterious effect on the ability of governance institutions to address a burgeoning array of global security challenges.

13. "Not Ready for Prime Time"

[Jorge G. Castañeda](#). *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2010, 14 pages.

The author, a fellow at the New America Foundation, examines aspects of global governance as well as the role and the make-up of leading international institutions. He discusses why global government and institutions should not include the major emerging powers with established nations in controlling these institutions.

CLEAN ENERGY

14. "Dirty Coal, Clean Future"

[James Fallows](#). *The Atlantic*, December 2010, 12 pages.

The author, a national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, discusses why the dirtiest of today's main energy sources – coal – is the only way to meet the world's energy needs.

15. "Globalizing the Energy Revolution: How to Really Win the Clean-Energy Race"

[Michael Levi](#), et al. *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2010, 12 pages.

The authors discuss today's energy challenges and the need to develop cheaper clean-energy technology by promoting cross-border innovation.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

16. "Social Justice: Cultural Origins of a Perspective and a Theory"

[Carl L. Bankston III](#). *The Independent Review*, Fall 2010, 14 pages.

The author, a chair of the Department of Sociology at Tulane University, examines the theory and practice of social justice, focusing on mass consumption, the civil rights movement in the United States, and its impact of social justice.

MEDIA AND JOURNALISM

17. "The Hamster Wheel"

[Dean Starkman](#). *Columbia Journalism Review*, September/October 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a *Columbia Journalism Review's* Kingsford Capital Fellow, discusses growing pressure in the mainstream media to produce more news stories with fewer staff writers, and explores the demand for quick turnaround time and more web hits.

18. "Truth Lies Here"

[Michael Hirschorn](#). *The Atlantic*, November 2010, 4 pages.

The author, one of *The Atlantic's* contributing editors, explores the influence of social media on the dissemination of news stories, focusing particularly on the nature of truth and fact on the Internet.

SOCIAL MEDIA

19. "The Twittering of the Search World"

[David Mattison](#). *Searcher*, September 2010, 12 pages.

Looking for ways to extract useful info from your Twitter queries? The author, a freelance researcher, examines how the big search engines and third-party vendors are attempting to fine-tune tweets and throws in some Twitter-based search widgets, apps, and tools for good measure.

20. "Sharing and Caring"

[Douglas Alexander](#). *USA Today Magazine*, September 2010, 2 pages.

With the use of mobile devices like the camera phones, people can directly and instantly send photos to their favorite websites. The author, a general manager of Flickr, discusses the importance of photo sharing to help make the world smaller and more memorable.

LIBRARY TRENDS

21. "Tech Tips for Every Librarian: Flickr Four by Four"

[Donna F. Ekart](#). *Computers in Libraries*, September 2010, 2 pages.

The author, a librarian for K-State Libraries at Kansas State University, explores four ways that libraries can use Flickr to promote their websites and their digital collections.

22. "Taking the Social Web to the Next Level"

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

The author, a director for Innovative Technologies and Research for the Vanderbilt University Libraries, discusses ways by which libraries can increase the use of their services and resources using online social networks.

23. "Library Kiosks"

[Joanna Aegard](#). *Computers in Libraries*, October 2010, 5 pages.

The author, Head of Virtual Services at the Thunder Bay Public Library in Ontario, explores how patrons and staff use library kiosks operated by the Thunder Bay Public Library, and discusses the evolution of library kiosks from serving computerized card catalogs into access points for a variety of online services.

EDUCATION

24. "10 Tips on How to Write Less Badly"

[Michael C. Munger](#). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 10, 2010, 2 pages.

The author, a chairman of political science at Duke University, discusses the inability of college teachers and administrators to write well, and offers ten tips to help academics improve their writing.

25. "Social Networking Goes to School"

[Michelle R. Davis](#). *The Education Digest*, November 2010, 6 pages.

The author, a staff writer for *Education Week Digital Directions*, discusses education and online social networking, focusing on various issues surrounding the use of social networking in a classroom.

26. "Taking the Long View: Ten Recommendations about Time, Money, Technology, and Learning"

[Stephen C. Ehrmann](#). *Change*, September/October 2010, 7 pages.

The author, an associate clinical professor of learning technologies at Drexel University, offers recommendations on how to improve time, technology, teaching, and degree programs in education.

27. "The Open Ed Tech"

[Brian Lamb and Jim Groom](#). *Educause Review*, July/August 2010, 8 pages.

The authors analyze the prospects for openness in educational technology and the benefits of the self-evident strategic technology framework offered by Web 2.0 service providers.