



American Information Resource Centers Pakistan Newsletter — December 2008

AIRC ISLAMABAD FAMILIARIZES THE PARLIAMENTARIANS TO THE “ONLINE SOCIAL NETWORKING APPLICATIONS”

Islamabad - December 24, 2008 - American Information Resource Center (AIRC) organized a training program on “Social Network Applications” for 10 members of the National Assembly of Pakistan at the Parliamentarians’ Resource Center. The legislative members learned about Blog, Facebook, and YouTube and their applications to interact with voters and the youth in their communities and constituencies. AIRC staff showed them Facebook profiles of the presidential candidates. Pakistani legislatures particularly showed interest in social network launched by US President-elect Barack Obama during his campaign for elections 2008.



JUDGE EVAN WALLACH HIGHLIGHTS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WORLDWIDE

Islamabad - December 16, 2008 - To celebrate the 60 years of human rights, the AIRC Islamabad organized a speaker program on “Human Rights” at Lincoln Reading Lounge. Judge Evan Wallach, United States Court of International Trade talked about the legal aspects of the human rights. He underlined the significance of human liberties and freedoms in the world and particularly in the U.S. Other speaker, Mr. Majid Bashir, President, Pak-U.S. Alumni Association, emphasized the significance of human rights, especially in the developing world and its legal implications worldwide. The audience consisted of members of the Islamabad Bar and students from few local Law colleges.

LINCOLN CORNER ISLAMABAD MARKS THE “HUMAN RIGHTS DAY”

Islamabad - December 22-23, 2008 - Lincoln Corner (LC) arranged two Internet search workshops on “Human Rights” for the male and female students of International Islamic University. The Coordinator Mr. Sajid Mirza shared information on books, magazines, videos, and databases accessible at the Lincoln Corner. Mr. Sajid showed students U.S. government and academic websites on human rights. His presentation also included webpage of America.gov on “Human Rights.”



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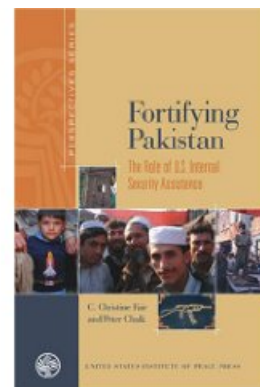
We often read or hear about turmoil before, during, or after elections around the world. An important characteristic of democracy in the United States, however, is the regularly recurring peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next. Americans know when the next presidential election will take place – the Tuesday after the first Monday in November every four years. And power will be transferred to the newly elected (or re-elected) president on January 20 of the following year.

NEW ARRIVALS @ AIRC ISLAMABAD

NEW BOOKS

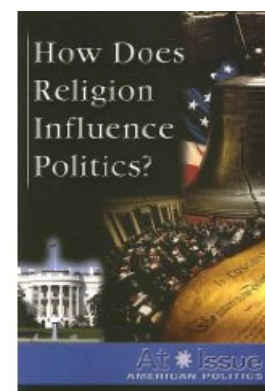
FORTIFYING PAKISTAN: The Role of U.S. Internal Security Assistance
by C. Christine Fair and Peter Chalk
United States Institute of Peace, (Paperback - April 17, 2007)

In this volume, the authors offer a comprehensive examination of Pakistan's internal security environment and the effectiveness of its criminal justice structures and assess the impact and utility of the principal United States initiatives to help Pakistan strengthen its internal security. They raise some difficult questions about present U.S. government assistance to President Musharraf and the army; while instrumental in the short-term Global War on Terror (GWOT), will US assistance seriously impede the long-term prospects for peace and prosperity in Pakistan? Supported by truly impressive fieldwork, this timely and detailed book offers a blunt but objective study that is sure to be widely read and hotly debated by analysts, intelligence personnel, and policymakers in both the United States and Pakistan.



How Does Religion Influence Politics?
By James D. Torr
Thomson Gale, (Paperback - Jan 6, 2006)

"Greenhaven's anthologies provide pertinent, original source material for researchers who are interested in varied perspectives on controversial topics. Most middle and high school libraries have books in their collections that deal with these issues, but few do so in such a clearly differentiated, balanced manner. "This series on current issues provides full-length articles that offer a range of opinions of various controversial topics. The variety of opinions presented, along with the references provided, will help readers get a sense of the various aspects of the issue and encourage critical thinking.



