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In early 2005, IFES will launch www.Democracy-Direct.info, an online searchable database that will make the extensive collection of democracy-building materials in IFES' F. Clifton White Resource Center available to the public. Funded by the Wallis Foundation, this online library will bring the resources of the F. Clifton White Resource Center to democracy activists and professionals around the world.

PUBLICATIONS

BEYOND FREE AND FAIR: MONITORING ELECTIONS AND BUILDING DEMOCRACY

By Eric C. Bjornlund

Washington, D.C., & Baltimore: Woodrow Wilson Center Press & The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004.

Drawing on Bjornlund's experience in election monitoring and other development programs in more than 25 countries in over 25 years, *Beyond Free & Fair* evaluates the contribution of international and domestic elections monitoring to the promotion of democracy and democratic change. Bjornlund argues that democracy cannot be imposed through elections alone and that emerging democracies must "focus on the long-term



development of organizations, institutions and processes" beyond the short-term interests of the international community.

PROTECT OR NEGLECT? TOWARD A MORE EFFECTIVE UNITED NATIONS APPROACH TO THE PROTECTION OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

By Simon Bagshaw & Diane Paul

Washington, D.C.: The Brookings-SAIS Project on Internal Displacement and the United Nations, 2004.

In the course of this extensive study, its authors visited nine countries in 2003 to examine how the U.N. has been providing protection to internationally displaced persons and how it might make its response more effective. Bagshaw and Paul propose that the U.N. make the protection of civilians and the prevention of displacement "a core of its mandate."

CALLING ALL READERS...

democracy at large is a magazine produced by IFES designed for professionals interested in democracy development worldwide. The magazine aims to inform the debate about democracy aid and to foster dialogue between practitioners, scholars and grassroots stakeholders. In this way, we will bring the expertise of theorists and practitioners—Think Tanks and Do Tanks—together for the benefit of both groups as well as that of the public.

Let us know what you think about *democracy at large* and democracy building more broadly. What is working? What old thinking should be retired and what new ideas just might make things better? Did a Fieldwork author's experience run contrary to yours? Does a Thinking Out Loud writer's analysis ignore a crucial factor? Enter this important dialogue by sending your thoughts and critiques via "Letters to the Editor" to Editor-in-Chief, *democracy at large*, 1101 15th St., NW, Third Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005). Letters should run approximately 300 words, and only those writers whose letters are printed will be contacted by magazine staff.

THE EDITORS

UPCOMING EVENTS

AN END TO THE BEGINNING OF WAR: THE OSCE'S ROLE IN CONFLICT PREVENTION IN MACEDONIA AND KOSOVO

Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars.
P. Terrence Hopmann, Professor of Political Science, Brown University and 2004-2005 Wilson Center Fellow.

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGH LITERACY: THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 8:30–5:00 p.m.

International Reading Association, Hall of the States Building, Washington, D.C.
www.reading.org

This presentation will be a professional dialogue between IRA, its members and the international community based in Washington, D.C., on the role of professional development and literacy pedagogy in building socially cohesive environments. It will include representatives from donor organizations, foundations, the education community and international development agencies.

CONSTITUTIONALISM AND POLITICAL REFORM IN EGYPT

Wednesday, February 16, 2005, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Lindner Family Commons (602).
Nathan Brown, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Professor of International Affairs and Political Science, George Washington University.
Samer Shehata, Visiting Assistant Professor of Middle East and Arab Politics, Georgetown University.

WORKING TOWARD THE EU: BULGARIAN PROGRESS AND SERBIAN STRUGGLES

Thursday, February 17, 2005, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars.
John Lampe, Professor of History, University of Maryland-College Park.