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AFRICA

-CINEMA

1. Haas, Ricarda de

Video Poetry as Re-Creation and Remediation of Oral Performance in the Work of Kgafela oa Magogodi and Chirikure Chirikure.

Africa Today, 64(4), 2018(Summer): 75-90.

This article introduces two examples of mediatized poetry to analyze the interrelation of live performance, video, and (digital) technology: i MIKE what i LIKE, a spoken word film by South African poet Kgafela oa Magogodi and filmmaker Jyoti Mistry, and Directions, a poem by Zimbabwean poet Chirikure Chirikure remediated as a video installation by Austrian artist Wolfgang Spahn.

**Africa-Cinema.

ControlNo: 44094

-INTERNATIONAL BORDERING

2. Weitzel, Michelle D

Audializing migrant bodies: Sound and security at the border.

Security Dialogue, 49(6), 2018(December): 421-437.

Sound represents a salient yet rarely examined counterpoint to visuality and materiality in security, international bordering, and mobility literature. Using the context of sub-Saharan African migration as grounding for empirical analysis and drawing on fieldwork conducted in Morocco in 2015 and 2016, this article lays the foundation for a research agenda that understands voice, and the sonic body more broadly, as mechanisms of political power.

**Africa-International Bordering.

ControlNo: 44098

-MEDIA

3. Haynes, Jonathan

Keeping Up: The Corporatization of Nollywood's Economy and Paradigms for Studying African Screen Media

Africa Today, 64(4), 2018(Summer): 3-29.

The politicized paradigm that has historically informed discourses on African cinema has been seriously challenged, and, since the recent intervention of transnational corporations into the production and distribution of Nigerian media, the model of the African popular arts is still necessary but no longer sufficient for framing the study of Nollywood. The corporate intervention is related to a shift in media platforms: the sale of discs is being overshadowed by internet distribution and television broadcasting, and smartphones and multiplex cinemas supplement home viewing.

**Africa-Media.

4. Klein, Tobias Robert

Preview for Spirits and Ancestors: Representations of Ghanaian School Life in Audiovisual and Electronic Media.

Africa Today, 64(4), 2018(Summer): 53-73.

This article examines the representation of Ghanaian boardingschool life in audiovisual and electronic media. Following a sketch of school entertainment as an informal training ground for recent genres of popular music, it argues that different types of media tend to emphasize and trigger different elements of school life.

**Africa-Media.

ControlNo: 44090

-RELATIONS-USA

5. Goodman, Jane E.

Embodying Halqa: Algerian Storytelling on a Global Stage. Africa Today, 64(4), 2018(Summer): 93-112.

Istijmam, an Algerian theater troupe selected to tour the United States in 2016 by the Center Stage program of the US State Department, sought to recreate for US audiences an experience of halqa, a traditional North African storytelling performance. Algerian playwrights had been experimenting with the halqa since the 1960s, putting it in dialogue with Brechtian styles of acting.

**Africa-Relations-USA.

ControlNo: 44097

ASEAN

-GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AGENDA

6. Anthony, Mely Caballero

Health and human security challenges in Asia: new agendas for strengthening regional health governance.

Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(6), 2018: 602-616.

The role of regional organisations in dealing with global health challenges cannot be understated. Against current and emerging health threats, strong and effective regional collaboration in health security provides a critical pillar in advancing global health governance, allowing for significant interventions in building health systems capacity at national and regional level, improving disease surveillance and response, and strengthening international efforts in responding to a wide spectrum of global health challenges.

**ASEAN-Global Health Security agenda.

ASIA

- PACIFIC REGION-MASS CASUALTY DISASTERS

7. Farrell. Anne-Maree

Managing the dead in disaster response: a matter for health security in the Asia-Pacific region? Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(6), 2018: 551-566.

This paper explores the securitisation-desecuritisation nexus in managing threats to health, drawing on a case study examining the management of the dead in disaster response in the AsiaPacific region.

**Asia- Pacific region-Mass casualty disasters.

ControlNo: 44116

AUSTRALIA

-BILATERAL RELATIONS-NEW ZEALAND

8. Tidwell, Alan

Differing approaches to congressional outreach: comparing Australia and New Zealand. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(5), 2018: 403-417.

Both Australia and New Zealand, in addition to engaging with the US executive branch, also protect and advance their bilateral relationship by engaging with the US Congress. Since 1987, Australia has pursued congressional outreach, or diplomatic lobbying, to protect and advance its security and trade interests.

