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320 POLITICAL SCIENCE

- 1 The revenge of geography / Robert D. Kaplan.-- New York:  
Random House, 2012.  
ISBN : 9781400069835.  
320.12 KAP12                    104298  
In The Revenge of Geography, Kaplan builds on the  
insights, discoveries, and theories of great geographers  
and geopolitical thinkers of the near and distant past to  
look back at critical pivots in history and then to look  
forward at the evolving global scene. Kaplan traces the  
history of the world's hot spots by examining their  
climates, topographies, and proximities to other  
embattled lands. The Russian steppe's pitiless climate  
and limited vegetation bred hard and cruel men bent on  
destruction, for example, while Nazi geo-politicians  
distorted geopolitics entirely, calculating that space on  
the globe used by the British Empire and the Soviet Union  
could be swallowed by a greater German homeland  
\*\* Political geography; World History; Eurasia -  
Conflicts

320.9 POLITICAL SITUATION & CONDITION

- 2 Hancock, M. Donald  
Politics in Europe / M. Donald Hancock.--5th Edition--  
Washington: CQ Press, 2012. 772p.  
ISBN : 9781604266115.  
320.94 HAN12                    103711  
Thoroughly updated, "Politics in Europe" remains an  
approachable, yet rigorous introduction to the region.  
Its strong analytic framework and organization, coupled

with detailed country coverage, ensure that students not only get a robust introduction to each country, but also are able to make meaningful cross-national comparisons. Key updates include: an expanded introduction that situates European politics within a comparative framework more substantive discussions in the 'Future of...' chapters; the latest in European politics, including the election in Britain, the aftermath of the deaths of Polish government leaders, the financial crisis affecting Greece and other European countries, and more; updates of key social and political issues including immigration, gender, religion, civic society, and trans-Atlantic relations; and, up-to-date tables and figures with key cross-national data.

\*\* Europe - Politics and government; Europe - History; EU - Politics; European Union - Politics

- 3 Portugal in the twenty-first century: politics, society, and economics / edited by Sebastian Royo.-- Lanham: Lexington Books, 2012. 273p.  
ISBN : 9780739137550.  
320.9469 ROY12 103957  
Portugal in the Twenty-First Century reflects on what has happened in the country and in Europe during the last three decades. The analysis is divided into two sections: political and sociological perspectives, and economic and social perspectives. The contributors identify basic changes in the economy and society of Portugal that occurred as a result of the democratization and European integration processes. They also assess the impact that these changes have had on the quality of Portuguese democracy, and on the country's economic development. Royo's collection reflects on how far Portugal has come since the Carnation Revolution in 1974 in order to better understand where it is headed now, at the dawn of the twenty-first century  
\*\* Portugal - Politics and government; Portugal - Foreign policy; Portugal - Economics
  
- 4 Stenslie, Stig  
Regime stability in Saudi Arabia: the challenge of succession / Stig Stenslie.-- London: Routledge, 2012. 168p.  
ISBN : 9780415693349.  
320.9538 STE12 103959  
Based on extensive field work inside Saudi Arabia, the book offers a detailed, up-to-date survey and assessment of all the key sectors of the elites in the country. The author examines how the succession process has been used in highly different circumstances - including deposition, assassination, and death by old age - and demonstrates how regime stability in Saudi Arabia rests on the royal family's ability to unite and to solve the challenge of succession. He offers a strong analysis of intra-ruling family mechanisms and dynamics in this notoriously private royal family, and addresses the question of whether, as the number of royals rapidly grows, the elite is able to remain integrated.  
\*\* Saudi Arabia - Elite; Saudi Arabia - Political stability; Saudi Arabia - Politics and government; Saudi

Arabia - Kings and rulers - Succession

- 5 Schottli, Jivanta  
Vision and strategy in Indian politics: Jawaharlal Nehru's policy choices and the designing of political institutions / Jivanta Schottli.-- London: Routledge, 2012. 230p.  
ISBN : 9780415615228.  
320.954 SCH12 103968  
The 1950s in India were a crucial transition phase where the legacy and institutions of British rule had to be transformed to fit the needs of a post-colonial state. This period is closely associated with India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru (1947 - 64). Selecting three key policies closely associated with him, the book traces the political origins of the Panchasheel Agreement with China in 1954, the Hindu Code Bills of 1955 and 1956 and the founding of the Planning Commission in 1950. Each provides a window into the compulsions of Indian domestic politics at the time as well as the parameters of parliamentary debate. The book goes on to discuss how these policies correspond to the pillars of Nehru's vision for a modern, independent India that encapsulated socialism, nonalignment and secularism and assesses their long-run impact in Indian politics  
\*\* India - Politics and government; India - Political planning; India - History; Nehru, Jawaharlal - Political and social views

