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Graduate awarded Physician Fellowship



NOVEM-BER 22, 2016. Syed Mizan Siddiqi, having acquired distinction

as a Physician, was on June 27th 2016, awarded a Physician Fellowship of the **Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow**.

Fellowship of the College is offered to physicians and surgeons who, in the opinion of College, have made substantial contributions to their specialty, or who are senior members of the medical/surgical professions and whose published works and attainments are of such distinction, as to justify election.

Syed has completed a Doctorate program in Health Care Administration at **AIU**.



Book published by student



DECEMBER 13, 2016. Francis Akinyamojou, one of our students, published

a book titled: "Complexity Across Culture," and it is available in online book stores, such as Barnes and Nobles, Booktopia, Ebay, Amazon, as well as Lulu.

This is an overview of his work: "DEFINITION OF ETH-ICS - Cultural barriers across the globe and how they have jeopardized business, cordiality and rooted abnormal disasters. Ethical differences have become the talk of the day, since it is not easy for the whole world to have similar habits or culture"

Francis has completed a Master's program in Business Management at AIU.

Student won Gold and Bronze medals



NOVEMBER 29, 2016. One of our graduates, Pedro Antonio Queta, participated

in the International Trade
Fair of Ideas, Inventions and
New Products IENA 2016 in
Nurnberg, Germany and was
awarded two medals for his
outstanding performance,
one gold and one bronze.
The medals awarded were for
the invention/new product
of: Gold Medal- Anti-theft

system for cars and motorcycles. **Bronze Medal-** System to prevent accidents caused by sleep and fatigue. He was also granted a Special Award for "Contribution to Innovation in Electronic Achievements."

Pedro António Queta completed a Bachelor's program in Telecommunications at AIU.



New possition for graduate



DECEMBER
6, 2016.
The Ghana
Airports
Company
Limited has

appointed our AIU graduate,
Dr. John Okwesie Arthur,
as a Deputy Managing Director in Finance
& General Services. A
statement in Accra by
the Management of the
company and copied to

the Ghana News Agency said the appointments made by the Board of Directors has taken effect from November 1, 2016

Dr. John Okwesie Arthur has completed a Doctorate's program in Accounting at AIU.



You can read more about this on the following link: https://www.modernghana.com/news/732556/ghana-airportscompany-appoints-deputy-managing-directors.html

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Patrick Kurian Doctor of Education in Administrative Leadership October 17, 2016

66 The experience I gained through my studies at AIU enabled me to attain a comprehensive understanding about the various issues prevalent in the current educational system and improve my personal skills as a teacher/administrator. My research advanced my knowledge about the prominence of technology in education and allowed me to clearly comprehend the multiple government regulations that govern educational institutions. I hope to utilize these attained skills

and knowledge to bring about positive social and academic changes within my educational setting.

My academic endeavors

at AIU revealed the signifi-

cance of prevalent issues like bullying, dropouts, improper funding and lack of efficient teacher-student interactions that adversely affect the quality of our current educational system. Although the aforementioned issues cannot be fixed overnight, my research enabled me to adjust my personal and professional behavior and attitude to cope with these issues. The rising prominence of technology in education all over the world and its impact on student achievement and teaching methodologies have altered the entire academic environment and will continue to provide pros and cons for the future generation of students, teachers and parents. It is vital as an administrator to maximize the benefits of technology and manage its weaknesses to ensure that the education industry keeps up with the pace of change in technology. Finally, a thorough analysis of departmental laws and regulations governing my school district taught me about the various opportunities and limitations in my area.



Peter Bath Nyol Datuar Bachelor in Social Work October 24, 2016

Would have never known what AIU stands for and what it actually does to people around the globe if it hadn't been for a friend who encouraged me to register with them.

AIU has transformed my life and brought higher learning to my door without having to give up the job my family and I depend on for survival. This is a rare chance that those in need of education must use if they want to achieve their dream.

There are thousands of working class people out there who want to upgrade themselves academically, but fear losing their jobs if they go to traditional universities as there are very few institutions that encourage online learning in most parts of the world, especially in Africa. In my country, South Sudan, a lot of people go nowhere after finishing their secondary school levels because the culture of early marriage has been the state of affairs for decades, thus you can't leave behind your family with nothing to survive on as you go to college to earn a degree or diploma overseas or in an area far away from home.

In short, what makes AIU so unique is the fact that as a student, you do not need to spend years in order to complete your degree, rather, as long as you are committed to spending three hours a day reading and submitting an assignment at least once in a week, in a year time or two you will have accomplished your goal and achieved your dream.

While studying at AIU I read wonderful and life changing books written by scholars and professional scientists that touch all aspects of life way back to ancient civilizations, e.g. Fractal Time, How to Change the World and In Defense of Globalization. These books and many more have indeed empowered me with an

immeasurable knowledge I will own for the rest of my life.

