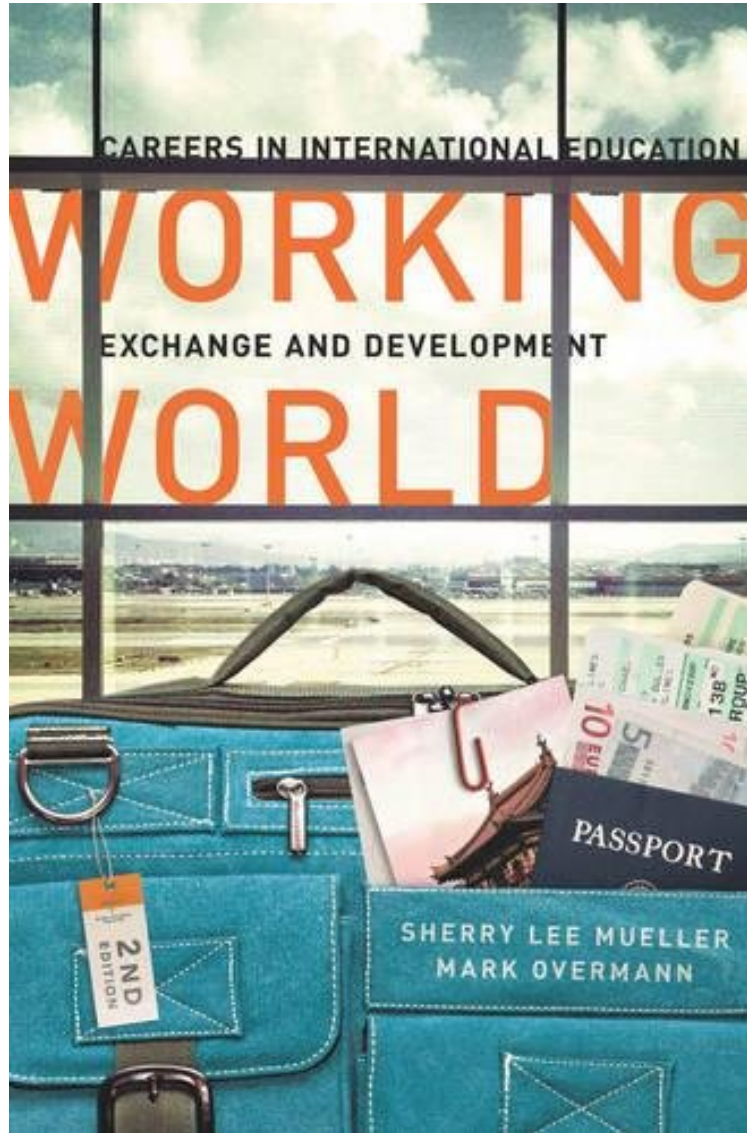


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Aquino Having studied and worked abroad, I was interested in starting a career in International Education and Exchange and thought this book would have provided some good ideas on how to get started. This book seems like a junior editor's glorified Googling project rather than a career strategy guide. A lot of the information is already present on the internet and while it may seem useful to have that information bound into a book, ready for perusal at your fingertips, it really isn't that helpful. For one thing, the information already requires the internet for use. Many pages are just links to websites where you can get more information and these websites are likely to pop up for you punch in a few keywords relating to international development, exchange and development. It would have been better off as a website since you would have to go onto the internet anyway. Secondly, appreciating the fact that the fields of international X, Y or Z are very broad and ill-defined, it is understandable that a lot of the information is also very broad and ill-defined. It's difficult to write a career guide for a field that has blurry edges. That being said, the most one can say about this type of field, is jump and make your own path... which is what this book says and it's a message that doesn't necessarily require a book that is backed up mainly by hyperlinks and a few well-to-do figures in the field that rose to their position mostly by connections. I do appreciate that the editors tried to include interviews from different people who are at different stages of their career but I felt that most of the interviews weren't that helpful and were more self-praising than anything. If you are fresh out of college, you may be a little confused at what your career path will be by reading these interviews because few of them actually started off in international education, exchange and development; rather, they somehow found themselves in the field later in the career. Again, this is due to the nature of the field and the changing international scene but it provides little insight for a fresh graduate or early career starter who wants to know how to get started from the bottom. Like any field, the best way to get in is to jump in. Get an internship, study abroad, talk to people who are already in the field. This book gives you the advice and the resources to do that (but so does the internet). Save yourself a few dollars and just get on the internet and start Googling away yourself.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. fantastic By Brigitta E Szocsthis is a wonderful book with great authors. very helpful and easy to read. highly recommend this book to people looking for advice in international education or anyone interested in international careers. 12 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Highly misleading By Jae 123 In short, this book appears to be useless unless you graduated from an Ivy League or are 'well-connected' - making it useless to many Americans. The majority of the contributors to the book seem to have either graduated from an Ivy League, or had connections to persons in 'high places' (which is beside the point). As an 'average' American who has gone on to an international career, I can safely say that this book would have been completely useless to me 10 years ago (a few years before I left the US). The majority of the career options mentioned are - especially in today's economic and job climate - limited to a very, very select few (and I'll say it, ELITE) individuals. Not a very practical book for us 'normal' Americans interested in establishing a career abroad. Case in point: the author Overmann's (a graduate of an elite university) account of how he just happened to establish a little international education newsletter that some how, some way became a large success. How did it become a large success? Likely the result of an