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AIRC Organizes Orientation for SDPI and CRSS

Islamabad- July 3, 2008- AIRC Islamabad arranged an orientation to its resources, services, programs, and projects for the selected researchers of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute and Center for Research and Security Studies. The participants were also given a virtual tour to the electronic books and more than 50 scholarly and academic online databases of Ralph Bunche library of the Department of State.



AIRC Introduces International Islamic University students "American History" Online Resources

Islamabad- July 3, 2008- To commemorate the Independence Day of United States, AIRC Islamabad organized an Internet workshop at the Lincoln Corner Islamabad on "American History" for students from International Islamic University. AIRC staff showed selected websites on U.S. history like "American Life" from America.gov, and "Diplomatic History" from Department of State, and "American Memory" from the Library of Congress.

Students Get Familiarized with Lincoln Corner Resources

Islamabad - July 17, 2008 - Lincoln Corner Islamabad (LCI) at the International Islamic University organized an orientation session for the students about the LCI resources. The workshop comprised of introduction of LCI resources and services and presentation on selected web based resources on "Business Communications". The presentation on effective Internet and database searching on communications also supplemented program. LCI and AIRC frequently organize information literacy programs for the university faculty and students.



AIRC Reaches Out to Think Tank Researchers

Islamabad - July 28, 2008 - AIRC Islamabad arranged an orientation to its resources, services, programs, and projects for the scholars of the Islamabad Policy Research Institute. The participants were briefed about the availability of and accessibility to USG documents and reports and to international journals at AIRC Islamabad. AIRC provides its reference and research services to key contacts including think tanks researchers, university faculty, government servants and the members of the civil society.



Lahore AIRC Videos Create Environmental Awareness among School Teachers

Kinnaird College for Women Lahore organized a teachers training program for 60 elementary school teachers on "Environmental Sciences" from July 16 through August 13. During the program, the participants were briefed about various environmental issues including environmental pollution, climate change, global warming, greenhouse gases, etc. All the lectures were supplemented with following AIRC Videos.

NEW ARRIVALS @ AIRC ISLAMABAD

NEW BOOKS

Nuclear Proliferation and International Security (Hardcover)

By Morten Bremer (EDT and others).

Routledge (June 6, 2007). ISBN: 9780415420471

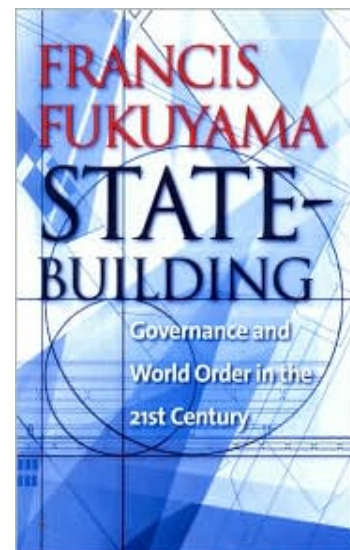
The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty has long been key in non-proliferation and disarmament activities. The Treaty is the major international legal obstacle for states seeking nuclear weapon capabilities. In retrospect, and despite setbacks, the overall impact of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty has been significant and gratifying. Its continued success is by no means guaranteed. As old nuclear dangers persist and new ones evolve, policies to halt nuclear proliferation are more disparate than at any other time. Nuclear weapons remain an essential part of the security policies of leading states and many developmental states maintain strong nuclear weapon ambitions, while terrorists have actively been seeking nuclear capabilities. In search of an overarching strategy that recognizes both the flaws of the existing non-proliferation regime, and the value of some of the corrections proposed by regime critics, this volume assesses contemporary efforts to stem nuclear proliferation. In doing so, Nuclear Proliferation and International Security examines a number of cases with a view to recommending better non-proliferation tools and strategies. The contributors comprise renowned international scholars, who have been selected to obtain the best possible analyses of critically important issues related to international non-proliferation dynamics and the future integrity of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

STATE-BUILDING: Governance and World Order in the 21st Century

By Francis Fukuyama, Patricia L. Maclachlan (Editor)

Cornell University Press, (April 2004), ISBN: 9780801442926

Weak and failed states have always been a feature of the modern state system, but the West has typically either ignored them or engaged them as humanitarian crises. In a globalized age in which terrorism, crime, and disease know no boundaries, they have become a first-order international issue. In this short, sobering book, Fukuyama provides the most succinct and lucid consideration of this challenge yet to appear, and his message is not optimistic. Policy experts have vigorously debated the proper scope of the state, but there has been much less attention to the strength or capacity of the state—the government's ability to maintain law and order and protect property rights. Fukuyama thus notes the missteps and misunderstandings of the international development community, which has only recently embraced the obvious: that stable and well-functioning political institutions are a precondition for economic advancement. His more important argument, however, is that outside actors have little ability to help countries strengthen their state capacity—and often pursue policies that actually weaken political institutions. On the other hand, he suggests that, in some of the most severe cases, the only option is a return to a neocolonial or mandate system, but such steps clash with current global norms of sovereignty.