I'm grateful to AIU academic staff especially my advisors for the relentless support they have given me during my tenure not forgetting the entire staff and leadership for their care and love, I'm happy and I say to you proudly that your support has not gone in vain. I will prove to my country and the world that what I learned is visible and shines at all time on everything I do. For without the scholarship accorded to me from the people of goodwill inspired by humanity irrespective of geographical constituencies, race or religion, paying this fare would have been daydreaming, and on behalf of my family and my own, I say to them, big thank you and I'm forever grateful for the helping hand you have extended to me.

Finally, I hereby recommend committed country men and woman to enroll and study at AIU, because students have the freedom to do their assignments at a time they feel is OK with their schedules, whether at home or at work—all you need is computer and a working internet if you are already good at operating a computer machine and the time to do that is now.

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How to search for niche markets

José Darío Dueñas Sánchez | Bachelor's in International Business



or centuries, in order to market the goods and services it was necessary to identify a priori the markets and fundamentally the niches of markets where we could have business opportunities, conceived by market research, to analyze the countries where we want to be in this way to visualize the existence of a niche market with possibilities to work with a good identification of the niche market we will be almost 100% sure of success. A niche market is based on a concept that allows us to constantly search for commercial opportunities, the object of locating, pointing out, punctuating, new markets in which there are needs that have not been taken care at the time almost always by the

ignorance of the existence or because they do not give them the attention due in the new markets.

For most market niches these are places indicated in a certain area or that there is a group of consumers with homogeneous habits and needs. Finding a niche market is to have the key to access virgin markets, through a marketing study finding in them excellent markets for their development and in that sense for us to grow in that market we need mechanisms of motivation to consumers via direct and indrect communication.

The methodology to locate the niche market is the serious and objective research to achieve the market in a certain segment allowing us to secure the ideal place, once found we

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must ensure it to position it.

The decision to seek new markets is the strategic planning of the entrepreneur who wants to expand its operations abroad.

The more specialized the good, the better the compensation, that is why the researcher must identify them before others do, the first comes easier to ensure success, market niches or better said small market segments that have not been covered is a significant growth potential where many companies aim to find them. Targeting smaller segments generally served by small companies with the following characteristics: few resources, small functional area, low cost strategies, reduced operating costs, attention to customers is very good, let's say personalized offering attractive prices.

The main thing is to know well the products that we are going to offer and the segment of customers that we are going to focus on, to satisfy their needs better than the other companies that usually sells to this segment of the market. The niche market is the difference between business competition,

A niche market is is a small market segment, the subset of the market on which a specific product is focused.



placing businesses in places not identified by competitors, the success of the winning company of which it is not, it is the difference of the assistance of niche markets for which innovate. High quality, special treatment and facilities offered to the client are the important points to take into account.

Looking for a niche market often represents a greater

differentiation of goods and services, companies must constantly reorganize in function of the market to continue growing and diversify their exports.

Rendering economic growth inclusive

through a workable national monitoring and evaluation system in the Democratic Republic of The Congo

By Oliver Mumbere Muhongya | Doctorate in Business Administration



INTRODUCTION Research Background

A number of worldwide renowned economists have acknowledged the paramount, or else unavoidable, importance of capital and labor inputs in the economic growth of nations. This is evident in the work of Harrod and Domar, Arthur Lewis

and W.W. Rostow. Referring to the past reality, Easterly argues that "development was a race between machines and motherhood."

Because of the interest this work places on the role of Institutional Governance through Monitoring and Evaluation systems, it goes without saying that this study is to be located in the sphere of scientific works which have demonstrated positive correlation between growth and institutions' quality (efficacy). Indeed, 'political and other institutional variables have quickly been at the centre of the analysis, and this for two reasons. On the one hand, the catching up deriving from

Solow's growth model was only partially observable in reality and, on the other hand, and it was not without link, capital accumulation could only account for part standards of living discrepancies among countries. This implied that other factors triggered or hindered productivity and economic growth. As last resort, they should be linked to institutions and national cultural context. The role of the State was once more at the forefront.'2

The neoclassical equation Q = A*f (K, L) is the starting point to demonstrate that growth depends on workforce and capital factors growth or that of productivity. Harrod and Domar limited their analysis to the effect of capital increase on economic growth while Solow went further demonstrating that growth is endogenous and that the residue "remains responsible for a great part of production growth..."3.

