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find a business-centric  
introduction to political  
risk that will familiarise  
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McKellar explores: the key  
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and suggestions for  
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*Equality, Diversity, and  
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The changes in Polish life,  
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development have been  
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change shows little sign of abating. Through twenty-five years of post-Communist transformation and ten years as a member of the European Union, some Polish cities, like Warsaw, Kraków, Poznan, and

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Wroclaw, have experienced an economic renaissance thanks largely to direct foreign investment, EU funds, and an influx of tourists. Much of the countryside, and cities like Łódź and Lublin, however, are



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shadows of their former selves. The mass emigration of Polish workers following European integration has had as significant an effect on Poland as it has on the destination countries, such as the UK.

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Despite a crisis of confidence in the country's direction, a swing toward political populism, and the tragic death of the Polish president in the Smolensk disaster of 2010, Poland is the only EU member

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not to have suffered economic contraction in the years following the 2007–08 global financial crisis. That Poland continues to develop in growth and influence is a testament to the legendary Polish resolve in

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trade, the Netherlands of today is still a prime economic hub of Europe. The Netherlands is also famous for its liberal attitudes, recently challenged by high levels of immigration, and is home to an intelligent,

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baking communion bread,  
buying popular Greek music,  
what to say (in Greek) on special  
occasions, and much more.

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trade but additional  
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investment and labor and  
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how countries (and hence, the people and firms that live and operate within them) transact, invest, work, and ultimately, develop. Trade and investment

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integration and to assess the content and consequences of DTAs. The Handbook and the accompanying database are the result of collaboration between

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and Development (OECD),  
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Development (UNCTAD),  
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Does your organization have a good or bad reputation, and who takes responsibility for it? Whether viewed as an intangible asset or

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potential liability,  
damage to reputation can  
be costly. In the  
private sector loss of  
investor confidence can  
dent corporate value; in  
the public sector loss

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of public trust can lead to political change. How can anyone protect reputation from damage? India is in transition. Since the publication of Culture Smart's first

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guide to India in 2003,  
it has been transformed  
from a developing, third-  
world country into the  
world's fastest growing  
economy. Today, a huge,  
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middle class is exporting technology, brains, and enterprise to the rest of the world. At the same time, young Indians educated abroad are returning



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home to take advantage  
of the new  
opportunities, bringing  
Western expectations and  
lifestyles with them.  
The impact of all this  
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modernity, and individualism on the timeless values and ancient caste structures of India is beginning to be felt well beyond the great cities, adding yet

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highlights the many subtle and not so subtle changes that are taking place in Indian society, describes and explains those areas of life where traditional

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offers original  
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years, the Chinese believed that they had created a perfect social system, based on Confucian values and tempered by the Mandate of Heaven. Dynasties

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came and went, but the essence of being Chinese remained essentially unchanged until the twentieth century. Since then, change has taken place in Chinese society



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at unprecedented speed,  
as the country first  
experienced the turmoil  
of civil war and  
revolution before  
emerging on to the world  
stage as a global

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genius, warmth, and

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beyond the gloss of the hotels  
and deep into the warp and weft  
of everyday life; beyond the  
game parks and into the  
intricacies of community and  
wildlife coexistence; beyond the  
bounds of tourism and into the



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silver-blue strand of the Indian Ocean, studded with flamingo-flecked lakes, swathed in rolling savannah, and embraced by the last of the primordial rain forests. Stunningly scenic, steeped in history, a sportsman's paradise,

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and a lover's idyll, for over a century Kenya was a playground for royalty, millionaires, aristocrats, and eccentrics. Today, thanks to its high-action pursuits, cultural treasures, wealth of wildlife, and glorious

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beach life, it remains one of the world's most popular tourist destinations, and the unrivaled "safari capital of the world." As to its people, Kenya is a cultural microcosm comprising more than seventy ethnic groups. Each has

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its own distinctive cultural identity, ranging from the red-cloaked hauteur of the Maasai to the heady coastal cocktail of the Swahili people. All extend the warmth of welcome that has proved to be Kenya's most

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valuable asset to tourism.

Savvy managers use contracts proactively to reach their business goals and minimize their risks. To succeed, these managers need a plan/framework and A Short

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than a thousand years old and the relatively new German nation-state encompasses an astonishing variety of cultural and regional differences.

German society is also in a state of flux, as people respond to

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immigration and a tough economic climate, and traditional attitudes such as formality and rigid protocol are softening as German business globalizes. Culture Smart! Germany sets out to show you how to be a good

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The historic growth in world trade, large container ships and information technology have triggered profound changes in international trade. A few years ago, customs officers at the border were meticulously

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checking goods and documents before releasing a shipment to the trader. A business could be confident that a shipment that had cleared customs complied with all applicable regulations. Today, to reduce congestion and

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give the trade quick access to their goods, customs have introduced risk management principles and a large number of shipments clear customs automatically. Controls have moved from the border to the

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trader's premises and it is during site visits that customs officers check the business compliance records. Moving from frontier checks to audit based controls has transferred a high level of responsibility and risk to the

