

UNU-WIDER Library New Acquisitions - July 2009

1.

SIGNUM: 338(6)

COLLATION: AFRO

TITLE: Afro-regions : the dynamics of cross-border micro-regionalism in Africa

AUTHOR: Söderbaum, Fredrik ; Taylor, Ian (eds)

PUBLISHER: Uppsala : Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, 2008. - 203 p.

ISBN: 978-91-7106-618-3

SUBJECT: <Maputo Development Corridor> <cross-borders> <micro-regions> <Africa>

SYNOPSIS: This collection focuses on the making and unmaking of cross-border micro-regions in Africa. Its main emphasis is that micro-regions are not givens, but are constructed and reconstructed through social practice, political economy and, in discourse, by a variety of states, corporations and non-state actors. The region-builders are the focus - that is, those actors that build and make micro-regions and their associated region-building strategies. Key research questions are: for whom, for what purpose and with what consequences are micro-regions being made and unmade? There is also special emphasis on how people on the ground and local communities create their own region-building strategies and how they respond to the region-building strategies of others. The case studies - by leading scholars of African studies and the result of extensive fieldwork - include a wide selection of micro-regions all over Africa, such as the Maputo Development Corridor, the Zambezi Valley region, the Zambia-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Triangle, Walvis Bay, the Sierra Leone-Liberia border zone, cross-border micro-regions on the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes region, North Africa, and so forth.

2.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: AUSTRIA

TITLE: Austria : OECD economic surveys 2009 : 10

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009. - 127 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2009 : 10)

ISBN: 978-92-64-05439-4

SUBJECT: <Austria> <economic indicators> <economic integration> <financial markets> <labour market> <education> <fiscal policy>

SYNOPSIS: This 2009 edition of OECD's periodic survey of Austria's economy includes chapters on the financial crisis, product and labour market reforms, and fiscal policy challenges. The special feature examines re-inventing the education system.

3.

SIGNUM: IntOrg BIS

COLLATION: BANK

TITLE: Bank for International Settlements : 79th annual report : 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2009

AUTHOR: BIS

PUBLISHER: Basel : BIS, 2009. - viii, 241 p.

SERIES: (ISSN 1021-2477)

ISBN: 92-9131-172-3

SUBJECT: <banks> <annual reports> <BIS>

SYNOPSIS: In its 79th Annual Report, the BIS looks at the narrow path ahead leading out of the financial crisis. The Report underlines the need to focus clearly on the medium term and on sustainability when designing both macroeconomic and financial policy responses. The report was presented at the Bank's Annual General Meeting in Basel, Switzerland on 29 June 2009.

4.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: BELGIUM

TITLE: Belgium : OECD economic surveys 2009 : 12

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009. - 141 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2009 : 12)

ISBN: 978-92-64-05443-1

SUBJECT: <Belgium> <economic indicators> <economic crisis> <fiscal policy> <fiscal sustainability> <tax reform>

SYNOPSIS: This 2009 edition of OECD's periodic survey of Belgium explores how Belgium should cope with the economic crisis and includes chapters on securing fiscal sustainability, improving fiscal federalism, reforming the tax system, and promoting competition.

5.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western

COLLATION: BREWER

TITLE: Poverty and inequality in the UK : 2009

AUTHOR: Brewer, Michael ... [et.al.]

PUBLISHER: London: Institute for Fiscal Studies, 2009. - 68 p.

ISBN: 978-1-903274-60-6

SUBJECT: <United Kingdom> <poverty> <inequality>

SYNOPSIS: In this Commentary, the authors assess the changes to average incomes, inequality and poverty that have occurred since Labour came to power in 1997, with a particular focus on the changes that have occurred in the latest year of data. This analysis is based upon the latest figures from the DWP's Households Below Average Income (HBAI) series, published on 7 May 2009 (Department for Work and Pensions, 2009). The HBAI series takes household income as its measure of living standards, and is derived from the Family Resources Survey, a survey of around 25,000 households in the United Kingdom that asks detailed questions about income from a range of sources.

6.

SIGNUM: 330

COLLATION: CAMERON

TITLE: The economics of hate

AUTHOR: Cameron, Samuel

PUBLISHER: Cheltenham : Edward Elgar, 2009. viii, 191 p.

ISBN: 978-1-84720-047-1

SUBJECT: <economy> <hate> <microeconomics>

SYNOPSIS: This book explores the application of economics to the subject of hate via such diverse topics as war, terrorism, road rage, witchcraft mania, marriage and divorce and bullying and harassment. As yet there is no overall economic approach to hate: Samuel Cameron pioneers this work using standard neo-classical economics concepts of the utility-maximizing consumer and the entrepreneur. He looks at emotions as a form of personal capital and hate as a form of 'negative social capital', and investigates the idea of a modular matrix of hatred as the appropriate means of examining the subject. The likely form and scope of future effects of hate on government policy are also discussed.