Much nearer to us, World Bank works insist on the importance of institutional reforms in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a beneficial element for it has an impact on the national economic growth. Checking and restoring the share of total factor productivity would be a decisive step in this little work to help understand the importance of monitoring and evaluation in the efficiency of the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Problem statement

Anyone who does not know where they are heading is likely to end their journey where they did not intend to go. This saying is true for one person and is even more so for a nation. The best way for a nation to know where it is heading is to have a plan or a development strategy. Once the strategy or development plan has been well set, it is

1 Borner Silvio et al : «L'efficience institutionnelle et ses déterminants, le rôle des facteurs politiques dans la croissance économique», OCDE, 2004, p.11 2 Borner Silvio et al, idem, p. 22 3 Borner Silvio et al, idem, p. 22

appropriate to continue to monitor its implementation to ensure it is on track. Such approach is likely to lead to the expected result. And for a modern nation, the expected result is not only the economic growth or increased wealth creation in the country but also fair share of this wealth among citizens. Such is often the role assigned to the monitoring and evaluation system, both at the projects and at higher macroeconomic policy levels. Thus, the Monitoring and Evaluation system serves to orient decision makers; to allow them to take right decision; to get back to good track; or simply to learn lessons from accomplishments. The Democratic Republic of Congo has experienced two types of plan for its five postindependence decades, namely, a national essence plan, as well as a plan pushed by multilateral external donors. Among the national essence plans include the Mobutu plan, the ten-year plan, and the 1980 Goal. The latter did not always boost the country's economy, or say economic growth as the designers had wished. This can be noticeable through the steadiness of chronological series of internal gross products of the Democratic Republic of Congo. This, I argue, results from the deficiency or absence

of effective monitoring and internal evaluation. Whereas, when sectorial development plans are set up with the support of donors like the World Bank since 2001 (PMURR, PPARSA...), we automatically noticed subsequent improvement in growth. As a matter of fact, all these plans are underpinned by Monitoring and Evaluation systems/units often staffed by Congolese experts. It can then be noticed that contrarily to Congolese plans, plans implemented by donors (with their financial support), plans set up by the donors (with their financial aid, of course) come to move the Congolese macroeconomic framework. Thus, we can say that the evil of Congolese plans lies at the heart of their designing.

The monitoring and evaluation system is to be located among the internal resorts that may explain the significant improvement in total productivity factors observed since 2001. Indeed, according to the neoclassical production function (at the basis of every economic growth), growth comprises three possible sources: labor input growth, growth of capital input and changes in total productivity of factors (TPF technology and efficiency improvements are seen as two of the main

reasons that TPF varies over time. The TPF includes several other factors influencing production growth, but that cannot be captured correctly by changes in the quantity of labor and capital inputs ⁴.

We depart from the hypothesis that the Monitoring and Evaluation systems of projects/programs that are being implemented in the Democratic Republic of Congo are not foreign to the improved growth which is observed in the Democratic Republic of Congo since 2001. Many

worldwide countries, especially English speaking ones, have adopted and implemented the National Monitoring and Evaluation Systems. These have contributed, if not accentuated, the socioeconomic development of their populations. Indeed, in recent years there has been an acceleration of capacity building in monitoring and evaluation in the world. According to Segone Marco et al, before 1997 only a

half-dozen national monitoring and evaluation organizations existed in industrialized countries. In 2002, they also mention, this figure rose to about thirty, most of which are located outside Western Europe and North America.⁵

Evidences are striking when comparing GDP levels of countries which have adopted the system of monitoring and evaluation and those still lagging far from this system.

4 Pulled from World Bank, http://siteresources.worldbank.org, downloaded on 19 March, 2014 5 Aminata Nathalie, DESS thesis, ISMEO-CESAG, 9eme promotion, November 2010, p. 1.







Often, in this area the private sector preceded the public sector in adopting this mode

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Congo Central Bank and the Jane Goodall Institute. Oliver wrote the book "Conducting baseline studies in post-conflict settings." of original governance. The same is happening with the Democratic Republic of the Congo where monitoring and evaluation systems are being imposed by foreign western Governments that are funding socioeconomic activities implemented by international NonGovernment entities.

It is realized, moreover, that Anglophone countries have excelled more in Africa than their Francophone neighbors. This raises a real problem in Francophone Africa in general and particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo of lack of "champions" or better leading personalities able to understand the justification

of this powerful planning and accountability tool for the management of limited national resources. As said above, and in the case of the DRC, the implementation of a unique monitoring and evaluation system is necessary given the existence of a Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper for the system of monitoring and evaluation (second generation PRSP) and of a host of monitoring and evaluation systems of sectorial development programs not harmonized with that of the PRSP. There follows a cacophony due to the existence of monitoring and evaluation systems in all government ministries but moving at different speeds often given the leniency of the donors.

If the Congolese Government unifies this management tool and makes it its own, public management will be more transparent and the nation will be strengthened by new resources hitherto obscured by the opacity of governance. Current effects of monitoring and evaluation systems set up by donors (in accordance with their domestic laws) seem sufficiently convincing.

