(Cambodia) Pol Pot and the Prosecution of the Khmer Rouge Leadership in Cambodia
More than twenty years after the violent Khmer Rouge was ousted from government, the old leaders may finally face trial for their roles in perpetrating the "Killing Fields."

(Canada) Splitting a Nation: Québec Separatism in Canada
The Canadian province of Québec maintains strong ties to its French past, and the movement to separate from the rest of Canada has grown in recent years.

(Caspian) Disputed Drilling Rights in the Caspian Sea
The five nations bordering the Caspian Sea argue to determine who has the rights to the sea and its resources.

China's Muslim Challenge: Conflict in Xinjiang
China's far western province of Xinjiang struggles for more recognition and rights from the Beijing government for its native ethnic populations.

(Congo-Kinshasa) Unrest and Assassination in Congo-Kinshasa
With Laurent Kabila assassinated, his son Joseph Kabila becomes the youngest president in Africa. Can the young man be the strong leader his country needs?

The Diamond Cartel: Monopolizing an Industry
De Beers' Central Selling Organization has controlled the supply of diamonds on the market, and helped keep prices high, for almost 100 years. Legal and ethical issues have risen to challenge the continued monopoly.

Economic Sanctions: A Valuable Weapon?
Sanctions have been increasingly used as an alternative to violent persuasion, but are they an effective and valuable weapon or do they create a new set of problems?

(Ecuador) Currency Exchange: Ecuador Adopts the U.S. Dollar
In an attempt to stabilize its shaky economy, Ecuador discarded its currency, the sucre, in exchange for the U.S. dollar. A coup shortly followed, but the reforms push forward.

(Europe) Opening Europe's Secret Cold War Files
The Cold War is over, but scars from the past remain. Will granting the public access to secret files from the Cold War intelligence agencies open old wounds or help in healing?

Female Circumcision: Culture or Cruelty?
Human rights groups have spoken out against female circumcision, but others claim the practice has cultural roots.

(Fiji) Overthrowing Democracy: Fiji's Coup
Suffering three coups since 1987, Fiji's unique history and culture does not exclude it from strong ethnic differences.

Haiti's Rocky Road to Democracy
With a past replete with dictators, international intervention, and election violence, Haiti's road to democracy has been long and difficult. Will the country stay on track?
Hong Kong: Walking the Tightrope between Capitalism and Communism
Returned to Chinese control after 99 years of British rule, Hong Kong faces a delicate balancing act between its capitalist tendencies and freedoms and the more restrictive impulses of Beijing's watchful eye.

Indonesia: Grappling with Unrest in Aceh and Irian Jaya
Ethnic unrest in Indonesia's provinces sparks violence between rebels and the military, catching civilians in its wake while the government struggles to maintain control.

Israel's Assassination of the Opposition
Israel's announcement that it practices an official policy of assassination immediately drew international attention and outrage.

(Mexico) Electing Change in Mexico
The first exchange of political power from one party to another since 1929 took place in Mexico in July 2000. Will the new leadership be any more effective in dealing with the country's problems?

Pakistan's Coup: New Regime or Old Tradition?
Can Pakistan's leadership, brought to power in the old tradition of a coup, make the necessary changes to stabilize the government and bring forth a new, democratic regime?

(Parthenon Marbles) Whose Marbles Are They? Controversy over the Parthenon Marbles
Taken from Greece in the nineteenth century, the Parthenon Marbles are a Greek national treasure residing in England. With implications for antiquities in museums around the world, just who has rightful ownership of the Marbles is a contentious question in need of an answer.

(Peru) Fujimori and Montesinos: Power, Politics, and Scandal in Peru
Reelected for a controversial third term, Alberto Fujimori fled the country under a scandal launched by revelations of bribery by his closest aide, Vladimiro Montesinos.

(Philippines) Rooting Out Corruption in the Philippines: Impeachment of a President
His administration rocked by allegations of corruption, Joseph Estrada became the first Philippine president to be impeached.

(Russia) Free to Speak? Establishing a Free Press in Russia
Under President Vladimir Putin, the Russian media has faced increasing restrictions to its free speech.

(Somalia) After Somalia's Civil War: Putting the Pieces Back Together Again
Wracked by civil war and continuing ethnic unrest, Somalia slowly struggles to rebuild its central government, infrastructure, and social system.

South Africa's Struggle with AIDS
Twenty percent of South Africa's adult population is infected with HIV, and the numbers are growing. While the government argues over what to do about it, the public continues to suffer.

(Switzerland) Retained Assets: Swiss Banks Release Previously Held Funds to Holocaust Survivors
Should Swiss banks give back money deposited by Holocaust victims during World War II and later withheld by the banks? After much debate, the answer is "yes."

(Terrorism) Threats of Terrorism in the Twenty-first Century
With rapid changes in technology, what are the main threats of terrorism in the twenty-first century and what is being done to guard against them?

Turkey's Tug of War: Straddling the Divide between East and West
Situated geographically between Europe and the Middle East and Asia, Turkey strives to clarify its national identity while seeking membership into the European Union.
(Uganda) Death Before Doomsday: Cult Members Found Dead in Uganda
Hundreds were killed in a burning church when religious leaders decided to bring about the doomsday they had prophesied. Were the dead religious believers or cult victims?

(United Kingdom) New Labour and the Devolution of Power in the United Kingdom
Prime Minister Tony Blair advocates the devolution of power for more regional and local control of government, but opponents protest changes to hundreds of years of history.

U.S. Military Presence at World Ports: A Welcome Stay?
A civilian death during a U.S. military exercise gone awry prompted the public on Vieques, Puerto Rico, to clamor for an end to U.S. military presence on the island. It is a call that has also been raised at other ports around the world that host the U.S. military.

(Yugoslavia) A Democratic Ousting: Yugoslavia Elects a New Leader
Slobodan Milosević struggled to keep his country together, by whatever means, and to maintain his grip on power, but when election time came and the results were counted, the public ousted this autocratic leader in favor of a new face.