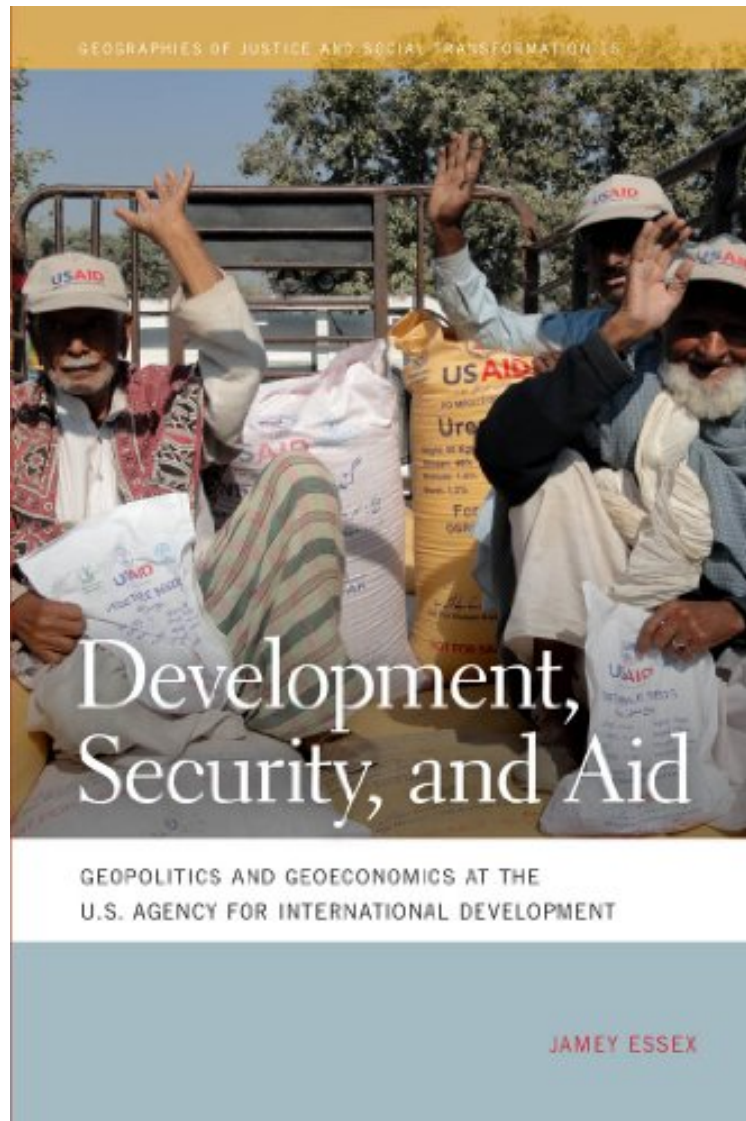


[Mobile pdf] Development, Security, and Aid: Geopolitics and Geoeconomics at the U.S. Agency for International Development (Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation)

Development, Security, and Aid: Geopolitics and Geoeconomics at the U.S. Agency for International Development (Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation)

Jamey Essex

**Download PDF | ePub | DOC | audiobook | ebooks*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#1138631 in eBooks 2013-03-01 2013-06-10 File Name: B00DBDRTT8 | File size: 39.Mb

Jamey Essex : Development, Security, and Aid: Geopolitics and Geoeconomics at the U.S. Agency for International Development (Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Development, Security, and Aid: Geopolitics and Geoeconomics at the U.S. Agency for International Development (Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Insightful study of USAID By P. S. Bose Outstanding book, gives a fantastic insight both historically and in the present day into the development of USAID, some of the internal wrangling with other branches of the US government and the transformations it has undertaken in recent years. Well-written and with some compelling arguments about the overlaps and contradictions of geopolitical and geoeconomic imperatives that drive USAID.

In *Development, Security, and Aid* Jamey Essex offers a sophisticated study of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), examining the separate but intertwined discourses of geopolitics and geoeconomics. Geopolitics concentrates on territory, borders, and strategic political and military positioning within the international state system. Geoeconomics emphasizes economic power, growth, and connectedness within a global, and supposedly borderless, system. Both discourses have strongly influenced the strategies of USAID and the views of American policy makers, bureaucrats, and business leaders toward international development. Providing a unique geographical analysis of American development policy, Essex details USAID's establishment in 1961 and traces the agency's growth from the Cold War into an era of neoliberal globalization up to and beyond 9/11, the global war on terror, and the looming age of austerity. USAID promotes improvement for millions by providing emergency assistance and support for long-term economic and social development. Yet the agency's humanitarian efforts are strongly influenced, and often trumped, by its mandate to advance American foreign policies. As a site of, a strategy for, and an agent in the making of geopolitics and geoeconomics, USAID, Essex argues, has often struggled to reconcile its many institutional mandates and objectives. The agency has always occupied a precarious political position, one that is increasingly marked by the strong influence of military, corporate, and foreign-policy institutions in American development strategy.

Using the insights developed in recent work in critical geopolitics, this volume carefully reassesses the policy discourses and practical policies of USAID, showing how the larger canvass of geopolitics worked its way into American development funding and management. From the Marshall Plan through neoliberalism to contemporary concerns with fragile states, this very well-written volume traces the shifting geopolitical priorities of aid policy in its attempts to shape the world in line with American priorities. (Simon Dalby author of *Security and Environmental Change*) An incisive and fresh treatment of the politics of U.S. development assistance. Essex's bold and original analysis shows how USAID is caught up in broader questions of geopolitics and geoeconomics. Inspired by a critical geographical imagination, this marvelous book will be compelling reading for anyone who cares about development, international political economy, and U.S. foreign policy. (Susan Roberts University of Kentucky) About the Author JAMEY ESSEX is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Windsor.