**Australia-Bilateral Relations-New Zealand.

ControlNo: 44110

CHINA

-PAKISTAN PROJECT

9. Rana, Kishan S

China's 'Belt and Road Initiative' Revisited.

Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(15 December): 21-24.

The Belt and Road Initiative, China's foreign policy hallmark, faces problems over magnitude, mismanagement, and excessive indebtedness for the recipient countries. Notwithstanding its opposition to China–Pakistan projects traversing Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, India's hopes for using Chabahar port investments in Iran can be valorised only via China-built rail and road links to Afghanistan and Central Asia.

**China-Pakistan Project.

EUROPE

-ANTI CORRUPTION AGENCIES

10. Popova, Maria and Post, Vincent

Prosecuting high-level corruption in Eastern Europe.

Communist and Post-Communist Studies, 51(3), 2018(September): 231-244.

Do Eastern European courts effectively constrain politicians and uphold the rule of law? Criminal prosecution of grand (high-level) corruption can further the central principle of equal responsibility under the law by demonstrating that even powerful political actors have to submit to the laws of the land. This article introduces the Eastern European Corruption Prosecution Database, which contains entries for all cabinet ministers (927 in total) who served in a government that held office in one of seven post-Communist Eastern European countries since the late 1990s. The systematic data collection reveals that Bulgaria, Romania and Macedonia consistently indict more ministers than Croatia, the Czech Republic, and Poland; Slovakia has barely indicted anyone.

**Europe-Anti Corruption Agencies.

ControlNo: 44079

-BORDER CONTROL,

11. Perkowski, Nina

Frontex and the convergence of humanitarianism, human rights and security. Security Dialogue, 49(6), 2018(December): 457-475.

This article takes the simultaneous portrayal of the agency as rescuer of migrants at sea, promoter of fundamental rights and defender of EUropean citizens against migrant threats as a starting point to rethink the relationship of humanitarianism, human rights and security in the governing of EUropean borders.

**Europe-Border control,

ControlNo: 44099

EUROPEAN UNION

-CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

12. Kovacs, Kriszta and Scheppele, Kim Lane

The fragility of an independent judiciary: Lessons from Hungary and Polandeand the European Union*.

Communist and Post-Communist Studies, 51(3), 2018(September): 189-200.

When the European Union was founded, it was assumed that all Member States admitted as consolidated democracies would maintain their constitutional commitments. In recent years, Hungary and Poland have challenged this premise as elected autocratic governments in those countries have captured independent institutions and threatened longterm democracy.

**European Union-Constitutional Law.

GOA

-CLIMATE CHANGE

13. Correia, Sherwyn

Mormugao Port Modernisation Proceedings of an Environmental Public Hearing. Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(01 December): 20-22.

The proposed modernisation and expansion of the Mormugao Port in Goa has drawn widespread criticism for its failure to seriously assess its environmental impact and lack of thought to sustainability and social costs, while raising questions on the ownership claim over the project area itself. A three-day environmental public hearing recorded the concerns and grievances of the numerous stakeholders and civil society members who stand affected by the proposed project. **Goa-Climate change.

ControlNo: 44086

HINDU NATIONALISM

14. Longkumer, Arkotong

'Nagas can't sit lotus style': Baba Ramdev, Patanjali, and Neo-Hindutva. Contemporary South Asia, 26(4), 2018: 400-420.

This article is a preliminary attempt to understand the dynamics of how Patanjali and Baba Ramdev represent 'Hindu nationalism', or Hindutva (Hinduness) in Nagaland, India. One can read Baba Ramdev's foray into the region through the promotion of yoga, Ayurveda, and national health, as a form of 'neo-Hindutva' that is increasingly diffuse and moves away from a more militant pathway of established Hindutva designs.

**Hindu nationalism.

ControlNo: 44102

INDIA

-ETHNIC CONFLICT

15. Rajkhowa, Gaurav

The citizen finds a home identity politics in Karbi anglong. Economic & Political Weekly, 53(47), 2018(01 December): 17-20.

On a fact-fi nding trip to the Karbi Anglong district of Assam, the authors fi nd that the "crisis of citizenship" is a structural phenomenon rooted in the history of capitalist development and community dynamics in the state. The current political dispensation of establishing the "Hindu" Bengali as the "citizen" is not only a breach of the universal principles of "citizenship," but also has deeper implications for the unresolved ethnic conflicts in the state.