established, elite network. Something a bit difficult for us rather 'normal' Americans to establish. Moreover, a large number of the organizations, and company/organization lists, in the book are widely known; you can find out about most of them through a bit of online research (i.e., "[field name] + [international career]", etc). With that said, I suppose if you are strictly interested in/planning a career in NGO and/or government work, the book could provide some value. I have nothing against the authors as they seem like they mean well; the information/strategy provided just seems a bit dated/irrelevant for today, and one-sided. My advice for a 20-something interested in establishing an 'international career' today? Go to China. There are tons of open positions, especially if you're interested in teaching. And it is beyond me why a book on international education fails to profile an international teacher!

Now available in a new second edition, *Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development* offers an engaging guide for cause-oriented people dedicated to begin or enhance careers in the now burgeoning fields of international affairs. Mueller and Overmann expand their original dialogue between a career veteran and a young professional to address issues that recognize the meteoric rise of social media and dramatic geopolitical events. They explore how the idea of an international career has shifted: nearly every industry taking on more and more international dimensions, while international skillslinguistic ability, intercultural management, and sensitivity become ever more highly prized by potential employers. This second edition of *Working World* offers ten new and four significantly updated profiles as well as new and expanded concepts that include work-life balance, the importance of informational interviews, moving on, and key building blocks for international careers. Like the award-winning first edition, *Working World* is a rare and valuable resource to students and graduates interested in careers in international affairs, mid-career professionals who want to make a career change or shift, as well as guidance counselors and career center specialists at universities.

"Useful primer for young professionals taking purposeful steps to becoming the change they want to see" Matt Clark, *The New Global Citizen* The format of this new volume includes profiles and informal interviews conducted with

experienced professionals in all fields; it discusses a range of key career issues and dilemmas; and provides an excellent listing in its chapters of both print and online resources. It is a very good book that I think should be part of every campus career services library. Any young international education professional contemplating a career change or transition to another field will benefit from reading the book. "Kudos to Sherry Mueller and Mark Overmann. The timing is perfect for this edition. Working World is an essential guide to international careers for a new generation of Americans eager to see, feel, and change their world." John Zogby, founder of the Zogby Poll and author (with Joan Snyder Kuhl) of First Globals: Understanding, Managing, and Unleashing the Potential of Our Millennial Generation "Mueller and Overmann provide an engaging intergenerational dialogue about 'your place in history' for readers who share the idealism and values Senator Fulbright embraced. The authors compiled an easily navigable directory of selected resources, prominent organizations, and illuminating profiles of leaders in the field." Harriet Mayor Fulbright, Executive Director, President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, 1997-2000, The Harriet Fulbright College "Working World provides the wisdom you need to start your career in clear and concise prose. Here, invaluable mentoring comes with a binding. Take the vision you have for your high impact career and read this book to catalyze your future." Saul Garlick, CEO, ThinkImpact Company