7.

SIGNUM: 339.9

COLLATION: DEVELOPMENT

TITLE: Development policy programme 2007 : towards a sustainable and just world community : government decision-in-principle 2007

AUTHOR: Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

PUBLISHER: Helsinki : Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, 2008. - 38 p.

SUBJECT: <development policy> <development assistance> <international cooperation> <Finland> <developing countries>

SYNOPSIS: Finland's development policy is formulated, planned and implemented by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in close cooperation with other ministries, non-governmental organisations (NGO), the private sector and Finnish society as a whole. The substance of the policy is guided by the Government's development policy programme.

8.

SIGNUM: IntOrg Miscellanies

COLLATION: EADI

TITLE: Annual report 2008 = Rapport Annuel 2008

AUTHOR: EADI

PUBLISHER: Bonn : European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes, [2009]. - 24 p.

SUBJECT: <annual reports> <development research> <Europe>

9.

SIGNUM: 641

COLLATION: FISCHER

TITLE: Biofuels and food security : this study was commissioned by the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and has been prepared by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

AUTHOR: Fisher, Gunther ... [et. al]

PUBLISHER: Vienna : The OPEC Fund for International Development, 2009. - 223 p.

SUBJECT: <biofuels> <food security> <sustainable agriculture>

SYNOPSIS: The current report on Biofuels and Food Security is timely as many developed and developing nations are setting biofuel targets and mandates. Biofuel policies intend to mitigate climate change, enhance energy security and to foster rural development. While the targets are set at national levels their implications go well beyond national boundaries. The results presented in this study highlight the need for coordinated policies and regulation to ensure that efforts made to address climate change and energy security challenges do not exacerbate the pressing problems of food insecurity and environmental degradation.

10.

SIGNUM: 36

COLLATION: FISMAN

TITLE: Economic gangsters : corruption, violence and the poverty of nations

AUTHOR: Fisman, Raymond ; Miguel, Edward

PUBLISHER: Princeton, New Jersey : Princeton University Press, 2008. - 240 p.

ISBN: 978-0-691-13454-3

SUBJECT: <economic development> <poverty> <corruption> <violence> <smuggling>
<economic aspects>

SYNOPSIS: In Economic Gangsters, Raymond Fisman and Edward Miguel take readers into the secretive, chaotic, and brutal worlds inhabited by these lawless and violent thugs. Join these two sleuthing economists as they follow the foreign aid money trail into the grasping hands of corrupt governments and shady underworld characters. Spend time with ingenious black marketeers as they game the international system. Follow the steep rise and fall of stock prices of companies with unseemly connections to Indonesia's former dictator. Fisman and Miguel use economics to get inside the heads of these gangsters, and propose solutions that can make a difference to the world's poor, including cash infusions to defuse violence in times of drought and steering the World Bank away from aid programs most susceptible to corruption.

11.

SIGNUM: IntOrg IMF

COLLATION: GOVERNMENT

TITLE: Government finance statistics : yearbook 2008

AUTHOR: IMF

PUBLISHER: Washington, D.C. : International Monetary Fund, 2008. - xxviii, 549 p.

SERIES: (ISSN 0250-7374 ; Vol. XXXII)

ISBN: 978-1-58906-755-4

SUBJECT: <statistics> <public sector statistics> <social statistics> <financial statistics>

SYNOPSIS: Detailed annual data for Fund member governments are supplied on revenue income by source (tax, lending, bonds, etc.), and expenditure by sector (defense, education, health, etc.) for all levels of government (national, state, local). Topics covered include deficit/surplus or total financing, revenues or grants, expenditures, lending minus repayments, domestic financing, foreign financing, domestic debt or total debt, and foreign debt. The Yearbook provides data on budgetary operations, extra-budgetary operations, social security, and consolidated financial operations of central governments. A section of the Government Finance Statistics Yearbook is devoted to a cross-country comparison of data.

12.

SIGNUM: 338.1

COLLATION: HAMILTON

TITLE: Wealth, welfare and sustainability : advances in measuring sustainable development

AUTHOR: Hamilton, Kirk ; Atkinson, Giles

PUBLISHER: Cheltenham : Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 2006. - xii, 201 p.

