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320 POLITICAL SCIENCE

1 Klieger, P. Christiaan

Microstates of Europe: designer nations in a post-modern world / P. Christiaan Klieger.-- Lanham: Lexington Books, 2013. 211p.

ISBN : 9780739174265.

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The seven microstates of Europe, i.e. Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Malta, San Marino, Sovereign Order of St. John, and Vatican City are remarkable not only for their size, but their persistence. Most have been around for centuries, while much larger empires have come and gone. Despite the great events of the last two millennia, these countries have come into existence and have managed to steer a course away from incorporation within their larger neighbours. Why is this? Rather than being an exercise in triviality, the study in The Microstates of Europe: Designer Nations in a Post-Modern World of the histories of these tiny states may provide insight into tenaciousness of national aspirations and ethnic solidarity that are everywhere evident. Modernist studies tend to view the microstates as illogical anomalies destined to disappear under the crush of social progress. ** States, Small; Europe, Western - Politics and government

327 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2 Lanteigne, Marc

Chinese foreign policy: an introduction / Marc Lanteigne. -- 2nd Ed. -- London: Routledge, 2013. 192p.

ISBN : 9780415528870.

327.51 LAN13

104996

This updated and expanded new edition of Chinese Foreign Policy examines the patterns of engagement with various domestic and international actors that have shaped Beijing's foreign policy since the Cold War. It explores a series of ongoing questions and trends, as well as offering an in-depth look at the key areas of China's modern global relations.

** China - Foreign relations; China - Foreign economic relations

3 Ezell, Darrell

Beyond Cairo: US Engagement with the Muslim World / Darrell Ezell.-- New York: Palgrave macmillan, 2012. 232p.

ISBN: 9780230340947.

327.7301767 EZE12

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The US's once-enthusiastic commitment to restore trustworthy relations with the Muslim world has dwindled considerably since Barack Obama's 2009 "New Beginning" address in Cairo. Beyond Cairo examines US diplomacy in the years following this speech and explores Washington's lagging engagement with the Muslim world. This book tackles the problems with public diplomacy as the US has been practicing it and provides a roadmap for the US to re engage the Muslim world over the coming years.

** Diplomatic and consular service, American; United States -Foreign relations - Islamic countries; Islamic countries - Foreign relations - United States

333.7 NATURAL RESOURCES

4 China and the environment: the green revolution / Edited by Sam Geall.-- London: Zed Books, 2013. 247p.

ISBN : 9781780323404.

333.720951 GEA13

104992

Sixteen of the world's 20 most polluted cities are in China. A serious water pollution incident occurs once every two-to-three days. China's breakneck growth causes great concern about its global environmental impacts, as others look to China as a source for possible future solutions to climate change. But how are Chinese people really coming to grips with environmental problems? This book provides access to otherwise unknown stories of environmental activism and forms the first real-life account of China and its environmental tensions.

** China - Environmentalism; China - Environmental policy China - Pollution

338 PRODUCTION ECONOMICS

5 Chakarova, Vessela

Oil supply crisis: cooperation and discord in the west / Vessela Chakarova. -- Lanham: Lexington Books, 2013.

149p.

ISBN : 9780739169759.

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Oil Supply Crises: Cooperation and Discord in the West, by Vessela Chakarova, offers the most comprehensive, upto date analysis of consumer countries' policies and reactions to oil supply shortages. In addition to being a valuable source of information on oil market dynamics, it provides a deep theoretical understanding of one of the most critical issues in international relations: interstate cooperation. This volume employs a structured, focused comparison to study European consumer countries' cooperation in times of oil supply shortages. There have been fifteen such crises since the Second World War, three of which with dramatic consequences for the world economy. This analysis evaluates European cooperative efforts in seven of these cases, starting with the Abadan crisis in 1951. The cases are selected on the basis of their magnitude and economic impact.

** Petroleum industry and trade - History; Petroleum reserves; Petroleum products - Prices; Energy consumption ; Energy policy

352 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

6 Owen, Roger

Rise and fall of Arab presidents for life / Roger Owen.--Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2012. 248p.

ISBN : 9780674065833.

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The monarchical presidential regimes that prevailed in the Arab world for so long looked as though they would last indefinitely until events in Tunisia and Egypt made clear their time was up. The Rise and Fall of Arab Presidents for Life exposes for the first time the origins and dynamics of a governmental system that largely defined the Arab Middle East in the twentieth century.

** Arab countries - Presidents - History; Middle East - Presidents - History; Arab countries - Monarchy; Middle East - Monarchy; Arab countries - Authoritarianism; Middle East - Authoritarianism; Arab countries - Politics and government; Middle East - Politics and government; Arab countries - Kings and rulers; Middle East - Kings and rulers.

355 MILITARY ART & SCIENCE

7 Contemporary security and strategy / edited by Craig A. Snyder.--3rd Ed.-- London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 372p.

ISBN : 9780230241497.

355 SNY12

103885

This text brings together a range of specially-commissioned chapters to provide an accessible introduction to Security Studies in the 21st century. The third edition has been expanded to cover non-military challenges to security, and includes new learning aids.

** National security; Security, International

355.03 MILITARY SITUATION AND POLICY

8 Benson, Brett V.

Constructing international security: alliances, deterrence, and moral hazard / Brett V. Benson.--Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. 207p.

ISBN : 9781107658196.

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This book explains when and why state leaders form different types of security relationships such as ambiguous alliance agreements. These differences are important because commitments, such as formal military alliances and extended deterrence threats, form the basis of the international security order. Experts have long understood that leaders looking to secure allies face a critical tradeoff between strengthening their prospective ally to deter challenges to it while simultaneously refraining from making the ally too aggressive. The author explains how and when leaders can balance these tensions by building commitments that contain conditions and ambiguity.

** Security, International

9 Rid, Thomas

Cyber war will not take place / Thomas Rid.-- London: Hurst and Company, 2013. 218p.

ISBN : 9781849042802.

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"Cyber War Will Not Take Place" cuts through the hype and takes a fresh look at cyber security. Thomas Rid argues that the focus on war and winning distracts from the real challenge of cyberspace: non-violent confrontation that may rival or even replace violence in surprising ways. The threat consists of three different vectors: espionage, sabotage, and subversion. The author traces the most significant hacks and attacks, exploring the full spectrum of case studies from the shadowy world of computer espionage and weaponised code.

** Information warfare; Information warfare - History; Information warfare - Political aspects; Cyberspace - Security measures

363 SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SERVICES

10 Crises in Russia: contemporary management policy and practice from a historical perspective / Edited by Boris Porfiriev and Greg Simons.-- England: Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2012. 298p.

ISBN : 9781409442271.

363.34 POR12

104958

In the book six chapters offer case studies of various types of disaster written in a unique collaboration between Russian scientists, Russian policy makers and Swedish scholars. Other chapters relate the role of mass media in Russian society and policy development. Taken together the book details changes in a crisis management system, policy and approach in a country that has undergone rapid fundamental political economic and social change.

** Russia(Federation) - Crisis management; Russia(Federation) - Public administration

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