



ARTICLE ROUND UP

March 2012



SPOTLIGHT: ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. "Is the Labor Market Global?"

[Uri Dadush](#) and [William Shaw](#). *Current History*, January 2012, 5 pages.

Does globalization mean that the labor market, like goods and finance markets, has become open to competition from all comers? In other words, is the labor market global? And if it is, is that good or bad? The author discusses the effects of globalization and technology change on the worldwide integration of labor markets and wage shifts, then recommends some policy options.

2. "The Economic Consequences of Population Aging: Report on a Technical Policy Seminar"

[Sidney B. Westley](#), ed. *National Transfer Accounts Project Bulletin No. 3*, December 2011, 16 pages.

The authors discuss the direct effect of population age structure on economic growth in terms of the support ratio--the effective number of producers relative to the effective number of consumers, focusing on how best to sustain economic growth with a decline in the number of workers relative to other age groups, and how to sustain or reform public programs that address the needs of growing elderly populations.

GLOBAL FOOD AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

3. "Winning the Food Race"

[Dennis Avery](#). *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Fall/Winter 2011, 12 pages.

What is the real cause of the food shortage if global warming, whether man-made or cyclical, is not the main barrier to yield increases? The author, Director of Hudson Institute's Center for Global Food Issues, discusses the global food system and the soaring food price crisis.

4. "When Currencies Collapse"

[Barry Eichengreen](#). *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2012, 16 pages.

The author, the George C. Pardee and Helen N. Pardee Professor of Economics and Political Science at the University of California, analyzes the stability of the dollar and the euro, as well as the international monetary system, focusing on the necessity to understand two historical collapses of the monetary system in order to gauge what might happen if there were full-blown crises of confidence in both currencies.

5. "The Graduates"

[Megan McArdle](#). *The Atlantic*, January/February 2012, 3 pages.

The author, a senior editor for *The Atlantic*, discusses the ways in which graduates of Master of Business Administration programs in the United States have survived the 2008 global recession. The impact of the recession on the banking industry, and the job losses at Wall Street financial institutions are also examined.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES

6. "Balancing the East, Upgrading the West"

[Zbigniew Brzezinski](#). *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2012, 8 pages.

The author, the Robert E. Osgood Professor of American Foreign Policy at the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, discusses two central challenges in foreign policy facing the United States: enlarging the zone of prosperity and democracy in the West; and balancing the rise of China and allaying the fears of the United States' Asian allies.

THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD AFFAIRS

7. "The Strategic Logic of the Contemporary Security Dilemma"

[Max G. Manwaring](#). Strategic Studies Institute, December 2011, 58 pages.

The author, a Professor of Military Strategy in the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, discusses new types of threats that have been introduced into the contemporary global security arena, and analyzes the urgency and importance of security issues and the development of the contemporary security dilemma concept.

8. "The Computer Mouse that Roared: Cyberwar in the Twenty-First Century"

[John Arquilla](#). *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Fall/Winter 2011, 10 pages.

How will the growing potential to disrupt military communications and disable infrastructures with computer worms and viruses affect the balance of world power? Will this technology really imply a new age of conflict for the world? The author, a Professor of U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, analyzes the possibility of attacks that come at the click of a mouse.

9. "Nuclear Safety, Nuclear Security: Wither the IAEA?"

[Richard Weitz](#). *World Affairs*, November/December 2011, 11 pages.

The author, Director of the Hudson Institute's Center for Political-Military Analysis, examines the importance and the limited capabilities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, focusing on the need to reform the organization's global safety and emergency networks.

RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CRISIS

10. "The Calm before the Wave"

[Tim Folger](#). *National Geographic*, February 2012, 20 pages.

The author, a contributing writer, discusses efforts to predict tsunamis, thus prevent or mitigate the damage they cause to human communities, particularly on tsunamis caused by seafloor earthquakes, such as the Indonesian tsunami of 2004 and the Sendai earthquake and tsunami in Japan in 2011.

11. "How Will Energy Demand Develop in the Developing World?"

[Catherine Wolfram](#), et al. *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Winter 2012, 20 pages.

Professors at the University of California at Berkeley's Haas School of Business discuss the forecasts for energy demand, fossil fuel use, associated local pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions in developing world, focusing on why the region will play a major role in driving medium-run growth in energy consumption.

GLOBAL HEALTH AND POPULATION

12. "The Toxic Truth about Sugar"

[Robert H. Lustig](#), et al. *Nature*, February 2, 2012, 3 pages.

The authors discuss the health effects of food sugar and the links between the increased consumption of sugar and the incidence of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

13. "The Human Vector"

Wendy Orent. *Discover*, March 2012, 7 pages.