327 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 6 Yang, Jian  
Pacific islands in China's grand strategy: small states, big games / Jian Yang.-- New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. 237p.  
ISBN : 9780230113237.  
327.5109 YAN11 103953  
China's influence in the South Pacific is growing rapidly. What are the main driving forces behind China's policy towards the region? Should the West be concerned? Why are there so many myths, misperceptions and unsubstantiated assertions about China's growing influence? Where does discussion of China's presence in the South Pacific fit in the broader debate on China? This book - the first single-authored book on Chinese policy towards the South Pacific - answers these questions. It examines Chinese engagement with the region in the context of China's grand strategy, drawing on extensive Chinese sources and interviews with policymakers and community leaders  
\*\* China - Foreign relations - Oceania; Oceania - Foreign relations - China; Oceania - Strategic aspects

338.9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH, ECO.PLANNING

- 7 Raquiza, Antoinette R.  
State structure, policy formation, and economic development in Southeast Asia: the political economy of Thailand and the Philippines / Antoinette R. Raquiza.--

London: Routledge, 2012. 204p.  
ISBN : 9780415617673.  
338.9593 RAQ12 103965

Why do some small, developing countries industrialize and others don't? What factors account for different economic performance among states that are vulnerable to external shocks, crony capitalism, and political instability? This book argues that the answer lies in the structuring of state power, specifically the way different sets of governing elites political leaders and economic technocrats are embedded in political organisations and state institutions, and the way these elites relate to each other in the economic development policy process.

\*\* Thailand - Economic development; Philippines - Economic development; Thailand - Politics and government; Philippines - Politics and government

### 363 SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SERVICES

#### 8 Chung, Jae Ho

China's crisis management / Jae Ho Chung.-- London: Routledge, 2012. 151p.  
ISBN : 9780415677806.

363.3480951 CHU12 103919

The continuation of China's successful rise depends considerably on the capacity of the Chinese government to prevent and manage a wide range of potential and actual crises, which could, if mishandled, have serious adverse consequences for China. These potential crises are both domestic - where the example of the collapse of the Soviet Union is well understood and remembered in China - and, increasingly, as a result of China's ever closer involvement in the global system. This book presents a comprehensive overview of crisis management in China, and examines China's mode of managing economic, political and military crises, as well as natural disasters, ethnic-minority issues, environmental and public health problems. In each area it considers the nature of potential crises and their possible effects, and the degree to which China is prepared to cope with crises

\*\* China - Crisis management; China - Emergency management China - Disaster relief; China - Politics and government

### 956 MIDDLE EAST - GENERAL HISTORY

#### 9 Najem, Tom

Lebanon: the politics of a penetrated society / Tom Najem -- London: Routledge, 2012. 150p.  
ISBN : 9780415274289.

956.9204 NAJ12 103898

a time of great political change and unrest in the Middle East, this highly topical text offers a succinct account of the contemporary political environment in Lebanon. Tom Najem provides both a developed understanding of the pre-civil war system and an analysis of how circumstances resulting from the civil war combined with essential pre-war elements to define politics in Lebanon

\*\* Lebanon - History; Lebanon - Politics and government; Lebanon - Economy; Lebanon - Foreign policy; Lebanon -

State formation

956.94 PALESTINE ISRAEL - GENERAL HISTORY

10 Ohana, David

Israel and its Mediterranean identity / David Ohana.--  
New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. 216p.

ISBN : 9780230112766.

956.94 OHA11 103944

Israel is a Mediterranean society-in-the-making. This book is a detailed and comprehensive work which reviews the origins of Israel's Mediterranean identity, starting with its Zionist ideological origins and tracing the path up to the present, as Israel struggles with what it means to be a post-ideological Mediterranean country. How do Israelis define their collective identity in the region? Are they modern crusaders? Do they belong to the Middle East? to Europe? to the global village? Or perhaps they do not have to choose between the local and the global? Many Israelis could easily identify with a Mediterranean consciousness and represent a complex synthesis of east and west.

\*\* National characteristics, Israeli; Israel - Self-perception; Israel - Political culture; Mediterranean Region - Relations - Israel; Israel - Relations - Mediterranean Region

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