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## AFRICA

## -GREEN REVOLUTION

1. Ignatova, Jacqueline A.

The 'philanthropic' gene: biocapital and the new green revolution in Africa. Third World Quarterly, 38(10), 2017: 2258-2275.

Climate change and population growth have prompted calls for African countries to embrace a 'new Green Revolution' in order to promote food security. What is 'new' about this new Green Revolution? What configurations of capital, the state, agribusiness, and the law define this period of agricultural transition? In this new Green Revolution, I argue, there is a proliferation of new forms of capital – biocapital and philanthrocapital – that integrate biotechnology with philanthropy to create market value. \*\*Africa-Green Revolution.

ControlNo : 43510

# ARGENTINA

## -FOREIGN NUCLEAR POLICY

2. Malacalza, Bernabé H.

A look inside an emerging nuclear supplier. Advocacy coalitions and change in Argentine foreign nuclear policy.

Third World Quarterly, 38(10), 2017: 2295-2311.

What light can foreign policy analysis (FPA) shed on how and when the balance of power between domestic coalitions in foreign nuclear policymaking changes and how these different balances directly affect policy outcomes? Drawing on interviews with scientists, technologists and career diplomats, this comprehensive examination of Argentine nuclear exports policy as public policy aims to depict when and how policies varied between 1976 and 2004, due to shifts in the balance amongst advocacy coalitions, albeit of incentives and constraints placed by international and institutional nuclear environments.

\*\*Argentina-Foreign Nuclear Policy.

ControlNo : 43512

# AUSTRALIA

# -FOREIGN POLICY-EUROPE

3. Little, Adrian

Stopping boats, saving lives, securing subjects: Humanitarian borders in Europe and Australia. European Journal of International Relations, 23(3), 2017(September): 533–556.

In April 2015, former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott called on European leaders to respond to the migration and refugee crisis in the Mediterranean by 'stopping the boats' in order to prevent further deaths.

\*\*Australia-Foreign Policy-Europe.

# -INTELLIGENCE

4. O'Neil, Andrew

Australia and the 'Five Eyes' intelligence network: the perils of an asymmetric alliance. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 71(5), 2017: 529-543.

Aside from NATO, the Five Eyes intelligence network between the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand is the world's most enduring multilateral arrangement of its type. While the Five Eyes network does not constitute a formal security alliance in the classic sense of the term, it does emulate significant features of how alliances operate in practice, including active burden-sharing and intra-alliance bargaining.

\*\*Australia-Intelligence.

#### ControlNo: 43496

# **BOSNIAN WAR**

#### 5. Hansen, Lene

Reading comics for the field of International Relations: Theory, method and the Bosnian War. European Journal of International Relations, 23(3), 2017(September): 581–608.

This article draws attention to a medium that has escaped the attention of International Relations scholars: comics. Comics are combinations of text and drawings and they come in a variety of formats: as newspaper strips, as stories printed in magazines and as long narratives presented in free-standing books. Comics have been central to how generations of children have encountered foreign places and comics artists have successfully captured public attention, with comics offering explicit engagements with foreign policy events.

\*\*Bosnian War.

#### ControlNo: 43504

## CHINA

## -ECONOMIC POLICY

6. Zhang, Denghua

China's foreign aid system: structure, agencies, and identities. Third World Quarterly, 38(10), 2017: 2330-2346.

China's rise as a (re)emerging donor has attracted attention over the last decade, with a focus on Chinese development assistance as a challenge to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) aid norms. Knowledge of China's domestic aid structure is needed to understand Chinese aid abroad.

\*\*China-Economic Policy.

## -ECONOMIC POLICY-AFRICA

7. Lawther, Isaac

Why African countries are interested in building agricultural partnerships with China: lessons from Rwanda and Uganda. Third World Quarterly, 38(10), 2017: 2312-2329.

