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SPOTLIGHT: GLOBAL ECONOMY

1. “Currency Wars, the Economy of the United States, and Reform of the International Monetary System”

[C. Fred Bergsten](#). Peterson Institute for International Economics, May 16, 2013, 48 pages.

Virtually every major country is seeking depreciation or non-appreciation of its currency to strengthen its economy and create jobs, resulting in dangerous currency wars. The practice, argues the author, Founding Director of Peterson Institute for International Economics, damages world economy and needs to be stopped. He examines the impacts of currency manipulation on the United States, the current global economic order, and offers a few policy recommendations.

2. “Recasting the Power Politics of Debt: Structural Power, Hegemonic Stabilisers and Change”

[Andreas Antoniadis](#). *Third World Quarterly*, March 2013, 19 pages.

The author examines the impact of the current ‘global relations of debt’ on U.S. hegemony and the way in which debt affects current great power politics and the position of rising powers within it, focusing on whether the current global relations of debt have transformed the way in which great power politics materialize in the global political economy.

ASIA

3. “The Rise of Emerging Asia: Regional Peace and Global Security”

[Miles Kahler](#). *PIIE Working Paper 13-4*, May 2013, 25 pages.

The author, the Rohr Professor of Pacific International Relations at the University of California, examines the rapid economic rise of China, India, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the implications for regional peace and global security, focusing on three features of the international environment—democratization, economic interdependence, and international institutions.

4. “Asia in 2012: The Best of a Bad Year?”

[Lowell Dittmer](#). *Asian Survey*, January/February 2013, 11 pages.

The author, Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, discusses politics, government, economic development and policies in Asia in 2012, including the declines in gross domestic product and demand deflation, multilateral free trade agreements, and presidential elections in Northeast Asia.

5. “The 2012 United States Election and the Implications for East Asia”

[T. J. Pempel](#). *Pacific Review*, May 2013, 13 pages.

How will the electoral results shape American policy toward East Asia? The author, Jack M. Forcey Professor of Political Science in U.C. Berkeley's Department of Political Science, analyzes the major results of last year's U.S. election that are likely to structure U.S. policy toward East Asia over the next several years.

6. “Structures, Shocks and Norm Change: Explaining the Late Rise of Asia's Defence Diplomacy”

[David Capie](#). *Contemporary Southeast Asia: A Journal of International & Strategic Affairs*, April 2013, 26 pages.

The author examines Asia's defense and military diplomacy and why it has been a relative laggard when compared to other forms of institutionalized security dialogue. The future prospects and influence of regional multilateral defense diplomacy is also discussed.

THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD AFFAIRS

7. “The United States and Rising Powers in a Post-Hegemonic Global Order”

Sevasti-Eleni Vezirgiannidou. *International Affairs*, May 2013, 17 pages.

What will the United States do to preserve its influence in international politics? Is it likely to accept a diminished role for itself in order to preserve global order? The author examines the impacts of the rising powers on the U.S. leadership role and how the United States is attempting to manage the challenge to its position of primacy in the global order.

8. “Revisiting the Link”

[Harris Mylonas](#). *Harvard International Review*, Spring 2013, 5 pages.

Are religious cleavages more prone to violent conflict than other cleavages? What is the relationship between religion and political violence? The author, an assistant professor of Political Science & International Affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, examines the relationship between religion and political violence, and its implications on foreign policy.

DEMOCRACY PROMOTION

9. “Understanding International Corruption and What to Do About it”

Herbert Werlin. *Challenge*, May-June 2013, 21 pages.

Why does corruption affect poor countries more than rich countries? Why is secondary corruption dysfunctional? Does democracy reduce corruption? How can we deal with corruption? The author, a

retired University of Maryland professor of political science, discusses these questions and analyzes the linkage between political power and corruption.

10. "Why Wait for Democracy?"

[Larry Diamond](#). *The Wilson Quarterly*, Winter 2013, 9 pages.

The author, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, discusses democratization in non-Western countries, focusing on whether the cultures of third-world countries are prepared to support successful democratic governments.

11. "East Asia's Democratic Developmental States and Economic Growth"

[Michael T. Rock](#). *Journal of East Asian Studies*, January-April 2013, 34 pages.

Have East Asia's majoritarian democracies been able to sustain growth rates comparable to those of the region's developmentally oriented autocracies? The author, the Samuel and Etta Wexler Professor of Economic History at Bryn Mawr College, analyzes the impact of more majoritarian democratic institutions on development policies thought to affect growth.

12. "Demography and Democracy: The Impact of Youth Cohort Size on Democratic Stability in the World"

Hannes Weber. *Democratization*, March 2013, 23 pages.

Are democratic countries with proportionally large male youth cohorts more likely to become dictatorships than societies with a smaller share of young men? The author analyzes the impact of the age structure of a society and demographic factors on democratic systems, using data for 110 countries in the period of 1972–2009.

