



SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON VISITS THE ASIA PACIFIC - NOVEMBER, 2010



Secretary Clinton's encounter with a Powhiri, a Maori welcoming ceremony, on the Parliament forecourt in Wellington, on November 4, 2010.

[Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton Visits New Zealand](#) - videos, blogs, photos, etc.

"Inside the State Department" by Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State at the world premiere screening at National Geographic Headquarters, Washington, DC., October 25, 2010. **[News Release](#)**

Leading Through Civilian Power by Hillary Rodham Clinton in *Foreign Affairs*, November/December. 10p.

America's Engagement in the Asia-Pacific Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton's Address, *EastWest Center*, Honolulu, October 28, 2010. **[Read](#)** / **[Listen](#)**

Secretary Clinton's Visit to Australia Highlights Collaboration / Secretary Clinton's Meetings in Malaysia Expand Strategic Cooperation / Remarks of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton with Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hor Namhong / Town Hall with Cambodian Youth November 1 / **Secretary Clinton's October 29-30, 2010 Visit to Vietnam** October 29, 2010.

Briefing: Secretary Clinton's Travel to the Asia-Pacific Region Briefing by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt M. Campbell. U.S. Dept. of State, October 26, 2010.

Women's Entrepreneurship Summit: Remarks at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit Gifu, Japan, October 1, 2010.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

U.S. Policy on the Pacific Islands - Testimony of Dr Kurt Campbell, Asst. Secretary of State, *Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Dept. of State before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment*, September 29.

The United States has significant moral, historic, and strategic links with the island-nations of the Pacific. Campbell reminded that it was almost 70 years ago, during the dark days of the Pacific campaign, the United States and the people of the Pacific fought side-by-side to counter the Japanese imperial march toward Australia, and that its identity as a "Pacific power" was, in many ways, forged on the beaches of the Pacific during World War Two.

U.S. Reengagement in the Asia-Pacific Region: Where Does Taiwan Fit? by Robert G. Sutter. *East-West Center in Washington*, October 5, 2010. 2p.

The Obama administration's broad and multifaceted diplomatic, security, and other initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region collectively represent the most significant shift in the regional dynamics of recent years. They also augur continued, top-priority attention that Washington will pay to the Asia-Pacific in the future. Sutter explores Taiwan's China policy in the context of US reengagement in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Obama Administration's Deepening Engagement Throughout Oceania by Gerard A. Finin in *Asia Pacific Bulletin* (Washington, DC: *East-West Center in Washington*) March 18, 2010. 2p.

How to Contain Radical Islam: Lessons from South Asia by Taberez Ahmed Neyazi in *Asia Pacific Bulletin* (Washington, DC: *East-West Center in Washington*) September 24, 2010. 2p.

During a March 2007 hearing, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee observed that while "homegrown terrorism" presents a real and serious challenge, the United States is fortunate that radicalization seems to have less appeal here than in other parts of the world. A recent increase in terrorism-related incidents involving Muslim Americans has sent an alarming signal across the American political establishment. It has also brought into question the level of integration of Muslim Americans into mainstream society and this minority's odds of being swayed by radical ideology.

A Mosque, A Temple, an Idea by Gautam Adhikari in *Asia Pacific Bulletin*, (Washington, DC: *East-West Center in Washington*) October 7, 2010. 2p.

Another mosque, another time, another argumentative democracy. In the U. S. a dispute erupted recently over building a mosque in lower Manhattan. In late September 2010 in India a major court ruling addressed the destruction of a mosque eighteen years ago. Despite differences in the two cases, there are commonalities.

Al-Shabaab by Stephaine Hanson. *CFR*. July 28, 2010.

The brief profiles the Islamist militant organization based in southern Somalia.

How to Handle Hamas by Daniel Byman in *Washington Quarterly*, September/October.

The sanctions debate is, once again, in full bloom. Thanks to Iran's budding nuclear program and the intransigence of Tehran thus far, policymakers and pundits are again pondering the utility of sanctions. Amid a flurry of sanctions activity at the U.S. Department of Treasury, in Congress, at the UN, and overseas, the question persists: "Do sanctions work?"

Afghanistan: Politics, Elections, and Government Performance *CRS*, September 14, 2010.

The weak performance and lack of transparency within the Afghan government are a growing factor in debate over the effectiveness of U.S. strategy in Afghanistan.

Iran and the Great Sanctions Debate by Meghan L. O'Sullivan in *Washington Quarterly*, October 2010.

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Iran: U.S. Concerns and Policy Responses CRS, September 22, 2010. 70p.

The Obama Administration has adopted the long-standing assessment of Iran as a "profound threat to U.S. national security interests." This threat perception is generated not only by Iran's nuclear program but also by its military assistance to armed groups in Iraq and Afghanistan, to the Palestinian group Hamas, and to Lebanese Hezbollah.

Should Israel Become a "Normal" Nation? by Barbara Slavin in *Washington Quarterly*, October 2010.

Founded in the aftermath of the Holocaust amid violent rejection from its neighbors, Israel has long insisted on extraordinary freedom of action to defend its existence as a Jewish majority state. But external pressures are rising, creating a diplomatic crisis that may constrain Israel's tendency to use massive military force against adversaries.

Avoiding a Tempest in the South China Sea by Joshua Kurlantzick. *CFR*, September 2, 2010.

Over the past decade, dating back to the end of the Asian financial crisis, China has drastically expanded its international presence, including in Latin America, Africa, and Central Asia. But China's rising global power--both soft and hard--has been felt first in Southeast Asia, a region seen by some Chinese strategists as equivalent to Latin America in the U.S. Monroe Doctrine.