Ten years ago, China and several African countries began to develop agricultural training centres, and opened the door for a cascade of optimism and pessimism on why China is interested in developing agricultural partnerships in Africa. Seldom has the appeal of such partnerships for African countries been explored, hence limiting our capacity to fully understand the dynamics of Sino–African agricultural relations.

\*\*China-Economic Policy-Africa.

ControlNo: 43513

## -ECONOMY

8. Thuan, Nguyen Quang

China's Strategic Adjustments Impact on the World, Region and Vietnam. China Report, 53(3), 2017(August): 367–385.

After the eighteenth Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, China adjusted its diplomatic strategy and transformed its pattern of economic development. This has had and will continue to have both a positive and a negative impact on the international financial institutions and the regional and global economy.

\*\*China-Economy.

ControlNo: 43474

#### -NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

9. Zhang, Wenjuan

The Internationalisation of Chinese NGOs and Their Engagement with the United Nations. China Report, 53(3), 2017(August): 307–330.

Recent data and policy analysis show that a positive policy and political culture towards non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been developed in China which will lay the foundation for the internationalisation of Chinese NGOs.

\*\*China-Non-Governmental Organisations;China-United Nations.

ControlNo: 43471

### -POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

10. Lii, Peirchyi

Examining Leader–Follower Interactions through the Lens of Chinese Politeness. China Report, 53(3), 2017(August): 331–353.

This article proposes an exploration of language as a cultural voice in the research of leadership, and the conception that the dyadic relationship between leader and follower can be further looked into semiotically within the discourses of language. \*\*China-Politics & Government.

## -TRADE RELATIONS-VIETNAM

11. Binh,Ngo Xuan

Main Characteristics of Vietnam–China Trade Relations, 2000–15. China Report, 53(3), 2017(August): 355–366.

Entering the 21st century, trade relations between Vietnam and China have grown strongly, making positive contributions to the economic development of the two countries. However, the relationship in the period 2000–15 also witnessed a number of thorny issues such as a serious trade imbalance against Vietnam, the 'North to South' nature in the import and export structure of the two countries, Vietnam's growing dependence on bilateral trade with China, and so on. \*\*China-Trade Relations-Vietnam.

ControlNo: 43473

# **CIVIL WAR**

12. Popovic, Milos

Fragile Proxies: Explaining Rebel Defection Against Their State Sponsors. Terrorism and Political Violence, 29(5), 2017: 922-942.

Foreign governments frequently intervene in armed conflicts by sponsoring rebels against their adversaries. A sponsorship is less costly than a direct military intervention, but rebels often defy orders, desert fighting, or turn guns against their sponsors. \*\*Civil War.

ControlNo: 43490

## COUNTERTERRORISM

13. Abrahms, Max

Leadership Matters: The Effects of Targeted Killings on Militant Group Tactics. Terrorism and Political Violence, 29(5), 2017: 830-851.

Targeted killings have become a central component of counterterrorism strategy. In response to the unprecedented prevalence of this strategy around the world, numerous empirical studies have recently examined whether "decapitating" militant groups with targeted killings is strategically effective.

\*\*Counterterrorism.

#### ControlNo: 43487

14. Legrand, Timothy

Counterterrorism policy in liberal-democratic societies: locating the ethical limits of national security.

Australian Journal of International Affairs, 71(5), 2017: 544-561.

This article considers the moral limits to national security policies. While it may seem self-evident that there are, and ought to be, limits to counterterrorism policies, there is an increasingly widespread public opinion that political leaders can, and must, do everything they can to protect against terrorist acts. Liberal-democratic societies are facing the threat of domestic terrorism, and for a political leader to say that 'we cannot stop all terrorist acts and, indeed, neither should we' would sound the death knell for their career. \*\*Counterterrorism.

# **EAST ASIA**

## -ECONOMY

#### 15. Laurenceson, James

Economics and freedom of navigation in East Asia. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 71(5), 2017: 461-473.

