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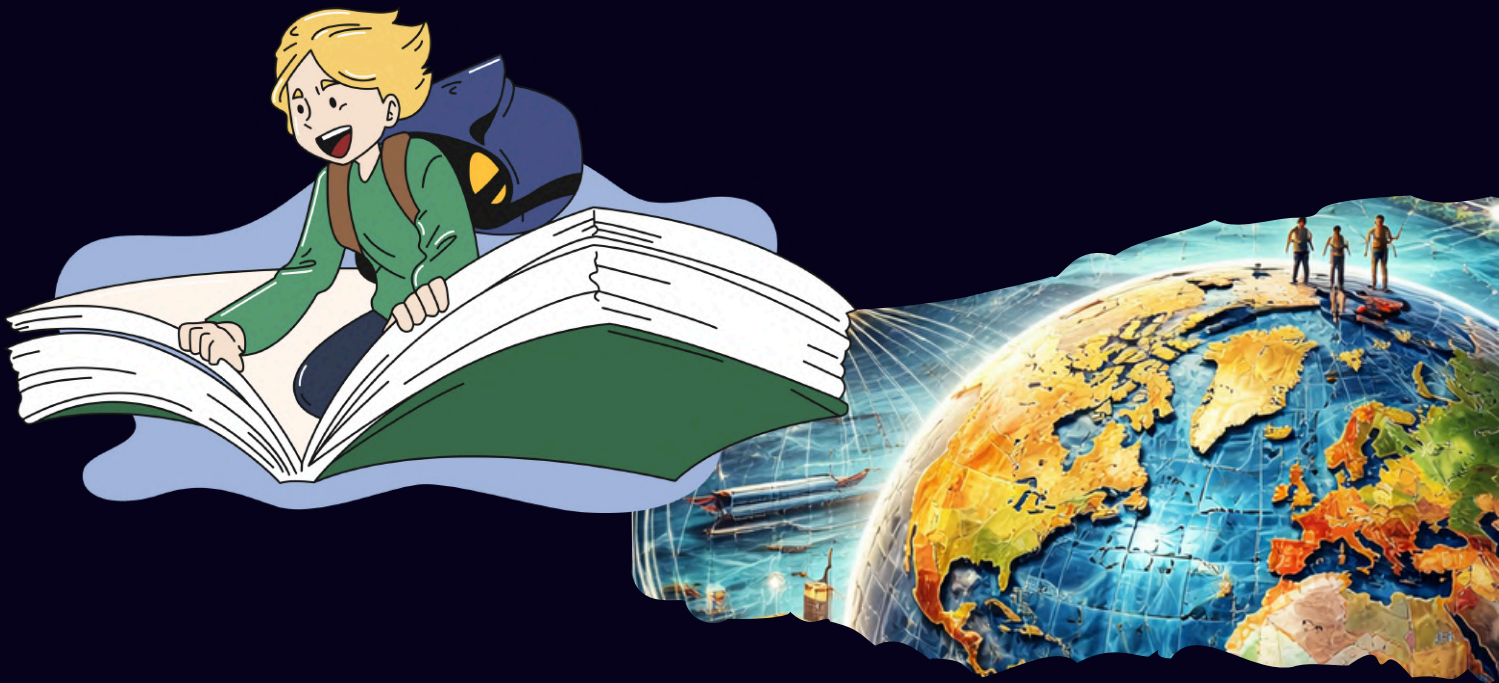


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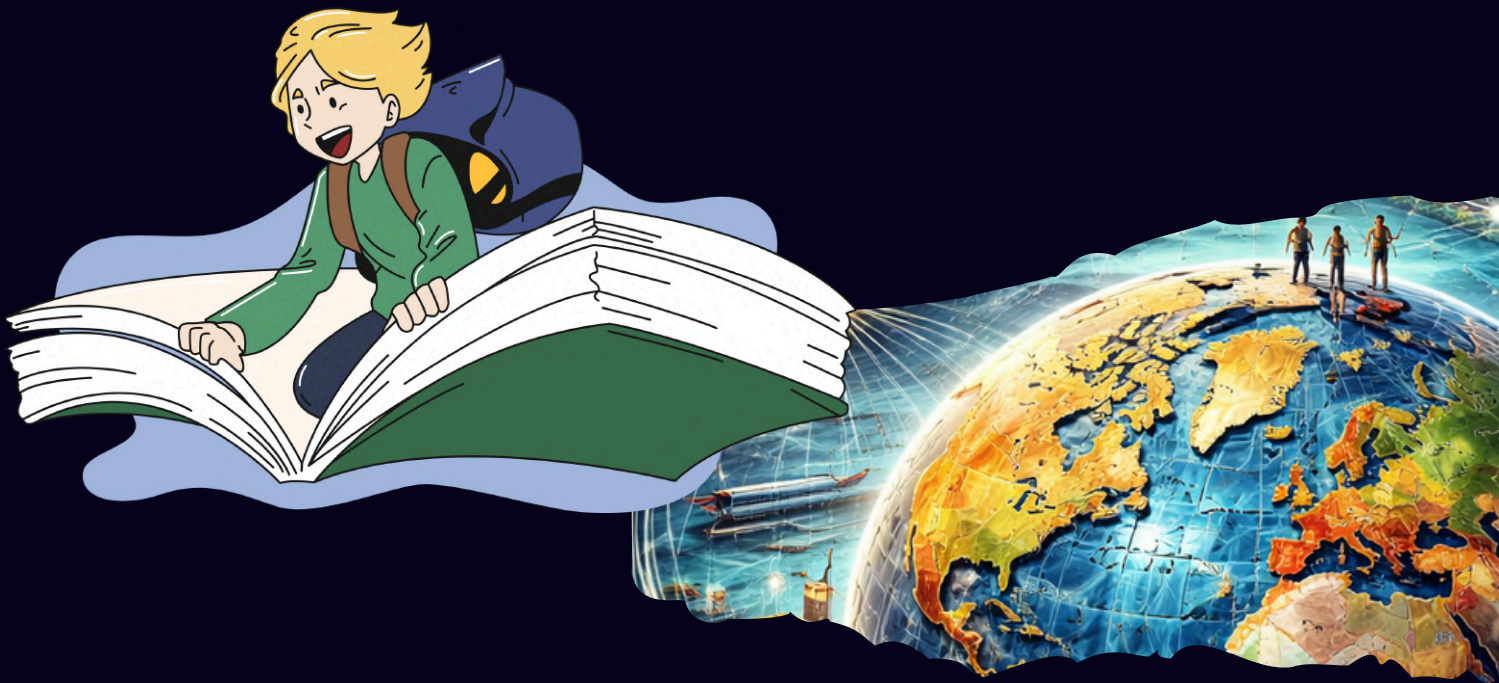


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GLOBAL EU IN A MULTIPLEX WORLD OF POLYCRISIS

Global EU in a Multiplex World of Polycrisis (MULTIPLEX-EU) is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ programme (Grant Agreement No. 101230493) and coordinated by Marmara University in Istanbul, Türkiye.

The project explores the evolving role of the European Union (EU) in addressing the complex challenges of today's fragmented and turbulent international order.

In an era shaped by overlapping crises (polycrisis) — including geopolitical tensions, climate change, pandemics, and global instability — and by growing complexity (multiplexity), the EU's strategies, partnerships, and governance approaches are more critical than ever.

Interregionalism

Investigating the EU's partnerships with regional organizations such as ASEAN, MERCOSUR, and the African Union, and how these alliances help manage crises, foster cooperation, and promote stability in a polarized world.

Multiplexity

Examining how the EU adapts to a global governance system defined by multiple power centers, competing interests, and the rise of new actors such as BRICS and the Global South.



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Global Commons Governance

Analyzing the EU's contribution to shaping norms and rules for shared spaces — including cyberspace, outer space, the seas, and polar regions — while addressing challenges posed by illicit activities, multinational corporations, and state actors.

Through an interdisciplinary and multi-layered approach, MULTIPLEX-EU integrates research, teaching, training, and policy dialogue to foster academic exchange and enhance understanding of the EU's evolving role in global governance.

Activities include expert seminars, summer schools, workshops, and certificate programmes, designed to equip participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical policy insights.

Ultimately, the project seeks to strengthen the academic and policy debate on Europe's global actorness, its capacity to respond to the age of polycrisis, and its role in shaping a more cooperative and rules-based international order.



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LETTER FROM THE PROJECT TEAM

DEAR READERS,

We are delighted to share with you this book list as part of our broader research project, which aims to capture and explain the profound transformations taking place in International Relations (IR). The world we inhabit today is no longer shaped by a single hierarchy or a limited set of dominant actors. Instead, it is increasingly defined by multiplexity: a complex, interconnected, and fragmented global order in which multiple powers, regions, institutions, and issue-areas interact simultaneously. Understanding this changing landscape is not only an academic challenge, but also a practical necessity for policymakers, scholars, and engaged citizens alike.

Our project seeks to provide a comprehensive and analytical framework to make sense of these transformations. In this context, we are pleased to note that we have now almost completed Work Package 1 (WP1), which focuses on building the conceptual and theoretical foundations of our research. The present book list constitutes a central output of this effort. It brings together key works on multiplexity, regionalism, rising and emerging powers, and the global commons, offering a structured intellectual map for navigating the evolving debates in contemporary IR.

This book list is designed as both a guide and a reference point. It aims to support researchers and students in identifying core readings, tracing conceptual developments, and engaging with the most influential arguments shaping the field.



At the same time, it reflects our conviction that IR is undergoing a deep transformation: from a discipline centered on great powers, bipolarity, or unipolar dominance, to one that increasingly emphasizes diversity, networks, regions, transnational actors, and complex interdependencies. Issues such as climate change, digital governance, cyber security, global production networks, and environmental sustainability now stand alongside traditional concerns of security and power politics, redefining what global order means in practice.

We hope that this book list will serve as a useful resource, stimulate further debate, and contribute to a richer and more nuanced understanding of global change. We warmly invite you to engage with these works, reflect critically on their insights, and join us in exploring how International Relations is being reshaped in an era of multiplexity.

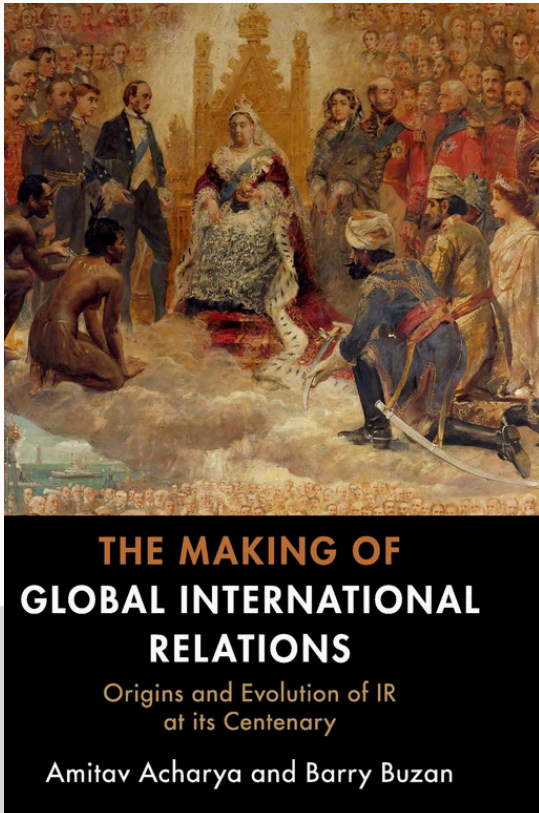
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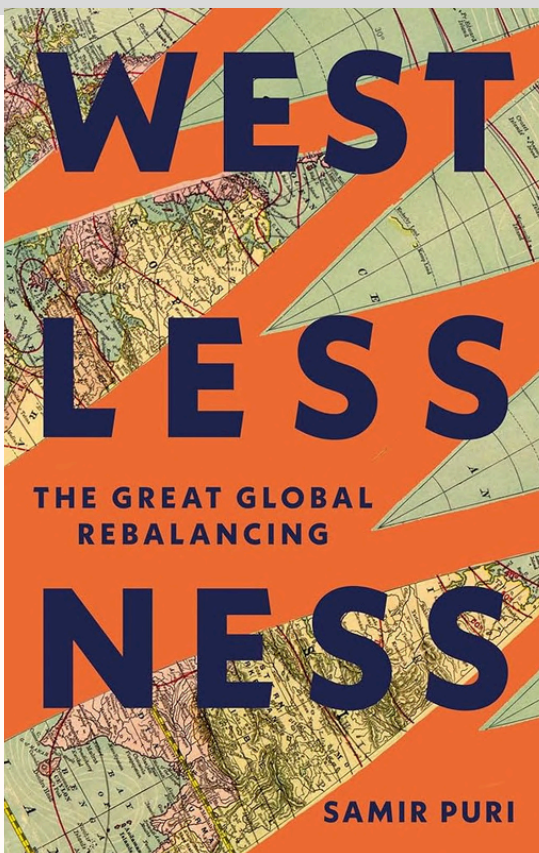
Multiplexity is vital in International Relations because it captures the growing complexity, fragmentation, and interconnectedness of global politics, where power, norms, and influence are distributed across multiple actors, regions, and issue-areas rather than dominated by a single hierarchy. This book list explores how multiplexity reshapes global order, regional dynamics, emerging powers, and global commons, offering a comprehensive framework to understand governance, competition, and cooperation in an increasingly plural world.



The Making Of Global International Relations: Origins And Evolution Of IR At Its Centenary

Amitav Acharya; Barry Buzan
Cambridge University Press, 2019
978-1108647670

This book presents a challenge to the discipline of international relations (IR) to rethink itself, in the light of both its own modern origins, and the two centuries of world history that have shaped it. By tracking the development of thinking about IR, and the practice of world politics, this book shows how they relate to each other across five time periods from nineteenth-century colonialism, through two world wars, the Cold War and decolonization, to twenty-first-century globalization.