China's Ambitions in the South China Sea by Marvin C. Ott. *East-West Center in Washington*, September 29, 2010. 2p.

At the *ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)* in July 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, to her Chinese counterpart's evident surprise and consternation, put the South China Sea issue in the spotlight of international attention. Since its founding, the People's Republic of China has published maps showing a maritime boundary - "the nine-dotted line"- that was first promulgated by the Republic of China in 1936 and encompassed the entire South China Sea. The author sheds light on China's ambitions regarding China's maritime boundary which has generated relatively little attention until recently.

Will China Rule the World? by Douglas H. Paal. *CEIP*, September 2, 2010.

Rising domestic concerns in China over the increasing pressure of public opinion, the succession of the country's leadership, and fundamental economic imbalances may have a growing effect on Beijing's foreign policy.

North Korea's Succession Poses New Challenges – Part 1 by Byong-Chul Lee. *YaleGlobal*, October 1, 2010.

After years of suspense and speculation about the changing of the guard in North Korea, the new leader's identity has been revealed. But the nuclear-armed nation remains a regional source of anxiety. To end nuclear proliferation and relieve the misery of North Koreans, Lee urges the U.S. to respond to North Korea's call for direct, bilateral talks about the future of the country.

Rethinking State-Building in a Failed State by Seth Kaplan in *Washington Quarterly*, January 2010.

Instead of repeatedly trying to foist Western-style top-down state structure on deeply centralized and fluid societies, like Somalia, the international community needs to work with the country's long-standing traditional institutions to build a government from the bottom up.

Iraq: Movement: Movement Without Progress by Marina Ottaway & Daniel Kaysi. *CEIP*, October 18, 2010.

Moqtada al-Sadr's decision to support Nouri al-Maliki's quest for a second term as Iraqi prime minister has given new impetus to negotiations over the formation of a new government but it has not solved any of the underlying obstacles preventing the creation of a politically viable government.

Iraq in Focus by Charles Allen. *Homeland Security Policy Institute*, August 30, 2010. 19p.

Experts key questions such as "What are the security implications of the transition, both short- and long-term?"; "How can these implications best be managed?" and "What's needed to achieve "success" in Iraq in the long run?"

Dangerous Liaisons with the Afghan Taliban by Matt Waldman. *USIP*, October 2010. 16p.

This report, based on six months of field research between January and June 2010, was funded by the U.S. Institute of Peace and Canadian Global Peace and Security Fund. The aim was to better understand insurgent motivations and objectives, and in light of this, to assess the feasibility, risks, and implications of negotiations.

Jordan: A Refugee Haven by Geraldine Chaelard. *Migration Policy Institute*, August 2010.

Migration to, from, and across Jordan, since the Palestinian exodus of 1948, has played a key role in the country's politics, economy, and society. These movements have several underlying, interacting patterns – with connections to regional geopolitics, the fluctuations of the oil economy in the Persian Gulf, and efforts by the kingdom's Hashemite monarchy to ensure its own stability. Jordan is a case in point for how various forms of mobility can have strong political and economic implications, both domestically and regionally.

The Transformation of U.S.-Russia Relations by Samuel Charap in *Current History*, October.

The bilateral relationship has improved dramatically since Barack Obama became President says Charap, but the 2008 Georgia war still casts a long shadow.

Crime, Politics and Violence in Post-Earthquake Haiti Louis-Alexandre Berg. *Institute of Peace*, September 28, 2010. 4p.

Crime and violence are on the rise in Port-au-Prince due to prisoner escapes during the earthquake. Youth gangs and other armed groups are regaining strength in the most vulnerable neighborhoods and spreading to other areas of the city. In the tent camps around Port-au-Prince, displaced people, especially women, remain vulnerable to crime. These factors have contributed to an increasing sense of insecurity.

Some online resources which may be of interest:

Obama in India Q&A by George Perkovich. *CEIP*, November 4, 2010.

Previewing President Obama's Trip to India by Bruce Riedel. *Brookings*, November 3, 2010 (video)

Obama's India Visit Should Affirm New Delhi's Global Role by Lisa Curtis. *Heritage*, November 3'10.

Key Resources on the President's Trip to Asia and the G-20 Summit *Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)*, November 2010.

Real Economic Ties Should Underpin U.S.-Indonesia Partnership by Walter Lohman. *Heritage*, November 4, 2010.

The Role of Religious Leaders and Religious Communities in Diplomacy *Saban Center at Brookings*, October 2010. 14p.

Making Development Aid More Effective *Brookings*, September 2010.

The Point of No Return by Jeffrey Goldberg in *The Atlantic*, September 2010. (options in relation to Iran's nuclear program)

Obama's Middle East Problem *Pew Global Attitudes Project*, August 27, 2010. (Results of survey of public in 22 countries on President Obama's performance on a range of foreign policy issues)

The Globalization of Crime: A Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*, 2010. Note: 314p. A **summary and downloads by chapter**

Fact Sheet: Advanced Nuclear Non-Proliferation: Peaceful Uses Initiative Bureau of Public Affairs, October 21, 2010.

Justice Delivered Locally: Solomon Islands by Michael Goddard. *World Bank/Justice for the Poor*, August 2010. 39p.

Getting Back on Track in Bosnia-Herzegovina by Christopher S. Chivvis & Harun Đogo in *Washington Quarterly*, October 2010.

Chess on the High Seas: Dangerous Times for U.S.-China Relations by Michael Mazza. *American Enterprise Institute (AEI)*, August 2010. 8p.