Public calls for a more aggressive regional response to China's pressing of its territorial claims in the South China Sea are typically couched in terms of the threat posed to freedom of navigation. Yet this invites an obvious question: If freedom of navigation, a vital interest for nearly every country in the region, is at risk, why has the regional response to China's actions to date been so limited? This article argues that one compelling explanation lies in the economics of freedom of navigation in East Asia. Put simply, the risks of freedom of navigation being impeded are frequently overstated, and a more sober assessment of these risks can reduce the incentive that countries have to take more dramatic action.

\*\*East Asia-Economy.

#### ControlNo: 43491

## **EUROPEAN UNION**

## -POLITICS:

16. Lenz, Tobias

Institutional pioneers in world politics: Regional institution building and the influence of the European Union.

European Journal of International Relations, 23(3), 2017(September): 654-680.

What drives processes of institution building within regional international organizations? We challenge those established theories of regionalism, and of institutionalized cooperation more broadly, that treat different organizations as independent phenomena whose evolution is conditioned primarily by internal causal factors.

\*\*European Union-Politics:

ControlNo: 43506

#### **GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

#### 17. Bernstein, Steven

Best practices in global governance. Review of International Studies, 43(3), 2017(July): 534-556.

Best practices are increasingly used to govern a range of global issues. Yet, the rise of global governance through best practices has received scant attention in the International Relations literature. How do best practices differ from other modes of governance? How are they constructed? And to what end? We offer a novel conceptualisation of best practices as a unique mode of global governance principally distinguished by basing claims of political authority on existing practices. Belying their apolitical terminology, best practices in global governance are purposively constructed by political actors to steer targeted actors toward desired ends. \*\*Global Governance.

## INDIA

## -ECONOMY

18. Mendali, Ganapati

Exchange Rate Pass-through to Domestic Prices The Indian Experience. Foreign Trade Review, 52(3), 2017(August): 135–156 135–156 135–156.

This study makes an attempt to examine the exchange rate pass-through (ERPT) to domestic prices in the post-reform period in India. It also analyzes the effect of global financial crisis of 2007 on the ERPT.

\*\*India-Economy.

ControlNo: 43476

## -NATIONAL SECURITY

19. Medcalf, Rory

Imagining an Indian National Security Strategy: the sum of its parts. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 71(5), 2017: 516-528.

India's power and interests continue to grow in the Indo-Pacific region and globally, yet its national security policymaking approaches have not kept pace. These may have been barely adequate for India's twentieth-century experience as a regional power tending towards strategic restraint, but currently constrain India from being able to harness its considerable national capabilities to protect larger and more complex interests.

\*\*India-National Security.

ControlNo: 43495

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

20. McKeown, Ryder

International law and its discontents: Exploring the dark sides of international law in International Relations. Review of International Studies, 43(3), 2017(July): 430-452.

International law is generally considered to be a good thing. With important exceptions, such as Critical Legal Studies, scholarship in both International Relations (IR) and International Law (IL) reinforces this 'nice law' assumption and therefore overlooks or underestimates the law's negative aspects.

\*\*International law.

### IRAN

## -SECURITY

#### 21. Saeidi, Shirin

Out of Space: Securitization, Intimacy, and New Research Challenges in Post-2009 Iran Out of Space: Securitization, Intimacy, and New Research Challenges in Post-2009 Iran. International Journal of Middle East Studies, 49(3), 2017(August): 515-520.

In post-2009 Iran, not only is space gendered for a variety of reasons ranging from customs to state intervention, but also public space has become less accessible and secluded for security purposes. To securitize the state or replace a sense of trust with that of suspicion, states blend the gendering of space with the architecture of seclusion. In the United States, for instance, the separation of males and females in the prison industrial complex includes seclusion of bodies and often subjects gender-nonconforming people, immigrants, and those with HIV to disproportionate levels of physical danger.

\*\*Iran-Security.

