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320.9 POLITICAL SITUATION & CONDITION

- 1 Arab revolts: dispatches on militant democracy in the Middle East / edited by David McMurray and Amanda Ufheil-Somers.-- Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2013. 260p. ISBN : 978025300975.
320.956 MCM13 104988
The 2011 eruptions of popular discontent across the Arab world, popularly dubbed the Arab Spring, were local manifestations of a regional mass movement for democracy, freedom, and human dignity. Authoritarian regimes were either overthrown or put on notice that the old ways of oppressing their subjects would no longer be tolerated. These essays from Middle East Report the leading source of timely reporting and insightful analysis of the region cover events in Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain, Syria, and Yemen. Written for a broad audience of students, policymakers, media analysts, and general readers, the collection reveals the underlying causes of the revolts by identifying key trends during the last two decades leading up to the recent insurrections.
** Arab countries - Democratization; Arab countries - Politics and government; Arab countries - Economic conditions

327.1 FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 2 Steele, Brent J.
Alternative accountabilities in global politics: the scars of violence / Brent J. Steele.-- London: Routledge, 2013. 193p.
ISBN : 9780415632706.

327.117 STE13 104986
In fields such as politics, international relations, public administration and international law, there is a rapidly growing interest in the topic of 'accountability'. In this innovative new work, Steele shows how we might recognize how an alternative form of accountability in global politics has been present for some time, and that, furthermore, this form's continued presence remains one of the most politically powerful, if not endurable, possibilities for resistance in the near future.
** International relations - Moral and ethical aspects; War - Moral and ethical aspects; Political violence - Moral and ethical aspects

3 Blum, William

America's deadliest export democracy: the truth about US foreign policy and everything else / William Blum.-- London: Zed Books, 2013. 355p.
ISBN : 9781780324463.

327.73 BLU13 104987
For over 65 years, the United States war machine has been on auto pilot. Since World War II, the world has believed that US foreign policy means well, and that America's motives in spreading democracy are honourable, even noble. In this startling and provocative book from William Blum, one of the United States' leading non-mainstream chroniclers of American foreign policy and author of the popular online newsletter, Anti-Empire Reports, demonstrates that nothing could be further from the truth. America's Deadliest Export is the in-depth expose of the many contradictions surrounding the nature of US foreign policy.
** United States - Democratization - Government policy; United States - Democracy; United States - Foreign relations

4 Chen, Dean P.

US Taiwan strait policy: the origins of strategic ambiguity / Dean P. Chen.-- London: First Forum Press, 2012. 298p.
ISBN : 9781935049449.

327.73051249 CHE12 105014
Why did the Truman administration reject a pragmatic approach to the Taiwan Strait conflict recognizing Beijing and severing ties with Taipei and instead choose the path of strategic ambiguity? Dean Chen sheds light on current US policy by exploring the thoughts and deliberations of President Truman and his top advisers, among them Dean Acheson, John Foster Dulles, Livingston Merchant, and Dean Rusk. Chen also highlights the very unambiguous, and continuing, liberal aims of US Taiwan policy.
** United States - Foreign relations - Taiwan; Taiwan - Foreign relations - United States; United States - Foreign relations - China; China - Foreign relations - United States; Taiwan Strait - Strategic aspects

338.9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH,ECO.PLANNING

5 Robinson, Paul

Aiding Afghanistan: a history of soviet assistance to a

developing country / Paul Robinson and Jay Dixon.--
London: Hurst and Company, 2013. 226p.
ISBN : 9781849042390.

338.91 ROB13 104985

For nearly sixty years, Afghanistan has been one of the world's largest recipients of foreign development aid, yet it remains one of the poorest countries on earth. The Soviet Union provided Afghanistan with large-scale economic and technical assistance for close to twenty-five years before it invaded the country in 1979. It increased its assistance during the 1980s in an effort to prop up the current government and undermine the insurgency, yet none of this aid made any lasting difference to Afghan poverty. The same can be said for many other countries, in which foreign aid failed to promote economic growth.