The U.S. Takes "New Europe" for Granted at its Peril by Helle Dale & Ariel Cohen. *Heritage*, October 21, 2010.

Iran Sanctions CRS, October 7, 2010.

North Korea: Legislative Basis for U.S. Economic Sanctions CRS, September 29, 2010.

U.S. Nuclear Cooperation with India: Issues for Congress CRS, September 30, 2010.

Bahrain: Reform, Security, and U.S. Policy CRS, September 29, 2010.

Chinese Energy Security: The Myth of the PLAN's Frontline Status by Ryan Clarke. *Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College*, August 2010. 123p. (PLAN – People's Liberation Army Navy)

China's View of South Asia and the Indian Ocean by Dean Cheng. *Heritage*, August 31, 2010.

China and Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Missiles: Policy Issues CRS, August 16, 2010. 71p.

Escaping North Korea: The Plight of Defectors. Statement by Carl Gershman to the Tom Lantos, *Human Rights Commission, U.S. House of Representatives*, September 23, 2010.

Iraq's Impasse and 'Confusing' Politics Interview with Joost Hiltermann, Middle East and North Africa *International Crisis Group. CFR*, October 6, 2010.

Pakistan after the Floods. Q&A by S. Akbar Zaidi. *CEIP*, September 29, 2010.

Afghanistan: U.S. Foreign Assistance CRS, August 12, 2010.

Can Governments Prevent Terrorism While Also Respecting Human Rights, or Must Authorities Trade Off Some Human Rights to Reduce Terrorism? *American Political Science Association*, August 2010.

POLITICS / ELECTIONS

The Backlash Against Election Monitors: How the Profession Can Respond by Peter Novotny. *National Endowment for Democracy*, 2010. 42p.

With the spread of the "color revolutions" across Europe and Eurasia, domestic and international election observers have found themselves facing increasingly sophisticated forms of obstruction at the hands of rulers eager to avoid a similar fate. To counter these threats and protect the integrity of their field, a number of leading organizations, including the United Nations, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and the Carter Center, launched a global initiative in 2005. In response to the initiative's stated principle of strict impartiality, there is a call for more systematic implementation of a wide range of techniques.

Catch Us if You Can: Election Monitoring and International Norm Creation by Susan Hyde. *Department of Political Science, Yale University*, 2010. 41p.

Why has the decision to invite foreign election observers become an international norm? More generally, how do international norms develop in the absence of demand by powerful states or activism by norm entrepreneurs? Motivated by the case of election observation, the author argues that international norms can be generated through a diffusely motivated signaling process. Responding to increased benefits associated with being democratic, international election observation was initiated by democratizing governments as a signal of a government's commitment to democracy.

Campaign Finance Reform: Experiences of Two States That Offered Full Public Funding for Political Candidates GAO, May 2010. *Note*: 141p.

The 2000 elections in Maine and Arizona were the first in the nation's history where candidates seeking state legislative seats had the option to fully fund their campaigns with public moneys. In 2003, GAO reviewed the public financing programs in Maine and Arizona and found the programs' goals were to (1) increase electoral competition; (2) increase voter choice; (3) curb increases in campaign costs; (4) reduce interest group influence; and (5) increase voter participation.

International Elections Assistance: Context, Challenges, and Possible Strategic Principles by Thomas Carothers. *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*, March 2010. 8p.

The current context for international elections assistance is a complex, mixed picture defined both by notable progress yet also significant ongoing tensions and challenges. Elections assistance has advanced considerably in this decade along a path of professionalization and learning, away from some of the limitations and shortcomings that marked it during the 1990s. This positive evolution is reflected in the emergence of the electoral cycle approach and in the recent electoral assistance guides embracing that approach put out by the EC, UN, and International IDEA.

From Elections to a New Government *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. March 15, 2010.

The formal process that leads from the elections to the formation of a new government is extremely complicated and bound to take time, even without taking into consideration the difficulty of forming viable political alliances.

Burma's 2010 Elections: Implications of the New Constitution and Election Laws by Michael Martin. *CRS*, April 29, 2010. 22p.

On March 9, 2010, the SPDC released five new laws for the pending parliamentary elections. Three of the laws are about the three main types of parliaments stipulated in the constitution—the two houses of the national parliament (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw) and the Regional or State parliaments. The fourth law—the Political Parties Registration Law—sets conditions for the registration and operation of political parties in Burma; the fifth law establishes a Union Election Commission to supervise the parliamentary elections and political parties.

Spotlighting a Best Practice by Rebecca Guterman. *FairVote*, 2010. 6p.

The brief shows the interview with Tim Hwang, Student Member of the Board of Education in Montgomery County, MD, to highlight a practice that helps both the student representative and the rest of the student population gain experience in voting and representative government. Hwang talks about the history of the program and the benefits it has for him and the county school system as a whole.

Communicating with Constituents in 140 Characters or Less by Christine B. Williams & Girish J. Gulati, April 2010. 21p.

Looks at the use of Twitter by Members of Congress **Summary**

TRADE / ECONOMY

What the Great Recession Has Done to Family Life by Judith Warner. *NYT*, October 20, 2010.

A report from the Population Reference Bureau showed that more than 70 percent of Americans age 40 and over felt they had been affected by the economic crisis.

Housing Clouds Economic Recovery by Roya Wolverson. *Council on Foreign Relations*. August 25, 2010.

Dismal U.S. housing data and uncertainty over the Obama administration's housing plans are adding to fears of another recession--and raising new concerns over the global recovery.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement *CRS*, June 25, 2010.