Westlessness: The Great Global Rebalancing

Samir Puri
Hodder & Stoughton, 2024
978-1399722636

In Westlessness, Dr Samir Puri vividly demonstrates how in demographic, economic, military and cultural terms, we are hurtling into a far more diverse global future. Many of our certainties about the present, built on centuries of massive Western global impact, are increasingly fragile. Untold wealth is moving from the West to the East, as nations like India and Indonesia are set to reach new heights of growth and confidence. And China continues its ascent to the peak of the economic mountain - but are cracks appearing? And will the Western world, under the aegis of US global military, economic, technological and cultural power, give up its privileged position willingly?

The Once and Future World Order



Why Global
Civilization
Will Survive
the Decline
of the West

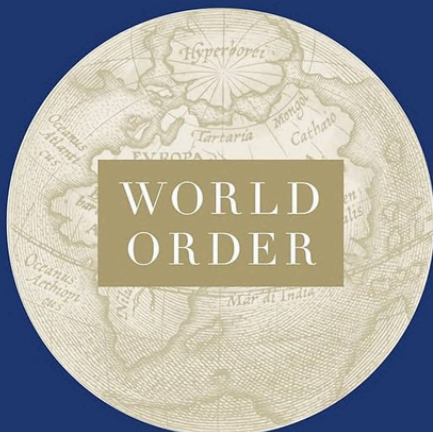
AMITAV ACHARYA

The Once and Future World Order

Amitav Acharya
Basic Books, 2025
978-1108647670

Since the dawn of the twenty-first century, the West has been in crisis. Social unrest, political polarization, and the rise of other great powers—especially China—threaten to unravel today’s Western-led world order. Many fear this would lead to global chaos. But the West has never had a monopoly on order. Surveying five thousand years of global history, political scientist Amitav Acharya reveals that world order—the political architecture enabling cooperation and peace among nations—existed long before the rise of the West.

Henry Kissinger



‘Extraordinary, truly staggering ...
an unambiguous masterpiece’

Tom Rogan, *Washington Times*

World Order: Reflections on the Character of Nations and the Course of

Henry Kissinger
Penguin Press, 2015
978-0141979007

Henry Kissinger offers in *World Order* a deep meditation on the roots of international harmony and global disorder. Drawing on his experience as one of the foremost statesmen of the modern era—advising presidents, traveling the world, observing and shaping the central foreign policy events of recent decades—Kissinger now reveals his analysis of the ultimate challenge for the twenty-first century: how to build a shared international order in a world of divergent historical perspectives, violent conflict, proliferating technology, and ideological extremism.

Six Faces of Globalization

WHO WINS, WHO LOSES,



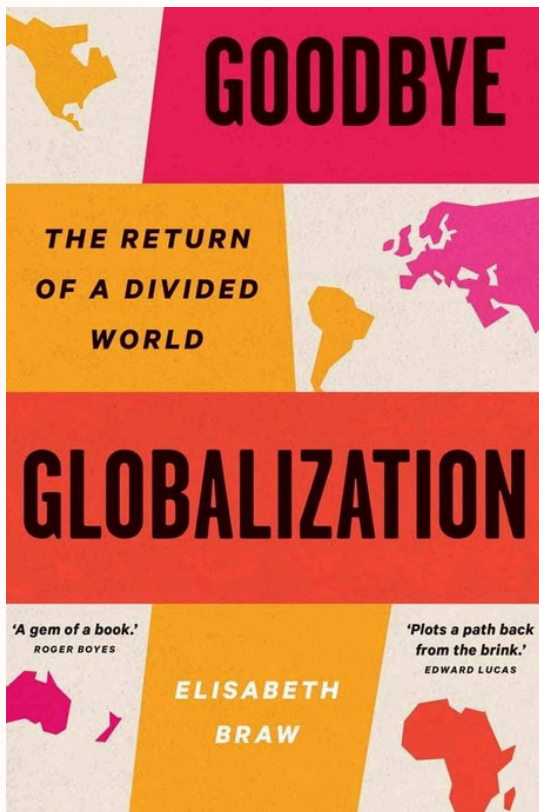
AND WHY IT MATTERS

Anthea Roberts
Nicolas Lamp

Six Faces of Globalization: Who Wins, Who Loses, and Why It Matters

Anthea Roberts; Nicolas Lamp
Harvard University Press, 2023
978-0674293908

Instead of picking sides, *Six Faces of Globalization* guides us through six competing narratives about the virtues and vices of globalization, giving each position its due and showing how each deploys sophisticated arguments and compelling evidence. Both globalization’s boosters and detractors will come away with their eyes opened. By isolating the fundamental value conflicts driving disagreement—growth versus sustainability, efficiency versus social stability—and showing where rival narratives converge, this book provides an invaluable framework for understanding ongoing debates and finding a way forward.



Goodbye Globalization: The Return of a Divided World

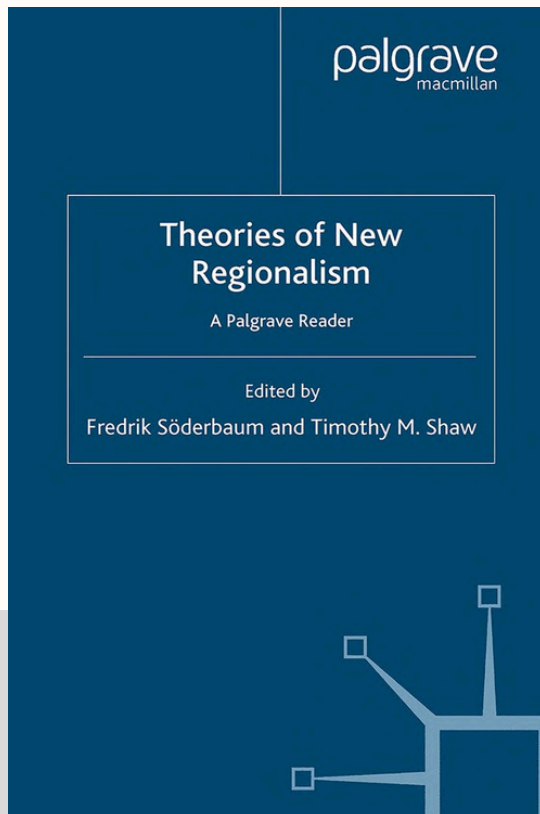
Elisabeth Braw
Yale University Press, 2024
978-0300272277

Business executives and politicians alike are realizing that globalization is no longer working. Supply chains are imperilled, Russia has been expelled from the global economy after its invasion of Ukraine, and China is using these fissures to leverage a strategic advantage. Given these pressures, what will the future of our world economy look like? In this groundbreaking account, Elisabeth Braw explores the collapse of globalization and the profound challenges it will bring to the West. Drawing on interviews with prominent executives and policymakers from around the world, Braw poses the difficult questions all businesses and economies will face—and traces the intricate story of globalization from the exuberant '90s to the embattled present.



REGIONALISM

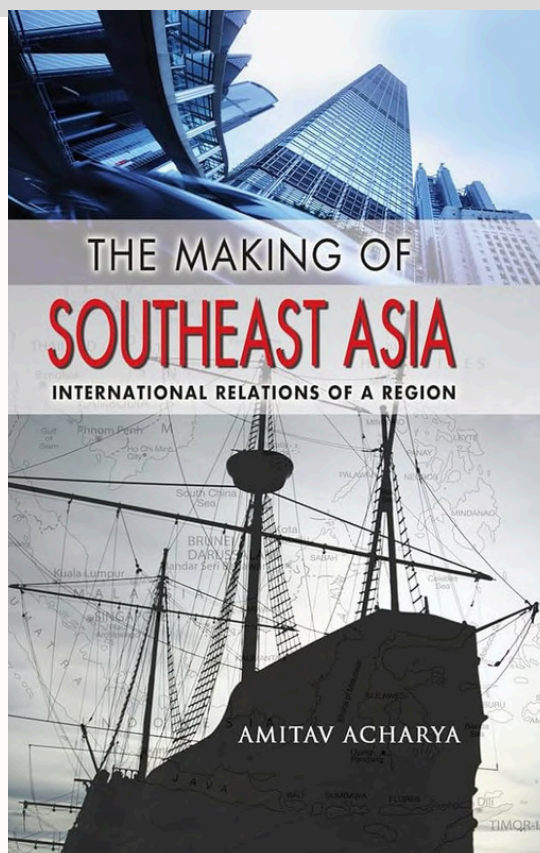
Regionalism is crucial in International Relations because it explains how states and societies organize cooperation, competition, and governance at the regional level, shaping economic integration, security architectures, and political identities in a fragmented global order. This book list examines regionalism as a key pillar of a multiplex world, highlighting how diverse regional projects interact with global dynamics, emerging powers, and shifting patterns of influence.



Theories of New Regionalism

Edi. by **Fredrik Söderbaum, Timothy M. Shaw**
Palgrave Macmillan, 2003
978-1349507914

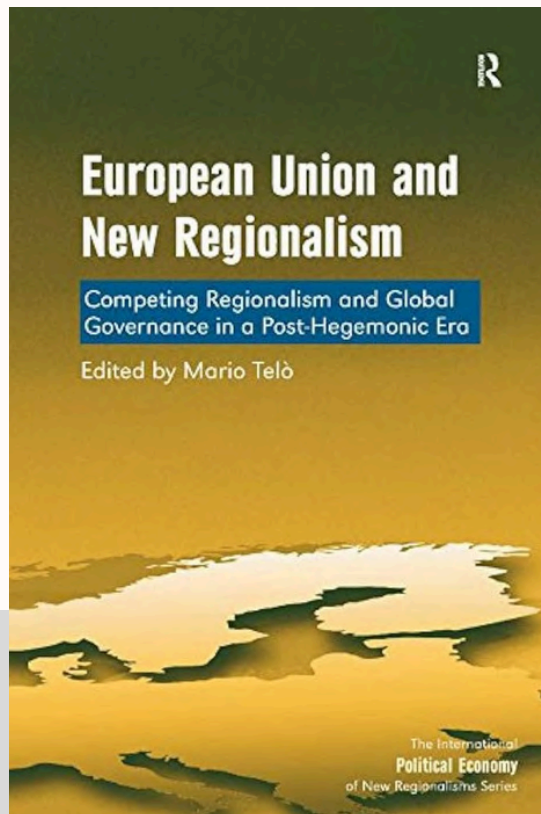
Theories of New Regionalism represents the first systematic attempt to bring together leading theories of new regionalism. Major theorists from around the world develop their own distinctive theoretical perspectives, spanning new regionalism; world order approaches along with regional governance, liberal institutionalism; neoclassical development regionalism, to regional security complex theory (RSCT) and the region-building approach.



The Making of Southeast Asia: International Relations of Region

Amitav Acharya
Cornell University Press, 2013
978-0801477362

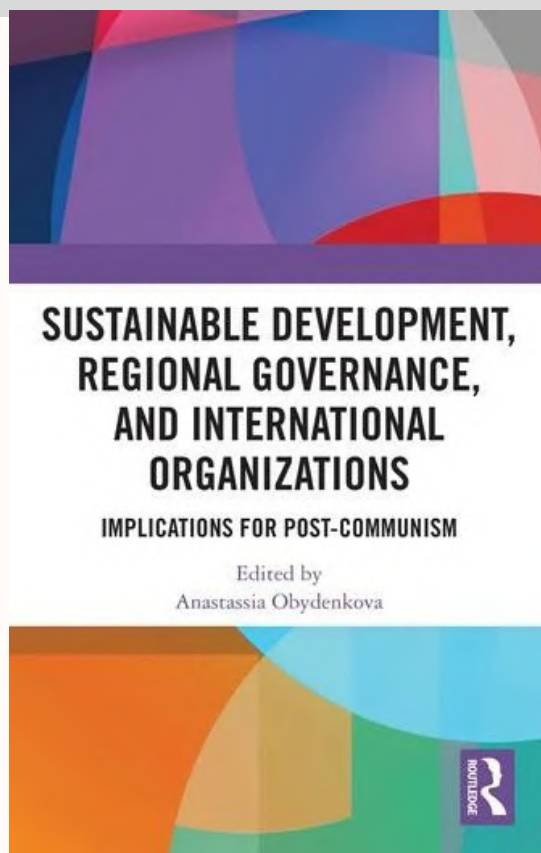
Developing a framework to study; what makes a region; Amitav Acharya investigates the origins and evolution of Southeast Asian regionalism and international relations. He views the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); from the bottom; as not only a U.S.-inspired ally in the Cold War struggle against communism but also an organization that reflects indigenous traditions. Although Acharya deploys the notion of imagined community to examine the changes, especially since the Cold War, in the significance of ASEAN dealings for a regional identity, he insists that imagination; is itself not a neutral but rather a culturally variable concept. The regional imagination in Southeast Asia imagines a community of nations different from NAFTA or NATO, the OAU, or the European Union.



European Union and New Regionalism Competing Regionalism and Global Governance in a Post-Hegemonic Era

Ed. by Mario Telò
Routledge, 2014
978-1472434395

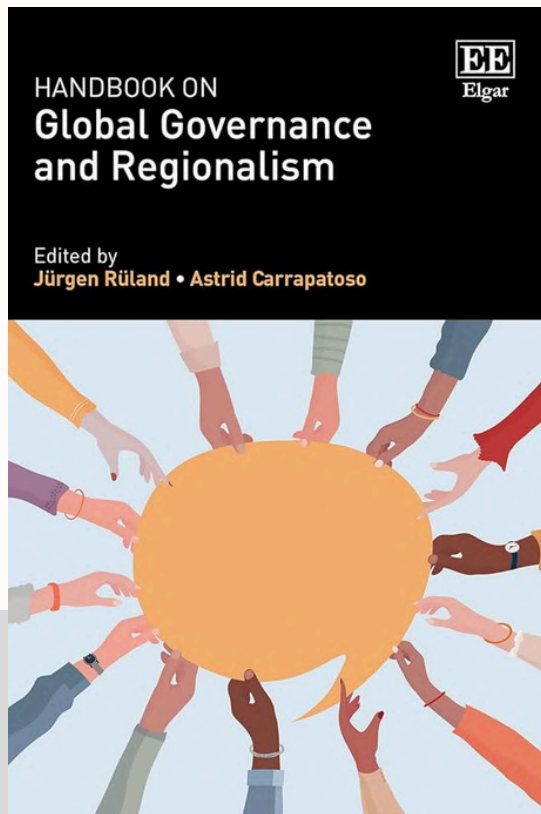
Stemming from an international and multidisciplinary network of leading specialists, this best-selling text is fully updated with new chapter additions. With the first edition prepared at the end of the last century and the second edition adding inter-regional relations, this new edition focuses on competing models of regional cooperation within a multipolar world and the role of European Union.