Donors and partner countries are committed through the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness in 2005 to change the way technical cooperation has been conducted to accelerate progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Goals. Thus, donors and partner countries are committed to implement performance-based management frameworks. This presupposes an articulation of expected results around a results chain (logic model) and the inclusion of indicators to monitor results at each stage of the chain. For this system to function well, it must establish in advance a system for monitoring and evaluation of national level able to clarify the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders to

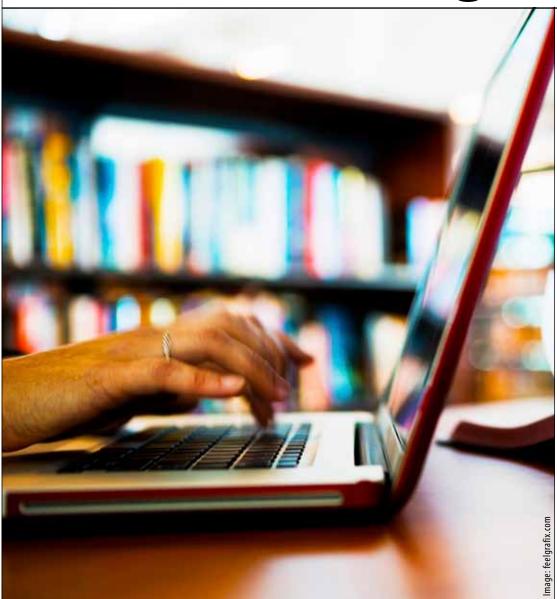
specific time intervals.

A good national Monitoring and Evaluation system has the advantage of impacting the supply of goods and services (as much as government action can push) but also of demand, particularly good quality distribution of goods and services. This allows eventually increasing the production of goods and services but also creating demand both solvent and demanding in terms of quality.

Yet the last three decades of the DRC have been strongly marked by wars which continue today. This situation which persists in the DRC makes of it one of the countries that have experienced a long post-conflict period. Thus, the analyses from this study will reflect the post-conflict carácter DRC, an aspect which bears much on this topic. Indeed such a vast country as the DRC can only have specific challenges. Also, next to the lackluster picture is found all huge and diverse wealth of the DRC. This legitimately raises the question of whether good governance is not the only missing puzzle item from the Congolese machine to restart quality production and this for the good of the majority of the Congolese people.

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Where are the great promises?



The development of sci-**L** ence seemed to promise the welfare of society and today we live in a world that we do not know where it is headed. What happens to us as a society, what happens to us with the governments we choose, with the educational system we have? What happens to us with all the progress we have made; everything seems to be headed for nonsense: there is no consequence between what we have achieved in what seem to be advances and the results that reason seems to say.

We are in a moment of history in which every day there is an event that seems to have no logical reason for its origin. We are waiting for the dawn of the new day wondering and today what will be.

The question is: what are we doing wrong so that the consequences are made in appearance unplanned?

Since 1996 the Report of the Task Force on the International Council on Distance Education, Standing Committee of Presidents, noted the changes in:



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- **1.** From objective knowledge to knowledge built.
- 2. From industrial society to the learning society. We all have to learn throughout our lives.
- **3.** From education in terms of instruction to methods of personal learning. The example is Finland; other cultures remain the same.
- **4.** The role of technology in the process of communication and knowledge.
- **5.** Of the modalities of the educational institutions from presence to digital.
- **6.** The change of illiteracy; now it is digital illiteracy.

Today, education should be promoted towards proactive skills and knowledge; a person must develop competences that include knowledge, skills and attitudes: he must develop his work independently within the structure



that has the company for which he provides his services also showing social and participatory skills.

Throughout history we have seen that science and technology in their creations have generated unpredictable consequences, but they could be controlled more easily. At present it seems we know more but the consequences of all technology and science can't be controlled; we need to understand technoscience in its social, cultural and environmental context. We have more science and

more technology but political, social and economic situations do not seem to have a path that leads to the wellbeing of world society. It seems that we do not know where we are going.

What is happening to us? What happens to us is:

We live with the media alienating all possible human beings for the consumer society.

2 To consume all the goods that are produced we have to work more than we can and are left out human relations in any of its manifestations.

The media in their social networks are used to transmit everything negative as a society and we live with a great tension that many psychologists advise parents to limit the use of children.

We do not have time to investigate the increasingly specific agreements made by politicians, the platform of the governments they propose.

With this way of living, with the model that the media propose for marketing, human beings live with great frustration and choose radical

positions both right and left, which will solve the feeling of defeated in which they live.

What the Science, Technology and Society (CTS) group proposes is a greater education on science and technology to remove society from passive consumption that we will be well informed in the world we are building.

For the above it is thought to do Liberal Arts Curricula believing that as well as the classic Trivium and Quadrivium, which were created to give greater knowledge and freedom, so now the study of what is science and the consequences of technology as we say, the multiplicitum in which science has become and we would have more knowledge of science and technology in terms of consequences.

This seems to turn into a vicious circle because what we need is education for all human beings and education throughout our lives.

We must make education the basis of every society.

We must study more and more the different ways human beings have to learn.

We must grant freedom to

educate human groups that can do it.

We must use more and more media to give useful information to the world community.

We must use social networks to show actions for the sake of other human beings.

We must give ourselves time to see for the governments we choose.

We must be more attentive to what minors learn.

We must guide human beings with fewer opportunities than we have.

Finally, it is up to all to create the world possible to live satisfied with the opportunities that a new society gives us with a different vision of what it is to be happy.