**India-Ethnic Conflict.

-INFLATION

16. Mohanakumar, S

Minimum Support Price and Inflation in India.

Economic & Political Weekly, 53(47), 2018(01 December): 10-13.

The Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India revised the policy rates upward consecutively for the second time in 2018. While revising the reporates to 6.5%, the MPC placed the onus on the recently announced minimum support price for agricultural commodities, alleging that it might firm up rural demand and drive up the price level in the economy. But is this threat of price spiral due to MSP hike a reality?

**India-Inflation.

ControlNo: 44083

-MIGRATION, INTERNAL

17. Bhagat, R B

Development Impacts of Migration and Urbanisation.

Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(08 December): 15-19.

The issues of migration and urbanisation are much debated in development literature, but often their negative consequences compared to positive impacts are highlighted. The conceptual and theoretical dimensions of the relationship between migration, urbanisation and development have been summarised, and their potential and actual impact on development has been presented.

**India-Migration, internal.

ControlNo: 44087

-NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY

18. Jose, Sunny

Child Undernutrition in India Assessment of Prevalence, Decline and Disparities. Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(08 December): 63-70.

Analysing the latest National Family Health Survey-4 (2015–16) data, an assessment of the prevalence and decline in child undernutrition in India between 2005–06 and 2015–16 is undertaken. Despite a moderate decline in child undernutrition during this period, more than one-third of children under five years are stunted and underweight. A large, graded socio-economic disparity in child undernutrition continues.

**India-National Family Health Survey.

ControlNo: 44089

-POLITICAL PARTY

19. Saxena, Saumya

'Court'ing Hindu nationalism: law and the rise of modern Hindutva.

Contemporary South Asia, 26(4), 2018: 378-399.

This paper demonstrates the role of the Courts in lending currency to the politics of Hindutva in the 1990s. It focuses on some of the significant and connected cases of the Ayodhya dispute and the infamous Hindutva judgments to illustrate how the court legitimised, perhaps inadvertently, a jingoistic and intolerant ideology as an acceptable political strategy.

**India-Political Party.

-RISING POWERS

20. Chandra, Vikash

India's Accommodation in the Emerging International Order: Challenges and Prospects. India Quarterly: A Journal of International, 74(4), 2018: 420-437.

This article has two-fold goals: to develop a coherent concept of accommodation and explicate variable shaping the process of accommodation; and to analyse and evaluate the challenges and prospects of India's accommodation in the emerging international order.

**India-Rising powers.

ControlNo: 44106

-SPACE SCIENCE

21. Guruprasad, B. R.

Understanding India's International Space Cooperation Endeavour: Evolution, Challenges and Accomplishments.

India Quarterly: A Journal of International, 74(4), 2018: 455-481.

India has now emerged as a major space-faring nation with notable accomplishments in the launch vehicle, satellite, space application and space exploration domains in spite of beginning its space programme from a disadvantageous position vis-à- vis other space-faring nations of the day, besides endeavouring entirely in the civilian domain.

**India-space science.

ControlNo: 44108

INDO

-BANGLADESH RELATIONSHIP

22. Pandey, Punam

The Ganges River Negotiation: Idealism of Regional Cooperation or Pragmatic Bilateralism. India Quarterly: A Journal of International, 74(4), 2018: 438-454.

Negotiations between neighbours over river disputes are not only about water, they come embedded with other bilateral concerns. Thus, the solution of a river dispute depends on comparative bargaining capabilities of riparians on their many other contentious matters.

**Indo-Bangladesh relationship; India-river dispute.

ControlNo: 44107

JAPAN

- FOREIGN POLICIES-ASIA

23. Murashkin, Nikolay

Not-so-new silk roads: Japan's foreign policies on Asian connectivity infrastructure under the radar.

Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(5), 2018: 455-472.

Scholarly narratives concerning China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) tend to contextualise this project within China's rivalry with the United States and Japan. Such interpretations often reduce and misconstrue Japan's initiatives in Asian infrastructure finance as mere reactivity to China's advances.

**Japan- Foreign policies-Asia.

KAHSMIR

-WOMEN

24. Kaul, Nitasha and Zia, Ather

Knowing in our own ways Women and Kashmir.

Economic & Political Weekly, 53(47), 2018(08 December): 33-35.

When it comes to international conflicts, ignorance is as much an ally as ill-will in their prolongation. The vested interests entrenched in profitting from conflict unsurprisingly seek to limit the range of possible political options that might lead to demilitarisation, dialogue, conciliation, a just peace, and eventually resolution.