The author of *Plague: The Mysterious Past and Terrifying Future of the World's Most Dangerous Disease* discusses pandemics that spread across large regions as social phenomena which are created by human beings, and examines the evolution and mutations associated with turning an animal disease into a human one.

14. "Ecological Urbanism for the 21st Century"

[Jon Christensen](#), et al. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 27, 2012, 6 pages.

The authors explore 21st century ecological urbanism, focusing on the continued population growth of cities throughout the world and the relationship between environmental conservation science and ecology.

JOURNALISM AND DIGITAL MEDIA

15. "How the Past Saw the Present"

[Megan Garber](#). *Columbia Journalism Review*, November/December 2011, 5 pages.

The author, an assistant editor at Nieman Journalism Lab, discusses technological innovations that affect the future of journalism, focusing on the ways in which the profession of journalism is increasingly relying on audience collaboration. She also examines the changes of journalism as a result of television news consumption.

16. "Technology, Media, and Political Participation"

[Michael McGrath](#). *National Civic Review*, Fall 2011, 4 pages.

The author, an editor of the *National Civic Review*, discusses the ways in which media and technology impact civic and political engagement and participation, and particularly examines the influence of technologies such as the Internet, cell phones, and social media on youth.

U.S. ELECTIONS AND POLITICS

17. "The Cost of Convenience: An Experiment Showing E-Mail Outreach Decreases Voter Registration"

[Elizabeth A. Bennion](#) and [David W. Nickerson](#). *Political Research Quarterly*, December 2011, 12 pages.

The authors examine the shift of voter registration and participation activities, from traditional, in-person modes of outreach to online, including e-mail, downloadable forms, and e-donations. While it is assumed that online transaction costs are lower, there might be a higher price to pay in the decrease of electoral participation due to procrastination and high transaction costs for some people.

18. "Campaign Inc."

[Nicole Allan](#). *The Atlantic*, January/February 2012, 2 pages.

How does one U.S. election campaign spend most of its cash around? The author, an associate editor at *The Atlantic*, presents a flow chart which outlines the financial expenditures that are required to run for President in the United States and the ways it boost economic activity.

EDUCATION and LIBRARY TRENDS

19. "Making a Good Call"

[Bob Coulter](#). *Connect Magazine*, January/February 2012, 2 pages.

The author, Director of the Litzsinger Road Ecology Center, discusses the implications of technology in building financial literacy of children in the United States, and how math can be useful in answering real-world questions.

20. "Online ed today: The Changing Face of Online Learning.(A special report from K12, Inc.)"

District Administration, **Feb, 2012, Vol.48(2), p.S1(3)**

Distance learning has come a long way from sending coursework back and forth through the mail. Leading the way is K12, Inc., whose innovative online learning programs are helping school districts meet the challenges of 21st-century education with 21st-century tools.

21. "Perceptions of School Library Programs and School Librarians: Perspectives of Supportive School Administrators"

Shannon, Donna M. *Teacher Librarian*, Feb, 2012, Vol.39(3), p.17(6)
Librarians, whether experienced or new to the job, realize how important the principal is to the success of their library program. Unfortunately, school principals often have a limited understanding or appreciation of the school librarian's role.

22. "Saving the Web"

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

The author, Director of Scholarly Technology at the George Washington University Libraries, explores the efforts of Internet Archive and other institutions in preserving Internet history and culture, focusing on how web archiving is a big potential growth area for library collections.

WOMEN HISTORY MONTH

23. "Overcoming the Gender Gap: Women Entrepreneurs as Economic Drivers"

[Lesla Mitchell](#). Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, September 2011, 15 pages.

The author, vice president of the Kauffman Foundation, explores the intersection of two issues that often are thought of separately: the need for sustained economic recovery in the United States, and the status of women's entrepreneurship.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/ZMJ2r> [PDF format; 573KB]

24. "Women's Economic Empowerment"

OECD's DAC Network on Gender Equality Issues Paper, April 2011, 31 pages.

The paper discusses the importance of women's economic empowerment for sustainable development and specific challenges for women entrepreneurs in developing countries in accessing and competing in markets.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/Zjifo> [PDF format; 1.09MB]

25. "Enabling Rural Women's Economic Empowerment: Institutions, Opportunities, and Participation"

[Catherine Hill](#). *Expert Group Meeting Background Paper EGM/RW/2011/BP.1*, September 2011, 46 pages.

The author discusses the global context which impacts the livelihoods and overall well-being of rural women and the subsequent impacts for their families, and examines significant issues concerning the economic empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/s93OF> [PDF format; 268KB]