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POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. **ASIA IN 2013: PEACE AND PROSPERITY AMID RISING TENSION**

Lowell Dittmer

Asian Survey, January/February 2014, 11 pages

Was 2013 a year of prosperity and growth for Asian countries? Lowell Dittmer, professor of political science at the University of California, explores the situation in Asia during the past year including the growing market integration and the forward march of democracy in the region.

2. **OLD WORLD, NEW WORLD: THE EVOLUTION AND INFLUENCE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THINK-TANKS**

Donald E. Abelson

International Affairs, January 2014, 18 pages

Donald Abelson, professor of Western University's Department of Political Science, explores the evolution and transformation of prominent foreign affairs and defense policy think-tanks and discusses how a small group of American think-tanks have become active and vocal participants in the policy-making process.

3. **SOUTHEAST ASIA IN THE U.S. REBALANCE: PERCEPTIONS FROM A DIVIDED REGION**

Euan Graham

Contemporary Southeast Asia: A Journal of International & Strategic Affairs, December 2013,
28 pages

The author explores perceptions and reactions across Southeast Asia towards the Obama administration's "pivot" or "rebalance" to Asia and the challenges America faces in enhancing its political leadership role in the region.

4. **THE QUEST FOR GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

G. John Ikenberry

Current History, January 2014, 3 pages

What does the past century of struggle over global governance tell us about the possibilities for governing the world in the next hundred years? John Ikenberry, a professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University, discusses the concept of global governance and the history of global governance from the 20th century to the early 21st century.

5. **SEVEN COMMON NEW MEDIA MISTAKES...**

Brian Franklin

Campaigns & Elections, November/December 2013, 3 pages

Using digital media in political campaign strategy could provide a competitive advantage; however, it could also develop difficulties if not managed properly. Brian Franklin, president of award-winning political consulting firm Impact Politics, discusses seven most common mistakes in using new media in political campaigns and how to fix it.

6. **CAN AMERICA KEEP ITS GLOBAL ROLE?**

Michael Mandelbaum

Current History, January 2014, 2 pages

Michael Mandelbaum, a professor and director of the American Foreign Policy program at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, discusses whether America can sustain its role as, in the author's words, the world's de facto government in the decades ahead, and offers three possibly scenarios.

7. **THE MEANING OF THE CYBER REVOLUTION: PERILS TO THEORY AND STATECRAFT**

Lucas Kello

International Security, Fall 2013, 34 pages

Lucas Kello, a postdoctoral research fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School, discusses the importance of preparing for cyber threats, and assesses the potential consequences of cyber weapons for international communities.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TRADE

8. **CONVERGING ECONOMIC DESTINIES**

Uri Dadush

Current History, January 2014, 4 pages

Uri Dadush, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, discusses the economic convergence of the developing world with advanced nations, particularly the concept of economic growth of developing nations as being tied to catching up with the technological innovations and market practices of advanced countries.

9. **THE EVER-EMERGING MARKETS**

Ruchir Sharma

Foreign Affairs, January/February 2014, 5 pages

Why do economic forecasts on emerging market nations fail? Ruchir Sharma, head of Emerging Markets and Global Macro at Morgan Stanley Investment Management, discusses sources of forecasting errors, including extrapolating past trends into the future, focusing exclusively on a single causal factor to explain economic growth, and ignoring the impact of political factors on economic policy.

10. **THE ROADBLOCK**

Mohamed A. El-Erian

Foreign Policy, November/December 2013, 2 pages

Mohamed El-Erian, CEO and co-chief investment officer of the global investment management firm Pimco, examines the impact of U.S. political dysfunction on the global economy, particularly developing countries' concerns of volatility in the international economic system and the uncertain outlook for multilateral reform that would improve the common good.

11. **WHY GROWTH IN EMERGING ECONOMIES IS LIKELY TO FALL**

Anders Aslund

PIIE Working Paper 13-10, November 2013, 28 pages

Anders Aslund, an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, discusses why emerging-economy growth is likely to be lower in the future while the mature economies, many of which have been in crisis, should recover.

