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AMERICAN ACADEMIC: THE STATE OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION WORKFORCE 1997-2007. American Federation of Teachers. May 12, 2009.

There are reports that document the steady growth of adjunct positions and decline of tenure-track jobs in the academic work force. The overall number of faculty and instructor slots grew from 1997 to 2007, but nearly two-thirds of that growth was in “contingent” positions, meaning those off of the tenure track.

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Full Text:

http://www.aftface.org/storage/face/documents/ameracad_report_97-07for_web.pdf [PDF format, 32 pages].

Item#2

DANGEROUS BUT NOT OMNIPOTENT: EXPLORING THE REACH AND LIMITATIONS OF IRANIAN POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RAND Corporation. May 19, 2009.

Following the U.S. invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, the Iranian threat to U.S. interests has taken on seemingly unprecedented qualities of aggressiveness and urgency. Added to its provocative positions on the nuclear program, support for non-state militants, and development of threatening military capabilities is the sense that Iran is trying to effect far-reaching changes on the regional and even global stage. The report offers a new U.S. policy paradigm that seeks to manage the challenges Iran presents

through the exploitation of regional barriers to its power and sources of caution in the regime's strategic calculus.

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Full Text:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2009/RAND_MG781.pdf [PDF Format, 233 pages].

Item#3

GETTING STUDENTS MORE LEARNING TIME ONLINE. American Progress. Cathy Cavanaugh. May 18, 2009.

Internal and external forces are simultaneously transforming elementary and secondary education. Complementary changes within the K-12 education community are sweeping schools in the form of one-to-one computing, online learning for students and teachers, and differentiated instruction.

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Full Text:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/05/pdf/distancelearning.pdf> [PDF format, 28 pages].

Item#4

HOW TIGHTLY HAS CHINA EMBRACED MARKET REFORMS IN AGRICULTURE? Amber Waves, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Fred Gale et al. May 21, 2009.

Situations like the 2008 soybean incident and the slowdown in food exports may be a foreshadowing of a crossroad China's policymakers are approaching. Pressure from the global market could induce authorities to go further in reforming agricultural institutions to improve international competitiveness. Alternatively, global market pressures could induce China to turn inward again by adopting protectionist measures that shield farmers and preserve the current system.

Full Text:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/AmberWaves/June09/PDF/ChinaMarket.pdf> [PDF format, 6 pages].

Item#5

INDIA'S ELECTION SHOWS EQUITABLE GLOBALIZATION CAN SUCCEED. Yale Global. Sadanand Dhume. May 2009.

India's Congress Party's big win in the recent election has as much significance for citizens of that country as it does for citizens of the world. It shows that democracy and development can go hand in hand, according author Sadanand Dhume. A country that is slated to grow above 5 percent amid the

financial crisis is a model for developing nations. That India can do this while sporting the world's largest democracy, enjoying the world's largest voter turnout, all the while exhibiting substantial pluralism, is a lesson that democracy is not simply a western phenomenon.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/display.article?id=12386> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#6

THE LAUDER GLOBAL BUSINESS INSIGHT REPORT 2009: FIRST-HAND PERSPECTIVES ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management & International Studies. May 2009.

The study reports on companies and industries analyzed during a summer immersion program by the Institute's students in 12 countries around the world. It provides a window into the changing global economy, including the rise of Chinese and Egyptian companies in the telecommunications sector, the promise of Brazilian technology in the field of organic plastics, the challenges of the hostile takeover market in Russia, the continuing reluctance of the Japanese government to welcome foreign investment, and the dilemmas facing the Mexican oil industry.

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Full Text:

<http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/papers/download/LauderGlobalBusiness20090420.pdf> [PDF format, 51 pages].

Item#7

A NEW U.S. POLICY PARADIGM TOWARD IRAN. RAND Corporation. Frederic Wehrey et al. May 21, 2009.

Iranian power projection is marked by strengths, but it also has serious liabilities and limitations. The United States should consider a new approach to Iran that integrates elements of engagement and containment.

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Full Text:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/2009/RAND_RB9422.pdf [PDF format, 3 pages].

Item#8

POPULATION ESTIMATES. U.S. Census Bureau. May 14, 2009.

The Census Bureau releases state and county data depicting nation's population ahead of 2010 Census. Orange County, Fla., the nation's 35th most populous county, is one of six counties to have become

majority-minority between 2007 and 2008, according to state and county population estimates by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin released today by the U.S. Census Bureau. Majority-minority is defined as more than half the population being of a group other than single-race, non-Hispanic white.

Full Text:

<http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.html> [HTML format with links to tables].

Item#9

THE TAMING OF THE GREAT NUCLEAR POWERS. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Godfried van Benthem van den Bergh. May 2009.

The author argues that nuclear weapons have unintended beneficial consequences. They can make the intended development of a more peaceful global and political order possible. The Carnegie Nonproliferation Program presents the paper in hopes of furthering international dialogue and debate on the nuclear order, including the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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Full Text:

http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/taming_great_powers.pdf [PDF format, 20 pages].

Item#10

TOUGH DECISIONS AND LIMITED OPTIONS: HOW PHILADELPHIA AND OTHER CITIES ARE BALANCING BUDGETS IN A TIME OF RECESSION. Pew Charitable Trusts. May 18, 2009.

The report looks at how 13 major cities are coping with the recession and finds that most are facing significant budget gaps and are cutting services and personnel in response. It examines the budget decisions that have been proposed or enacted in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Columbus (OH), Detroit, Kansas City (MO), Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh and Seattle.

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Full Text:

http://www.pewtrusts.org/uploadedFiles/wwwpewtrustsorg/Reports/Philadelphia-area_grantmaking/FINAL_Budget%20Brief.pdf

[PDF format, 14 pages].

Item#11

TRADE POLICY IN A TIME OF CRISIS: SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. Centre for Economic Policy Research. Gary Hufbauer and Sherry Stephenson. May 2009.

The world is enduring the worst economic setback since the Great Depression. Real estate and share prices have fallen sharply; major firms are failing; credit conditions are extremely tight; manufacturing

production has dropped like a stone; commodity prices have plunged; and unemployment is rising everywhere. Poor countries are especially hard hit. According to the World Bank, slower economic growth in 2009 will add an additional 53 million people to those living on less than \$1.25 a day and 64 million to those living with less than \$2 a day (World Bank, 2009).

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Full Text:

<http://www.cepr.org/pubs/PolicyInsights/PolicyInsight33.pdf> [PDF format, 26 pages].