Sustainable Development, Regional Governance, and International Organizations

Ed. by Anastassia Obydenkova
Routledge, 2024
978-1003468998

Developing a framework to study what makes a region; Amitav Acharya investigates the origins and evolution of Southeast Asian regionalism and international relations. He views the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) from the bottom; as not only a U.S.-inspired ally in the Cold War struggle against communism but also an organization that reflects indigenous traditions. Although Acharya deploys the notion of imagined community to examine the changes, especially since the Cold War, in the significance of ASEAN dealings for a regional identity, he insists that imagination is itself not a neutral but rather a culturally variable concept. The regional imagination in Southeast Asia imagines a community of nations different from NAFTA or NATO, the OAU, or the European Union.



Handbook on Global Governance and Regionalism

Ed. by Jürgen Rüländ, Astrid Carrapatoso
Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022
978-1800377554

This Handbook expertly explores the profound transformations in international relations in recent decades. Proliferating cross-border challenges, including global financial crises, climate change, environmental degradation, irregular migration, and COVID-19, require governance structures that transcend the nation state and take both global and regional interplay, as well as problem-solving capacities, into account. Contributing authors investigate the effectiveness of international cooperation and performance in a diverse range of policy fields.

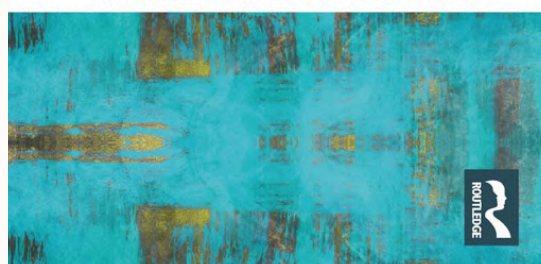


The Performance of Regionalism in the Global South A Multi-level Analysis

Ed. by Johannes Muntschick, Friedrich Plank
Routledge, 2025
978-1032332758

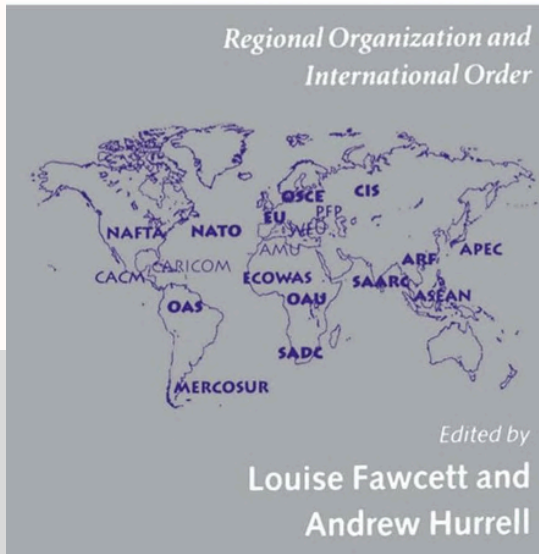
THE PERFORMANCE OF REGIONALISM IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH A MULTI-LEVEL ANALYSIS

Edited by
Johannes Muntschick and Friedrich Plank



This volume collects and combines research on regional integration projects beyond Europe and in the Global South across a wide range of policy issues. Given the plurality and diversity of regional organisations, there is a growing need to systematically analyse, assess, and explain the performance of regionalism. Acknowledging the considerable differences in settings, institutional design, and politico-economic environment of regional organisations, the expert contributors move beyond EU-centric notions to offer a profound overview and propose new dimensions of innovative performance research.

Regionalism in World Politics



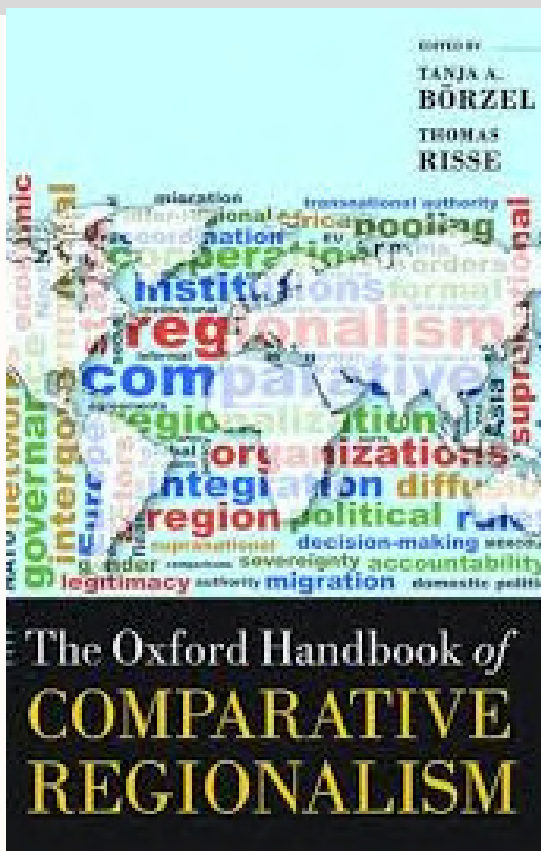
Regionalism in World Politics: Regional Organization and International Order

Louise Fawcett and Andrew Hurrell
Oxford University Press, 1995
978-0198280675

This book brings together the many different institutions and ideas to be found under the label of regionalism; it places the revival of regionalism in a broader historical perspective; it asks whether there are common factors behind the revival of regionalism in so many different parts of the world; and it analyzes the cumulative impact of different brands of regionalism on international order.

The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Regionalism

Ed. by Tanja A. Börzel, Thomas Risse-Kappen
Oxford University Press, 2016
978-0199682300

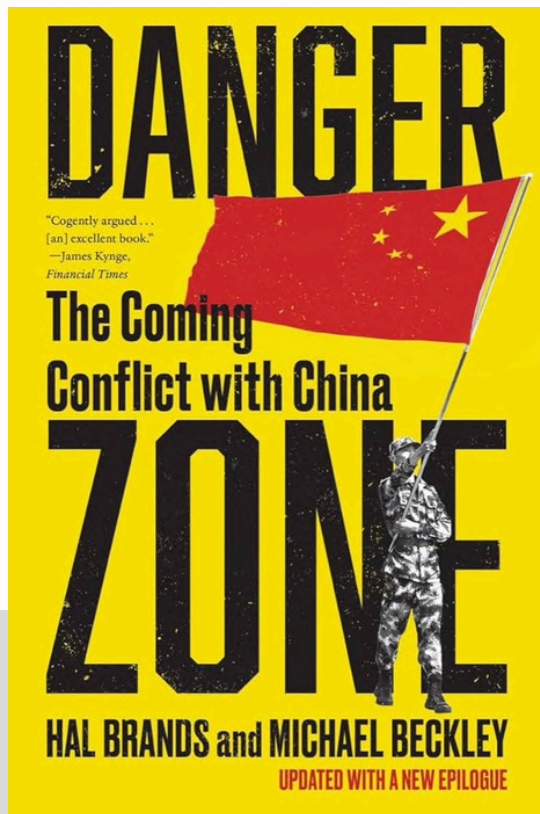


The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Regionalism—the first of its kind—offers a systematic and wide-ranging survey of the scholarship on regionalism, regionalization, and regional governance. Unpacking the major debates, leading authors of the field synthesize the state of the art, provide a guide to the comparative study of regionalism, and identify future avenues of research. Twenty-seven chapters review the theoretical and empirical scholarship with regard to the emergence of regionalism, the institutional design of regional organizations and issue-specific governance, as well as the effects of regionalism and its relationship with processes of regionalization.



RISING POWERS

Rising powers are central to International Relations because they are transforming global power distributions, challenging established hierarchies, and reshaping norms, institutions, and patterns of cooperation and conflict. This book list analyzes how rising powers drive the dynamics of a multiplex world, exploring their strategies, regional ambitions, and global impacts across political, economic, and security domains.



Danger Zone: The Coming Conflict with China

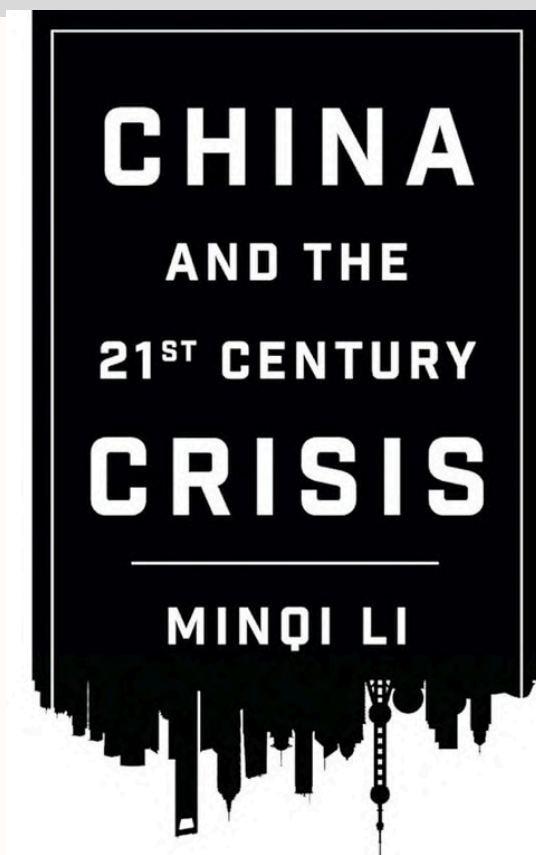
Hal Brands; Michael Beckley
Norton Publishing, 2022
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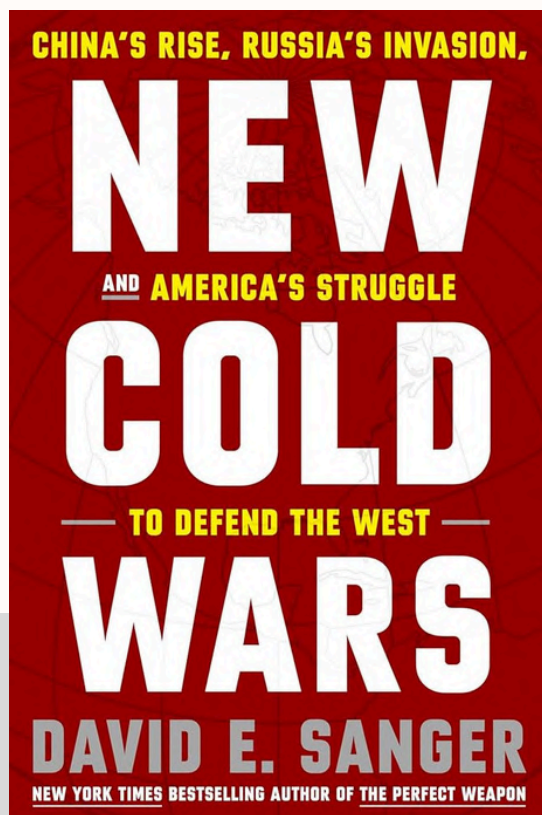
It has become conventional wisdom that America and China are running a “superpower marathon” that may last a century. Yet Hal Brands and Michael Beckley pose a counterintuitive question: What if the sharpest phase of that competition is more like a decade-long sprint? The Sino-American contest is driven by clashing geopolitical interests and a stark ideological dispute over whether authoritarianism or democracy will dominate the 21st century. But both history and China’s current trajectory suggest that this rivalry will reach its moment of maximum danger in the 2020s.

China and the 21st Century Crisis

Minqi Li
Pluto Press, 2015
978-0745335377

The USA is widely seen as the country at the centre of the recent economic crash. But will this be the case the next time the system goes into shock? This book analyses how the political and economic imbalances in China will exacerbate system collapse, and how this could happen much sooner than we imagine, possibly within a decade. By looking at the big questions of class struggle, global economic imbalances, peak oil, climate change and political power play, Minqi Li argues that by the time of the next crisis, China will be at the epicentre of these contradictions. China is the last large region, and source of cheap labour, into which capital could expand: the system is at its limits.





New Cold Wars: China's Rise, Russia's Invasion, and America's Struggle to Defend the West

David E. Sanger

Crown Publishing Group, 2024

978-0593443590

For years, the U.S. was confident that the newly democratic Russia and increasingly wealthy China could be lured into a Western-led order that promised prosperity and relative peace—so long as they agreed to Washington's terms. By the time U.S. emerged from the age of terrorism, it was clear that this had been a fantasy. Now the three powers are engaged in a high-stakes struggle for military, economic, political, and technological supremacy, with nations around the world pressured to take sides. Yet all three are discovering that they are maneuvering for influence in a far more turbulent world than they imagined.

