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Feature Articles

Demand and Supply in Democracy Promotion: The Danger of Civics Stagnation, by Richard A. Nuccio and Liza J. Prendergast

Although we do not believe that there is a “law of supply and demand” for democracy, in our view the democracy promotion pendulum has swung too far in the direction of the “supply” side of democracy—towards elections, parties, and government institutions—and too far from the “demand” side of democracy—including citizenship education and civil society strengthening. ... [read more »](#)

Voter Education Synergy - IFES Moldova, By Steven Gray

Synergy is a buzzword if there ever was one. In general, it refers to achieving a greater result by working with others versus working alone. In IFES projects around the World, we try to achieve synergy in building democratic institutions such as election commissions, civil society organizations, and local public authorities. For those of us in the field, we can feel synergy when a particular initiative is successful, when organizations we work with grow and prosper, and when elections we work on, are problem free. ... [read more »](#)

Nigeria's April Elections and Consolidation of Democracy by Jide Ojo

The success or otherwise of the coming fourth successive election under the Fourth Republic (1999 to date) in Nigeria depends largely on how actors and stakeholders decide to engage the political system. There is no gainsaying the fact that elections are a process and not an event. Hence, the way and manner operators and regulators of the electoral system play their assigned responsibilities will largely determine if the old order will give way to democratic consolidation or the status quo of flawed elections will abide... [read more »](#)

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New Questions Answered

Codes of conduct for the electoral proces : Jurado Nacional de Elecciones in Peru is considering developing a policy or a code of conduct for elections and they are now looking for the experiences of other EMBs related to this. The focus is thus on policies or codes of conduct (as opposed to international treaties, conventions, constitutions or laws) developed by EMBs for other stakeholders (as opposed to policies or codes of conduct developed by e.g. political parties or media or NGOs or others to guide their own actions) to guide the actions of several different stakeholders related to the electoral process (election day and beyond). ... [read more »](#)

Serial numbers on ballots The UK uses serial numbers on ballots, even with a connection to the voter's identity. Serial numbers in the form of bar codes, not linked to the voter's identity may also be present on ballots to facilitate the usage of ballot scanners. Are there other

examples of the usage of serial numbers on ballots? ... [read more »](#)

[Criteria for selection of Electoral Commissioners](#) Zimbabwe is advertising for Electoral Commissioners and the government has requested the ZESN (Zimbabwe Election Support Network) to come up with criteria for selection. What kind of selection criteria for Electoral Commissioners is used in your respective countries? ... [read more »](#)

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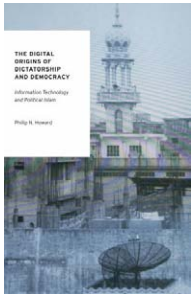
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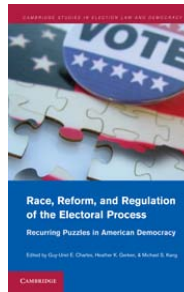
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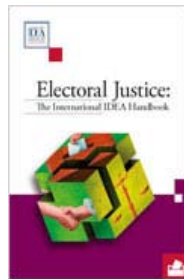
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Election Calendar

Niger Presidential (Second Round), March 12, 2011

Benin Presidential (First Round), March 13, 2011

Egypt Referendum March 19, 2011

Benin Presidential (Second Round), March 20, 2011

Haiti Presidential (Second Round), March 20, 2011

Nigeria Parliamentary, April 2, 2011

For the most recent election dates and information, visit www.electionguide.org

Events Calendar

March 9, 2011 | Washington, D.C.

[Tunisia: On the Path to Democratic and Economic Reform](#)

April 29, 2011 | Stanford University, United States

[Democratic Transition in Egypt](#)

May 5, 2011 | Danube University Krems, Austria

[The Conference for E-Democracy and Open Government 2011 \(CeDEM11\)](#)

June 20-21, 2011 | Washington, D.C.

[Women Building Democracy that Delivers](#)

July 23, 2011 | Nairobi, Kenya

[2011 APSA Africa Workshop: "Representation Reconsidered: Ethnic Politics and Africa's Governance Institutions in Comparative Perspective"](#)

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