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Sincerely,
ECA Library & Information Services (ISTD)

Free Database Trials for March 2012

IISS Armed Conflict Database (ACD)
Trial site address:
http://acd.iiss.org/
ACD provides an interactive and user-friendly source of information on 70 armed conflicts including terrorism, refugees/ and returnees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), weapons used, fatalities, historical backgrounds, annual updates and timelines. Users can generate reports and download data as well as browse through year-by-year analyses and fact sheets online. Please contact the Library for username & password if IP access fails.
Ends: March 31 2012

Oxford Dictionaries Pro
Trial site address:
http://english.oxforddictionaries.com/
Up-to-date online dictionaries, thesauruses, and language reference content based on the largest language research programme in the world. Includes searchable complete versions of New Hart’s Rules, Pocket Fowler’s Modern English Usage, and Garner’s Modern American Usage. Specialist dictionaries for writers and editors include New Oxford Dictionary for Writers and Editors, and Garner’s Dictionary of Legal Usage. Please contact the Library for username & password if IP access fails.
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10 Full-Text Peer Reviewed Articles


Women’s rank modifies the relationship between household and women’s food insecurity in complex households in northern Burkina Faso / Siméon Nanama, Edward A. Frongillo, Food Policy, Volume 37, Issue 3, June 2012, DOI: 10.1016/j.foodpol.2012.02.006


STAFF CORNER:
Dr. Siope ‘Ofa’s new publication & a new Library staff member

Telecommunications Regulatory Reform in Small Island Developing States: The Impact of the WTO’s Telecommunications Commitment

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This book adopts an approach of ‘mixed-method research’ with an in-depth qualitative comparative case study analysis triangulated by a quantitative statistical analysis. In particular, the book attempts to capture Small Island Developing States control variables in its empirical analysis, often omitted from telecommunications empirical studies due to limited data.

Based on the smallest and most isolated small island states in the World, the research’s comparative case study analysis was conducted in five Pacific Island States (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu). The book documents the early account of domestic telecommunications policies in Pacific Island case studies deemed useful for future research. In addition, the book proposes concrete policy insights to Small Island Developing State governments, telecommunications operators, academics and relevant international institutions.

The book attempts to link three different strands of academic literatures – namely ‘islandness’, ‘telecommunications policy reform’ and ‘international trade agreements (WTO)’ – through analyzing the political economy of telecommunications reform in an island economy context and the role of the fixed-rules of the World Trade Organization on the credibility of telecommunications reform.

Dr. Siope Yakataki ‘Ofa was Senior Trade Officer in the Trade Policy Unit, Commerce Division of the Ministry of Labour, Commerce and Industries, Government of Tonga from 1999 until 2006. During this period, Dr. ‘Ofa was also attached to the Permanent Delegation of the Pacific Islands to the WTO (2005), and the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) of the World Trade Organization (2006) in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. ‘Ofa is currently serving in the Trade and International Negotiation Section, Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

New Library Staff Member

Please stop by the Library’s first floor reference desk and extend a warm welcome to our new UNECA staff member, Ermias Wondie. Ermias comes to us after many years of experience as a librarian at the Ethiopia Civil Service University, where he focused on information systems and library database administration. He looks forward to adding his IT expertise to the library team, helping to manage the serials and e-resources, as well as the library’s online catalogue and integrated management system. Initially, however, Ermias’ knowledge will be shared with the Commission-wide Archives & Records Management System (ARMS) project, where he will support in the implementation of a new electronic archives management system for UNECA.

When asked what he would like to accomplish professionally in the next year, Mr. Wondie shared that “while there are many things to accomplish, I would like to address three important issues: implantation of ARMS, implementation of a new library management system, as this is the backbone of a library and enhances our efficiency and effectiveness, and to assist in reference services and work strongly to satisfy our users’ needs.”

Our Mission:
The mission of the ECA Library, as a central catalyst for organizational effectiveness, is to continuously enrich and add value to the Commission’s knowledge ecosystem, by providing reliable access to high quality resources and services to staff members and other stakeholders, wherever they may be.

Our Vision:
To establish, maintain and operate a regional, modern, “state-of-the-art, automated” library and documentation centre. The centre will be dynamic, flexible and more service oriented in providing access to information and will strive to meet the information needs to ECA staff as well as the research community in Africa.

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