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Reports

[Item#1](#)
India-China Love-Hate on the Silver Screen. Coonoor Kripalani. YaleGlobal. May 21, 2013.

In April Chinese troops moved inside the temporary line of actual control along the disputed border with India. Indian troops countered by setting up camp nearby in a standoff that ended 20 days later, before

the official visit of China's Premier Li Keqiang to New Delhi. For Indian cinema buffs, the recent events along the frozen heights of Ladakh, may seem like life imitating art, or the 1964 movie Haqeeqat, which focuses on an earlier clash over the same border. Over the past six decades Indian movies have traced the love-hate relations of the two Asian giant nations that took separate paths in shaking off imperialist control, while rivalry and quarrels over borders later added to a growing mistrust, suggests movie historian Coonoor Kripalani.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/india-china-love-hate-silver-screen> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#2

Cybersecurity: Authoritative Reports and Resources. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Rita Tehan. May 24, 2013.

Cybersecurity vulnerabilities challenge governments, businesses, and individuals worldwide. Attacks have been initiated by individuals, as well as countries. Targets have included government networks, military defenses, companies, or political organizations, depending upon whether the attacker was seeking military intelligence, conducting diplomatic or industrial espionage, or intimidating political activists. In addition, national borders mean little or nothing to cyberattackers, and attributing an attack to a specific location can be difficult, which also makes a response problematic.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42507.pdf> [PDF format, 100 pages, 688.53 KB].

Item#3

International Religious Freedom Report for 2012. Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State. May 20, 2013.

"The right to religious freedom is inherent in every human being. Unfortunately, this right was challenged in myriad ways in 2012. One of the basic elements of the International Religious Freedom Act is the requirement that the Department of State publish an annual report on the status of religious freedom in countries around the world, and the record of governments in protecting--or not protecting--this universal right. This year's report tells stories of courage and conviction, but also recounts violence, restriction, and abuse. While many nations uphold, respect, and protect religious freedom, regrettably, in many other nations, governments do not protect this basic right; subject members of religious minorities to violence; actively restrict citizens' religious freedom through oppressive laws and regulations; stand by while members of societal groups attack their fellow citizens out of religious hatred, and fail to hold those responsible for such violence accountable for their actions. The immediate challenge is to protect members of religious minorities. The ongoing challenge is to address the root causes that lead to limits on religious freedom."

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/208324.pdf> Executive Summary [PDF format, 23 pages, 111.35 KB].

<http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/irf/religiousfreedom/index.htm#wrapper> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#4

Asia-Pacific: A Strategic Assessment. Strategic Studies Institute. David Lai. May 28, 2013.

The U.S.-China power transition has become a defining factor in the Asia-Pacific, conditioning the calculation of policy among the Asia-Pacific nations. A rising China brings mixed blessings, opportunities for development, but risks for conflict.

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=1155> [HTML format with a link to the PDF file, 113 pages, 0.76 MB].

Item#5

Artists and the Arab Uprisings. RAND Corporation. Lowell H. Schwartz et al. May 28, 2013.

Regional artists can play a positive role in shaping public debate and supporting democratic transition in the Middle East. This report explores the challenges artists have faced since the Arab uprisings, U.S. government programs to support arts in the region, and the wide array of nongovernmental activities to engage Arab artists, offering recommendations to improve support for these artists.

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http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR200/RR271/RAND_RR271.pdf [PDF format, 104 pages, 1.3 MB].

Item#6

The Promise of Africa: Young, Vibrant African Leadership Rises Despite Many Challenges. YaleGlobal. Ian Shapiro. May 23, 2013.

Energetic and talented leaders, intent on contributing to Africa's rise, gathered for the World Economic Forum on Africa 2013 in early May. The WEF is an independent international organization committed to engaging business, political, academic and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas. Africa has its share of failed or near failing states, but others are peaceful and flourishing, notes the author. Africa's population is young, the median age just 20, and organizations like the WEF and the African Leadership Network look for sustainable development, education and employment to end poverty and curtail corruption and inequality. Shapiro concludes that, on balance, an entrepreneurial spirit thriving in Africa promises a better future.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/promise-africa> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#7

Venezuela: A House Divided. International Crisis Group. May 16, 2013.

The death from cancer on 5 March of President Hugo Chávez triggered a snap presidential election just 40 days later that his anointed successor, Nicolás Maduro, won by a margin of less than 1.5 per cent over Henrique Capriles of the Democratic Unity (MUD) alliance. But the tight result and legal challenges to the validity of the vote cast a shadow over the sustainability of the new administration. A country already deeply polarised is now clearly divided into two almost equal halves that appear irreconcilable.

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<http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/latin-america/venezuela/b028-venezuela-a-house-divided.pdf> [PDF format, 16 pages, 992.72 KB].

Item#8

The Religious Affiliation of U.S. Immigrants: Majority Christian, Rising Share of Other Faiths. Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. May 17, 2013.

The number of immigrants who are granted legal permanent residency fluctuates from year to year, but generally has been increasing since 1945. It rose from about 250,000 annually in the 1950s to an average of about 1 million per year over the last two decades. In 1992, for example, there were approximately 970,000 new green card recipients. Of these, an estimated 650,000 were Christians (68%), 180,000 belonged to other religious groups (19%) and 130,000 were religiously unaffiliated (14%).

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<http://www.pewforum.org/Geography/The-Religious-Affiliation-of-US-Immigrants.aspx> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#9

The Peace Corps: Current Issues. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Curt Tarnoff. May 10, 2013.

Founded in 1961, the Peace Corps has sought to meet its legislative mandate of promoting world peace and friendship by sending American volunteers to serve at the grassroots level in villages and towns in all corners of the globe. As of end September 2012, about 8,073 volunteers were serving in 76 nations. In 2013, the 113th Congress will consider the President's annual funding request for the Peace Corps, efforts to reauthorize the Peace Corps, and related issues. On April 10, 2013, the Administration issued its FY2014 budget request, proposing \$378.8 million for the Peace Corps, 6% more than the agency's currently estimated FY2013 post-sequester and across-the-board rescission level of \$356.0 million.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS21168.pdf> [PDF format, 19 pages, 317.09 KB].

Item#10

The Trans - Atlantic South Partnership: Positions on Building a Mutually Beneficial Partnership with Africa. The Wilson Center. Steve McDonald et al. May 2013.

According to the report, the U.S. has a major challenge on its hands: If the country does not come up with a well coordinated and timely strategy to ride Africa's economic wave, not only will entities like China and the European Union continue to chip away at America's strategic interests, the private sector will continue to sit on what a January 2013 Wall Street Journal article estimated to be USD \$ 1.7 trillion in cash. Fortunately, with a CCA proposal for \$ 10 billion for Africa's infrastructure projects now floated, the TASP believes that by putting such mechanisms in place, the U.S. can tap Africa's potential to generate both profit and U.S. based jobs.

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<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/TransAtlantic%20South%20Partnership.pdf> [PDF format, 8 pages, 1.39 MB].

Item#11

Credential Recognition in the United States for Foreign Professionals. Migration Policy Institute. Linda Rabben. May 2013.

Foreign-trained professionals in the United States often encounter significant obstacles on their path to professional practice, among them difficulties in demonstrating the value of their past work experience and qualifications. The report examines the decentralized U.S. credential recognition process, particularly with regards to recertification in the medical and engineering sectors and offers recommendations for improvement.

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<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/UScredentialrecognition.pdf> [PDF format, 22 pages, 1.39 MB].