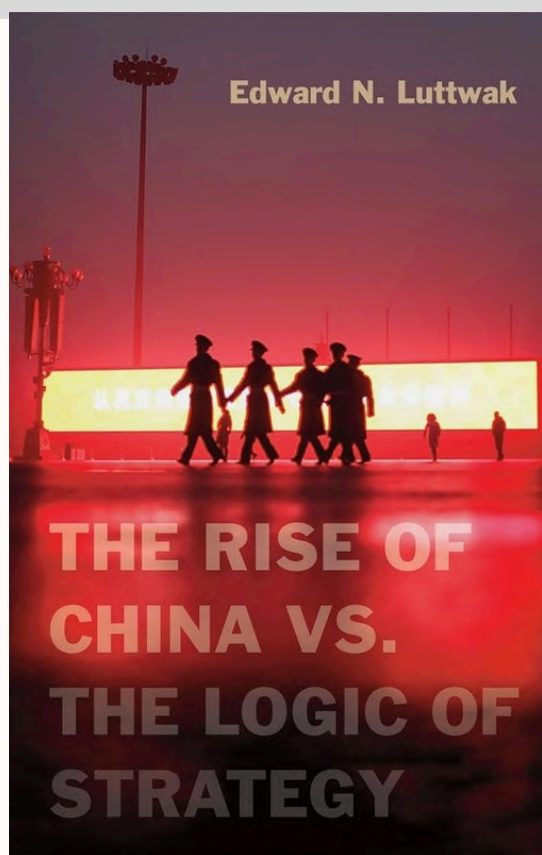
The Rise of China vs. the Logic of Strategy

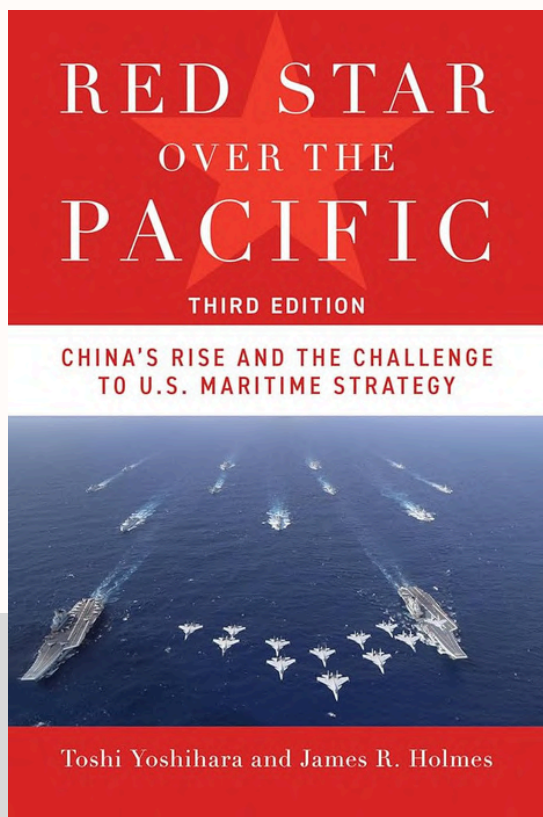
Edward N. Luttwak

Belknap Press, 2012

978-0674066427

As the rest of the world worries about what a future might look like under Chinese supremacy, Edward Luttwak worries about China's own future prospects. Applying the logic of strategy for which he is well known, Luttwak argues that the most populous nation on Earth—and its second largest economy—may be headed for a fall. For any country whose rising strength cannot go unnoticed, the universal logic of strategy allows only military or economic growth. But China is pursuing both goals simultaneously. Its military buildup and assertive foreign policy have already stirred up resistance among its neighbors, just three of whom—India, Japan, and Vietnam—together exceed China in population and wealth.

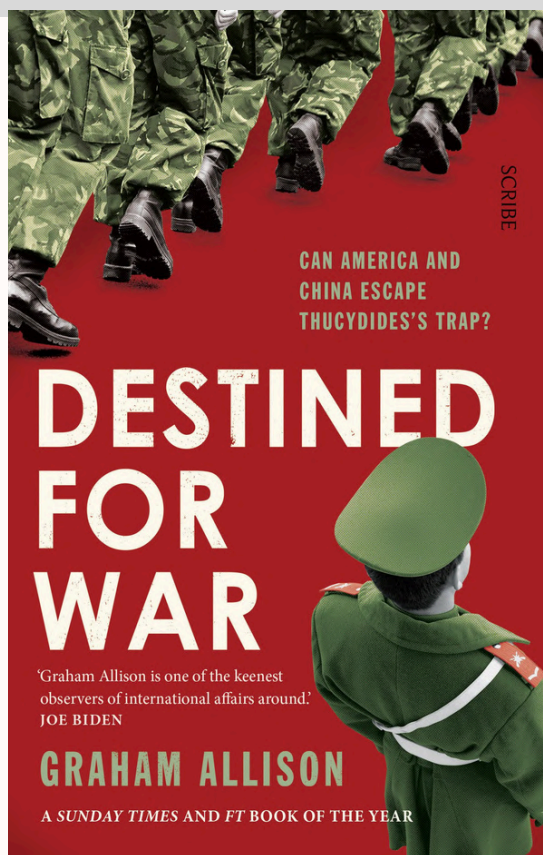




Red Star Over the Pacific: China's Rise and the Challenge to U.S. Maritime Strategy

Toshi Yoshihara, James R. Holmes
Naval Institute Press, 2025
978-1591149798

Combining a close knowledge of Asia and an ability to tap Chinese-language sources with naval combat experience and expertise in sea-power theory, the authors assess how the rise of Chinese sea power will affect U.S. maritime strategy in Asia. They argue that China is laying the groundwork for a sustained challenge to American primacy in maritime Asia, and to defend this hypothesis they look back to Alfred Thayer Mahan's sea-power theories, now popular with the Chinese.



Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?

Graham Allison
Scribe, 2014
978-0544935273

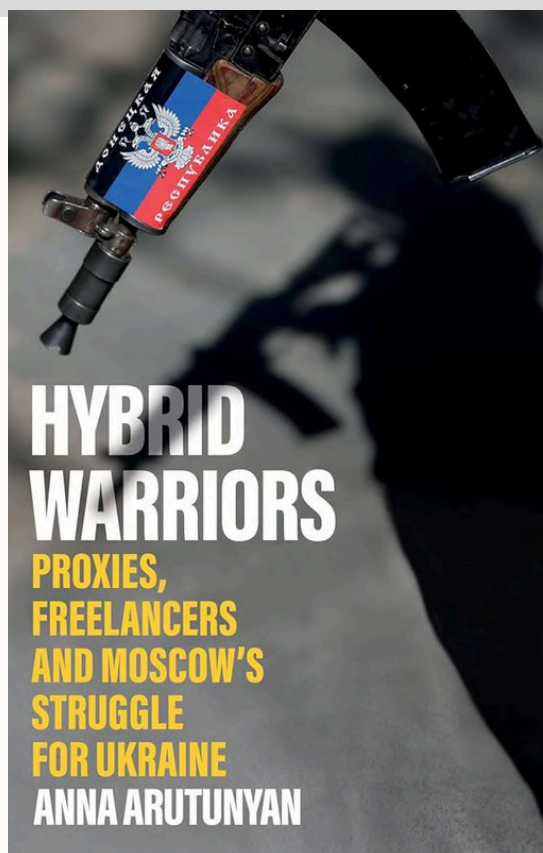
The reason is Thucydides's Trap, a deadly pattern of structural stress that results when a rising power challenges a ruling one. This phenomenon is as old as history itself. About the Peloponnesian War that devastated ancient Greece, the historian Thucydides explained; It was the rise of Athens and the fear that this instilled in Sparta that made war inevitable; Over the past 500 years, these conditions have occurred sixteen times. War broke out in twelve of them. Today, as an unstoppable China approaches an immovable America and both Xi Jinping and Donald Trump promise to make their countries great again; the seventeenth case looks grim.



The Russo-Ukrainian War

Serhii Plokhy
Allan Lane, 2023
978-1802061789

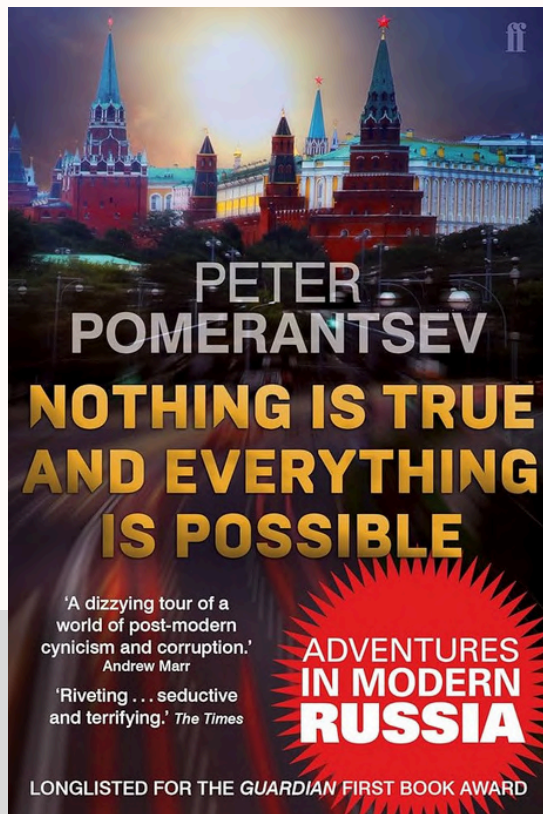
The Russo-Ukrainian War is the comprehensive history of a conflict that has burned since 2014, and that, with Russia's attempt to seize Kyiv, exploded a geo-political order that had been cemented since the end of the Cold War. With an eye for the gripping detail on the ground, both in the halls of power and down in the trenches, as well as a keen sense of the grander sweep of history, Plokhy traces the origins and the evolution of the conflict, from the collapse of the Russian empire to the rise and fall of the USSR, and on to the development in Ukraine of a democratic politics soon loathed by its neighbour in the east.



Hybrid Warriors: Proxies, Freelancers and Moscow's Struggle for Ukraine

Anna Arutunyan
Hurst Publishing, 2023
978-1805260318

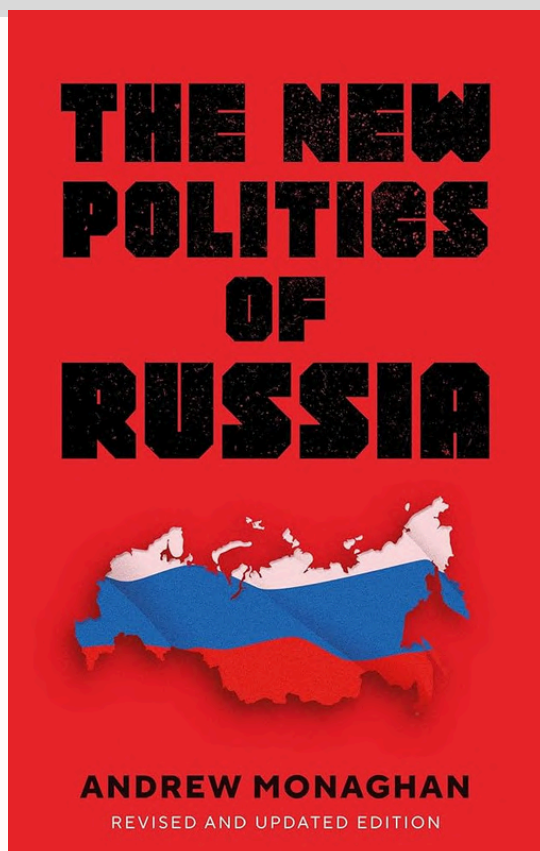
As Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine risks pitting the world's great powers against each other, *Hybrid Warriors* traces the trajectory of the conflict from the bottom up. Starting from the first pivotal years in the 2010s, the book draws on unique interviews, reporting from the conflict zones, and wider on-the-ground research, to reconstruct the granular relationships between civilians, non-state actors, and the Kremlin that co-opted them. In the process, it speaks not just to the history of this conflict, but also to our wider understanding of how Putin's Kremlin works and how it has prosecuted its war on Ukraine.



Nothing Is True and Everything Is Possible: The Surreal Heart of the New Russia

Peter Pomerantsev
Faber&Faber, 2017
978-0571338528

A journey into the glittering, surreal heart of 21st century Russia: into the lives of Hells Angels convinced they are messiahs, professional killers with the souls of artists, bohemian theatre directors turned Kremlin puppet-masters, supermodel sects, post-modern dictators and oligarch revolutionaries. This is a world erupting with new money and new power, changing so fast it breaks all sense of reality, where life is seen as a whirling, glamorous masquerade where identities can be switched and all values are changeable. It is home to a new form of authoritarianism, far subtler than 20th century strains, and which is rapidly expanding to challenge the global order.



The New Politics of Russia: Interpreting Change

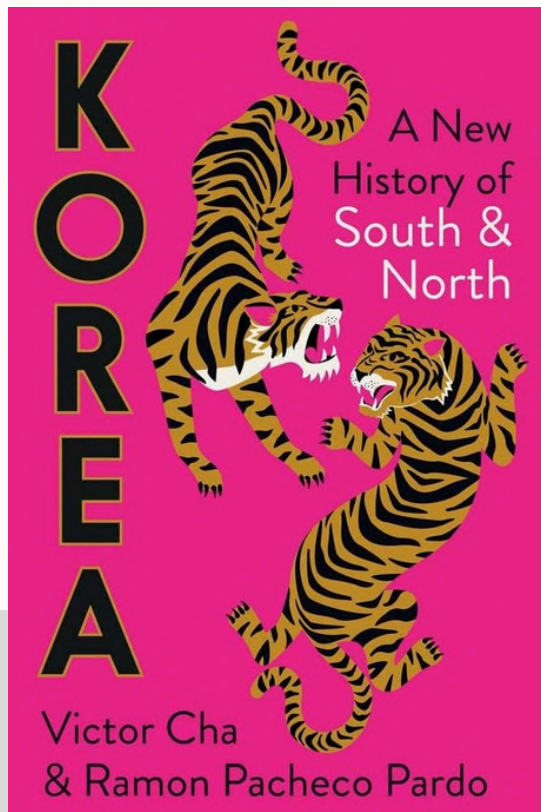
Andrew Monaghan
Manchester University Press, 2024
978-1526178053

This illuminating book explains how and why Russia's relations with the west have deteriorated to the point of initiating a new era of 'great power competition'. An updated version of the bestselling 2016 edition, it explores the decline in relations since the early 2000s, taking in the war in Syria and the 2022 escalation in Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Beyond geopolitical considerations, the book delves into the nature of power in Russia itself, providing an in-depth examination of the networks of influence that define the country's political landscape. In doing so it moves beyond the simplistic, Putin-centric narratives often found in western accounts, offering readers a fresh perspective on Russian politics.