**Kahsmir-Women.

ControlNo: 44084

KASHMIR

-SEXUAL VIOLENCE

25.

Moving from Impunity to Accountability Women's Bodies, Identity, and Conflict-related Sexual Violence in Kashmir.

Economic & Political Weekly, 53(47), 2018(01 December): 47-53.

In the aftermath of the Balkan Wars and the Rwandan genocide, international legal policy on sexual violence in conflicts saw a major shift towards stronger international accountability mechanisms. The establishment of criminal tribunals and the development of the conflict-related sexual violence paradigm were some of the institutional and policy changes that occurred as a result, with both acknowledging that women are targeted in conflicts not only because of their gender, but also due to their ethnic identity.

**Kashmir-Sexual Violence.

ControlNo: 44085

LIBYA

-HUMAN RIGHTS

26. Idris Erameh, Nicholas

Cosmopolitanism, responsibility to protect and the Libya Intervention: a reassessment. India Quarterly: A Journal of International, 74(4), 2018: 383-401.

Protection of civilians has remained problematic either when it occurs or when it does not. And this has generated heated debate among several theoretical schools, with grave consequences for international relations theorising.

**Libya-Human rights.

METOO MOVEMENT

27. Sharma, Ditilekha

What Is Missing In the #MeToo Movement? Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(15 December).

How can we talk about sexual harassment in the context of a sex-negative atmosphere where conversations around sex and sexuality are considered taboo? Who and what is excluded from the available redressal mechanisms for sexual harassment as well as from the larger movement? Through these questions, this article examines the #MeToo movement and the limitations of the criminal justice system and due process.

**MeToo Movement.

ControlNo: 44093

MILITARY DESIGN

28. Öberg, Dan

Warfare as design: Transgressive creativity and reductive operational planning. Security Dialogue, 49(6), 2018(December): 493-509.

This article argues that the politics of contemporary Western warfare finds an important reference point in discourses on military design. In the 2010s, military design has become a trending topic in military discourseson command and planning methodology. Since Clausewitz, warfare has been considered a phenomenon characterized by a tension between creativity and linear planning, and the ideal commander as someone with the vision to overcome this.

**Military Design.

ControlNo: 44100

MYANMAR

-RE-ETHNICISATION

29. Hein, Patrick

The Re-ethnicisation of Politics in Myanmar and the Making of the Rohingya Ethnicity Paradox. India Quarterly: A Journal of International, 74(4), 2018: 361-382.

In Myanmar, hostilities between the majority Burmese and the minority Rakhine people on one side and the minority Rohingya on the other side have been common, but violence has persisted and even increased during the unstable transition away from an authoritarian regime. Most Burmese citizens appear to be united behind the ruling elites on the Rohingya issue.

**Myanmar-re-ethnicisation.

RBI

-CENTRAL BANK

30. Anand, Abhishek

Paranoia or Prudence? How Much Capital Is Enough for the RBI? Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(08 December): 35-44.

To assess whether the Reserve Bank of India is overcapitalised, two approaches are employed. First, the methodology and risk tolerance parameters used by major central banks are applied to the RBI's balance sheet. Second, a simple cross-country econometric framework relating optimal capital to its possible determinants is used. Both suggest (conservatively) that the RBI has substantial excess capital—in excess of `4.5 lakh crore—which could be profitably deployed elsewhere, not for financing general government operations or the deficit but, for example, to recapitalise the public sector banks conditional on them being reformed.

**RBI-Central Bank.

ControlNo: 44088

RUSSIA

-COURT

31. Trochev, Alexei and Solomon Jr, Peter H.

Authoritarian constitutionalism in Putin's Russia: A pragmatic constitutional court in a dual state.

Communist and Post-Communist Studies, 51(3), 2018(September): 201-214.

This article analyzes the successful adaptation of the Russian Constitutional Court (RCC) to an increasingly authoritarian regime under President Vladimir Putin. It argues that the key to its success lay in its pragmatic approach, whereby the Court decides cases that matter to the regime in a politically expedient way, while giving priority to legal and constitutional considerations in other cases, thereby recognizing the reality of a dual state.

**Russia-Court.

ControlNo: 44078

SOUTH CHINA SEA DISPUTES

32. Loh, Dylan M. H.

The disturbance and endurance of norms in ASEAN: peaceful but stressful. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(5), 2018: 385-402.

