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DETERRENCE: CNA maritime Asia project: workshop one: The Yellow and East China Seas, Michael McDevitt, Catherine Lea, Center for Naval Analyses (May 2012) [PDF, 3.1MB]

Vital Chinese interests and US security obligations to Taiwan, Korea, and Japan overlap in the South China and East China Sea/Yellow Seas as potential flashpoints of US-China conflict. Happily, the prospect of a China-Taiwan confrontation is remote.

- Joint operational access concept (JOAC), US Joint Chiefs of Staff, version 1.0 (17 January 2012) [PDF, 1.6MB]

- Pentagon's 'air-sea battle' plan explained. Finally, Sam LaGrone, Wired.com (6 August 2012)
- U.S. model for a future war fans tensions with China and inside Pentagon, Greg Jaffe, Washington Post (1 August 2012)

DPRK: Chef's redemption tells of a softening North Korea, Martin Fackler, New York Times (24 August 2012)

Japan and North Korea are holding the first direct talks in 4 years in likely signs of a rapprochement. Japanese chef going to and coming from North Korea may symbolize Japanese abduction issue. North and South Korea are discussing flood aid even as North Korea excoriates South Korea and the U.S. for their war games.

- Rewards await N. Korea for kidnap progress: Japan, Channel News Asia (24 August 2012)
- South's aid group crosses border to discuss flood aid with North, Yonhap News Agency, (24 August 2012)
- US-S.Korea war games prompt Pyongyang declaration: ready for final battle, RT.com, (26 August 2012)

ENERGY SECURITY: Satisfying India's thirst for power could be nation's biggest challenge, Simon Denyer and Rama Lakshmi, The Washington Post (23 August 2012)

Power shortages are common in the developing countries - from India to Nigeria, South Africa to China. They constrain growth, and perpetuate inequitable development. About a half of the developing country population has either no power or limited power. The UN Sustainable Energy for All initiative - dreaming of some one billion new household grid connections by 2030 at a cost of a trillion US dollars - has spluttered, another example of sustained fantasizing.

- Big stockpiles of coal in China signal a troubled economy, Leo Lewis, The London Times (2 July 2012)
- Is India's powerful neighbour getting it right? Sutirtho Patranobis, Hindustan Times (25 August 2012)
- Sustainable development is not possible without sustainable energy, UN Sustainable Energy for All

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NAPSNet Blog: Energy insecurity at the Bottom of the Pyramid

by Nikhil Desai – Energy Security Contributor *Between a third and a half of humanity either don't have the electrical grid or gas/heat pipelines, or can't rely on them. Though billed as the largest blackout in history…*

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: Tokyo, Pyongyang seek talks to increase leverage over Seoul, Kim Young-jin, Korea Times (16 August 2012)

While Japan, China and the ROK are caught in territorial disputes, the DPRK has met with multiple groups in the region. China pledged continued support for a DPRK economic zone. Iran and the DPRK met on the sidelines of the NAM summit and a Japanese civil group went to the DPRK to assess the state of Japanese nationals' remains, prompting some ROK analysts to fear that Japan and the DPRK may use this cooperation as leverage against Seoul.

- China, North Korea sign economic zone deal, Australia Network News (15 August 2012)
- North Korea and Japan to hold first talks in four years, The Telegraph (27 August 2012)
- North Korea's Kim Young-nam to attend Iran summit, BBC News (23 August 2012)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: The influence of multilevel governance systems on the development and implementation of climate adaptation practices within organizations in Australia, draft report, L.E. Bateset al., CSIRO (2012) [312 KB, PDF]

The majority of social research about climate change adaptation is focused on individual behavior with less emphasis on organizational readiness and response. However, organizations face considerable challenges in dealing with the anticipated impacts of climate change. Among these challenges is the need to develop appropriate plans that encompass broader issues of linked environmental, economic, societal and cultural sustainability.

- Adaptive capacity as a dynamic institutional process: conceptual perspectives and their application, Ralph Matthews and Robin Sydneysmith, Springer Publishing Company (2009) [122 KB, PDF]
- The governance of climate change adaptation in ten OECD countries: challenges and approaches, Anja Bauer, Judith Feichtinger and Reinhard Steurer, Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy (2011) [327 KB, PDF]

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY: Chaotic climate change and security, Maximilian Mayer, International Political Sociology 6 (8 June 2012)

The framing of climate change has turned into a highly nonlinear danger that threatens national security. Practices and materials have become entangled across professional and disciplinary contexts. The growing association of chaotic climate change encompasses climatologists, who challenge the mainstream ontology of climate; economists, who started to revisit their economic models; and strategic communities, which began to pick up nonlinear climate changes foregrounding national security.

- Climate change and the Syrian uprising, Shahrzad Mohtadi, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (16 August 2012)

- Issues of climate change, health and national security in expanding cities worldwide, J. C. R. Hunt, S. E. Belcher and Y. V. Timoshkina, in H. J. S. Fernando, Z. Klaić and J.L. McCulley (eds.) National Security and Human Health Implications of Climate Change, NATO Science for Peace and Security Series C: Environmental Security (2012)
- Theories and models of climate-security interaction: framework and application to a climate hot spot in North Africa, Jürgen Scheffran, P. Michael Link and Janpeter Schilling, in Scheffran, J. e t al (eds.), Climate change, human security and violent conflict, Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace, Volume 8, Part 2 (2012)

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