EMERGING POWERS

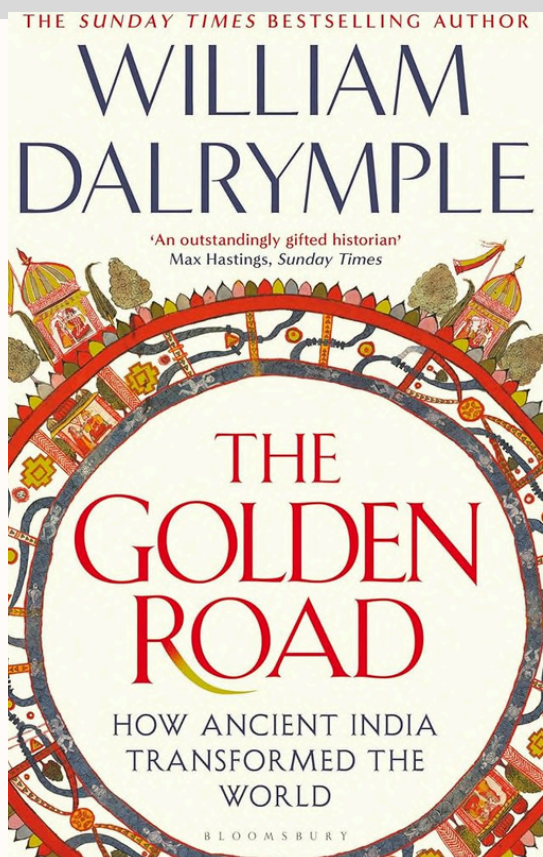
Emerging powers matter in International Relations because they introduce new sources of dynamism, innovation, and agency into global politics, reshaping development trajectories, regional leadership, and patterns of cooperation and competition. This book list explores how emerging powers contribute to the evolution of a multiplex world, highlighting their growing roles in global governance, regional orders, and transnational networks.



Korea: A New History of South and North

Victor Cha; Ramon Pacheco Pardo
Yale University Press, 2023
978-0300259810

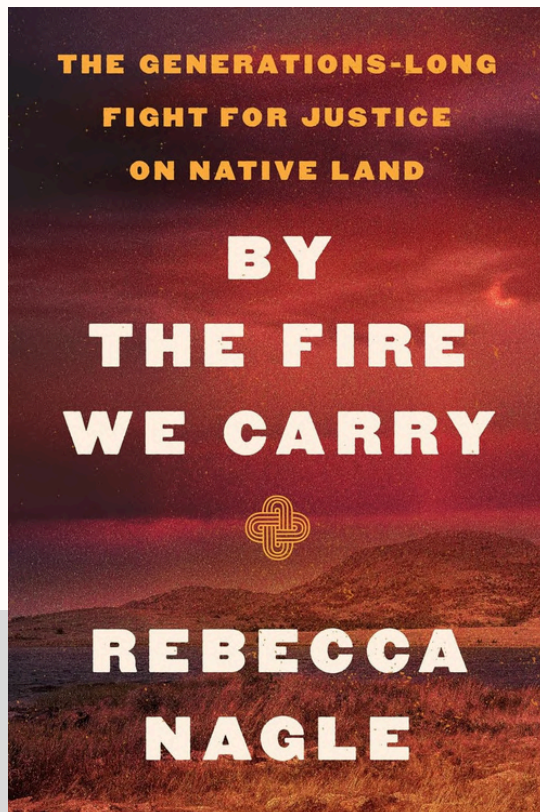
Korea has a long, riveting history—it is also a divided nation. South Korea is a vibrant democracy, the tenth largest economy, and is home to a world-renowned culture. North Korea is ruled by the most authoritarian regime in the world, a poor country in a rich region, and is best known for the cult of personality surrounding the ruling Kim family. But both Koreas share a unique common history. Victor Cha and Ramon Pacheco Pardo draw on decades of research to explore the history of modern Korea, from the late nineteenth century, Japanese occupation, and Cold War division to the present day.



Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World

William Dalrymple
Bloomsbury Publishing, 2007
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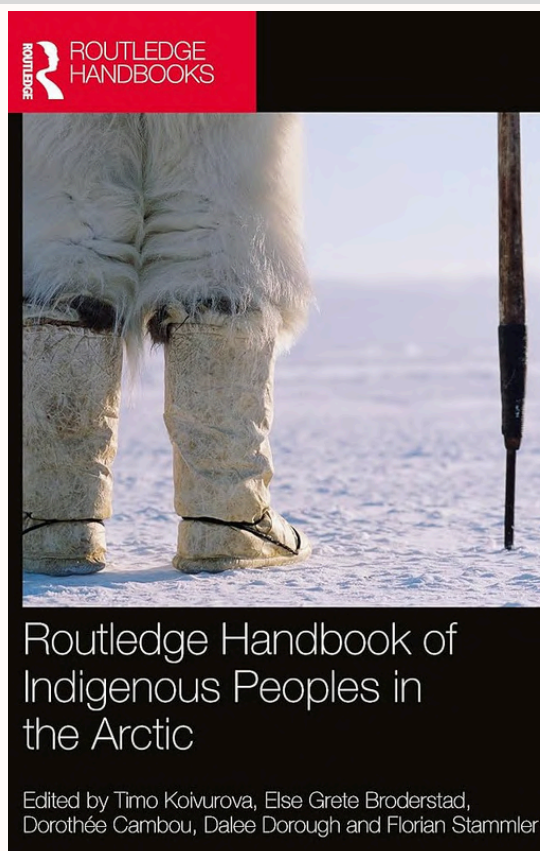
India was the forgotten heart of the ancient world. For a millennium and a half, from about 250 BC to 1200 AD, India was a confident exporter of its diverse civilisation, creating around it a vast empire of ideas, an 'Indosphere' where its influence was predominant. During this period, the rest of Asia was the willing recipient of a mass-transfer of Indian soft power. Indian art, religions, technology, astronomy, music, dance, literature, mathematics and mythology blazed a trail across the world, along a Golden Road that stretched from the Red Sea to the Pacific, connecting different places and ideas to one another. Like ancient Greece, ancient India came up with a set of profound answers to the big questions about what the world is, how it operates, why we are here and how we should live our lives.



By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-Long Fight for Justice on Native Land

Rebecca Nagle
William Collins, 2024
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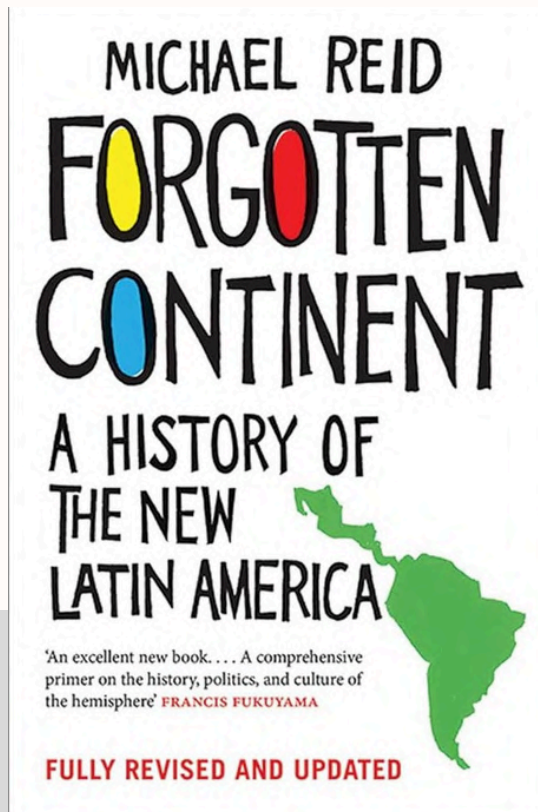
Before 2020, American Indian reservations made up roughly 55 million acres of land in the United States. Nearly 200 million acres are reserved for National Forests—in the emergence of this great nation, our government set aside more land for trees than for Indigenous peoples. Here Rebecca Nagle recounts the generations-long fight for tribal land and sovereignty in eastern Oklahoma. By chronicling both the contemporary legal battle and historic acts of Indigenous resistance, *By the Fire We Carry* stands as a landmark work of American history. The story it tells exposes both the wrongs that our nation has committed and the Native-led battle for justice that has shaped our country.



Routledge Handbook of Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic

**Ed. by Timo Koivurova, Else Grete Broderstad,
Dorothee Cambou, Dalee Dorrough and Florian
Stammler**
Routledge, 2023
978-0367645656

This handbook brings together the expertise of Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars to offer a comprehensive overview of issues surrounding the well-being, self-determination and sustainability of Indigenous peoples in the Arctic. This book offers a novel contribution to Arctic studies, empowering Indigenous research for the future and rebuilding the image of Indigenous peoples as proactive participants, signaling their pivotal role in the co-production of knowledge. It will appeal to scholars and students of law, political sciences, geography, anthropology, Arctic studies and environmental studies, as well as policy-makers and professionals.



Forgotten Continent: A History of the New Latin America

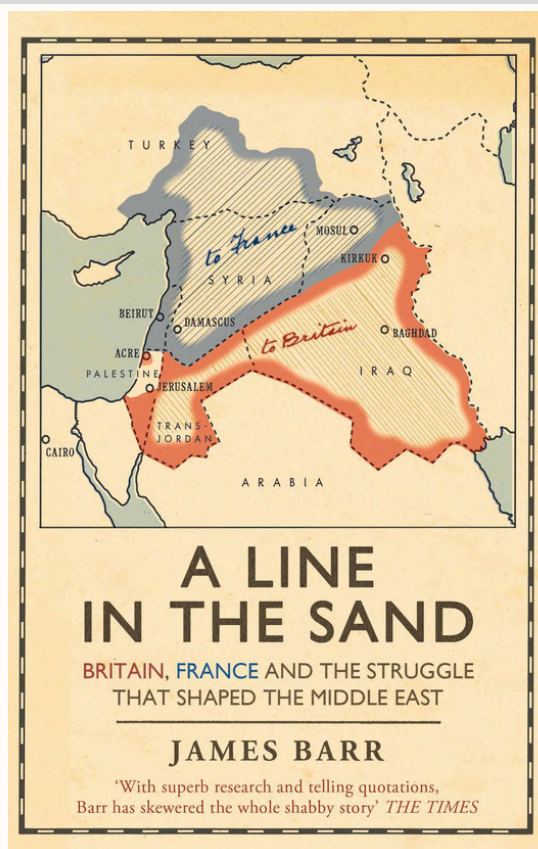
Michael Reid
Yale University Press, 2017
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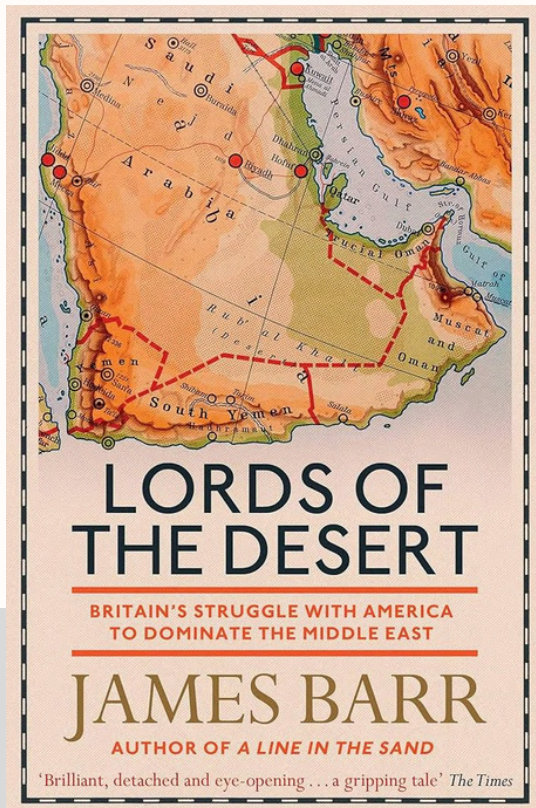
Ten years after its first publication, Michael Reid's best-selling survey of the state of contemporary Latin America has been wholly updated to reflect the new realities of the "Forgotten Continent." The former Americas editor for the Economist, Reid suggests that much of Central and South America, though less poor, less unequal, and better educated than before, faces harder economic times now that the commodities boom of the 2000s is over. His revised, in-depth account of the region reveals dynamic societies more concerned about corruption and climate change, the uncertainties of a Donald Trump-led United States, and a political cycle that, in many cases, is turning from left-wing populism to center-right governments.

A Line in the Sand: Britain, France and the Struggle that Shaped the Middle East

James Barr
Simon&Schuster, 2011
978-1847374530

In 1916, in the middle of the First World War, two men secretly agreed to divide the Middle East between them. Sir Mark Sykes was a visionary politician; François Georges-Picot a diplomat with a grudge. They drew a line in the sand from the Mediterranean to the Persian frontier, and together remade the map of the Middle East, with Britain's 'mandates' of Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq, and France's in Lebanon and Syria. Using declassified papers from the British and French archives, James Barr vividly depicts the covert, deadly war of intrigue and espionage between Britain and France to rule the Middle East, and reveals the shocking way in which the French finally got their revenge.