#### ControlNo: 43468

# LIBYA MIGRATION DIPLOMACY

22. Tsourapas, Gerasimos

Migration diplomacy in the Global South: cooperation, coercion and issue linkage in Gaddafi's Libya.

Third World Quarterly, 2017, 38(10): 2367-2385.

Despite a recent resurgence in research on the politics of migration, foreign policy analysts have yet to approach cross-border population mobility as a distinct field of inquiry. Particularly within the Global South, scant work has theorised the interplay between migration and interstate bargaining.

\*\*Libya Migration Diplomacy. ControlNo: 43515

## MALAYSIA

#### -ECONOMY

23. Makun, Keshmeer

Trade Openness and Economic Growth in Malaysia Some Time-series Analysis. Foreign Trade Review, 52(3), 2017(August): 157–170 157–170.

This study is an attempt to examine the effects of trade openness along with two other conditioning variables on economic growth in Malaysia by applying time-series econometric technique. LSE-Henry's general to specific approach results show significant positive effect of trade openness on growth. Human capital and good economic policies tested with an interaction term increases the growth effects of trade openness.

\*\*Malaysia-Economy.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

24. Sussex, Matthew

National security: between theory and practice. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 71(5), 2017: 474-478.

In the process of bringing together this special issue of the Australian Journal of International Affairs, we were struck by how frequently the term 'national security' is used and abused, by both academics and policymakers. Some use it to refer to conventional statist threats. Others employ it as a broad catch-all for anything that may create or imply harms against anyone in a particular polity. Still others use the term to justify an array of populist and politicised policy choices with apparently little to justify the link between the threat and the referent object—that is, the thing being secured.

\*\*National Security.

ControlNo: 43492

### **NUCLEAR POLITICS**

25. Considine,Laura

The 'standardization of catastrophe': Nuclear disarmament, the Humanitarian Initiative and the politics of the unthinkable.

European Journal of International Relations, 23(3), 2017(September): 681–702.

This article reviews the recent Humanitarian Initiative in the nuclear disarmament movement and the associated non-proliferation and disarmament literature. \*\*Nuclear Politics.

ControlNo: 43507

## RUSSIA

## -ATTACKS-NORWAY

26. Enstad, Johannes Due

Glory to Breivik!": The Russian Far Right and the 2011 Norway Attacks. Terrorism and Political Violence, 29(5), 2017: 773-792.

This article documents Anders Behring Breivik's reception on the Russian far Right, with a comparative view to Western Europe. On July 22, 2011, Breivik carried out two terrorist attacks in Norway, killing 77 people. Based on a variety of open sources, the article finds that Breivik has received much more open support in Russia than in Western Europe.

\*\*Russia-Attacks-Norway;Anders Behring Breivik;Terrorism Reception.

ControlNo: 43485

#### -NATIONAL SECURITY

27. Sussex, Matthew

The triumph of Russian national security policy? Russia's rapid rebound. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 71(5), 2017: 499-515.

Russia's return to prominence in international affairs has been in many respects surprising. Russia's easy seizure of Crimea, its role in Syria and its ambitious pivot eastward have emboldened Moscow at a time of crisis for the liberal order. \*\*Russia-National Security.

ussia-mational Security.

## SUICIDE ATTACKERS

28. Webber, David

Divergent Paths to Martyrdom and Significance Among Suicide Attackers. Terrorism and Political Violence, 29(5), 2017: 852-874.

This research used open source information to investigate the motivational backgrounds of 219 suicide attackers from various regions of the world. We inquired as to whether the attackers exhibited evidence for significance quest as a motive for their actions, and whether the eradication of significance loss and/or the aspiration for significance gain systematically differed according to attackers' demographics. It was found that the specific nature of the significance quest motive varied in accordance with attackers' gender, age, and education. \*\*Suicide Attackers;Terrorism.

ControlNo: 43488

#### **SYRIA**

# -MEDIA

29. Brownlee, Billie Jeanne

Media development in Syria: the Janus-faced nature of foreign aid assistance. Third World Quarterly, 38(10), 2017: 2276-2294.

