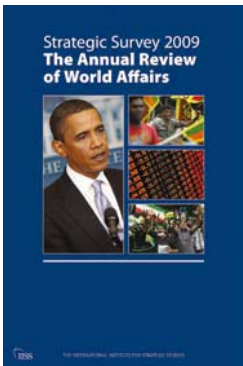
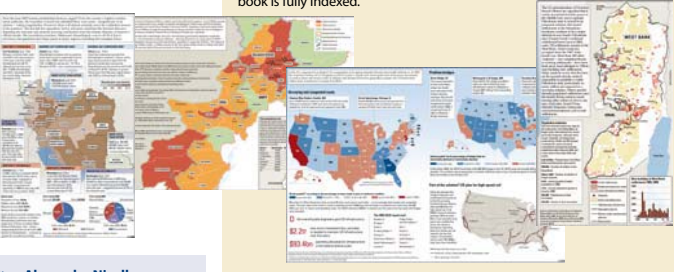


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Two events dominated 2008-09: the election of Barack Obama as President of the United States, and the financial and economic crisis. The global recession overshadowed the ambitious efforts of the new US administration to set a fresh tone in international affairs. *Strategic Survey 2009: The Annual Review of World Affairs* examines in detail the effects of the two biggest developments, as well as other important events such as the deepening confrontations over the Iranian and North Korean nuclear programmes, and worsening violence in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In a year that saw a major terrorist attack in India, a strategic policy essay covers modern counter-terrorism trends. Other essays examine Europe's energy position, and security arrangements in Asia. The book reports on the moderation of Latin America's leftward shift, Russia's fractious international relationships following the August 2008 war in Georgia, and political upheavals in Africa. Maps in the Strategic Geography section include illustrations of America's decaying infrastructure, and drug violence in Mexico. The key developments in an eventful year are summarised in a chronology, and the book is fully indexed.



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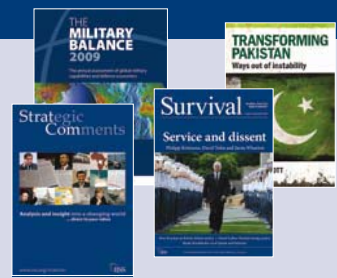
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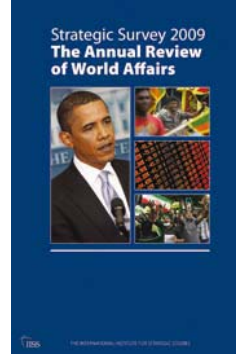
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