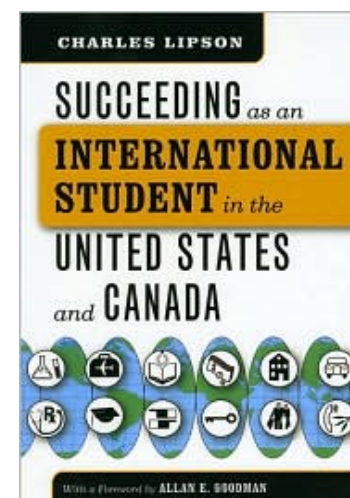


SUCCEEDING AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

By Charles Lipson, Allan E. Goodman (Foreword by)

University of Chicago Press (May 2008). ISBN: 9780226484792

Coming to a new country to study should be an exciting adventure, not a baffling ordeal. With *Succeeding as an International Student in the United States and Canada* in hand, international students will have the information they need to succeed—in and out of the classroom. This guide includes a comprehensive glossary explaining academic terms and common phrases as well as information on: Succeeding academically, Living on or off campus, Learning English, Avoiding plagiarism, Working and managing money, Meeting with instructors, Engaging in student life.



NEW VIDEOS

BEYOND BELIEF

Color, DVD Release Date: 09/02/2008.

The title of Beth Murphy's heart-rending activist documentary Beyond the 11th (also known as Beyond Belief) refers to 9/11, and her two chief subjects are Patti Quigley and Susan Retik, a pair of American women who lost their husbands in the September 2001 World Trade Center attacks, while each was pregnant with a daughter. Though unspeakably moved by the outpouring of support they received, Susan and Patti soon became aware of the comparative lack of assistance for Afghani widows, who number over 50,000 in the city of Kabul alone. Determined to ease the circumstances, and sensing a deep-seated emotional bond with these victims of tragedy, the American women launched their own grass-roots fundraiser for this subset of the Afghani populace: a 275-mile bicycle run from Ground Zero to Boston on September 11, 2004. Their efforts did not stop there, however -- Quigley and Retik ultimately felt moved enough by the plight of the Afghani women to jet off to Afghanistan themselves, and assist the bereft one-on-one, thus fighting terror in a most unusual and deeply felt manner. Murphy recounts Quigley and Retik's story, from 9/11 through their voyages to the Middle East.

FRONTLINE: Growing Up Online

PBS.org, 60 minutes, 2008, DVD

FRONTLINE looks at the impact of the Internet on adolescence through the eyes of teens and their parents. The film takes viewers into the private worlds kids are creating online, from kids who are harassed and bullied, to kids whose only friends are on-line, to those kids who are celebrities on YouTube. FRONTLINE explores the complicated new lines being drawn between the real and virtual worlds for today's children and for their parents.

MAKING THE MESSAGE: The Fight for the Presidency

Films for Humanities, 88 minutes, 2004, DVD.

What does it take to win the White House? Produced by award-winning filmmaker Theodore Bogosian, this unprecedented behind-the-scenes account of the 2004 Republican and Democratic national conventions examines how candidates build their platforms and generate momentum. Interviewees include the convention chairmen, campaign strategists, members of special interest groups, and New York Times staffers such as columnists Maureen Dowd and David Brooks, chief political correspondent Adam Nagourney, political reporter Jim Rutenberg, and chief correspondent R. W. Apple, Jr.

WALT DISNEY WORLD (History Channel)

Films for Humanities, Color, 100 minutes, 2006, DVD.

Clandestine land grabs. A maze of hidden tunnels. High-ranking Army and Navy officers. Secret technology known only to a handful of carefully chosen insiders. Cloaked in secrecy for years the project began as one of the world's biggest most ambitious and little-known undertakings. Military research installation? No Walt Disney World. Orlando's Walt Disney World is not only the most visited theme park in the world it's also the most technologically advanced. From a network of underground tunnels connecting the various regions of the park to the space-age propulsion technology called linear synchronous motors Disney has been at the leading edge of theme park technology since it invented the theme park with the opening of Disneyland in 1954.

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