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POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. THE OBAMA DOCTRINE, REVISITED

Spencer Ackerman

The American Prospect, May 2010, 4 pages

Spencer Ackerman, a senior correspondent for *The American Prospect*, discusses the foreign and national security policies of the Obama administration, citing an idea that seeks to bring the U.S. back to its role as leader and champion of international cooperation.

2. ASIA'S RISE: RISE AND FALL

Paul Kennedy

The World Today, August/September 2010, 4 pages

Paul Kennedy, a Professor of History at Yale University, discusses the shift of power towards Asia, and what it means for those 'old' power centers in Europe and the United States.

3. ADVANCING DEMOCRACY ABROAD

Michael McFaul

Hoover Digest, July 2010, 6 pages

Michael McFaul, a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, discusses why the democratic system is the best form of government.

4. **FASHIONING A REALISTIC STRATEGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: A CONVERSATION WITH LESLIE H. GELB**

The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs, Summer 2010, 4 pages

Leslie Gelb, President Emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations, discusses the nature of global power and its importance to the U.S. grand strategy in the twenty-first century.

5. **STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT'S TRACK RECORD**

Thomas Wright

The Washington Quarterly, July 2010, 26 pages

Thomas Wright, Executive Director of Studies at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, examines the Obama administration's strategy of engagement and its challenges for the United States.

6. **STILL ON TRACK? EAST ASIA AT A TIME OF CRISIS**

Mark Beeson and Julie Gilson

The Pacific Review, July 2010, 7 pages

The authors discuss the direction of political and economic change in Asia as Western influence in the region is declining.

7. **CAN THE UNITED STATES DO GRAND STRATEGY?**

Walter A. McDougall

Orbis, Spring 2010, 20 pages

Walter McDougall, Professor of International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania, discusses the future of the United States as a global power.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TRADE

8. **BUILDING A GREEN ECONOMY**

Paul Krugman

New York Times Magazine, April 11, 2010, 16 pages

Paul Krugman, Nobel Prize-winning economist, offers a brief survey of the economics of climate change, or more precisely, the economics of lessening climate change. In doing so, he attempts to lay out the areas of broad agreement as well as those that remain in major dispute.

9. **AN ENTREPRENEURIAL RECOVERY**

Carl Schramm and Robert Litan

Wilson Quarterly, Spring 2010, 4 pages

Although big business is more often in the news, small companies run by entrepreneurs are crucial to America's economic success. This leads the authors to the conclusion that job creation depends on the founding and development of new, entrepreneurial businesses. Noting that half of the current Fortune 500 corporations began in a recession or a bear market, they emphasize that young entrepreneurs should come from universities abroad, should be encouraged to start their own businesses, and should be given access to tools to do so.

10. **THE WORLD ECONOMY NEEDS BALANCING, BUT HOW?**

David Dapice

Yale Global Online, August 3, 2010, 3 pages

Is the world economy ready to rebalance or return to the unbalanced state? David Dapice, an associate professor of economics at Tufts University, discusses the challenges now faced by the world economy and how it should rebalance.

SOCIAL ISSUES & VALUES, EDUCATION & THE ARTS

11. **RENEWING THE FUTURE AND PROTECTING THE CLIMATE**

Janet L. Sawin and William R. Moomaw

World Watch, July/August 2010, 3 pages

The authors examine the benefits of using renewable energy sources for the future to protect global climate and human civilization, focusing on how the synergies of renewable energy and energy efficiency can meet global demand for energy services while reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the next two decades.

12. **TOP OF THE CLASS**

Richard C. Levin

Foreign Affairs, May/June 2010, 9 pages

Richard Levin, President of Yale University, examines the rise of higher education in Asia, focusing on the challenges of Asian universities to be the best universities in the world and the impact on the West.

13. **INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE INTERNET AGE**

Larry Sanger

Educause Review, March/April 2010, 10 pages

Larry Sanger, a co-founder of Wikipedia, examines the impact of the Internet revolution on education and analyzes the common strands of education and the Internet.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

14. **LIBERATION TECHNOLOGY**

Larry Diamond

Journal of Democracy, July 2010, 15 pages

Larry Diamond, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, examines how the Internet, mobile phones, and other forms of "liberation technology" enable citizens to express opinions, mobilize protests, and expand the horizons of freedom.

15. **POLITICIANS AND THE NEWS MEDIA: HOW ELITE ATTACKS INFLUENCE PERCEPTIONS OF MEDIA BIAS**

Glen R. Smith

International Journal of Press/Politics, July 2010, 25 pages

Glen Smith, Assistant Professor at Gainesville State College, discusses how politicians can influence public perceptions of media bias and its implications for democratic accountability.

16. **THE INTERNET & THE FUTURE OF NEWS**

Paul Sagan and Tom Leighton
Daedalus, Spring 2010, 7 pages

The Internet's ubiquity and easy accessibility has accelerated the pace of the news, as journalists race to stay ahead of each other as well as their audiences' demands. The authors examine the impact of the Internet on journalism and the future evolution of news media.

17. **USING MOBILE DEVICES FOR RESEARCH: SMARTPHONES, DATABASES, AND LIBRARIES**

Joe Murphy
Online, May/June 2010, 5 pages

Joe Murphy, a Yale University Science Libraries coordinator of instruction and technology, discusses the use of mobile technologies as research tools and a shift in information-seeking behaviors, focusing on how the information industry is adapting to reflect this shift in user behavior.

18. **A SECOND CHANCE**

Curtis Brainard.
Columbia Journalism Review, July/August 2010, 10 pages

The author examines how mobile devices can save journalism by giving it a second chance by monetizing digital content and ensuring future profitability that was missed during the advent of Web 1.0 technology.

19. **THE FUTURE OF CLOUD COMPUTING**

Janna Quitney Anderson and Lee Rainie
Pew Internet & American Life Project, June 11, 2010, 26 pages

Will we 'live mostly in the cloud' in 2020 and not on the desktop, working mostly through cyberspace-based applications accessed through networked devices? The authors explore the future impact and influence of the Internet and the role of cloud computing by 2020.