U.S. POLITICS

13. "War and Presidential Greatness"

[David R. Henderson](#) and [Zachary Gochenour](#). *Independent Review*, Spring 2013, 12 pages.

What makes U.S. presidents great? How do historians rank presidents? The authors examine the relationship between historians' rankings of U.S. presidents and the proportion of Americans killed in wars in which the U.S. government engaged during the various presidents' tenure in office.

14. "A Democratic Age?"

[Molly Ball](#). *The Atlantic*, April 2013, 2 pages.

Has Obama turned an entire generation of voters into lifelong Democrats? The author discusses youth voting behavior during the 2012 U.S. presidential election, focusing on its implications for Republican and Democratic popular support and the sustained strength of the Democratic Party's youth vote.

GLOBAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

15. "ON BEYOND 100"

Stephen S. Hall. *National Geographic*, May 2013, 22 pages.

How much of longevity is determined by genetics? What are the factors of longevity or aging process?

Is restricted diet connected to long life? The author profiles several centenarians and explores human genes, gene mutations, and their potential impact on the longevity of a person's life.

16. “Let the Fish Breathe”

[Brendan Borrell](#). *Scientific American*, April 2013, 6 pages.

The author discusses the establishment of marine protected areas and its impact to human communities around them, particularly how the areas influence the local people's health, economic well-being, education and cultural preservation.

17. “Insect Insight”

[Steve Nadis](#). *Discover*, May 2013, 6 pages.

Some insects can lead to technological innovations, posits the author, and small insect-like robots can perform difficult and dangerous jobs for humans, such as searching operations using a group of small robots based on swarm intelligence, flying robots based on bee wings, and builder robots based on termites.

JOURNALISM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

18. “The E-Mail Interview Debate”

[Mark Lisher](#). *American Journalism Review*, Spring 2013, 6 pages.

The author, Austin bureau chief for Texas Watchdog, discusses e-mail interviewing by journalism professionals in the United States, debating the pros and cons of using e-mail to conduct interviews.

19. “Streams of Consciousness”

[Ben Adler](#). *Columbia Journalism Review*, May/June 2013, 14 pages.

The author discusses the evolving patterns of news consumption of the millennial generation, including participation and content sharing over social media, and personalization of news streams through technology. The implications of these practices and the need to adapt journalism to incorporate preferences of millennials to ensure readership are examined.

20. “Temporary Social Media”

[Jeffrey Rosen](#) and [Christine Rosen](#). *Technology Review*, May/June 2013, 2 pages.

What if people could make their social media posts vanish automatically -- making social media more of an analogue to everyday conversations that aren't recorded for posterity? The authors explore privacy in Internet communications and the development of temporary social media communications which self-destruct and vanish after being read.

21. “Protecting the Right to Life of Journalists: The Need for a Higher Level of Engagement”

[Christof Heyns](#) and [Sharath Srinivasan](#). *Human Rights Quarterly*, May 2013, 29 pages.

The authors address the characteristics of continuing deadly attacks on journalist, citing impunity as the major cause. They then examine how the applicable legal and policy frameworks can be used better or improved to provide a higher level of protection.

INNOVATIONS

22. “Robots at Work: Toward a Smarter Factory”

[Rodney Brooks](#). *The Futurist*, May/June 2013, 4 pages.

The author examines the economic aspects of industrial robots and the use of robots in the workplace, particularly human-robot interaction and technology innovation in automation. The effects of robots on employment and the prices of commercial products are discussed.

23. “Robots Aren't the Problem: It's Us”

[Richard Florida](#). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 29, 2013 Chronicle Review, 6 pages.

The author, Global Research Professor at New York University, discusses the use of robots as laborers to replace humans and the effects of automation on high-skill knowledge work.

EDUCATION

24. “Digital Learning for All, Now”

[Jonathan P. Costa Sr.](#) *Education Digest*, April 2013, 6 pages.

The author, director of school and program services for Education Connection, discusses how to increase digital learning in schools with the bring-your-own-device policy, focusing on its challenges and how to overcome the financial and technical barriers.

25. “Video Transforms Teaching Tactics”

[Ian Quillen](#). *Education Week*, May 22, 2013, 2 pages.

The author examines the impacts of digital videos on teaching methods and discusses how initiatives to increase the availability of Internet bandwidth at U.S. schools will increase the role of educational videos and lead to more flipped classroom models.

26. “Teaching Students the Skills to Be Savvy Researchers”

[Leslie Harris O'Hanlon](#). *Education Week*, May 22, 2013, 3 pages.

The author discusses the importance of digital-literacy skills and the need to prioritize Internet research skills in the digital world full of misinformation, particularly how to evaluate a website's credibility, how to use precise keywords, and how to better mine search engines and databases.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

27. “Birthplace of the American Vacation”

[Tony Perrottet](#). *Smithsonian*, April 2013, 8 pages.

The author explores the Adirondack Mountains of New York State, and how public interest in outdoor adventure in this area was first sparked. He also offers tourism and travel advice.