This article intends to provide responses to some of the many unanswered questions about the making and the transformation of the uprising in Syria by exploring a new avenue of research: media development aid. Most academic interest has been oriented towards the role that the new media played at the time of the uprising; insufficient interest, by contrast, has been directed to the development of the sector in the years predating it. What emerges from this article is that the Syrian media landscape was strongly supported by international development aid during the years prior to the outbreak of the uprising of 2011.

ControlNo: 43511

## TERRORISM

30. Gaibulloev, Khusrav

Regime Types and Terrorism. International Organisation, 71(3), 2017(Summer): 491-522.

Regime type has opposing effects on terrorism. If a regime constrains the executive branch, then terrorism may be more prevalent. If, however, a regime allows all viewpoints to be represented, then grievances may be held in check, resulting in less terrorism. Regimes that value constituents' lives and property will also act to limit attacks.

\*\*Terrorism.

"New Terrorism" = Higher Brutality? An Empirical Test of the "Brutalization Thesis". Terrorism and Political Violence, 29(5), 2017: 875-901.

This article focuses on the so-called "brutalization" of terrorism. The brutalization thesis as part of the larger theoretical concept of "new terrorism" argues that "new terrorism" is more brutal than "old terrorism." Many scholars claim that the 9/11 attacks mark the beginning of a new era of terrorism that has lifted international as well as domestic terrorism to a new level of violent brutality.

\*\*Terrorism.

ControlNo: 43489

# TUNISIA

# -UNIVERSAL RIGHTS

32. Borg,Stefan

The politics of universal rights claiming: Secular and sacred rights claiming in post-revolutionary Tunisia. Review of International Studies, 43(3), 2017(July): 453-474.

This article contributes to a theoretical understanding of rights claiming as a specific form of political practice. The article develops and defends a post-foundationalist understanding of rights discourse as a way of making a claim to social change through appealing to a universal and illustrates such an understanding with the contestation over women's rights in post-revolutionary Tunisia. To develop this argument, the article draws on Jacques Rancière's notion of political subjectification and Ernesto Laclau's engagement with the relation between the universal and the particular.

\*\*Tunisia-Universal Rights.

ControlNo: 43499

## TURKEY

#### -RELIGION

33. Hammond, Andrew

SALAFI THOUGHT IN TURKISH PUBLIC DISCOURSE SINCE 1980. International Journal of Middle East Studies, 49(3), 2017(August): 417-435.

Turkey has been absent from the growing literature on the phenomenon of transnational Salafism. A tendency among Middle East specialists to focus on Arab regions and in Turkey on the Islamist movement and its long struggle with the Kemalist establishment has perpetuated the notion of Turkey as a category apart.

\*\*Turkey-Religion.

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

#### -POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

34. Freer, Courtney

RENTIER ISLAMISM IN THE ABSENCE OF ELECTIONS: THE POLITICAL ROLE OF MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AFFILIATES IN QATAR AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

International Journal of Middle East Studies, 49(3), 2017(August): 479-500 479-500 479-500.

Drawing on contemporary history and empirical research, this article revises traditional rentier state theory, which fails to account for the existence of Islamist movements in states accruing substantial outside wealth. Rentier state theory expects that citizens of such states will form opposition blocs only when their stake in rent income is threatened. Examining the development of Muslim Brotherhood affiliates in two archetypal rentier states, or super-rentiers, in the Gulf—Qatar and the United Arab Emirates—this article shows that ideology rather than rent motivated the formation of independent Islamist movements.

\*\*United Arab Emirates-Politics & Government.

ControlNo: 43467

## UNITED NATIONS

35. May, Christopher

Multinational Corporations in World Development: 40 years on. Third World Quarterly, 38(10), 2017: 2223-2241.