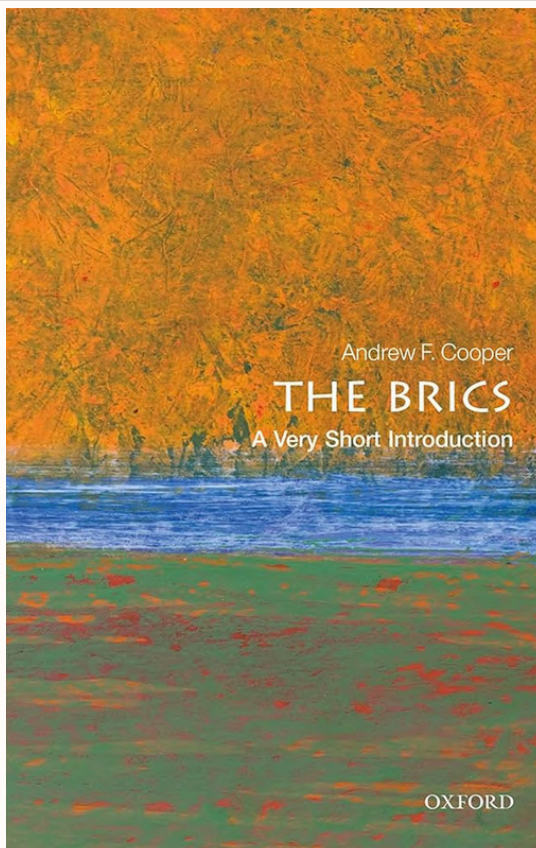
Lords of the Desert: Britain's Struggle with America to Dominate the Middle East

James Barr

Simon&Schuster, 2019

978-1471139802

In *Lords of the Desert*, historian James Barr draws on newly declassified archives to argue instead that the United States was the driving force behind the British exit. Though the two nations were allies, they found themselves at odds over just about every question, from who owned Saudi Arabia's oil to who should control the Suez Canal. Encouraging and exploiting widespread opposition to the British, the U.S. intrigued its way to power—ultimately becoming as resented as the British had been. As Barr shows, it is impossible to understand the region today without first grappling with this little-known prehistory



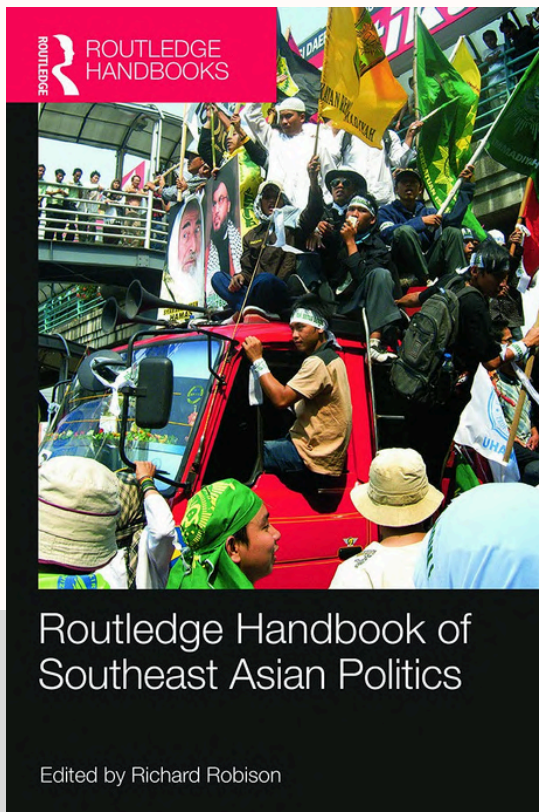
BRICS: A Very Short Introduction

Andrew Cooper

Oxford University Press, 2016

978-0198723394

In the wake of the post-Cold War era, the aftermath of 9/11, the 2008 global financial crisis, and the emergence of the G20 at the leaders level, few commentators expected a reshaping of the global system towards multipolarity, and away from the United States. And yet, the BRICS – encompassing Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – has emerged as a challenge to the international status quo. In this *Very Short Introduction* Andrew Cooper explores the emergence of the BRICS as a concept. Drawing on historical precedent, Cooper provides a contemporary analysis of the BRICS' practice and influence as as a forum and a lobby group in advancing a distinctive but amorphous agenda amongst global politics.



Routledge Handbook of Southeast Asian Politics

Ed. by Richard Robison

Routledge, 2011

978-0415716512

The Handbook analyses how the dominant political and social coalitions of the region were forged in the Cold War era, and assesses the complex processes of transition towards various forms of democratic politics. How institutions and systems of governance are being forged in an increasingly global environment is discussed and whether civil society in Southeast Asia has really evolved as an independent sphere of social and political activity. The Handbook examines how national governments are dealing with growing tensions within the region as matters such as labour, human rights and the environment spill beyond national boundaries, and how they are establishing a place in the new global framework.

'An epoch-defining book'

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The Uninhabitable Earth

A STORY OF THE FUTURE

David Wallace-Wells



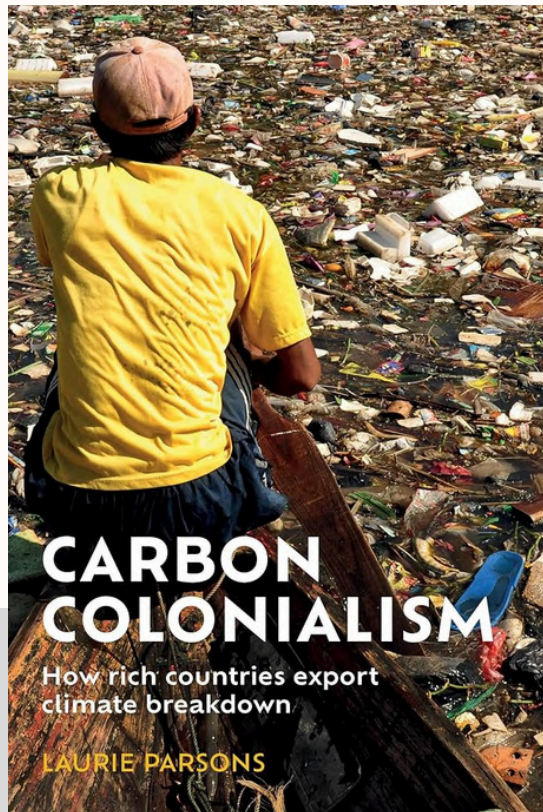
The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming

David Wallace-Wells

Penguin Press, 2019

978-0141988870

The slowness of climate change is a fairy tale, perhaps as pernicious as the one that says it isn't happening at all, and if your anxiety about it is dominated by fears of sea-level rise, you are barely scratching the surface of what terrors are possible, even within the lifetime of a teenager today. Over the past decades, the term "Anthropocene" has climbed into the popular imagination - a name given to the geologic era we live in now, one defined by human intervention in the life of the planet. But however sanguine you might be about the proposition that we have ravaged the natural world, which we surely have, it is another thing entirely to consider the possibility that we have only provoked it, engineering first in ignorance and then in denial a climate system that will now go to war with us for many centuries, perhaps until it destroys us.



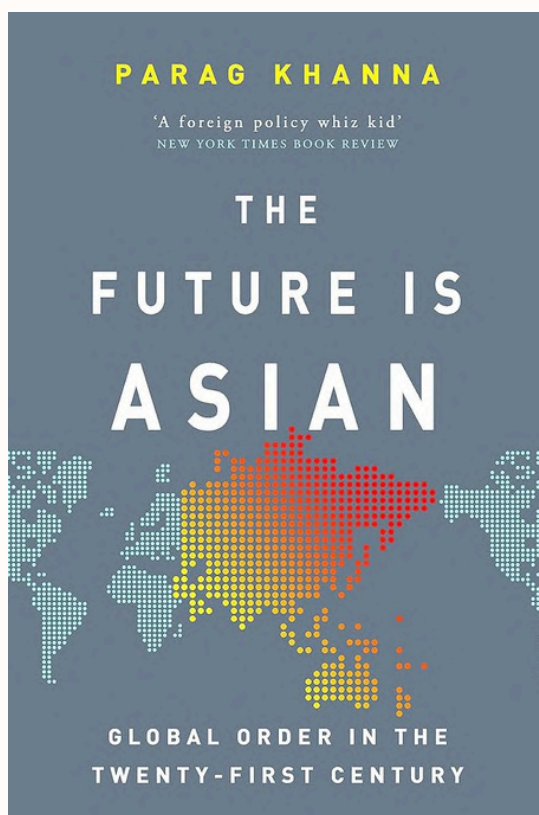
Carbon Colonialism: How Rich Countries Export Climate Breakdown

Laurie Parsons

Manchester University Press, 2023

978-1526169181

Climate change is devastating the planet, and globalisation is hiding it. This book opens our eyes. Carbon colonialism explores the murky practices of outsourcing a country's environmental impact, where emissions and waste are exported from rich countries to poorer ones; a world in which corporations and countries are allowed to maintain a clean, green image while landfills in the world's poorest countries continue to expand, and droughts and floods intensify under the auspices of globalisation, deregulation and economic growth.



Future Is Asian

Parag Khanna

Simon & Schuster, 2019

978-1982115333

Five billion people, two-thirds of the world's mega-cities, one-third of the global economy, two-thirds of global economic growth, thirty of the Fortune 100, six of the ten largest banks, eight of the ten largest armies, five nuclear powers, massive technological innovation, the newest crop of top-ranked universities. Asia is also the world's most ethnically, linguistically and culturally diverse region of the planet, eluding any remotely meaningful generalization beyond the geographic label itself. Even for Asians, Asia is dizzying to navigate. Whether you gauge by demography, geography, economy or any other metric, Asia is already the present - and it is certainly the future.



Middle Powers in Global Governance: The Rise of Turkey

Emel Parlar Dal

Palgrave Macmillan, 2018

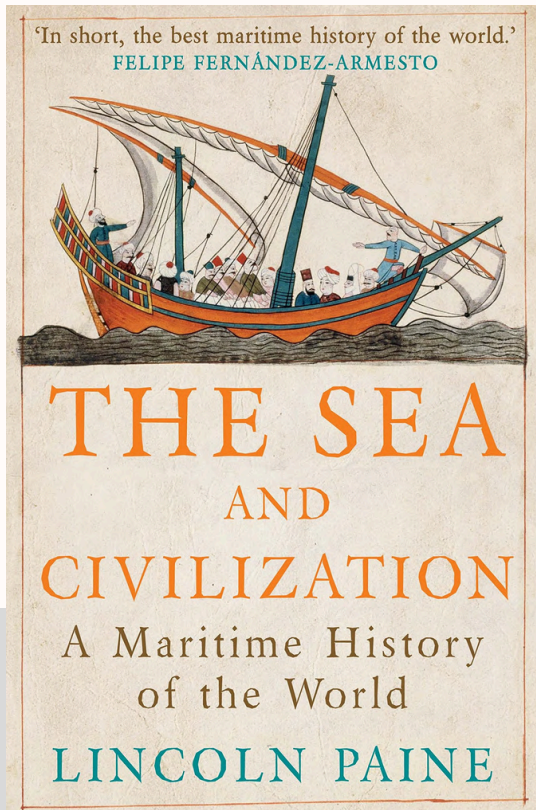
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This volume summarizes, synthesizes, updates, and contextualizes Turkey's multiple roles in global governance. As a result of various political, economic, cultural and technological changes occurring in the international system, the need for an effective and appropriate global governance is unfolding. In such an environment, Turkey's and other rising/middle powers' initiatives appear to be indispensable for rendering the existing global governance mechanisms more functional and effective. The authors contribute to the assessment of changing global governance practices of secondary and/or middle power states with a special focus on Turkey's multiple roles and issue-based global governance policies.



GLOBAL COMMONS

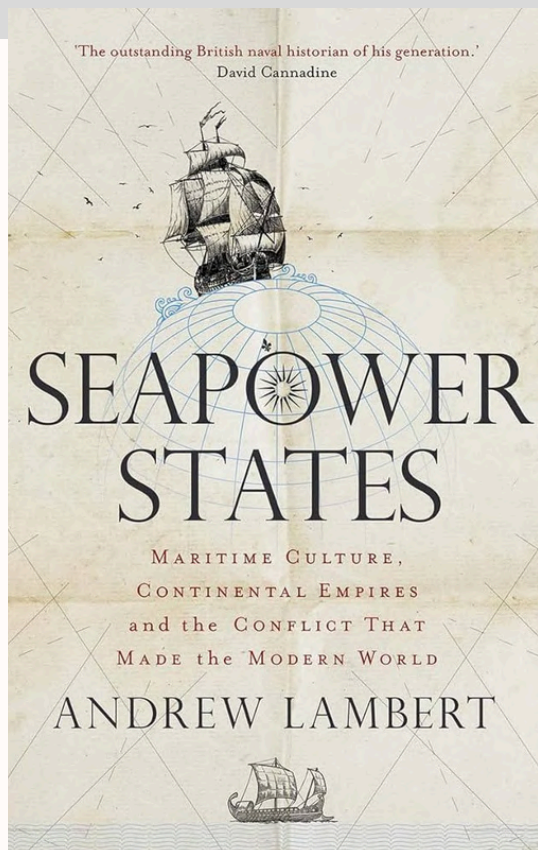
Global commons are essential to International Relations because they represent shared spaces and domains—such as the seas, cyber, space, environment, and the Arctic—where governance, security, sustainability, and equity increasingly intersect. This book list examines how the management of global commons in a multiplex world requires new forms of cooperation, regulation, and power-sharing among states, companies, and non-state actors.



The Sea and Civilization: A Maritime History of the World

Lincoln Paine
Atlantic Books, 2015
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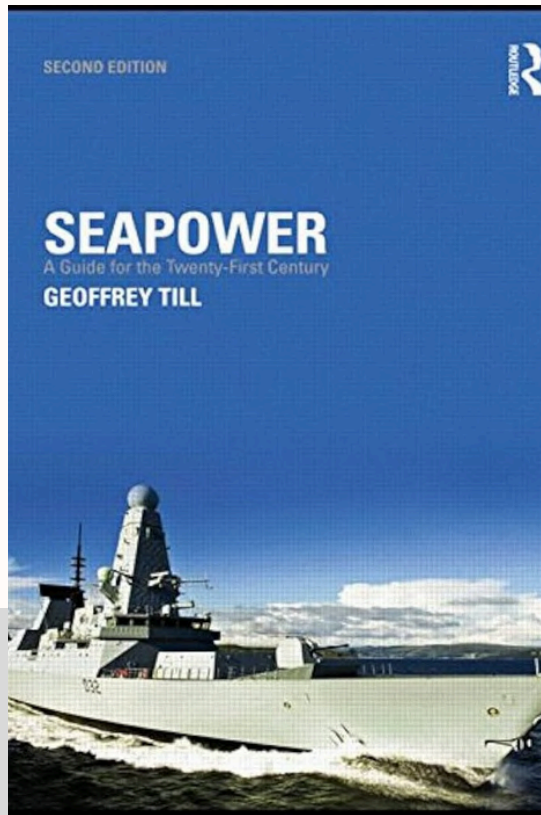
This tremendously readable intellectual adventure shows us the world in a new light, in which the sea reigns supreme. We find out how a once–enslaved East African king brought Islam to his people, what the American “sail-around territories” were, and what the Song Dynasty did with twenty-wheel, human-powered paddleboats with twenty paddle wheels and up to three hundred crew. Above all, Paine makes clear how the rise and fall of civilizations can be linked to the sea. An accomplishment of both great sweep and illuminating detail, *The Sea and Civilization* is a stunning work of history.