If each of us intends to do something in our sphere of life we can make a world different from what we seem to have today!

If we set out the previous objectives of insurance we will have a satisfied life awakening each day with the pleasure that there are other human beings who enjoy like us to be on the face of this beautiful Blue Planet.

Go ahead, we can!

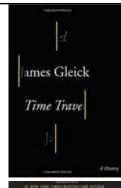
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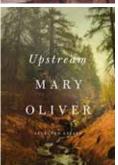
From loneliness to love to black holes, by way of Neil Gaiman, Caroline Paul, and Mary Oliver.



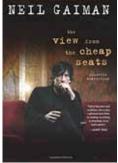
1 The Lonely City: Adventures in the Art of Being Alone Olivia Laing



4 Time Travel: **A** History
James Gleick



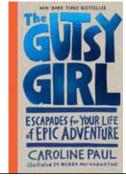
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HoneyBrains

A cafe from a neurologist dedicated to brain health.

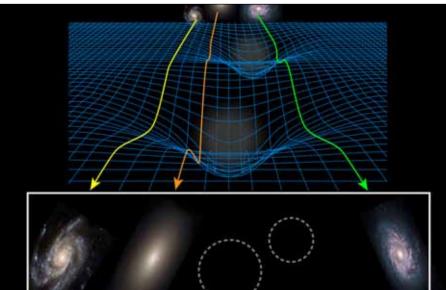
The owners of a new cafe in Noho. ■ New York, say they're serving food that improves brain wellness and a neurologist is on board to help create the menu. According to the website honeybrains.com, located at 372 Lafayette Street near Great Jones, "translates the most reliable, collective scientific knowledge about brain health —which is intimately related to body health— into enjoyable foods, drinks, and experiences." Owners and siblings Galit, Tomer, and Dr. Alon Seifan, who once worked as a profession in Cornell's neurology department, say the meals even help fight diseases like Alzheimer's.

Practically speaking, this means a health-focused menu that's now fairly common —think avocado toast, Mediterranean salad with hummus and quinoa, and a steak sandwich. It also has a section of "bowls and plates" and a "HoneyBar" serving raw honey. Find a full menu in the website. Besides offering food in the 35-seat cafe, the Seifan crew will host lectures on brain wellness, according to the NY Post.

HoneyBrains is not the first restaurant in New York to sell itself on its brains. The upscale Romera New York in the Meatpacking District peddled "neurogastronomy" from chef Dr. Miguel Sánchez Romera, who earned two Michelin stars in Spain while working at a restaurant and as a neurosurgeon. The ambitious, eccentric 12-course tasting menu was served with "ingredient-driven waters" instead of wine. But people didn't buy, and in 2012, it closed.

Source: ny.eater.com

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News about theory of gravity

Erik Verlinde's theory of gravity passes first test.

Brouwer (The Netherlands) has tested the new theory of theoretical physicist Erik Verlinde (University of Amsterdam) for the first time through the lensing effect of gravity. Brouwer and her team measured the distribution of gravity around more than 33,000 galaxies to put Verlinde's prediction to the test. She concludes that Verlinde's theory agrees well with the measured gravity distribution. The results have been accepted for publication in the British journal Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS).

The gravity of galaxies bends space, such that the light traveling through this space is bent, as through a lens. Background galaxies that are situated

far behind a foreground galaxy (the lens), thereby seem slightly distorted. This effect can be measured in order to determine the distribution of gravity around a foreground-galaxy. Astronomers have measured, however, that at distances up to a hundred times the radius of the galaxy, the force of gravity is much stronger than Einstein's theory of gravity predicts. The existing theory only works when invisible particles, the so-called dark matter, are added. Verlinde now claims that he not only explains the mechanism behind gravity with his alternative to Einstein's theory, but also the origin of the mysterious extra gravity.

Read full note: phys.org/news/2016-12-verlinde-theory-gravity.html#jCp

A very strong Bacteria

Bacteria isolated in a cave for 4 million years is resistant to 18 different antibiotics.

Living in in the Lechuguilla Cave, New Mexico, and having been isolated for around 4 million years, the newly discovered bacteria Paenibacillus has been found to be resistant to 18 types of antibiotics. These included drugs considered to be a "last resort"

when all others fail while fighting infections in patients. The researchers suggest that this shows the evolutionary pressure to keep the genes necessary to confer resistance to a bacteria has existed for millions of years, far before their use in modern medicine.

The researchers found that Paenibacillus demonstrated five novel ways to combat the antibiotics, which could be of interest. They suggest that in the fight against antibioticresistant bacteria in the clinical setting, more knowledge about how bacteria may be able to achieve it is invaluable. It could, for example, give other researchers time to develop new drugs to combat these

new avenues of resistance, years before they are ever seen in a hospital when it could prove fatal.

Read full note: www.iflscience.com/health-and-medicine/bacteria-isolated-in-a-cave-for-4-million-years-is-resistant-to-18-different-antibiotics/Image: Max Wisshak



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World map

A more accurate world map wins prestigious Japanese design award.