In light of the 2014 Ecuador-sponsored resolution at the UN Human Rights Council to examine the link between Transnational Corporations and Human Rights, in this paper I review the first major discussion at the United Nations of the role of multinational corporations. \*\*United Nations;Human Rights.

ControlNo : 43509

## -SECURITY COUNCIL

36. Ralph, Jason

The purpose of United Nations Security Council practice: Contesting competence claims in the normative context created by the Responsibility to Protect. European Journal of International Relations, 23(3), 2017(September): 630–653.

Practice theory provides important insights into the workings of the Security Council. The contribution is currently limited, however, by the conjecture that practice theory operates on 'a different analytical plane' to norm/normative theory. Building on existing critiques, we argue that analysing practices separately from normative positions risks misappropriating competence and reifying practice that is not fit for purpose.

\*\*United Nations-Security Council.

# USA

# -ECONOMIC POLICY

37. Quinn, Dennis P

Winners and Losers in International Trade: The Effects on US Presidential Voting. International Organisation, 71(3), 2017(Summer): 423-457.

International trade directly influences US presidential elections. We explore the electoral implications of the increasing tradability of services and the large US surplus in services trade. Our paper builds on prior work showing that job insecurity from import competition in manufacturing diminishes political support for incumbents. \*\*USA-Economic Policy;International Trade.

ControlNo : 43469

# -ECONOMIC RELATIONS-CHINA

38. Duan, Jie

Currency Manipulations and Bilateral Trade Between China and the USA A Fourier Gravity Approach. Foreign Trade Review, 52(3), 2017(August): 171–184 171–184.

The US trade deficit with China has existed for a long time, and its dollar value has been on the rise recently. It is widely believed that the main culprit is the manipulated value of Renminbi relative to the US dollar.

\*\*USA-Economic Relations-China.

ControlNo : 43478

# -FOREIGN POLICY

39. Ricketts, Anthony

US grand strategy and national security: the dilemmas of primacy, decline and denial. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 71(5), 2017: 479-498 479-498 479-498.

The foreign policy crises that the USA has confronted under the administration of President Barack Obama have generated profound uncertainty about whether the USA can maintain what has been its consistent grand strategy since the end of the Cold War: primacy. \*\*USA-Foreign Policy.

ControlNo : 43493

# -FOREIGN POLICY-EUROPE

40. Squire, Vicki

Governing migration through death in Europe and the US: Identification, burial and the crisis of modern humanism.

European Journal of International Relations, 23(3), 2017(September): 513–532.

Border deaths have become an established feature of contemporary migratory politics in both Europe and the US.

\*\*USA-Foreign Policy-Europe;USA-Humanism.

## -FOREIGN RELATIONS-CHINA

41. Allison, Graham

China vs. America Managing the Next Clash of Civilizations. Foreign Affairs, 96(5), 2017(September/October).

As Americans awaken to a rising China that now rivals the United States in every arena, many seek comfort in the conviction that as China grows richer and stronger, it will follow in the footsteps of Germany, Japan, and other countries that have undergone profound transformations and emerged as advanced liberal democracies.

\*\*USA-Foreign Relations-China. ControlNo: 43481

## -NATIONALISM

42. Bacevich, Andrew J.

Saving "America First" What Responsible Nationalism Looks Like. Foreign Affairs, 96(5), 2017(September/October).

One of the privileges of power that Americans routinely abuse is to remember selectively. It was not surprising, then, that this year's centennial of the United States' entry into World War I attracted barely any official attention. A House resolution commending "the brave members of the United States Armed Forces for their efforts in 'making the world safe for democracy'" never made it out of committee. And although the Senate did endorse a fatuous decree "expressing gratitude and appreciation" for the declaration of war passed back in April 1917, the White House ignored the anniversary altogether. As far as Washington is concerned, that conflict retains little or no political salience.

\*\*USA-Nationalism. ControlNo: 43480

# -NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

#### 43. Mandelbaum, Michael

Pay Up, Europe What Trump Gets Right About NATO. Foreign Affairs, 96(5), 2017(September/October).