Seapower States: Maritime Culture, Continental Empires, and the Conflict That Made the Modern World

Andrew Lambert
Yale University Press, 2018
978-0300230048

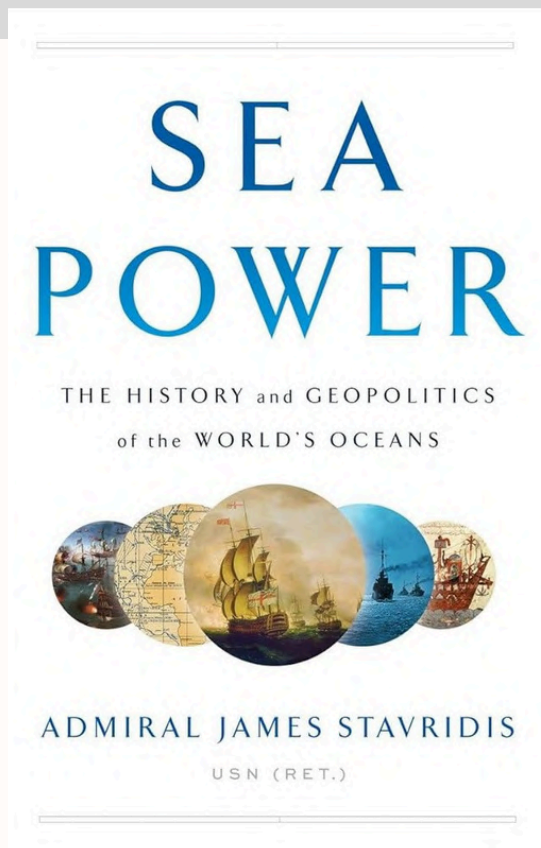
Andrew Lambert, author of *The Challenge: Britain Against America in the Naval War of 1812*—winner of the prestigious Anderson Medal—turns his attention to Athens, Carthage, Venice, the Dutch Republic, and Britain, examining how their identities as “seapowers” informed their actions and enabled them to achieve success disproportionate to their size. Lambert demonstrates how creating maritime identities made these states more dynamic, open, and inclusive than their lumbering continental rivals. Only when they forgot this aspect of their identity did these nations begin to decline. Recognizing that the United States and China are modern naval powers—rather than seapowers—is essential to understanding current affairs, as well as the long-term trends in world history.



Seapower: A Guide for the Twenty-First Century

Geoffrey Till
Routledge, 2018
978-0415480895

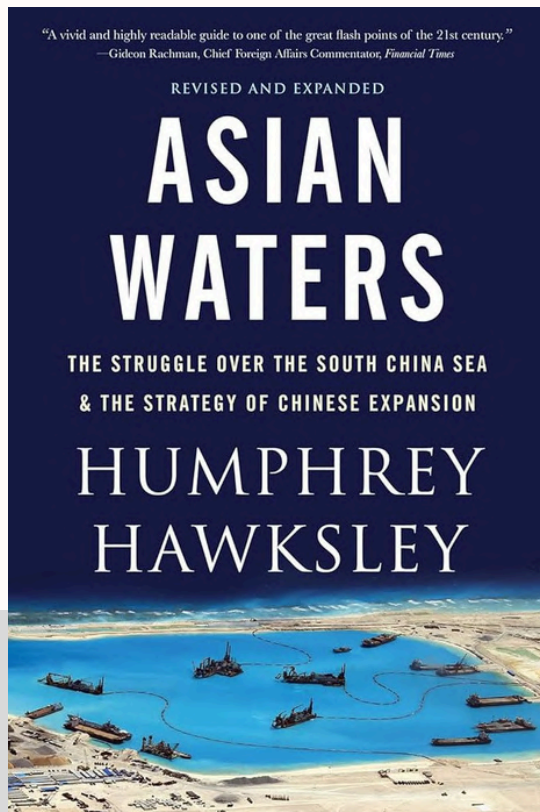
Navies have always provided a way of policing, and sometimes exploiting, the system. In contemporary conditions, navies – and other forms of maritime power – are having to adapt, in order to exert the maximum power ashore in the company of others and to expand the range of their interests, activities and responsibilities. Their traditional tasks still apply but new ones are developing fast. This updated and expanded new edition of Geoffrey Till's acclaimed book is an essential guide for students of naval history and maritime strategy, and anyone interested in the changing and crucial role of seapower in the 21st century.



Sea Power: The History and Geopolitics of the World's Oceans

James Stavridis
Penguin Press, 2017
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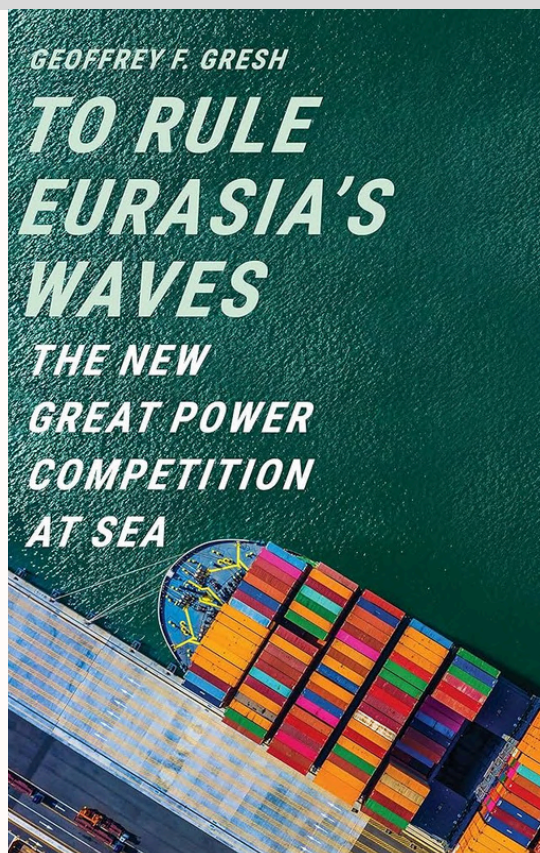
From the time of the Greeks and the Persians clashing in the Mediterranean, sea power has determined world power. To an extent that is often underappreciated, it still does. No one understands this better than Admiral Jim Stavridis. In *Sea Power*, Admiral Stavridis takes us with him on a tour of the world's oceans from the admiral's chair, showing us how the geography of the oceans has shaped the destiny of nations, and how naval power has in a real sense made the world we live in today, and will shape the world we live in tomorrow. When most of us look at a globe, we focus on the shape of the of the seven continents. Admiral Stavridis sees the shapes of the seven seas. After reading *Sea Power*, you will too.



Asian Waters: The Struggle Over the South China Sea and the Strategy of Chinese Expansion

Humphrey Hawksley
The Overlook Press, 2018
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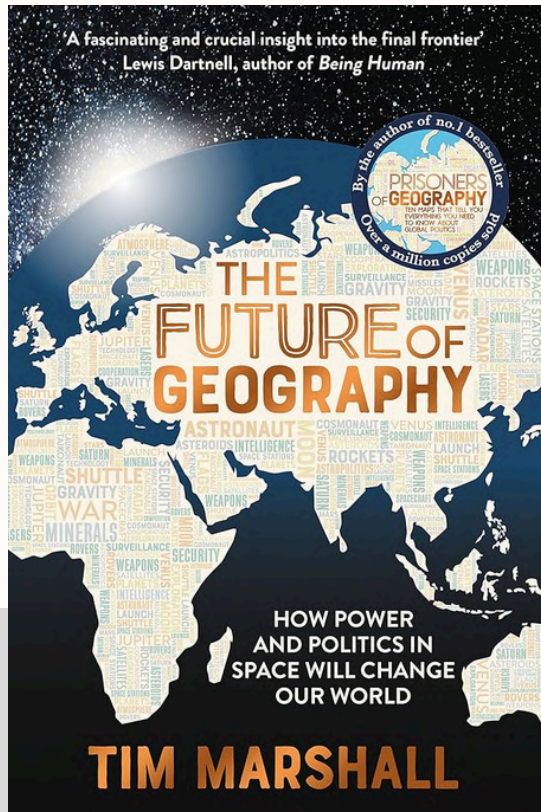
In the sphere of future global politics, no region will be as hotly contested as the Asia-Pacific, where great power interests collide amid the mistrust of unresolved conflicts and disputed territory. In *Asian Waters*, award-winning foreign correspondent Humphrey Hawksley breaks down the politics—and tensions—that he has followed through this region for years. Reporting on decades of political developments, he has witnessed China's rise to become one of the world's most wealthy and militarized countries, and delivers in *Asian Waters* the compelling narrative of this most volatile region.



To Rule Eurasia's Waves: The New Great Power Competition at Sea

Geoffrey F. Gresh
Yale University Press, 2020
978-0274756759

Eurasia's emerging powers—India, China, and Russia—have increasingly embraced their maritime geographies as they have expanded and strengthened their economies, military capabilities, and global influence. With meticulous and comprehensive field research, Geoffrey Gresh considers how the melting of the Arctic ice cap will create new shipping lanes and exacerbate a contest for the control of Arctic natural resources. He explores as well the strategic maritime shifts under way from Europe to the Indian Ocean and Pacific Asia. The race for great power status and the earth's changing landscape, Gresh shows, are rapidly transforming Eurasia and thus creating a new world order.



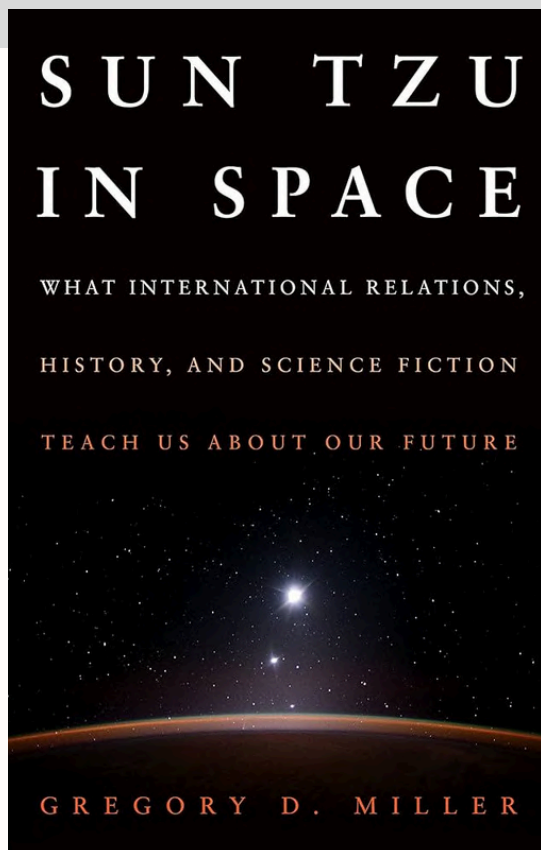
The Future of Geography: How the Competition in Space Will Change Our World

Tim Marshall

Elliott & Thompson Limited, 2023

978-1783966875

We're entering a new space race - and it could revolutionise life on Earth. Space: the new frontier, a wild and lawless place. It is already central to communication, economics, military strategy and international relations on Earth. Now, it is the latest arena for human exploration, exploitation - and, possibly, conquest. We're heading up and out, and we're taking our power struggles with us. China, the USA and Russia are leading the way.



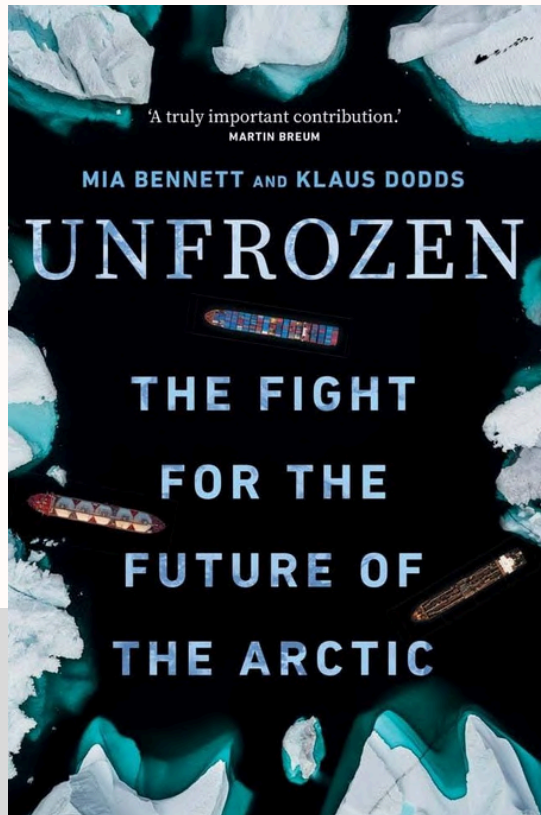
Sun Tzu in Space: What International Relations, History, and Science Fiction Teach us about our Future

Gregory D. Miller

Naval Institute Press, 2023

978-1682478455

Sun Tzu in Space provides a novel way of thinking about the future, connecting international relations, history, and science fiction to better understand some of the various paths for future human activities in space. Simultaneously, it provides a way to use science fiction to help students and the public learn about international relations and the cyclical nature of history. Author Gregory D. Miller uses case studies, history, and foundational international relations concepts to draw big, or at least possible, conclusions about humanity's future in space. By combining the lessons of science fiction, and the facts of the past, Miller presents possible outcomes with a goal of illuminating where things could go wrong, or wonderfully right, as humans venture forth into space in greater numbers in the in the decades to come.



Unfrozen: The Fight for the Future of the Arctic

Mia Bennett; Klaus Dodds
Yale University Press, 2025
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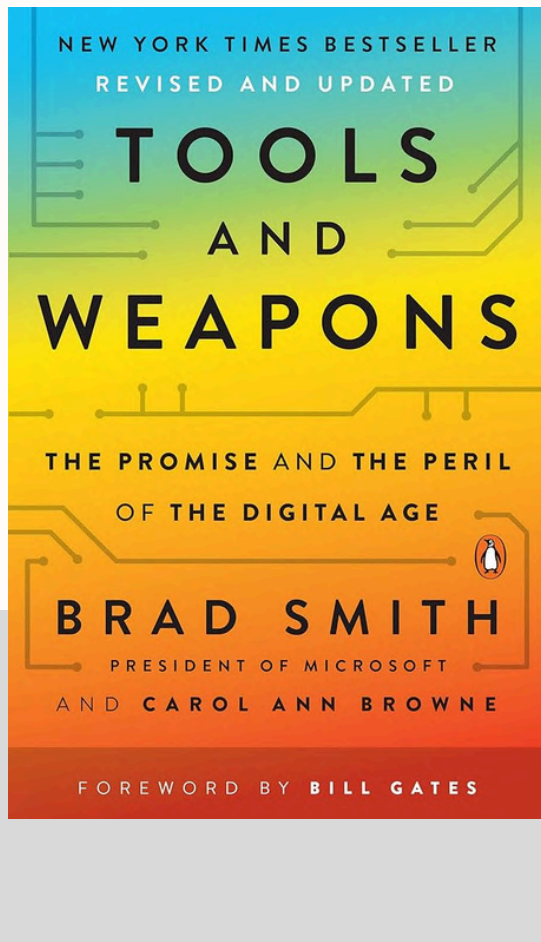
Growing geopolitical competition is accompanying environmental disruption. Countries including Russia, China, and the United States are investing in the Arctic and consolidating their interests in strategic access, resource exploitation, and alliance-building. The consequences of this emerging Arctic Anthropocene are truly global—from rising sea levels due to melting glaciers to tensions between great powers determined to protect their territory and resources, and the well-being of Indigenous Peoples who have fought for centuries for rights and recognition.