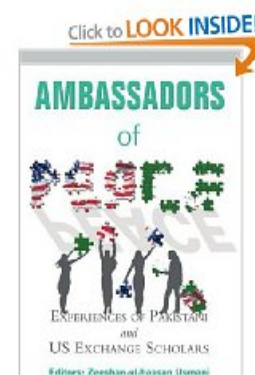
THE NEW PUBLIC DIPLOMACY: Soft Power in International Relations
By Jan Melissen, Donna Lee, and Paul Sharp
Palgrave, (Paperback - Oct 2, 2007)

Public Speaking: Strategies for Success proposes that at all stages of the public speaking process, people should learn how to develop and apply strategies to speaking situations they encounter throughout their lives. David Zarefsky, one of today's leading scholars in speech communication, encourages the reader to think through and about the public speaking process. Zarefsky urges the reader to consider the diversity of audiences, occasions, and speakers and to choose a specific purpose, a relevant topic, and the appropriate material to make their speeches successful.



Ambassadors of Peace: Experiences of Pakistani and U.S. Exchange Scholars
By Zeeshan-ul-hassan Usmani and Saadia Hassan
iUniverse, (Paperback - Feb 13, 2007)

"Ambassadors for Peace represents an important contribution at a time when cross-cultural understanding and exchange is imperative. The exchange fellows from Pakistan and the United States who share their experiences and impressions help to fulfill the vision of Senator Fulbright to build peace by investing in international exchange and understanding among students and scholars." "More than a glimpse into the lives of these shining scholars, it is a wonderful testament to their strive for mutual understanding and harmony. Simply a compelling read" The production of this book was partially sponsored by the Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology.
www.FulbrightAcademy.org



NEW VIDEOS

NOTE: AIRC has acquired more than 140 America's most inspiring movies. Each feature film honors a different aspect of excellence in American film. This collection of feature films also contains best award winning movies. For further information, please contact AIRC.

ALL THE KING'S MEN

**Starring: Sean Penn, Jude Law Director: Steven Zaillian
(DVD – December 2006), 128 minutes**

The special features that accompany All the King's Men further demonstrate the film's in-production status as a potential classic. While the "making of" featurette is perfunctory at best, the other featurettes are definitely worthwhile despite Sean Penn's conspicuous absence. In "Shake Hands with the Devil," the film's cast, producer, and writer-director Steven Zaillian discuss the timeless theme of political corruption; "An American Classic" is a concise profile of Robert Penn Warren, paying tribute to the poet and author's literary achievements; and "The Legend and Lore of Huey Long" examines the life and legacy of the still-beloved governor who won the hearts of working-class Louisianans while falling prey to his own ambition. "LA Confidential" is a brief featurette about the film's use of authentic Louisiana locations and the positive effect they had on cast and crew; three deleted scenes were obviously cut from the film for purposes of time, yet offer ample proof of Zaillian's established skill as one of Hollywood's top screenwriters; and the alternate ending extends beyond the film's final shot, with a funeral scene that serves as a melancholy (and ultimately unnecessary) coda to the film's Greek-tragic drama.

**MAKING THE MESSAGE: The Fight for the Presidency
Films.com, DVD, 88 minutes, 2004**

What does it take to win the White House? Produced by award-winning filmmaker Theodore Bogosian, this unprecedented behind-the-scenes account of the 2004 Republican and Democratic national conventions examines how candidates build their platforms and generate momentum. Interviewees include the convention chairmen, campaign strategists, members of special interest groups, and New York Times staffers such as columnists Maureen Dowd and David Brooks, chief political correspondent Adam Nagourney, political reporter Jim Rutenberg, and chief correspondent R. W. Apple, Jr.

**RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD
Schlessinger, 6 Vol. Set, DVDs, 2004**

Narrated by Academy Award winner Ben Kingsley, Religions of the World offers insights into the striking similarities and vast differences among the world's major religions as well as the unique perspective of its many individual cultures. Each episode presents a fresh look at the history of our world through the eyes of religion as well as an in-depth look at religion's role in creating cultural diversity.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD
History Channel, DVD, 100 minutes.**

Orlando's Walt Disney World is not only the most visited theme park in the world it's also the most technologically advanced. From a network of underground tunnels connecting the various regions of the park to the space-age propulsion technology called linear synchronous motors Disney has been at the leading edge of theme park technology since it invented the theme park with the opening of Disneyland in 1954. Soaring castles sleek monorails life-like animatronics Modern Marvels: Walt Disney World takes viewers on a behind-the-scenes tour of the ingenious technology and incredible engineering feats that went into building the 27000 acre complex.

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