The Pivot Of The World: Photography And Its Nation

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The president’s team has insisted that the Pacific pivot will be a forceful reassertion of American power in a strategic part of the world and a deliberate reassurance to our allies that we have their backs vis-à-vis China. Indeed, sometimes the pivot seems like little less than a panacea for all that ails US foreign policy. Upset about the fiascos in Iraq and Afghanistan? Then just light out for more pacific waters. Worried that our adversaries are all melting away and the Pentagon has lost its raison d’être? Then how about going toe to toe with China, the only conceivable future? Yet Africa has become the world’s most underrated growth story in part because many of its governments have developed the resilience that comes with the ability to pivot. You may have heard that Africa’s population surpassed one billion people in 2010, but did you know that though Africa and India have similar populations, Africans spent 35 percent more on goods and services in 2008 than Indians did. Africa has achieved this success in part because many of its governments can now pivot. Ian Bremmer is president of Eurasia Group and author of “Every Nation for Itself: Winners and Losers in a G-Zero World.” A version of this op-ed appears in print on May 15, 2012, in The International Herald Tribune. Today's Paper|Subscribe. See more of PIVOT the World on Facebook. Log In. or. Create New Account. See more of PIVOT the World on Facebook. Log In. Forgotten account? Bob has been one of our biggest fans from the start and now the first PIVOT platform in the American Midwest is on its way: http://www.twincities.com/here’s-a-great-idea-for-stillwater/ Here’s a great idea for Stillwater: See it now, see it then. Robert Molenda knows a great idea when he hears one. When Molenda learned about a new interactive mobile application for sharing historical photos and videos, he immediately thought about using it. www.twincities.com. See all.
Read 2 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. A study of three photographic projects that emerged in the 19... Each of these projects worked to release the dream of nation--of belonging and sovereignty--from its old civic trappings through the medium of photography's serial form, in the experience of one photograph followed by another and another and another, so that all seem at once intimately connected and at the same time autonomous and distinct. Innovations in the serial composition of photographic form could open new possibilities for social form while the modern desire for political belonging could be made cosmopolitan, could be globalized--but in the most human of ways. See more of PIVOT the World on Facebook. Log In. or. Create New Account. See more of PIVOT the World on Facebook. Log In. Forgotten account? Bob has been one of our biggest fans from the start and now the first PIVOT platform in the American Midwest is on its way: http://www.twincities.com/heres-a-great-idea-for-stillwater/ Here’s a great idea for Stillwater: See it now, see it then. Robert Molenda knows a great idea when he hears one. When Molenda learned about a new interactive mobile application for sharing historical photos and videos, he immediately thought about using it www.twincities.com. See all.