To design a map of the world is no easy task. Because maps represent the spherical Earth in 2D form, they cannot help but be distorted, which is why Greenland and Antarctica usually look far more gigantic than they really are, while Africa appears vastly smaller than its true size. The AuthaGraph World Map tries to correct these issues, showing the world closer to how it actually is in all its spherical glory.

Created by Hajime Narukawa at Keio University's Graduate School of Media and Governance in Tokyo, the design just won the grand prize from Japan's Good Design Award as Spoon & Tamago reports. It beat out over 1000 entries in a variety of categories.

The continents on the AuthaGraph are angled in a way that provides a more accurate representation of the distances between them.

AuthaGraph sells paper assembly kits where you can fold it from a sphere to a cone to a flat map, mimicking the way the projection itself is made.

Source: mentalfloss.com





Be healthier

...with minimal effort.

Lat fruit instead of candy. Candy is sweet because it contains processed sugar, usually high-fructose corn syrup. Fruit is sweet because it contains natural sugar, but it's still good for you because it's also rich in fiber, which helps you digest the sugar more slowly.

2 Learn how to cook. Cooking at home is linked to eating healthier.

Beat whole wheat bread. It is higher in fiber than regular white bread, and fiber fills you up and helps with digestion by slowing down the absorption of sugars.

4 Drink plenty of water. The benefits of staying hydrated are numerous, from keeping your body fluids balanced to having more energy.

5 Pick up the pace. One 2013 study of nearly 40,000 regular walkers found that slower walkers had a higher risk of dying than their more briskly paced peers.

Take the stairs. An easy way to tone leg muscles.

This multitasking activity can improve your balance, which is critical to your health, especially as you get older.

Wash and dry your hands regularly. Washing your hands with soap and water gets rids of germs and drying off prevents the spread of bacteria, and is one of the most effective ways to prevent infection.

Meditate for about 30 minutes a day. Research suggests that meditation can help you handle stress, improve memory and awareness, and lower blood pressure. One study found that people who meditated for 30 minutes a day, five days a week, for a month saw changes in a part of the brain involved in self-regulation.

Move your work desk near a window. A very small 2014 study found that people who worked in offices with windows did more physical activity and slept longer during the night than people in windowless offices.

Nourish those close relationships. A 75-year study by Harvard psychologists found that close relationships were the key to living happier, healthier lives. What's more, a lack of social connections could be as big a risk to your health as smoking, scientists say.

Read full text: www.independent. co.uk/life-style/22-ways-to-be-healthier-with-minimal-effort-a7481616.html

The doorway effect

Forgetting why you entered a room may reveal about the strengths and weaknesses of human memory.

Any action has to be levels if you are going to carry it out successfully. As we move through our days our attention shifts between these levels. The way our attention moves up and down the hierarchy of action is what allows us to carry out complex behaviours, stitching together a coherent plan over multiple moments, in multiple places or requiring multiple actions.

The Doorway Effect occurs when our attention moves between levels, and it reflects the reliance of our memories –even memories for what we were about to do– on

the environment we're in. Our memories, even for our goals, are embedded in webs of associations. That can be the physical environment in which we form them, which is why revisiting our childhood home can bring back a flood of previously forgotten memories, or it can be the mental environment of the set of things we were just thinking about when that thing popped into mind. The Doorway Effect occurs because we change both the physical and mental environments.

Read full article: www.bbc.com/future/ story/20160307-why-does-walkingthrough-doorways-make-us-forget



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Countries with the more protected areas

The World Bank ranked the globe's countries to see who has the most —and the least— amount of land designated as protected.

"Many species are slipping away before we can even describe them," says
IUCN Director General Inger Andersen. "This IUCN Red List update shows
that the scale of the global extinction
crisis may be even greater than we
thought. Governments gathered at the
UN biodiversity summit in Cancun
have the immense responsibility to
step up their efforts to protect our
planet's biodiversity."

The IUCN defines a protected area as: "A clearly defined geographical space, recognised, dedicated and managed,

through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values."

Countries with the most protected areas are: 1. Venezuela (53.9 percent of total land area) 2. Slovenia (53.6) 3. Monaco (53.4) 4. Bhutan (47.3) 5. Turks and Caicos Islands (44.4) 6. Liechtenstein (44.3) 7. Brunei Darussalam (44.1) 8. Seychelles (42.1) 9. Hong Kong (41.8) 10. Greenland (41.2)

Using data from The World Bank, the Telegraph recently mapped out the globe's protected areas.

Check the interactive map and read the full note by Melissa Breyer: www.care2.com/causes/10-countries-with-the-most-protected-areas.html

The Long Drop

An odorless composting toilet built with waste materials.

This eye-catching composting toilet called The Long Drop was built entirely from scavenged and waste materials. Invisible Studio Architects designed and built the project to serve their own studio in the UK, with the aim of reducing costs and mitigating any impact on the local drainage system.

