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SPOTLIGHT: U.S. FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES

1. "The Obama Doctrine, Revisited"

[Spencer Ackerman](#). *The American Prospect*, May 2010, 4 pages.

The author, a senior correspondent for *The American Prospect*, discusses the foreign and national security policies of the Obama administration, citing an idea that seeks to bring the U.S. back to its role as leader and champion of international cooperation.

2. "Balancing on Land and at Sea: Do States Ally against the Leading Global Power?"

[Jack S. Levy](#) and [William R. Thompson](#). *International Security*, Summer 2010, 37 pages.

That the United States, generally regarded as the "greatest superpower ever," has not provoked a counterbalancing coalition of the other great powers has puzzled many security theorists. The authors discuss the absence of balancing against the United States, focusing on alliance behavior in the global system, balance of power theory, its key propositions, and its implicit scope conditions.

THE RISE OF ASIA

3. "Asia's Rise: Rise and Fall"

[Paul Kennedy](#). *The World Today*, August/September 2010, 4 pages.

The author, a professor of History at Yale, discusses the shift of power towards Asia, and what it means for those 'old' power centers in Europe and the United States.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

4. "Friends or Foes? Major Trading Partners and the Success of Economic Sanctions"

Elena V. McLean and Taehee Whang. *International Studies Quarterly*, June 2010, 21 pages.

What is the relationship between international cooperation and the success of economic sanctions? The authors examine the role of the sanctioned country's major trading partners and develop a theoretical model that shows how their actions can affect the probability of sanctions success by raising or decreasing resistance costs to the sanctioned country.

DEMOCRACY CHALLENGES

5. "Political Stability in Southeast Asia: Democracy Doubts"

[David Martin Jones](#). *The World Today*, July 2010, 3 pages.

The author discusses problems of political stability in Southeast Asia including the violent dispersal of the latest protests in Thailand, focusing on their impact to the nation's democracy.

6. "Does the Financial Crisis Threaten Democracy?"

Iwan Davies. *SAIS Review*, Winter/Spring 2010, 9 pages.

Could the current or future economic crises lead newer democracies back down the road to authoritarianism? Will growing authoritarian states come under increasing pressure to democratize? The author, an MA candidate at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, explores the economic effects of the financial crisis and the potential impacts on political stability in developing countries.

7. "Democracy and Deep Divides"

[Nathan Glazer](#). *Journal of Democracy*, April 2010, 15 pages.

How do democracies deal with the deep divisions created by race, ethnicity, religion, and language? The author, a professor of education and sociology emeritus at Harvard University, discusses the problems created by a deep social division within many countries as a major threat to democracy.

GLOBAL CORRUPTION

8. "Global Corruption: An Untamed Hydra"

[Laurence Cockcroft](#). *World Policy Journal*, Spring 2010, 8 pages.

The author, a founding board member of Transparency International, discusses global political corruption at both the national and international levels, and examines how legal donations to political parties influenced subsequent government action.

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC INSTABILITY

9. "Trends Shaping Tomorrow's World: Economic and Social Trends and Their Impacts"

Marvin J. Cetron and Owen Davies. *The Futurist*, May/June 2010, 16 pages.

The global economic downturn has dampened free-trade enthusiasm, which problems have discouraged U.S. companies from outsourcing customer-service functions to Asia. The authors examine the impact of both economic and social trends on transitioning economies.

10. "Central Banks as Sources of Financial Instability"

[George Selgin](#). *The Independent Review*, Spring 2010, 12 pages.

The author, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, examines the history of central banks and discusses why governments favored their establishment of destabilizing institutions in the first place and why there is the modern tendency to regard central banks as sources of financial stability.

U.S. TRADE POLICY

11. "The Obama Administration and United States Trade Policy"

Edward Ashbee and Alex Waddan. *The Political Quarterly*, April-June 2010, 10 pages.

The authors explore the recent development of trade policy and politics within the Democrat party in an effort to understand the conflicting pressures on the Obama administration.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

12. "The Freeloaders"

[Megan McArdle](#). *The Atlantic*, May 2010, 2 pages.

The author, *The Atlantic's* business and economic editor, examines the economic impact of file sharing on the entertainment industry, with particular focus on the impact of illegal music downloads and the effects of technological innovations on the music industry.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

13. "Renewing the Future and Protecting the Climate"

[Janet L. Sawin](#) and [William R. Moomaw](#). *World Watch*, July/August 2010, 3 pages.

The authors examine the benefits of using renewable energy sources for the future to protect global climate and human civilization, focusing on how the synergies of renewable energy and energy efficiency can meet global demand for energy services while reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the next two decades.

14. "Tall Is Beautiful"

[Josh Harkinson](#). *Mother Jones*, May/June 2010, 3 pages.

The author, a West Coast reporter for *Mother Jones*, examines environmental issues regarding real estate development in the United States, focusing on the reasons environmentalists should embrace responsible development as efforts to promote sustainability and environmental technology.

15. "Attention Whole Foods Shoppers"

[Robert Paarlberg](#). *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2010, 6 pages.