Since the Cold War, South-East Asia has been marked by a period of relative calm and stability. Yet this peace belies ongoing tensions, mistrust and stress in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and among its member states.

**South China Sea disputes.

SRI LANKA

-POLITICAL CRISIS

33. Uyangoda, Jayadeva

Political Crisis in Sri Lanka Whither Democratic Revival? Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(15 December): 25-27.

The ongoing political and constitutional crisis in Sri Lanka has opened up a period of uncertainties that jeopardise the agenda of democratic renewal. Stemming from the conflict between President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and their political formations, recent events constitute a strange political story of how a regime with so much reform promise has ultimately decayed into a political tragedy of unbelievable proportions.

**Sri Lanka-Political crisis.

ControlNo: 44092

-POLITICAL PROGRAMME

34. Perera, Sasanka

Space as Political Text Urban Coherence and Dissonance in the Politics of Beautifying Colombo. Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(22 December): 26-31.

Taking space and its transformations as a political text, this article looks into the dynamics of inclusion and exclusion as well as the manner in which space is implicated in memory. It engages in this exploration by focusing on the process known as the "beautifi cation" of Colombo implemented by the Rajapaksa regime in Sri Lanka as one of its most iconic political programmes. **Sri Lanka-Political Programme.

ControlNo: 44095

SUDAN

-PEACE AND SECURITY

35. Westendorf, Jasmine-Kim

Peace negotiations in the political marketplace: the implications of women's exclusion in the Sudan-South Sudan peace process.

Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(5), 2018: 433-454.

This article investigates the implications of women's exclusion for the nature and durability of peace processes, and whether factors that undermine peace consolidation post-settlement might be prevented through more inclusive peacemaking.

**Sudan-Peace and security.

USA

-FOREIGN AID

36. Youde, Jeremy

The securitization of health in the Trump era.

Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(6), 2018: 535-550.

Though global health has attained a prominent position on the global political agenda over the course of a generation, the inauguration of the Trump Administration in the United States threatens to challenge this international consensus.

**USA-Foreign aid.

ControlNo: 44115

-FOREIGN POLICY

37. Gravelle, Timothy B.

Trumping foreign policy: public diplomacy, framing, and public opinion among middle power publics. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(5), 2018: 473-490.

Even as the world's sole superpower, the United States requires the cooperation of other states to achieve many of its foreign policy objectives. The President of the United States thus often serves as 'Diplomat in Chief' in public diplomacy efforts to appeal directly to publics abroad. **USA-Foreign policy.

ControlNo: 44114

-MULTILATERALISM

38. S. Krishnakumar

United States and Its Challenge to Multilateralism in the Global Economy. India Quarterly: A Journal of International, 74(4), 2018: 402-419.

With Donald Trump as President of United States, multilateralism in the world economy is facing an unprecedented challenge. The international economic institutions that have evolved since the fifties are increasingly under the risk of being undermined.

**USA-Multilateralism.

ControlNo: 44105

-SPACE POLICY

39. Tronchettia, Fabio and Liu, Hao

The Trump administration and outer space: promoting US leadership or heading towards isolation? Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(5), 2018: 418-432.

In a relatively short period of time, the Trump administration has been fairly active in the field of space. The reconstitution of the National Space Council, under the direction of Vice President Pence, the President's signing of Space Policy Directive 1, that calls for the return of humans to the Moon, and the announcement of a National Space Strategy that calls for an 'America first' approach in space, have been the highlights of this process.

**USA-Space policy.

WORLD

-HEALTH SECURITY

40. Enemark, Christian

Global Bioheroes: clinical research and new vaccines for health security. Australian Journal of International Affairs, 72(6), 2018: 584-601.

In the pursuit of 'global health security', some governments advocate deployment of pharmaceuticals to combat deadly infectious diseases wherever they emerge. Following the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, attention has turned to other emerging diseases and future pharmaceutical solutions

**World-Health security.

ControlNo: 44117

YEMEN

-CIVIL WAR

41. Ansar, Abdul Rahman

War in Yemen.

Economic & Political Weekly, 53(48), 2018(29 December): 19-22.

Civil war in Yemen cannot be seen merely from the prism of sectarian conflict as its roots go into the historical political positions of different groups and geostrategic interests of regional powers. Hegemonic designs of Saudi Arabia backed by the United States have intensified the conflict, leading to thousands of deaths and acute humanitarian crisis. It remains to be seen how far the recently concluded Stockholm Agreement between warring camps would contribute to a durable peace.

**Yemen-Civil War.

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