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trader. It is now the duty of the trader to identify and report any error or irregularity and to keep an impeccable audit trail from initial quotation to receipt of payment. For the business, failing to provide satisfactory

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compliance records will result in delayed shipments and serious disruption in the supply chain. This will in turn impact on financial performance indicators such as Days in Inventory, Days Sales Outstanding and of course

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Cash Flow. The business will also have to endure in depth customs audits during which customs officers will inspect each step of the audit trail disrupting day-to-day business operation. Errors uncovered



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during these audits will yield heavy financial penalties and a customs debt. Ultimately, customs risk will impact on shareholders value. Customs and finance reporting should receive the same level of

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attention. However, if all companies check carefully their tax returns, only a few check their import or export declarations with the same scrutiny. Managing customs risk is often seen as a cost centre but

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it is also a source of competitive advantage. A sound customs management can reduce or remove

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and avoid faux pas.

Increasingly, top executives view supply markets as sources of competitive advantage and as means of achieving strategic objectives. Procurement is the management activity that

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makes this happen, and this process depends on a superior risk management capability if it is to be effective. Yet, despite its importance, Procurement Risk Management is surprisingly under-developed. Recent Global



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Risk surveys have pinpointed Supply Chain Vulnerability as one of the four key global risks for the next decade. What is less well known is that this is only half of the story ... risk exposures also exist inside the company

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and can be just as damaging. No company is an island; it needs suppliers as well as customers. Conventional wisdom puts great emphasis on managing certain aspects of business such as customers; operations;

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strategy and finances. Typically, however, much less regard is paid to external suppliers and the risks present in dealing with them. As a minimum, suppliers are the sources of materials, services and expert attention

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which enable the company to feed its business model. When done well, a risk-aware procurement process provides the bonus of competitive advantage, with the ability to capitalise, on the occurrence of

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fact, Denmark used to be referred to by its puritanical northern neighbors as "the loose woman to the south." This book gives an insider's perspective on Danish home, work, and social life, and on the Jantelov—the



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principles underpinning the traditional Scandinavian virtues of modesty, equality, and social cohesion, but which also warn against the dangers of individualism. This book offers many practical tips on travelers

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history, formed by migrating peoples who have left their footprint in its diverse cultures, languages, literature, food, dress, and folklore. The country is besieged by bad news, but despite the political turmoil the everyday

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life of its people is more stable, rich, and rewarding than the media headlines would lead you to believe. A myriad local festivals and celebrations and a vibrant cultural life go unremarked. Pakistan has the eighth-largest standing army in

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the world and is the only Muslim-majority nation to possess nuclear weapons, but few know that it is also the home of two unique schools of art. This complex nation consists of various ethnic groups, each with its own individual

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cultures and subcultures, but which are unified by the common values of hospitality, honor, and respect for elders. Pakistani society has extremes of wealth and poverty, and daily life for most people is full of difficulties, yet everyone knows

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different circumstances. This is an extraordinary country of enterprising, tough, and passionate people. Earn their trust and you will be rewarded many times over. Slovenia seems closer to Austria or Italy than to its Balkan neighbors.

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The richest of the Slavic nation-states, it has an entirely Western tradition, having belonged in the past to the Roman Empire, the Frankish kingdom, the Holy Roman Empire, the Republic of Venice, the Habsburg monarchy,



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and the First French Empire. After the Second World War it became part of the Republic of Yugoslavia, before declaring independence in 1991. This extraordinary cultural legacy is what sets Slovenia apart, matched by an amazingly varied

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topography packed into a small area. Traveling toward the coast, you see changes in the landscape and in the architecture. This reflects both the natural and the historical variety: the Venetians built their buildings one way, the

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Austrians another. Slovenia's natural beauty is astonishing. Legend relates that when God was allotting nature's bounty, he forgot Slovenia. His last-minute solution was to take bits of the best from other places: gorgeous Alpine

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ranges, the less craggy Pohorje mountains, the Pannonian plain stretching toward Hungary, hill after hill rolling southward into the horizon, the unique karst landscape, rivers aplenty, and a few miles of Adriatic coastline. Never

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having had a glorious unified kingdom in the past, Slovenians identify themselves not by blood or history but by their language, which differs from the other languages of the ex-Yugoslavia. The older generation is fluent in

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Serbo-Croatian, which helps for politics and trade, but has little of its historical baggage, and the country has geo-political importance as a politically stable stepping stone to the Balkans. As far as nationhood goes, Slovenia's

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golden age is now. There is a sense of change in the country—mostly for the better, and not the dull stampede toward materialism that one sees in some other former Eastern bloc countries. As a tourist destination Slovenia has it all, from

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medieval ruined monasteries to whitewater rafting. The people of this lovely land are genuinely glad that others are "discovering" their country. There are no real language problems; the younger people all speak English. Moreover,



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membership of the EU means that this is a country in transition. Culture Smart! Slovenia will introduce you to the inner world of this moderate, orderly, and conservative people who have emerged into the post-Communist

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*The historic growth in world trade, large container ships and information technology have triggered profound changes in international trade. A few years ago, customs officers at the*