The author, a B.F. Johnson professor of political science at Wellesley College, discusses criticism towards the organic "green" movement as it has manifested in the U.S. grocery trade, focusing on why the social movement is causing more damage to the global agriculture industry than is commonly admitted.

16. "Leaf Power"

[Fred](#). *Discover* vol. 31, no. 5, June 2010, 3 pages.

The author notes that harvesting sunlight to replace petroleum is a tall order; with the world dependent upon fossil fuels, the trend toward global warming and greenhouse gases, the idea of using the sun to make a liquid fuel is growing more appealing in both economic and ecological terms. Read more about the scientists at Helios and their fascinating projects.

17. "Troubled Waters"

[Michael Renner](#). *World Watch*, May/June 2010, 7 pages.

Indian dam projects in Kashmir have constricted water supply to Pakistan. Meanwhile, climate change produces increasingly unpredictable monsoon patterns. The author notes that there are solutions to the challenges, but multilateral cooperation is essential.

RESPONDING TO GLOBAL CRISIS

18. "The Next Pandemic"

[John M. Barry](#). *World Policy Journal*, Summer 2010, 3 pages.

If the big flu outbreak hits, will we be ready for it? The author, a distinguished scholar at the Center for Bioenvironmental Research of Tulane and Xavier Universities, explores how H1N1 has affected the world; what important lessons global policy makers failed to learn from it; and how we can be ready when a similar pandemic—or something worse—comes again.

JOURNALISM

19. "The Internet & the Future of News"

Paul Sagan and Tom Leighton. *Daedalus*, Spring 2010, 7 pages.

The Internet's ubiquity and easy accessibility has accelerated the pace of the news, as journalists race to stay ahead of each other as well as their audiences' demands. The authors examine the impact of the Internet on journalism and the future evolution of news media.

20. "Embrace the Wonk"

Greg Marx. *Columbia Journalism Review*, May/June 2010, 2 pages.

The author discusses the relation between political scientists and the political press in the United States. He argues that journalists view academics with a degree of suspicion, an unease that he claims has been amplified when dealing with U.S. political topics.

LIBRARY TRENDS

21. "Using Mobile Devices for Research: Smartphones, Databases, and Libraries"

[Joe Murphy](#). *Online*, May/June 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a Yale University Science Libraries' coordinator of instruction and technology, discusses the use of mobile technologies as research tools and a shift in information-seeking behaviors, focusing on how the information industry is adapting to reflect this shift in user behavior.

22. "Critical Assets"

Barbara Fister. *Library Journal*, May 1, 2010, 4 pages.

The author, a librarian at Gustavus Adolphus College, examines the future of academic libraries, focusing on the decrease of libraries' collection size and staff as well as the importance of the library as society moves towards more individualized forms of instruction.

EDUCATION

23. "More Professors Could Share Lectures Online But Should They?"

[Jeffrey R. Young](#). *The Education Digest*, May 2010, 4 pages.

The author, a senior writer for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, discusses digital media and open access to lectures, focusing on professors' response to providing free online access to college courses. Concerns about copyright and about the uploading process are discussed.

24. "Teaching for a New World"

M. Miller. *The Education Digest*, April 2010, 8 pages.

The author, a former senior policy associate for the Alliance for Excellent Education, discusses elements of training for 21st century secondary school teachers, with an emphasis on measurable skills rather than courses taken.

25. "The Virtual University"

[Anya Kamenetz](#). *The American Prospect*, May 2010, 4 pages.

With the demand for higher education is rapidly eclipsing the ability of traditional universities to provide it, the author, a staff writer for *Fast Company*, discusses how a growing movement involving universities worldwide are looking at social media to change higher education.

26. "Top of the Class"

[Richard C. Levin](#). *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2010, 9 pages.

The author, President of Yale University, examines the rise of higher education in Asia, focusing on the challenges of Asian universities to be the best universities in the world and its impact to the west.

27. "Individual Knowledge in the Internet Age"

[Larry Sanger](#). *Educause Review*, March/April 2010, 10 pages.

The author, a co-founder of Wikipedia, examines the impact of the Internet revolution on education and analyzes the common strands about education and the Internet.

U.S SOCIETY & VALUES

28. "World Cup 2010: American Fans Will Have Power In Numbers"

[Steven Goff](#), *Washington Post*, June 8, 2010, pages.

The author notes that they are not necessarily coming to root for the U.S. team; given the broad ethnic makeup of the U.S., many fans will support teams from Mexico, Honduras or other Latin American countries. Goff notes that there is still a perception in the U.S. that soccer is still the sport of Spanish-speaking Americans; however, Americans of all backgrounds could be found in South Africa during the World Cup.

29. "The Food Movement, Rising"

[Michael Pollan](#), *The New York Review of Books*, June 10, 2010, pages.

This review of five recent books about food, related politics and new forms of civil society being created around sustainable agriculture and local, fresh food consumption examines such issues as the impact of fast food culture on health, family life and society.