The economic and strategic architectures of Asia are evolving. Part of this evolving architecture is the *Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)*, a free trade agreement that includes nations on both sides of the Pacific.

The Economic Consequences of "Brain Drain" of the Best and Brightest: Microeconomic Evidence from Five Countries Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, Germany, August 2010. 45p.

This study looks at impacts on Ghana, the Federated States of Micronesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Tonga.

Implications of Declining Mail Volume for the Financial Sustainability of the Postal Service *Postal Service*, September 29, 2010. 69p.

Mail volume is declining. It is difficult to determine how much of this drop is due to the recent economic downturn, but many postal experts consider that a period of long-term volume decline has begun. The results of their analysis suggest the outlook for the Postal Service is optimistic. The Postal Service is financially sustainable down to volume levels of 100 billion pieces per year. However, price increases above inflation will be necessary unless steps are taken to greatly reduce the Postal Service's cost structure. Such price increases are not unprecedented. Many other posts in developed countries have higher prices than the Postal Service.

China's Steel Industry and Its Impact on the United States: Issues for Congress *CRS*, October 11.

China's steel industry has grown significantly since the mid-1990s. China is now the world's largest steelmaker and steel consumer. In 2009, China produced over 567 million tons of crude steel, nearly half of the world's steel - 10 times the U.S. production.

After the Fall by Carmen M. Reinhart & Vincent R. Reinhart. *AEI*, August 2010. 47p.

Examines the behavior of economies in the wake of major contractions over the past century.

Efficiency Works: Creating Good Jobs and New Markets Through Energy Efficiency by Bracken Hendricks and et al. *Center for American Progress*, September 2010. 56p.

Few industries have felt the economic downturn harder than the construction industry, which suffered the most from the consequences of a decade of gross mismanagement of our nation's mortgage markets and financial services industries.

Some Trade/Economics resources which may be of interest:

The Next Economy and the Growth Challenge for the United States by Martin Neil Baily. *Brookings*, September 2010. 70p. **Summary**

Celebrate, Innovate & Sustain: Toward 2015 and Beyond: The United States' Strategy for Meeting Millennium Development Goals *U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)*, Sept'2010. 33p.

The Role of Trade Secrets in Innovation Policy *CRS*, August 31, 2010.
<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/148809.pdf>

Rural America at a Glance: 2010 Edition *Economic Research Service, U.S. Dept of Agriculture, September 2010. 6p.*

Financial Reform Implementation Speech by U.S. Dep. Sec. of Treasury Neal S. Wolin, October 25, '10.

Surprising but True, U.S. Exports Are Growing by Edward Gresser. *YaleGlobal* online, October 20'10.

China's Currency: An Analysis of the Economic Issues *CRS, October 1, 2010.*

China's Sovereign Wealth Fund: Developments and Policy Implications *CRS, September 23, 2010.*

Damage Control? Analyzing Policies to Repair Credit Markets by V.V. Chari et al. *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, October 2010*

G20's Tepid Economic Reform Analysis brief by Roya Wolverson. *CFR, October 25, 2010.*

Causes of the Recent Financial and Economic Crisis Statement by U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben S. Bernanke to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, September 2, 2010.

CEO Pay and the Great Recession: 17th Annual Executive Compensation Survey *Institute for Policy Studies, September 1, 2010. 36p.*

Top Ten Reasons Not to Raise the Retirement Age by Ross Eisenbrey. *Economic Policy Institute, August 24, 2010. 2p.*

Inflation: Soft but Stable? by Brent Meyer. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends, August 27, 2010.*

Where Does the Mortgage Market Go from Here? Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends, August 27, 2010.*

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Hurricane Katrina: Are We Any Better Prepared Five Years Later? by Wanda Edwards & Candace J. Iskowicz. *Institute for Business & Home Safety, August 2010. 2p.*

When Hurricane Katrina made landfall on Aug. 29, 2005, it caused an estimated \$41.1 billion in insured losses across six states, and took an incalculable economic and social toll on many communities. Five years later, the recovery continues and some residents in the most severely affected states of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi are still struggling. There is no question that no one wants a repeat performance of this devastating event yet the steps taken to improve the quality of the building stock, whether through rebuilding or new construction, call into question the commitment of some key stakeholders to ensuring that past mistakes are not repeated.

The Clean Air Act's Economic Benefits: Past, Present and Future *The Main Street Alliance, October 2010. 10p.*

The report shows that the Clean Air Act's economic benefits have far exceeded the costs imposed on businesses, and that any legislation limiting the ability of the *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* to regulate greenhouse gas emissions could have negative implications for business both large and small that have enacted new practices to reduce their carbon footprint as part of their new business model.

Sen. Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act: Report to Congress *U.S. Dept. of State, August 13, 2010.*

Senator Paul Simon *Water for the Poor 2010 Report to Congress* describes U.S. efforts to expand access to safe drinking water and sanitation, improve water resources management and increase water productivity in developing countries.

A Gold Standard for Equity in Climate Cap-and-Trade Programs by John Motsinger, Steven Moss & James Fine in *Environment Magazine*. July/August 2010.

California's Global Warming Solutions Act, known as AB 32, calls for reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.¹ This ambitious goal demands that California explore every opportunity to reduce emissions throughout the economy and in every community, while being sensitive to potential adverse impacts on the state's most vulnerable citizens.

Securing Foreign Oil: a Case for Including Military Operations in the Climate Change Impact of Fuels by Adam J. Liska & Richard K. Perrin in *Environment Magazine*. July/Aug. 2010. 15p.