ISBN: 978-1-84844-175-0

SUBJECT: <sustainable development> <measurement> <wealth> <welfare>
<sustainability>

SYNOPSIS: This book presents fresh thinking and new results on the measurement of sustainable development. Economic theory suggests that there should be a link between future wellbeing and current wealth. This volume explores this linkage under a variety of headings - population growth, technological change in real wealth : this measure of net or 'genuine' saving is a key indicator of sustainable development. The methodological and empirical work is bolstered by tests of the predictive power of genuine saving in explaining future consumption and economic growth.

13.

SIGNUM: 620

COLLATION: HEADS

TITLE: Heads up! : early warning systems for climate, water- and weather-related hazards

AUTHOR: Glantz, Michael H. (ed)

PUBLISHER: Tokyo : UNU Press, 2009. - xvi, 195 p.

ISBN: 978-92-808-1169-8

SUBJECT: <climate changes> <forecasting> <environmental aspects> <environment>
<geographic information systems> <weather forecasting>

SYNOPSIS: The forces of nature can have deadly and damaging consequences for societies and ecosystems that stand in their path. Early warning systems offer one of the best defenses against the adverse effects of climate, water, weather and geologic hazards, although far too often this realization is made after disaster strikes. Heads Up! provides a useful review of early warning systems in operation today, while exploring a range of hazards including hurricanes, heat waves, floods, droughts, tsunami and volcanoes. With contributions from an international team of scientists, this practical handbook serves as a valuable contribution to our awareness and understanding of the role early warning systems play in disaster avoidance and reduction.

14.

SIGNUM: 339/382

COLLATION: HEYDON

TITLE: The rise of bilateralism : comparing American, European and Asian approaches to preferential trade agreements

AUTHOR: Heydon, Kenneth ; Woolcock, Stephen

PUBLISHER: Tokyo : UNU Press, 2009. - xiv, 318 p.

ISBN: 978-92-808-1162-9

SUBJECT: <traffic preferences> <FTA> <USA> <Europe> <Asia>

SYNOPSIS: As multilateral negotiations become increasingly complex and protracted, preferential trade agreements have become the centrepiece of trade diplomacy, pushing beyond tariffs into deep integration and beyond regionalism into a web of bilateral deals, raising concerns about coercion by bigger players. This study examines American, European and Asian approaches to preferential trade agreements and their effect on trade, investment and economic welfare. It draws on the rich field of theoretical works, but also fills a gap in the literature by examining in detail the actual substance of agreements negotiated and envisaged.

15.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: ITALY

TITLE: Italy : OECD economic surveys 2009 : 8

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009. - 146 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6483, volume 2009 : 8)

ISBN: 978-92-64-05435-6

SUBJECT: <Italy> <economic indicators> <financial system> <education> <regulatory reform> <fiscal policy>

SYNOPSIS: OECD's periodic review of Italy's economy. This edition finds Italy facing a sharp recession. After a general review of the impact of the crisis and potential for stimulus, it takes a closer look at the financial system, regulatory reform, and schools and opportunities for learning.

16.

SIGNUM: 631/633

COLLATION: NATURAL

TITLE: Natural resource tenure : a crucial aspect of poverty reduction and human rights

AUTHOR: Ghezae, Nighisty (ed)

PUBLISHER: Stockholm : Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, 2009.
- 158 p.

SERIES: (Sida studies, ISSN 1404-9562, no 23)

ISBN: 978-91-586-8143-9

SUBJECT: <land reform> <rural poverty> <developing countries> <natural resource tenure> <human rights>

SYNOPSIS: Sustainable poverty reduction requires access to natural resources. While natural resource tenure includes rights over land, it encompasses other natural resources as well. The property may be farm land, grazing land, forest land, a river, a fishery, wildlife or some other resource, including minerals. Each of these resources possesses particular physical qualities and technical constraints concerning their use, yet they fit into an integrated ecosystem. The key message of this study is that secure access to tenure for the poor is essential to poverty reduction and the realisation of human rights, as well as to sustainable environment and climate.

17.

SIGNUM: IntOrg Miscellanies

COLLATION: NORAD

TITLE: Annual report 2008 : Evaluation of Norwegian development cooperation

AUTHOR: NORAD

PUBLISHER: Oslo : Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation NORAD, 2009. - 32 p.

ISBN: 978-82-7548-384-1

SUBJECT: <Norway> <annual reports> <development assistance> <development cooperation>

18.

SIGNUM: IntOrg Miscellanies SER

COLLATION: OFID

TITLE: Annual report 2008

AUTHOR: OPEC Fund for International Development

PUBLISHER: Vienna : OFID The OPEC Fund for International Development, [2009]. - 136 p.