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*border were meticulously checking goods and documents before releasing a shipment to the trader. A business could be confident that a shipment that had cleared customs complied with all applicable regulations.*

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*Today, to reduce congestion and give the trade quick access to their goods, customs have introduced risk management principles and a large number of shipments clear customs automatically. Controls have moved from the*

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*border to the trader's premises and it is during site visits that customs officers check the business compliance records. Moving from frontier checks to audit based controls has transferred a high level of*



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Mikuriya.*

*Georgia lies between Eastern  
Europe, Central Asia, and  
the Middle East, on the  
southeastern shore of the  
Black Sea. This small  
Caucasian country is used to*



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*playing a significant role in global geopolitics, and its strategic location at the crossroads of different civilizations has been a curse as well as a blessing. Once a battlefield of the Christian and Muslim worlds,*

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*today it is caught between its NATO aspirations and its location in Russia's backyard. The Silk Road brought the best of the world to Georgia. Its ancient Christian culture shows the influence of Arab,*

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*Persian, and Ottoman  
conquerors. Combined with  
this is a southern,  
"Mediterranean" feel, traces  
of the Soviet legacy, and a  
strong Western influence.  
What awaits the visitor is a  
unique culture that goes*

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*back thousands of years.  
Georgia has a rich  
historical heritage,  
wonderful food and wines,  
unforgettable scenery,  
authentic folk music and  
dances, an attractive  
business climate, and an*

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*educated and hospitable people for whom indulging a guest is more a religion than a duty. Culture Smart! Georgia offers invaluable insights and practical tips for tourists and business people alike. The author,*

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*will not let you down. Learn  
how to reach their hearts,  
and they will charm you  
back.*

*Slovakia has struggled with  
a low international profile.  
Often overlooked as the  
Czech Republic's little*

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*sister, it is a young country with an old culture and history, and a people who are proudly Central (not Eastern) European. Although for much of the twentieth century Czechs and Slovaks lived together in one state,*



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*there are important differences between them, differences that ultimately contributed to separation in 1993 and the rebirth of a sovereign Slovak state. Generally speaking, the Slovaks are more “Slavic”*

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*than the Czechs—their pace of life is slower, and their spare time is more often filled with friends, family, and music. They are known to be resistant to change, yet change has been a constant in the state's short*

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*economic and political  
history—from the fall of  
communism in the Velvet  
Revolution of late 1989, to  
the Velvet Divorce of  
Czechoslovakia in 1993, to  
widespread economic  
diversification, expansion,*

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*and global influence, to European Union membership in 2004, and the adoption of the euro in 2009— and they have adapted with quiet optimism. Slovakia has been referred to as the economic “tiger” of Europe, and now*

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*that it has EU membership and a healthy industrial economy, Europeans are starting to take notice. Its popularity as a tourist destination has been growing rapidly in recent years. Slovaks call their country*

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*the Heart of Europe—a term that describes not only their geography but the Slovak character, which is warm, deeply hospitable, and immensely proud. Visitors who step outside Bratislava's Staré mesto*

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*(Old Town) and take the time  
to explore the country  
beyond will discover a  
landscape of plains,  
meadows, mountains, natural  
spas, and hundreds of  
ancient castles, and a  
people at once modest,*

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*stoical, humorous, and responsive. This book captures the essence of what makes the Slovak people unique and explains something of the quirks and memorable aspects of their lifestyle. It opens a window*



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*onto their inner world,  
their customs and  
celebrations, and describes  
what to expect and how to  
behave in different  
situations. While the  
country is not without its  
frustrations for foreigners,*

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*most visitors succumb to its  
charms. Few have left  
without yearning to return  
to “the little big country.”*  
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members of the opposite sex, the dynamics of daily life, the central importance of family, and the annual cycle of Catholic feasts and fiestas. For business travelers there are key

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sections on the economy and vital insights into the general business culture. The third-largest country in Latin America, Mexico is hugely diverse, having both rural areas where time seems to

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have stood still and manic urban centers like Mexico City, one of the most densely populated and exciting cities in the world. Famed for its well-preserved archaeological sites,

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cobblestoned colonial towns, and beautiful beaches, it is a major magnet for tourists.

Mexico also has a name as a creative powerhouse in the region, with world-renowned artists such as Frida Kahlo

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and Diego Rivera, a cinema industry that has been producing award-winning movies since the Golden Age of the 1940s, and a literary scene second to none in Latin America.



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food, the elegance of its design and fashion, and the vitality and charm of its people. Italian style and culture have been exported all over the world. What is it like at home? Almost ten

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years after the 2008 banking crisis, Italy struggles to maintain its standard of living, the stability of the currency, and its ability to provide jobs for its school leavers and university

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graduates, many of whom now leave to work elsewhere in Europe. In addition, the influx of refugees from southeast Europe and across the Mediterranean is putting pressure on both its security

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and its economy. How are traditional Italian society and politics changing to deal with these challenges, with its most famous political personality of the last ten years, the former prime

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minister Silvio Berlusconi, still apparently waiting in the wings? The Italians are the most European-minded of nations, having emerged from a long history of regional fragmentation.

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