Military operations are major industrial activities that use massive amounts of fuel and materials that significantly contribute to climate change. Liska and Perrin assert that military activity to protect international oil trade is a direct production component for importing foreign oil - as necessary for imports as are pipelines and supertankers - and therefore the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from that military activity are relevant to U.S. fuel policies related to climate change. They also say that military security for protection of global maritime petroleum distribution is part of the acquisition process, but in addition, recent Middle Eastern wars may also be related to securing petroleum reserves.

Policy Design for Maximizing U.S. Wind Energy Jobs *World Resources Institute*, September 2010. 2p.

Wind power is a nascent industry in the U.S., but has the potential to spur job creation. Several studies show that wind power creates more jobs than power generation from fossil fuels. The nature of wind power is more labor-intensive than traditional energy, and it creates jobs in both manufacturing and skilled scientific, engineering, and service roles. However, compared to other large regional markets for wind, the U.S. has yet to reach its full job creation potential in the wind industry.

Charging Ahead: The Electric Car is Coming – But Not Fast Enough by Jim Motavalli in *E: The Environment Magazine*, September/October.

The auto industry is at the most important turning point in its more than 100-year history, says enthusiast Motavalli. The internal-combustion engine might be with us for another 30 years, but 2010 marks the start of its inevitable decline. If the industry reverses course - as appears certain - then each year will see further inroads from electric vehicles, and charging your car will seem as natural as stopping for gas does now.

Modeling the Impact of Climate Change on Global Hydrology and Water Availability by Kenneth M. Strzepek & Alyssa L. McCluskey. *The World Bank*. September 2010. 40p.

This technical report provides the background to the methodology used to model the impact of climate change on runoff for the global track of the *Economic of Adaptation to Climate Change (EACC)* project. It presents findings from computer modeling of the impacts of potential climate change on hydrology and water availability, that is, changes in runoff, basin yield, and flooding.

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the United States. Summary by Franz Litz & Nicholas Bianco. *World Resources Institute*, 2010. 20p.

In this summary of the key findings the aggregate range of potential federal reductions in key sectors is provided first, based on assessments from available literature on what is technically feasible, as well as the corresponding regulatory ambition required to achieve the technically feasible reductions, together with an explanation of how potential reductions were assessed for each sector and/or category of sources.

The 2010 Oil Spill: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Under the Oil Pollution Act *CRS*, October 19, 2010.

The 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill leaked an estimated 4.1 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, damaging the waters, shores, and marshes, and the fish and wildlife that live there. The Oil Pollution (OPA) establishes a process for assessing the damages to those natural resources and assigning responsibility for restoration to the parties responsible. BP was named the responsible party for the spill. The Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) process allows Trustees of affected states and the federal government (and

Indian tribes and foreign governments, if applicable) to determine the levels of harm and the appropriate remedies.

Engineering a Quieter America *National Academy of Engineering*, October 12, 2010.

Exposure to noise is a fact of life. At high levels, noise can damage hearing, and at lower levels it can disrupt sleep patterns, interfere with communications, and even cause accidents. A new National Academy of Engineering report characterizes the most commonly identified sources of noise, looks at efforts that have been made to reduce noise emissions, and suggests ways to decrease exposure in workplaces, schools, recreational environments, and residences.

Federal Trade Commission Proposes Revised "Green Guides" *FTC*, October 13, 2010.

The Federal Trade Commission today proposed revisions to the guidance that it gives marketers to help them avoid making misleading environmental claims. The proposed changes are designed to update the Guides and make them easier for companies to understand and use. The changes to the "Green Guides" include new guidance on marketers' use of product certifications and seals of approval, "renewable energy" claims, "renewable materials" claims, and "carbon offset" claims.

Some environmental resources which may be of interest:

Statement by President Obama on the Long-Term Recovery Plan after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill *The White House*, September 28, 2010.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/148798.pdf>

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Highlighted Actions and Issues *CRS*, September 13, 2010.

Climate Change Partnerships *eJournal USA*, August 2010. To **download individual articles** *eJournal USA* is an electronic journal of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Information Programs.

SOCIETY

Women and the Economy 2010: 25 Years of Progress but Challenges Remain Report by the *Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress*, August 2010. 14p.

United Nations Report Focuses on Global Lot of Women by Neil MacFarquhar. *U.N.*, October 20.

Women have made progress in areas like health and education, but they still lag over all, according to this U.N. report, *World's Women 2010*.

Persons With A Disability: Labor Force Characteristics - 2009 *Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor*, August 25, 2010. 10p.

The proportion of the population employed in 2009—the employment-population ratio—was 19.2 percent among those with a disability, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The employment-population ratio for persons without a disability was 64.5 percent. The unemployment rate of persons with a disability was 14.5 percent, higher than the rate for those with no disability, which was 9.0 percent.

Young Children of Immigrants: The Leading Edge of America's Future by Karina Fortuny et al. *Urban Institute*, August 31, 2010. 14p.

Children of immigrants have nearly doubled as a share of pre-K to 3rd grade students since 1990. The share of children under age 8 with immigrant parents stood at 24 percent in 2008, up from 13 percent in 1990. Young children of immigrants account for more than 30 percent of children in seven states, with California leading the nation at 50 percent. The majority (93 percent) of children of immigrants are U.S. citizens. This fact sheet also includes state-by-state data on the number of children of immigrants and the number of children whose parents come from more than 130 countries.