SUBJECT: <development finance> <financial institutions> <OPEC> <developing countries> <development> <financial assistance>
<private sector> <public sector> <loans> <development projects>

19.

SIGNUM: Self Learning Resource Centre

COLLATION: ORNA

TITLE: Managing information for research : practical help in researching, writing and designing dissertations

AUTHOR: Orna, Elizabeth ; Stevens, Graham

PUBLISHER: Berkshire : Open University Press, 2009. - 271 p.

SERIES: 2nd edition

ISBN: 978-0-33-522142-4

SUBJECT: <research> <information management> <dissertation> <self-help> <guide> <writing>

SYNOPSIS: A book for researchers which addresses the problems and anxieties they themselves define as most important:

*Transforming the knowledge gained during research into written form

*Managing time

*Organizing the information they collect and create

*Transforming information from written sources into usable knowledge

*Coping with feelings of isolation and loss of confidence

Strangely enough, these problems have not so far been the main focus of any text designed to help researchers. This book makes up for the omission: it is based on experience - the experience of the author in working with students who are tackling research for the first time, and that of students themselves - and it presents the experience by way of examples from real projects. Readers have the opportunity of answering questions about their own research, and on the basis of their answers they are helped in making decisions that will help them to cope successfully with the key problems, and to deliver an end product that does justice to their efforts.

20.

SIGNUM: 338(5) Asia / South

COLLATION: OUR

TITLE: Our future, our responsibility : road map towards a poverty free South Asia

AUTHOR: SAARC Secretariat

PUBLISHER: Kathmandu : SAARC Secretariat, 2003. - 112 p.

SUBJECT: <South Asia> <poverty> <poverty alleviation>

21.

SIGNUM: IntOrg UN ECLAC

COLLATION: PRELIMINARY

TITLE: Preliminary overview of the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean 2008

AUTHOR: ECLAC

PUBLISHER: Santiago, Chile : United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2008. - 172 p.

SERIES: (ISSN 1014-7802)

ISBN: 978-91-1-121684-4

SUBJECT: <ECLAC> <Latin America> <Caribbean region> <economic development>

SYNOPSIS: With annual economic growth for Latin America and the Caribbean being projected at 4.6%

22.

SIGNUM: 338(5) Asia / South

COLLATION: REGIONAL

TITLE: Regional poverty profile 2004 : changing face of poverty in South Asia

AUTHOR: SAARC Secretariat

PUBLISHER: Kathmandu : SAARC Secretariat, 2004. - 182 p.

SUBJECT: <South Asia> <poverty> <poverty alleviation>

SYNOPSIS: This report focuses on the analysis of recent trends, depth and incidence of poverty, covering both income and non-income dimensions. The report seeks to capture multi-dimensionality of poverty in the region with facts and figures.

23.

SIGNUM: 620

COLLATION: RETHINKING

TITLE: Rethinking development in a carbon-constrained world : development cooperation and climate change

AUTHOR: Palosuo, Eija (ed)

PUBLISHER: Helsinki : Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, 2009. - 208 p.

ISBN: 978-951-724-742-9

SUBJECT: <environment> <economic development> <sustainable development> <environmental policy> <climate change> <development cooperation>

SYNOPSIS: This book brings forward some challenges arising from the prevailing development paradigms in the context of climate change.

The authors, with background in academic institutions, UN organisations and NGOs, provide inputs both into the process leading to the Copenhagen Climate Conference, and for practical development work. For climate change negotiators and experts, the articles can help by setting policies in a wider context, with a view to finding practicable win-win-win solutions.

24.

SIGNUM: INTORG UNU/INWEH

COLLATION: SALE

TITLE: Stemming decline of the coastal ocean : rethinking environmental management : a policy briefs from the United Nations University, International Network on Water, Environment and Health

AUTHOR: Sale, P.F. ...[et.al.]

PUBLISHER: Ontario : United Nations University. International Network on Water, 2008. - 42 p.

ISBN: 978-92-808-6008-9

SUBJECT: <environment> <coastal ocean> <environmental management> <policy> <coastal management> <water resources>

SYNOPSIS: The coastal marine environment provides enormous value in fishery and other products and in ecosystem services including coastal protection, water purification, and appropriate locations for ports, harbors, urban centers, tourist destinations, and numerous recreational pursuits. Current management practices are ineffective and to continue them will endanger coastal economies and ecosystems that support over one half of the world's population. The trend for coastal marine ecosystems over recent decades has been for progressive decline in the face of growing human populations, growing demand for coastal marine resources, and growing use of the coastal environment. Now climate change is starting to add to the pressures on the coastal marine environment, further stressing ecosystems there. This document, briefly surveys the current state of the coastal ocean environment.