** Economic assistance, Soviet - Afghanistan; Soviet Union
- Foreign economic relations - Afghanistan; Afghanistan -
- Foreign economic relations - Soviet Union

341 INTERNATIONAL LAW

6 Engstrom, Viljam

Constructing the powers of international institutions /
Viljam Engstrom.-- Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers,
2012. 214p.

ISBN : 9789004220300.

341.2 ENG12 104997

The scope of powers of international institutions has always been surrounded by a sense of ambiguity. This has its source in the nature of the two main legal tools with which to construct powers; the doctrines of attributed/conferred powers and implied powers. This book illustrates the function of the two doctrines in a discourse on powers. Special attention is also paid to the move to a constitutional vocabulary as a way of transcending the dichotomy at the heart of diverging constructions of powers. Constitutionalization claims, the book argues, can be reproductions of different images of the proper extent of powers. The book is a reminder of the political nature of any construction of powers of international institutions.

** International agencies; International law; Implied powers; Sovereignty; Power

7 Wuthnow, Joel

Chinese diplomacy and the UN Security Council: beyond the veto / Joel Wuthnow.-- London: Routledge, 2013. 220p.
ISBN : 9780415640732.

341.2351 WUT13 104995

This book is the first to address China's role and influence in the Security Council. It develops a picture of a state struggling to find a way between the need to protect its stakes in a number of 'rogue regimes', on one hand, and its image as a responsible rising power on the world stage, on the other. Negotiating this careful balancing act has mixed implications, and means that whilst China can be a useful ally in collective security, it also faces serious constraints. Providing a window not only into China's behaviour, but into the complex world of decision-making at the UNSC in general, the book

covers a number of important cases, including North Korea, Iran, Darfur, Burma, Zimbabwe, Libya and Syria.
** United Nations - China; United Nations - Security council; China - Foreign relations

341.2422 EUROPEAN UNION

- 8 China and the European Union / Edited by Lisheng Dong, Zhengxu Wang and Henk Dekker.-- London: Routledge, 2013. 255p.
ISBN : 9780415630795.
341.24220951 DON13 104993
The European Union is China's largest trading partner, and Chinese views of the EU are of crucial importance in shaping how the relationship will develop in the future, especially as the new Chinese leadership takes power. This book presents the findings of an extensive research project into the views of both elite groups, in government, business, academia, media and social activists, and the Chinese public towards Europe and the European Union. It considers attitudes on a wide range of subjects, and reaches a number of interesting, encouraging conclusions. These include the fact that as Chinese people's knowledge of, and travel to, Europe becomes more extensive, Chinese attitudes towards Europe become more positive; that Chinese people have a high regard for European culture and a high degree of trust in Europeans; though there are significant differences between different Chinese group.
** European Union - Public opinion; Chinese - Attitudes; China - Public opinion

951 CHINA - GENERAL HISTORY AND ADJACENT AREAS

- 9 Hanqin, Xue
Chinese contemporary perspectives on international law: history, culture and international law / Xue Hanqin: Ail-Pocket., 2012. 282p.
ISBN : 9789004236134.
951 HAN12 104994
Built on the theme "history, culture and international law", this special course gives a comprehensive review of China's contemporary perspective and practice of international law in the past 60 years, with its focus on the recent 30 years when China is gradually integrated into international legal system through its opening up and economic reform process.
** China - International law; China - Human rights; China - Social conditions; China - Politics and government

955 IRAN - GENERAL HISTORY

- 10 Iran: from theocracy to the green movement / Edited by Negin Nabavi.-- New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 186p.
ISBN : 9780230114692.
955.05 NAB12 105009
Recent Iranian history has been full of unexpected turns. Whether it was the 1979 revolution, which resulted in the establishment of the first ever Islamic Republic in the history of the Muslim world, the rise to power of the

reformist movement in 1997, or the emergence of the Green Movement, an opposition movement that took shape spontaneously in the days immediately following the presidential elections in June 2009, the world has been taken unawares at every juncture. This book brings together essays that both speculate on the import of the developments of 2009 and shed light on the complexities and the ever-changing dynamics of post-revolutionary Iran
 ** Iran - Politics and government; Iran - Social change; ; Iran - Social movements; Iran - History; Iran - Islam and politics; Iran - Social conditions

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