Seven Myths That Cloud Immigration Debate by Darrell M. West. *Brookings*, September 1, 2010.

U.S. Unauthorized Immigration Flows Are Down Sharply Since Mid-Decade *Pew Hispanic Center*, September 1, 2010. 37p. An [interactive map](#) is at [New York Times](#) story on this report.

Advancing Regulatory Science for Public Health: A Framework for FDA's Regulatory Science Initiative *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*, October 2010. 20p.

Standards for Health IT: Meaningful Use and Beyond Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology*, September 30, 2010.

"Sisters Are Doin' It For Themselves," But Could Use Some Help: Fatherhood Policy and the Well-Being of Low-Income Mothers and Children by Joy Moses et al. *Center for American Progress*, October 2010. 35p.

The authors explain how supporting responsible fatherhood and related programs and services help low-income mothers.

HEALTH

Loneliness Among Older Adults: A National Survey of Adults 45+ *AARP*. September 2010. *Note*: 102p.

In order to better understand loneliness and social isolation among older adults, AARP commissioned a national survey of the 45+ population to examine these issues.

Mental Health Care Services in Primary Care: Tackling the Issues in the Context of Health Care Reform by Lesley Russell. *Center for American Progress*, October 4, 2010. 46p.

As health care reform focuses on a central role for primary care in the delivery and coordination of health care services, especially for the chronically ill, it is timely to consider how mental health services could be better integrated into primary care.

EDUCATION

Investing in Change: How Much do Achieving the Dream Colleges Spend – and From What Resources – to Become Data-Driven Institutions? Elizabeth M. Zachry & Erin Coghlan. *MDRC*, June 2010. *Note*: 111p.

The report analyzes the experiences of five community colleges and the investments they made in implementing an institution wide improvement process aimed at increasing students' success.

The Online Learning Imperative: A Solution to Three Looming Crises in Education by Bob Wise & Robert Rothman. *Alliance for Excellent Education*, June 2010. 10p.

Currently, K–12 education in the U.S. is dealing with three major crises, each of which on its own is capable of wreaking havoc on schools and communities around the nation, but together are an all-out perfect storm. Simultaneously, the U.S. education system is facing a growing workforce whose mounting needs for education and training will not be met by the nation's current public education system, declining state fiscal revenues, and mounting teacher shortages that further cripple low-performing secondary schools. The time for merely rethinking and upgrading the role of technology in education has passed, according to the report. Technology can no longer be thought of simply as an "add-on" tool in education, but rather an integral part of the total educational environment.

Top Ten Reasons Your School Should Go PVC-Free *Center for Health, Environment & Justice*, 2010. 7p.

Polyvinyl chloride (PVC or vinyl) plastic poses serious environmental and health threats at all stages of its lifecycle: from manufacturing to use to disposal. Here are the top ten reasons schools should go PVC-free and build or renovate with PVC-free building materials. There is a new PVC-free schools campaign to encourage schools to ditch the poison plastic in favor of safer alternatives.

What Makes Special-Education Teachers Special? by Li Feng & Tim R. Sass. *National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research*, August 10, 2010. 38p.

The paper examines the impact of pre-service preparation and in-service formal and informal training on the ability of teachers to promote academic achievement among students with disabilities. There is little support for the efficacy of in-service professional development courses focusing on special education. Teachers with advanced degrees are more effective however, in boosting the math achievement of students with disabilities than are those with only a baccalaureate degree, according to the authors.

2010 Kids & Family Reading Report: Turning the Page in the Digital Age Scholastic and Harrison Group, September 29, 2010. 56p.

The children age 6 – 17 and their parents share their views on a wide range of topics regarding reading in the 21st Century. The study finds that from age 6 - 17, the time kids spend reading books for fun declines while the time kids spend going online for fun and using a cell phone to text or talk increases. Parents express concern that the use of electronic and digital devices negatively affects the time kids spend reading books (41%), doing physical activities (40%), and engaging with family (33%).

High Schools, Civics, and Citizenship: What Social Studies Teachers Think and Do by Gary Schmitt et al. *American Enterprise Institute*, September 30, 2010. 61p.

The study revolves around an essential question: what are teachers trying to teach our youth about citizenship and what it means to be an American? The findings are based on a national, random sample survey of 866 public high school social studies teachers, an oversample survey of 245 Catholic and private high school social studies teachers, and three focus groups. Social studies teachers are excellent sources of information for this type of research. They are in the trenches, and they can report not only on their own attitudes, priorities, and behaviors, but also on what is actually happening in high schools and school districts.

Can We Teach Creative and Critical Thinking? by Zoe Burgess in *Good*, October 1, 2010.

How is creative or critical thought defined and taught? And by what assessment can we measure it, if at all? Burgess says that while critical thinking is imperative to social progress, its teaching is a challenging process.

Is School Funding Fair? A National Report Card by Bruce Baker et al. *Education Law Center*, October 2010. 54p.

The *National Report Card* is a critique of state school funding systems and the extent to which these systems ensure equality of educational opportunity for all children, regardless of background, family income, place of residence or school. It makes the assumption that "fair" school funding is defined as "a state finance system that ensures equal educational opportunity by providing a sufficient level of funding distributed to districts within the state to account for additional needs generated by student poverty."

Student Achievement, School Structure, and the Effects of Small Community Implementations in Los Angeles: A Network Approach by Richard Bowman. *RAND*, October 18, 2010.