25.

SIGNUM: INTORG UNU/INWEH

COLLATION: SCHUSTER-WALLACE

TITLE: Safe water as the key to global health

AUTHOR: Schuster-Wallace, Corinne ... [et.al.]

PUBLISHER: Ontario : United Nations University. International Network on Water, 2008. - 28 p.

ISBN: 978-92-808-6010-0

SUBJECT: <environment> <safe water> <environmental management> <policy> <global health> <water management> <health management> <sanitation>

SYNOPSIS: Access to safe and affordable water is considered to be a basic human right, yet the universal reality does not reflect this principle. A lack of adequate capacity and financing, and national policies which often rely on unsustainable use of water resources, prevent effective and sustainable provision of safe water and sanitation.

26.

SIGNUM: 32

COLLATION: SIPRI

TITLE: SIPRI yearbook 2009 : armaments, disarmament and international security

AUTHOR: SIPRI

PUBLISHER: Oxford : Oxford University Press ; Stockholm : SIPRI, 2009. - xxiv, 594 p.

SERIES: (ISSN 0953-0282)

ISBN: 978-0-19-956606-8

SUBJECT: <international security> <conflict> <armed conflicts> <war> <peace-building>
<military expenditures> <biological weapons> <chemical weapons>

SYNOPSIS: The 40th edition of the SIPRI Yearbook include coverages of developments during 2008 in

*major armed conflicts

*multilateral peace operations

*military expenditure

*arms production

*international arms transfers

*world nuclear forces and fissile material stocks

*nuclear arms control and non-proliferation *reducing security threats from chemical and biological materials*conventional arms control *controls on security-related

international transfers*multilateral arms embargoes as well as special studies on*mass displacement caused by conflicts and one-sided violence*one-sided violence against

civilians*the legitimacy of peace operations*security and politics in Afghanistan*US and Iraqi military spending*arms transfers to Sri Lanka *the adoption of the Cluster Munitions

Convention*defence trade cooperation agreements

SIPRI Yearbook 2009 also has extensive annexes on arms control and disarmament agreements and international security cooperation bodies, and a chronology of events during 2008 in the area of security and arms control.

27.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: SLOVENIA

TITLE: Slovenia : OECD economic surveys 2009 : 7

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009. - 155 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2009 : 7)

ISBN: 978-92-64-03078-7

SUBJECT: <Slovenia> <economic indicators> <sustainable growth> <business environment> <public finance> <labour market>

SYNOPSIS: This 2009 edition of OECD's periodic survey of Slovenia's economy includes chapters discussing restoring a sustainable growth path within the Monetary Union, restoring public finances on a sustainable path and improving efficiency, improving the functioning of the labour market, and enhancing the business environment to foster productivity growth.

28.

SIGNUM: 338(4) Europe / Western & Southern Europe

COLLATION: UNITED KINGDOM

TITLE: United Kingdom : OECD economic surveys 2009 : 9

AUTHOR: OECD

PUBLISHER: Paris : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009. - 142 p.

SERIES: (OECD economic surveys, ISSN 0376-6438, volume 2009 : 9)

ISBN: 978-92-64-05437-0

SUBJECT: <United Kingdom> <economic indicators> <public finance> <health care> <bank regulations>

SYNOPSIS: The 2009 edition of OECD's periodic review of the UK economy. This edition focuses on policies to overcome the crisis and includes chapters on restoring sound public finances, an economic health check of the NHS, financial stability, and structural policies to promote sustainable long-term growth.

29.

SIGNUM: 332

COLLATION: VAN DIJK

TITLE: Managing cities in developing countries : the theory and practise of urban management

AUTHOR: van Dijk, Meine Pieter

PUBLISHER: Cheltenham : Edward Elgar, 2006. - xx, 212 p.

ISBN: 978-1-84720-775-3

SUBJECT: <urban development> <urban management> <envrionment> <Ethiopia> <The Netherlands> <India> <China> <economy>

SYNOPSIS: This book is the first systematic treatment of urban management issues in developing countries. It brings together different theoretical approaches and practical experiences in order to study the economic and financial aspects of urban management. The author argues that urban managers have to make their cities more competitive via the new opportunities provided by decentralization, and suggests that the formulation of a development strategy and the use of elements from new public management theory will improve urban governance and service delivery. Emphasis is also placed on the importance of involving different stakeholders and the role of modern information technology. The book ends with a review of some emerging new themes in urban management