12. **THE SYSTEM WORKED: GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE DURING THE GREAT RECESSION**

Daniel W. Drezner

World Politics, January 2014, 42 pages

Daniel Drezner examines the global response to the financial crisis, as well as misperceptions that post-2008 global economic governance has been a failure, and offers some preliminary explanations for why the system worked.

SOCIAL ISSUES AND VALUES, EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

13. TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM: IT'S NOT A MATTER OF 'IF,' BUT 'WHEN' AND 'HOW'

Alice Armstrong

Education Digest, January 2014, 8 pages

The author discusses educational technology in the classroom and its effectiveness, focusing on how technology is transforming students into explorers and teachers into guides.

14. THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW: REPLACING THE MOBILE-OPTIMIZED SITE WITH RESPONSIVE DESIGN

Hannah Gascho Rempel and Laurie Bridges

Information Technology & Libraries, December 2013, 17 pages

Oregon State University's librarians discuss mobile technologies and library mobile website usability, focusing on what tasks users actually carry out on a library mobile site and why a mobile site with a responsive design is a long-term solution for addressing both designers' and users' needs.

15. SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF NEW MEDIA LITERACY: MAPPING LIBRARIES

Elizabeth Thorne-Wallington

Information Technology & Libraries, December 2013, 13 pages

Elizabeth Thorne-Wallington, a doctoral student in the Department of Education at Washington University, explores the role that libraries play in offering access to new media literacy technologies, and how mapping and geographic information systems (GIS) can help illuminate the cultural and social factors related to how and where students access and use new media literacies and digital technology.

16. CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION AND STUDENT- FACULTY INTERACTIONS: DOES GENDER MATTER?

Holly E. Tatum, et al.

Journal of Higher Education, November/December 2013, 24 pages

The authors examine the effects of student and professor gender on college classroom participation and faculty-student interactions in the United States, focusing on classroom behaviors that initiate and maintain student participation.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

17. FACEBOOK'S TWO FACES

David Talbot

Technology Review, January/February 2014, 3 pages

David Talbot, *MIT Technology Review's* chief correspondent, examines the strategic plan of the social networking site Facebook to connect people around the world by improving its operations and developing new ways of information delivery.

18. ZERO TO EIGHT: CHILDREN'S MEDIA USE IN AMERICA 2013

Common Sense Media

Education Digest, February 2014, 5 pages

This article examines the impact of new media technologies on children, focusing on the role media plays in their lives, which platforms they use, the activities or content they engage on in those platforms, and how their media use patterns vary by age, gender, or socioeconomic status.

19. HOW GOOGLE IS CHANGING YOUR BRAIN

Daniel M. Wegner and Adrian F. Ward

Scientific American, December 2013, 4 pages

The authors discuss how the Internet affects the way humans think and memorize things by focusing on how people use the Internet to store and retrieve information. They also discuss a "transactive memory system" which developed in a world of face-to-face interactions before the age of the Internet.

20. INTRODUCTION: ASSESSING THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPACT OF THE INTERNET AND NEW SOCIAL MEDIA IN ASIA

Jason Abbott

Journal of Contemporary Asia, November 2013, 12 pages

Jason Abbott, Director of the Center for Asian Democracy at the University of Louisville, examines the social and political impacts of new information communications technologies (ICTs) in Asia, with specific attention paid to new social media, particularly the effectiveness of ICTs as tools for mobilization and information exchange; mechanisms of censorship and control; and the nature of public discourse on the Internet.

21. HOW HOLLYWOOD CAN CAPITALIZE ON PIRACY

Jake Rossen

Technology Review, November/December 2013, 3 pages

Why would anyone venture out to multiplexes when films could be disseminated virtually free and viewed in the convenience of their own home? The author discusses the piracy issues that Hollywood is facing and how online file-sharing services helped grow the film industry instead of destroying it, and offers mechanisms to cope with the problem.