The division of Los Angeles' large urban comprehensive high schools into groups of Small Learning Communities (SLCs) within the school campus was proposed as a way to improve academic outcomes. While the effects of school size on students have been explored in detail and converting school structure "in-place" is less costly than constructing several new small schools, little research has been completed regarding the structural or academic effects of dividing large schools into whole-school or "wall-to-wall" SLCs on the same campus. With this policy and research backdrop, the dissertation defines and identifies communities of students, evaluates the level of sorting and segregation in schools and communities in schools, explores correlations between school structure and academic outcomes, and evaluates the effects of SLC implementation on school structure and academic outcomes.

Some educational resources which may be of interest:

New Study on Reading in the Digital Age: Parents Say Electronic, Digital Devices Negatively Affect Kids' Reading Time News release, *Scholastic.com*, September 29, 2010. **The report**

Background on the White House Summit on Community Colleges, October 5, 2010. Remarks by **President Obama and by Dr Jill Biden**

The Federal Investment in For-Profit Education: Are Students Succeeding? Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions*, September 30, 2010.

BUSINESS

The Top Priorities for America in 2010 in *Good*, January.

That the economy and jobs sit atop the list of priorities is no shock, but it is interesting that terrorism occupies such a high spot.

The Future-Proof Entrepreneur: 25 New Tech Trends by Jonathan Blum in *Entrepreneur*, November.

Blum believes that these technology developments and trends will transform how your business does business.

Persons with a Disability: Labor Force Characteristics – 2009 *Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dept of Labor*, August 25, 2010. 10p.

Tick, Tick. . . Boom: Time-Management Tips for Entrepreneurs by Joe Robinson in *Entrepreneur*, November.

Time urgency is the enemy of good work and good health. No matter how out of control you feel, you can tame the beast.

Leading Effectively in Chaos and Uncertainty by Donovan Campbell in *Harvard Business Review*.

HBR's Frontline Leadership series looks at what business leaders can learn from today's military.

Kotter's Eight Steps Change Management Model: Implementing Change Powerfully and Successfully on *Mindtools.com*

We live in a world where "business as usual" IS change. New initiatives, project-based working, technology improvements, staying ahead of the competition - these things come together to drive ongoing changes to the way that we work. Whether you're considering a small change to one or two processes, or a system-wide change to an organization, it's common to feel uneasy and intimidated by the scale of the challenge. You know that the change needs to happen, but you don't really know how to go about delivering it. A look at where to start...

MEDIA

A Second Chance by Curtis Brainard in *Columbia Journalism Review*, July/August.

How mobile devices can absolve journalism of its original sin: giving away online content.

Celebrating Innovation by Rem Rican in *American Journalism Review*, October.

Rican says it's easy to get discouraged about the state of journalism, with rampant cutbacks at traditional news organizations, the elusiveness of a business model for a vibrant future and the obsession with such topics as a fringe minister threatening to burn a Koran. But it's important not to lose sight of all the exciting innovation that is also part of the journalism landscape.

After the Storm: What Happens to the Journalists Who Get Pushed out of their Newsrooms? by Lisa Anderson in *Columbia Journalism Review*, July/August.

As of early June, Paper Cuts, a blog that keeps track of announced buyouts and layoffs at newspapers, counted a total of 32,578 jobs lost since the beginning of 2008. Other estimates are more conservative, but

they're all disturbing. For major U.S. newspapers it is as if a dark angel swept through, taking out experience and institutional memory and people. Anderson looks at what happens to them.

Look at Me! by Maureen Tkacik in *Columbia Journalism Review*, May/June.

A writer's search for journalism in the age of branding.

Reporting From Faraway Places: Who Does it Now? by John Maxwell Hamilton in *Nieman Reports*, Fall, 2010.

Foreign bureaus staffed by correspondents from a newspaper or broadcast network are now largely relics of a bygone era. A look at who does international reporting, how they do it, and who pays...

The Digital Landscape: What's Next for News edited by Melissa Lutke in *Nieman Reports*, Summer, 2010.

The digital landscape is a place where game playing thrives and augmented reality tugs at possibilities. It's where video excels, while the appetite for long-form text and the experience of "deep reading" is diminished, and it's where the allure of multitasking greets the crush of information.

Ed Murrow's Legacy and the Real World of Broadcast News by Harry Radcliffe, *Fletcher School*, 2008.

If it seems that CBS News is in perpetual upheaval, one explanation is the inordinate amount of time our press colleagues and competitors spend discussing and speculating about CBS News. There's a correlation to the reason CBS News receives. It boils down to one man: Edward R. Murrow.

Threats to Ethical Journalism in the New Media Age by Edward Wasserman *Media Ethics Online*, Spring 2010. 13p.

The author, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation professor of journalism ethics at Washington and Lee University, discusses the impact of digital media technologies on the ethics of online journalism.

The Limits of Control by Pamela Podger in *American Journalism Review*, August / September 2009. 6p.

With journalists increasingly active on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, news organizations are struggling to respond to a host of new ethical challenges. The author, an adjunct journalism professor at the University of Montana, examines the ethical issues involving journalists' use of social media.

Creating Ethical Bridges from Journalism to Digital News by Jan Leach in *Nieman Reports*, Fall 2009, 4p.

Is it appropriate for reporters to publish on a personal blog their opinion about a source, an event, or a story? The author, an assistant professor of journalism at Kent State University, discusses the rising of ethical issues as digital media — and the emerging use of social media — are exponentially expanding the reach of journalism.

The Ethics of Digital Magazine Advertising by Susan Currie Sivek in *MediaShift Magazine*, April 28, 2010, 3p.