The toilet features a system that eliminates foul odors thanks to a long drop from the main structure to the chamber. An exhaust fan draws air into the chamber. The chamber for solids can be easily swapped, leaving a full one to compost, while the empty one is in use.

The studio designed the project with minimal drawings, and built it with help from friends and neighbors using locally-sourced wood; they embraced the building's rough edges and "mistakes" as a healthy sign of improvisation.

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Biochar in Rwanda

Can biochar improve Rwandan agriculture? Aid for Africa endowed scholar wants to know.

In a village about an hour outside of Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, Jamie Fanous wanted to know if there was a simple way to improve Rwanda's agriculture for subsistence farmers. She had learned about biochar, which



converts agricultural waste into a loose charcoal substance that, when added to soil, is thought to provide soil nutrients, hold water, and boost food security. Fanous undertook her work in Rwanda with support from Aid for Africa and Tufts' Nutrition School.

Fanous worked on a demonstration farm in collaboration with the US-based Gardens for Health International (GHI) to undertake her research project. Through GHI, local women farmers receive seeds and attend workshops focused on farming techniques, health and nutrition. Amaranth, corn, and peppers, as well as fruit trees are distributed for planting in the women's home gardens.

Read full note: www.aidforafrica.org/blog/can-biochar-improve-rwandan-agricuture-aid-africa-endowed-scholar-wants-know/

Trade ban on pangolins

This ban was unanimously voted on at wildlife summit.

The pangolin is a species of animal f L native to Africa and Asia. and is an insect eating, nocturnal species that can also curl up into a ball to stave off the unwanted attention of predators. But for around 200 years, their scaly armor has not prevented them from being at the mercy of humanity, or from being the vicarious victims of deforestation and other human industry. Since the "Mad King" George III was presented with the crazy gift of a suit of pangolin armor in 1820, this animal has become the world's most trafficked species, with the Chinese and Malayan Pangolins listed as critically endangered. But animal protection outfits are fighting back

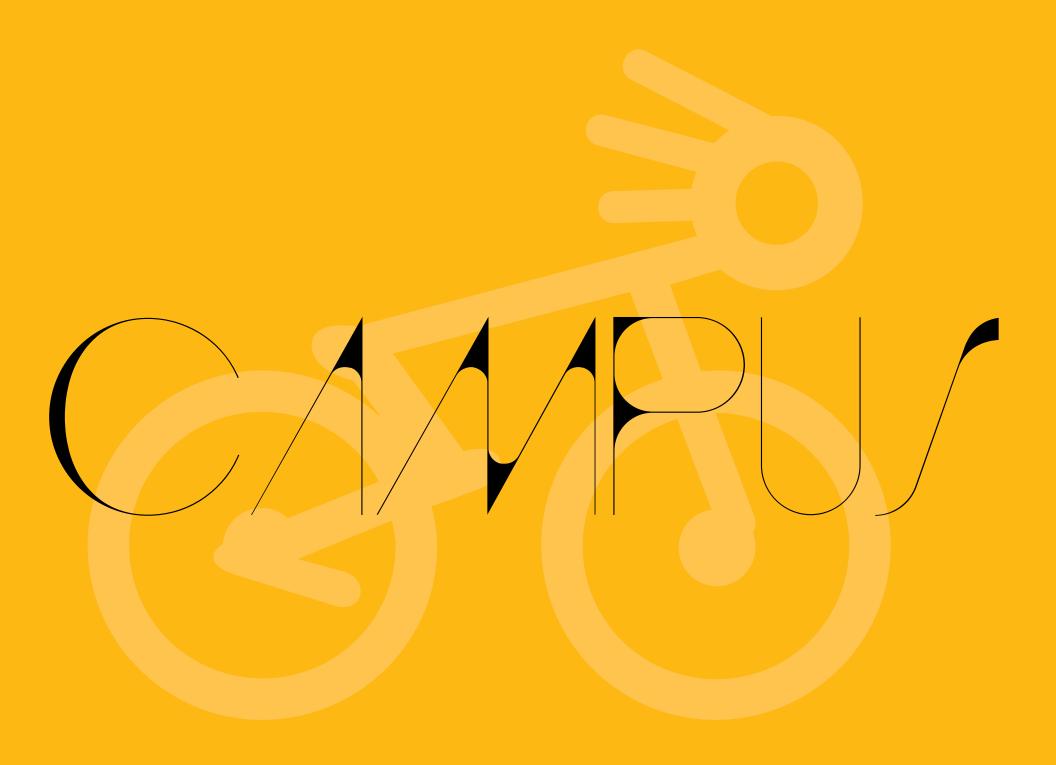
against this \$20 billion a year black market operation.