Donald Trump, the 45th president of the United States, has a point about Europe and NATO. In May, in a speech at the alliance's headquarters, in Brussels, he told his fellow leaders that "NATO members must finally contribute their fair share." In July, he repeated the warning in Warsaw. "Europe must do more," he said.

\*\*USA-North Atlantic Treaty Organization. ControlNo: 43483

## -POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

44. Michaels, Jon D.

Trump and the "Deep State" The Government Strikes Back. Foreign Affairs, 96(5), 2017(September/October).

One of the strangest aspects of the current era is that the president of the United States seems to have little interest in running the country's government. A political novice with no fixed ideology or policy agenda, Donald Trump took office as if orchestrating a hostile corporate takeover. In his first six-plus months as president, he has followed his own counsel, displaying open contempt for much of the federal work force he now leads, slashing budgets, rescinding regulatory rules, and refusing to follow standard operating procedures. \*\*USA-Politics & Government.

ControlNo : 43479

## -SECURITY

45. Carter, Phillip

What America Owes Its Veterans A Better System of Care and Support. Foreign Affairs, 96(5), 2017(September/October).

Each year, the U.S. military recruits some 175,000 young Americans. At the heart of its pitch is a sacred promise to take care of those who serve—what President Abraham Lincoln described in his second inaugural address as the national duty "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.

\*\*USA-Security.

#### ControlNo: 43484

46. Hager, Sandy Brian

A global bond: Explaining the safe-haven status of US Treasury securities. European Journal of International Relations, 23(3), 2017(September): 557–580.

This article offers new theoretical and empirical insights to explain the resilience of US Treasury securities as the world's premier safe or "risk-free" asset. \*\*USA-Security.

ControlNo: 43503

## -WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

47. Tauber, Steven

The Impact of the Threat of Terrorism on U.S. District Court Decisions During Wartime. Terrorism and Political Violence, 29(5), 2017: 793-829.

Federal courts are key actors in the U.S. government's fight against terrorism because they adjudicate cases based on the USA PATRIOT Act, and accordingly make national security policy. We examine the extent that the terror threat influences judicial decisions in a dataset of 111 USA PATRIOT Act cases decided in the U.S. District Courts from 2001 through 2013, while controlling for other judicial decision-making variables.

\*\*USA-War Against Terrorism.

### VIETNAM

### -ECONOMY

#### 48. Ngoc, Nguyen Thi

Using Economic Instruments for Urban Environment Management in Vietnam Issues and Challenges. China Report, 53(3), 2017(August): 386-399.

The environment and the economy are basic and inseparable elements. The environment is the locus and support for the activities of human life. These activities are related to the creation and supply of resources necessary for the economy. \*\*Vietnam-Economy.

ControlNo: 43475

# WORLD

## - POLITICS

#### 49. Lomborg, Bjorn

Making Government Smarter How to Set National Priorities. Foreign Affairs, 96(5), 2017(September/October).

These days, people for the most part believe that governments should try to promote the general welfare of the populations they serve. The disagreements come over how to do that-what goals to focus on, what policies to adopt, and so on. These questions are usually approached through broad intellectual frameworks, such as political ideology or religion, and much time is spent debating the finer points of various doctrines. Often overlooked, however, is a simple and easy way to make lives better: use routine cost-benefit analysis to compare the expected returns from alternative policies and then choose the more effective ones.

\*\*World- Politics.

#### ControlNo: 43482

## WORLD BANK

50. Hickel, Jason

Is global inequality getting better or worse? A critique of the World Bank's convergence narrative.

Third World Quarterly, 38(10), 2017: 2208-2222.

The dominant narrative of global income inequality is one of convergence. Recent high-profile publications by Branko Milanovic and the World Bank claim that the global Gini coefficient has declined since 1988, and that inter-country inequality has declined since 1960. But the convergence narrative relies on a misleading presentation of the data. \*\*World Bank.