How will magazines integrate advertising into digital content? Would that fly ethically, if the writer didn't specifically select that product with the link in mind? The author, an assistant professor in the Mass Communication and Journalism Department at California State University, examines the ethical implications of magazine advertising.

SCIENCE

Expanding Under-Represented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads *National Academy of Sciences, September 30, 2010.*

The report analyzes the rate of change and the challenges the nation currently faces in developing a strong and diverse workforce. Although minorities are the fastest growing segment of the population, they are underrepresented in the fields of science and engineering. Historically, there has been a strong connection between increasing educational attainment in the United States and the growth in and global leadership of the economy. The report suggests that the federal government, industry, and post-secondary institutions work collaboratively with K-12 schools and school systems to increase minority access to and demand for post-secondary STEM education and technical training.

Report Identifies Top Priorities for Astronomy and Astrophysics in the Coming Decade

A new report by the National Research Council identifies the highest- priority research activities for astronomy and astrophysics in the next decade that will "set the nation firmly on the path to answering profound questions about the cosmos." The decadal survey -- the Research Council's sixth -- prioritizes activities based on their ability to advance science in key areas, and for the first time also takes into account factors such as risks in technical readiness, schedule, and cost.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

State of the Internet 2010: A Report on the Ever-Changing Threat Landscape *CA Technologies, October, 2010. 56p.*

Today approximately 1.8 billion people use the Internet to do everything from conduct business, communicate with friends and family, keep up with current events or simply entertain themselves playing games or watching videos. Each individual and each Internet connected device presents a certain footprint that is exposed and often manipulated for criminal or political gain. The paper defines this ecosystem as "Crimeware-as-a-Service," and shares examples of how this ecosystem is exploiting the latest technology trends of cloud computing and social media.

An Obama Quote Stokes the Blogosphere *Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism, September 30, 2010.*

A new book by Bob Woodward examining the Obama Administration's internal debate over the Afghanistan war triggered a torrent of criticism of the president by conservative bloggers last week. From September 20-24, more than one-third (35%) of the news links on blogs were about Woodward's book, Obama's Wars, making it the week's No. 1 subject, according to the survey.

Why Environmental Activists Embrace Social Media by Anya Kamenetz in *Fast Company*, October 1, 2010.

It was just so clear that *BP* cared more about saving their brand than they did about saving the Gulf of Mexico says Kamenetz who demonstrates how social media can be powerful when it connects people to bring about real change.

Older Adults and Social Media: Social networking Use Among Those Aged 50 and Older Nearly Doubled Over the Past Year by Mary Madden. *Pew Internet & American Life Project*, August 27, 2010. 13p.

While social media use has grown dramatically across all age groups, older users have been especially enthusiastic over the past year about embracing new networking tools. Social networking use among internet users ages 50 and older nearly doubled—from 22% in April 2009 to 42% in May 2010.

Can Cells Phones Really Save the Planet? by Bracken Hendricks in *Good*, October.

It's not the cell phone but what we do with it...

Defining Internet Freedom *eJournal USA*, June 2010. "Information has never been so free, but threats to the free flow of information on the internet are growing. How governments and societies confront new and

transformative internet technologies is the subject of this *eJournal USA*." *eJournal USA* is an electronic journal of the U.S. Dept of State, Bureau of International Information Programs.

U.S. Initiatives to Promote Global Internet Freedom: Issues, Policy & Technology CRS, Sept.8'10.

Some resources which may be of interest:

Closing the IT Gap in Government Blog post, *Office of Management and Budget (OMB)*, October 25, 2010. The reference is to the "technology gap" between the private and public sectors in the United States. **See also**

Internet Governance in an Age of Cyber Insecurity by Robert K. Knake. *CFR*, September 2010. 48p.

When Technology Makes Headlines: Social Trends and New Devices Garner Greatest Attention from the MSM on *Journalism.org*, September 27, 2010.

Mobile Broadband: The Benefits of Additional Spectrum *U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC)*, October 2010. 27p.

Unleashing America's Invisible Infrastructure Speech by FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, October 21, 2010 (wireless spectrum issues).

Friends, Followers, and Feeds: A National Survey of Social Media Use in State Government *NASCIO (National Association of State Chief Information Officers)*, 2010 (37 pages). There is a **Brief Summary**

Social Media Debate a Mortgage Mess, Science and Religion on *Journalism.org*, October 11-15, 2010.

THE ARTS & CULTURE

Looking at the World of Tattoos by Abigail Tucker in *Smithsonian*, October 2010.

Photographer Chris Rainer, a protégé of Ansel Adams, has travelled the world documenting the impulse to embellish the human form.

The Pop Charts Native Roots by Jess Righthand in *Smithsonian*, October 2010.

From country music ballads to hard-hitting rock power chords, Native Americans left a lasting impression on the soundtrack of the 21st Century.

Library Inc. by Daniel Goldstein in *The Chronicle Review*, October 17, 2010.

Commercialization has impinged on two core facets of university libraries - their collections and their user services. The ownership and provision of research materials, especially academic journals, has been increasingly outsourced to for-profit companies. Library patrons, moreover, are increasingly regarded simply as consumers, transforming user services into customer service. Goldstein believes that both developments have distanced libraries from their academic missions.

How Handwriting Trains the Brain by Gwendolyn Bounds in *The Wall St Journal*, October 5, 2010.

Using advanced tools such as magnetic resonance imaging, researchers are finding that writing by hand is more than just a way to communicate.

Some resources which may be of interest:

Garth Fagan Dance Celebrates 40 years on *DanceMedia.com*

"Breath Made Visible" film trailer

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