The 182 nations represented by the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) unanimously voted to totally ban international trade on all species of pangolin. The burrowing creatures are often hunted for bush meat, or their scales are sought after in more traditional medicines, which has sadly depleted their population. Hopefully this move will crack down on a trade responsible for 14 tons of frozen pangolins found from Indonesia and killed a million of them in the past decade. Watch video:

www.minds.com/blog/view/649365880387411984

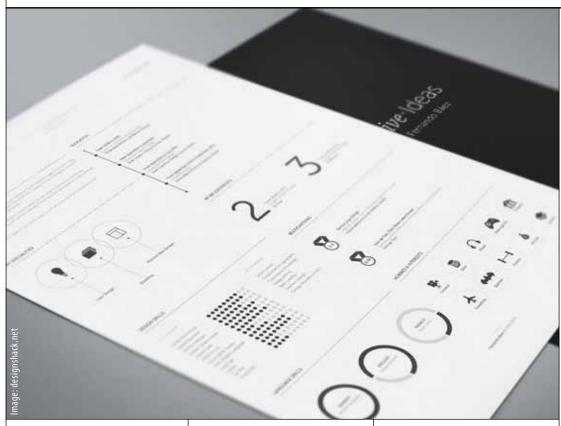


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Looking for a perfect résumé?

Tina Nicolai, a recruiter who has reviewed over 40,000 résumés, says these are the 5 most annoying mistakes she sees.



1 Sloppiness

"The biggest mistake job seekers make: They are sloppy.
They pay poor attention to detail. They are lazy!"

Nicolai says that she has seen too many résumés with typos, unprofessional fonts, outdated information, and irrelevant information.

2 Summaries that are too long

Summaries are annoying when they are written in a formal tone and include too many adjectives, she says.

"After a while, the summaries can read like a lengthy chapter in a book. It's better to list a few bullets with pointed achievements and a branded tag line stating, 'known for achieving XYZ."

3 Starting a bullet point with 'Responsible for'

"Candidates need to understand that starting a sentence with 'responsible for' tells the reader what the job requirements were supposed to be, but it does not state that the candidate actually performed the functions, Nicolai says, "it does not state that the candidate was successful in these functions. Take the extra few minutes to explain what you accomplished —not what you were expected to accomplish."

4 Too many buzzwords

Résumé jargon such as "outof-the-box," "team player," and "exceptional communicator" are "baseline expectations in today's market," **Nicolai** says. "A person who truly is a 'unique problem solver who works well in teams' will convey this succinctly and creatively on their résumé through a combination of few words and imagery."

5 Being too formal

Finally, she says that she finds overly formal résumés annoying because they're not engaging and don't allow the reader to get a good sense of the applicant's personality.

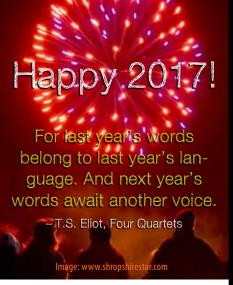
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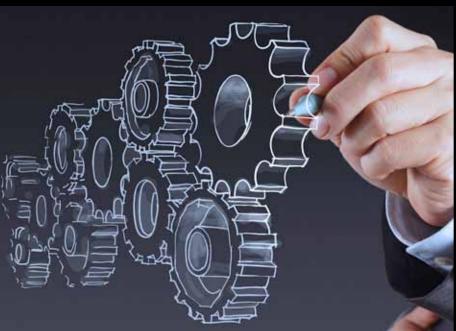
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IN A WORLD where knowledge and mostly information expire just like milk, we must reinvent university as a whole in which each student, as the key player, is UNIQUE within an intertwined environment.

This century's university must generate new knowledge bits although this may entail its separation from both the administrative bureaucracy and the faculty that evolve there as well.

AIU thinks that a university should be increasingly integrated into the "real world", society, the economy, and the holistic human being. As such, it should concentrate on its ultimate goal, which is the student, and get him/her deeply immersed into a daily praxis of paradigm shifts, along with the Internet and research, all these being presently accessible only to a small minority of the world community.

AIU students must accomplish their self-learning mission while conceptualizing it as the core of daily life values through the type of experiences that lead

to a human being's progress when information is converted into education.

The entire AIU family must think of the university as a setting that values diversity and talent in a way that trains mankind not only for the present but above all for a future that calls everyday for professionals who empower themselves in academic and professional areas highly in demand in our modern society.

We shall not forget that, at AIU, students are responsible for discovering their own talents and potential, which they must auto-develop in such a way that the whole finish product opens up as a flower that blossoms every year more openly.

THE AIU STANCE is against the idea of the campus as a getaway from day-to-day pressure since we believe reality is the best potential-enhancer ever; one truly learns through thinking, brainstorming ideas, which leads to new solutions, and ultimately the rebirth of a human being fully integrated in a sustainable world environment. Self-learning is actualized more from within than a top-down vantage point, that is to say, to influence instead of requesting, ideas more than power. We need to create a society where solidarity, culture, life, not political or economic rationalism and more than techno structures, are prioritized. In short, the characteristics of AIU students and alumni remain independence, creativity, self-confidence, and ability to take risk towards new endeavors. This is about people's worth based not on what they know but on what they do with what they know.

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