So You Want to Own Greenland? Lessons from the Vikings to Trump

Elizabeth Buchanan
Hurst Publishing, 2025
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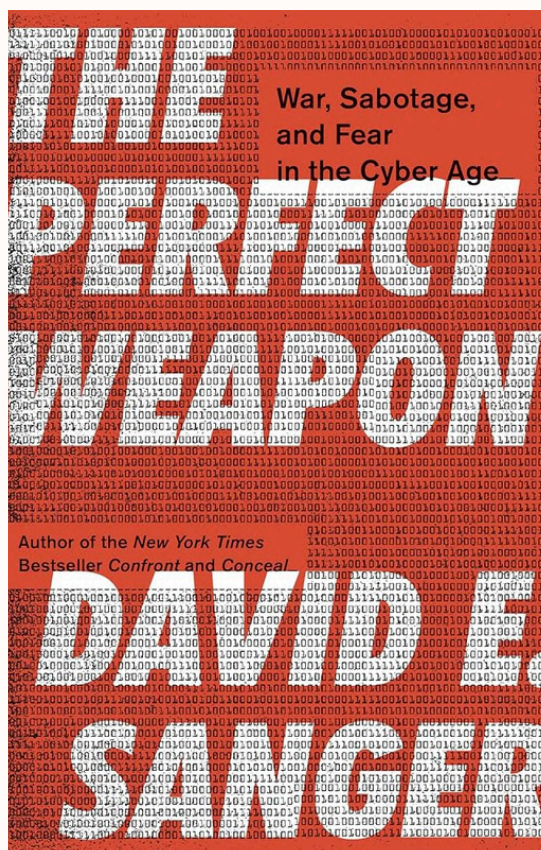
Greenland is no ordinary island. Ever since its discovery it has been a frontier for human exploration, empire and geostrategic competition. This book delves into that rich history and complex politics, revealing how a wilderness of just 56,000 inhabitants has shaped—and been shaped by—the world. Elizabeth Buchanan's short history begins with the Vikings, and their mysterious disappearance from Greenland in the 1400s. She explores the island's evolution from a Danish possession into an autonomous territory; its role in the World Wars, and its strategic importance during the Cold War. Finally, she dissects Greenland's position today at the centre of a new 'great game', balancing transatlantic ties, rising Chinese influence and mounting domestic pressures for independence.



Tools and Weapons: The Promise and the Peril of the Digital Age

Carol Ann Browne; Brad Smith
Penguin Press, 2019
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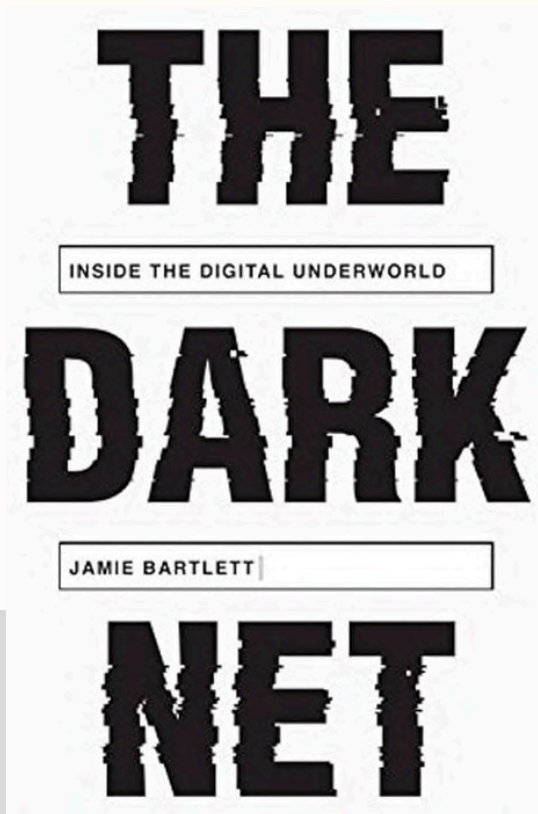
Tools and Weapons bring us a captivating narrative from the one of the world's largest and most powerful tech companies as it finds itself in the middle of some of the thorniest emerging issues of our time. These are challenges that come with no preexisting playbook, including privacy, cybercrime and cyberwar, social media, the moral conundrums of artificial intelligence, big tech's relationship to inequality, and the challenges for democracy, far and near. While in no way a self-glorifying "Microsoft memoir," the book pulls back the curtain remarkably wide onto some of the company's most crucial recent decision points as it strives to protect the hopes technology offers against the very real threats it also presents.



The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age

David E. Sanger
Crown, 2018
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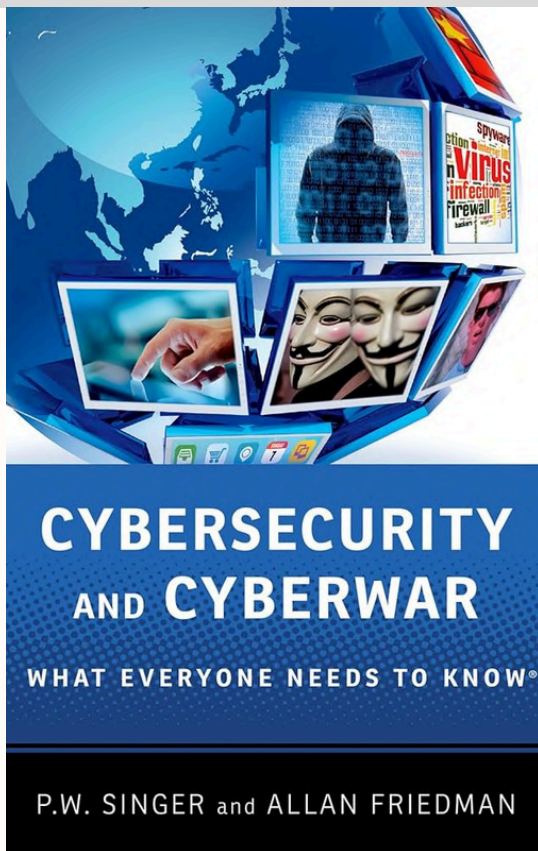
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The Dark Net: Inside the Digital Underworld

Jamie Bartlett
Melville House, 2015
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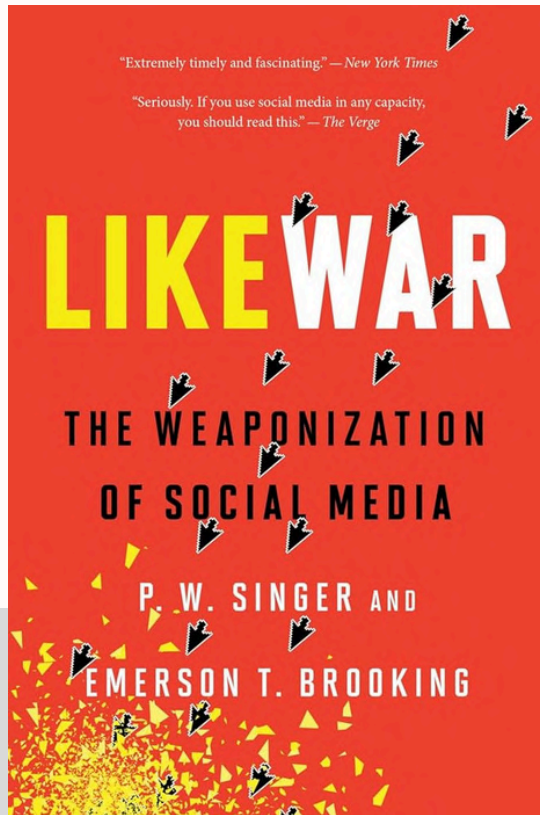
The dark net is an underworld that stretches from popular social media sites to the most secretive corners of the encrypted web. It is a world that frequently appears in newspaper headlines, but one that is little understood, and rarely explored. The Dark Net is a revelatory examination of the internet today, and of its most innovative and dangerous subcultures: trolls and pornographers, drug dealers and hackers, political extremists and computer scientists, Bitcoin programmers and self-harmers, libertarians and vigilantes.



Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know

Peter W. Singer; Allan Friedman
Oxford University Press, 2014
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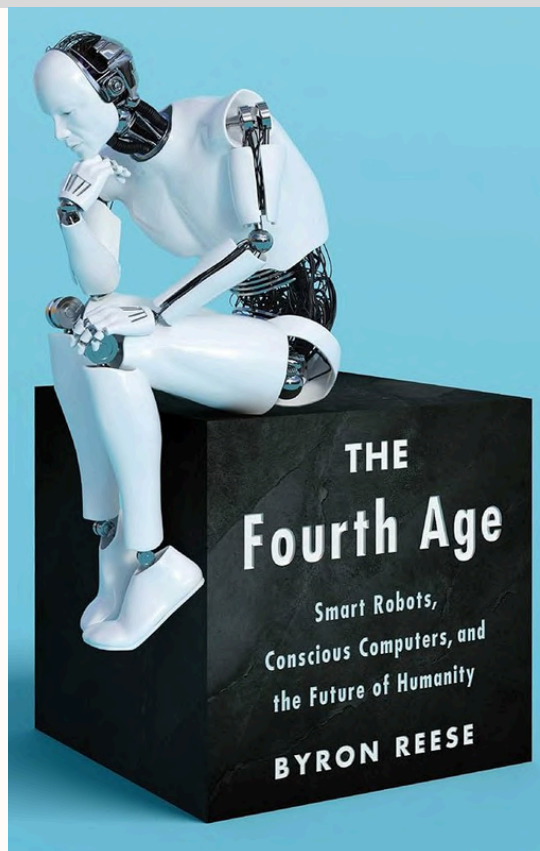
In *Cybersecurity and CyberWar: What Everyone Needs to Know*[®], New York Times best-selling author P. W. Singer and noted cyber expert Allan Friedman team up to provide the kind of easy-to-read, yet deeply informative resource book that has been missing on this crucial issue of 21st century life. Written in a lively, accessible style, filled with engaging stories and illustrative anecdotes, the book is structured around the key question areas of cyberspace and its security: how it all works, why it all matters, and what can we do? Along the way, they take readers on a tour of the important (and entertaining) issues and characters of cybersecurity, from the "Anonymous" hacker group and the Stuxnet computer virus to the new cyber units of the Chinese and U.S. militaries.



LikeWar: The Weaponization of Social Media

Peter W. Singer; Emerson T. Brooking
Harper Collins, 2019
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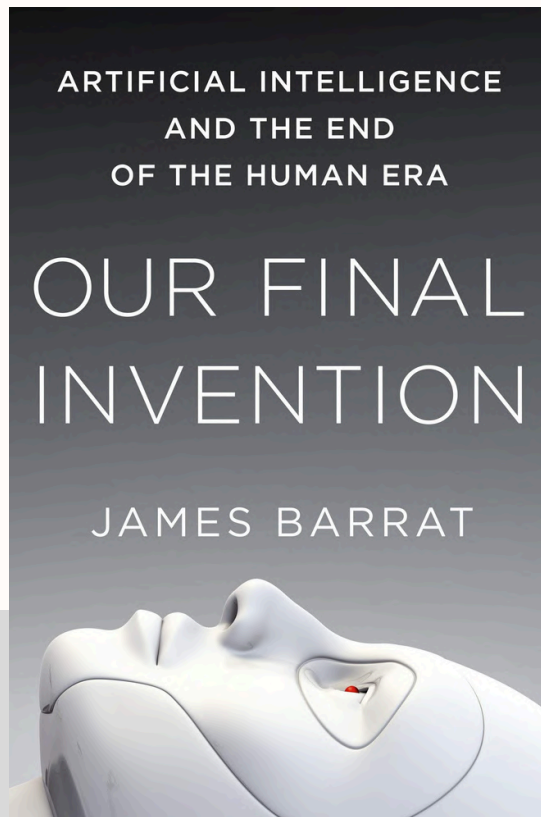
Through the weaponization of social media, the internet is changing war and politics, just as war and politics are changing the internet. Terrorists livestream their attacks, “Twitter wars” produce real-world casualties, and viral misinformation alters not just the result of battles, but the very fate of nations. Delving into the web’s darkest corners, we meet the unexpected warriors of social media, such as the rapper turned jihadist PR czar and the Russian hipsters who wage unceasing infowars against the West. Finally, looking to the crucial years ahead, *LikeWar* outlines a radical new paradigm for understanding and defending against the unprecedented threats of our networked world.



The Fourth Age: Smart Robots, Conscious Computers, and the Future of Humanity

Byron Reese
Atria Books, 2018
978-1501158568

We are now on the doorstep of a fourth change brought about by two technologies: AI and robotics. The Fourth Age provides extraordinary background information on how we got to this point, and how—rather than what—we should think about the topics we’ll soon all be facing: machine consciousness, automation, employment, creative computers, radical life extension, artificial life, AI ethics, the future of warfare, superintelligence, and the implications of extreme prosperity. By asking questions like “Are you a machine?” and “Could a computer feel anything?”, Reese leads you through a discussion along the cutting edge in robotics and AI, and, provides a framework by which we can all understand, discuss, and act on the issues of the Fourth Age, and how they’ll transform humanity.



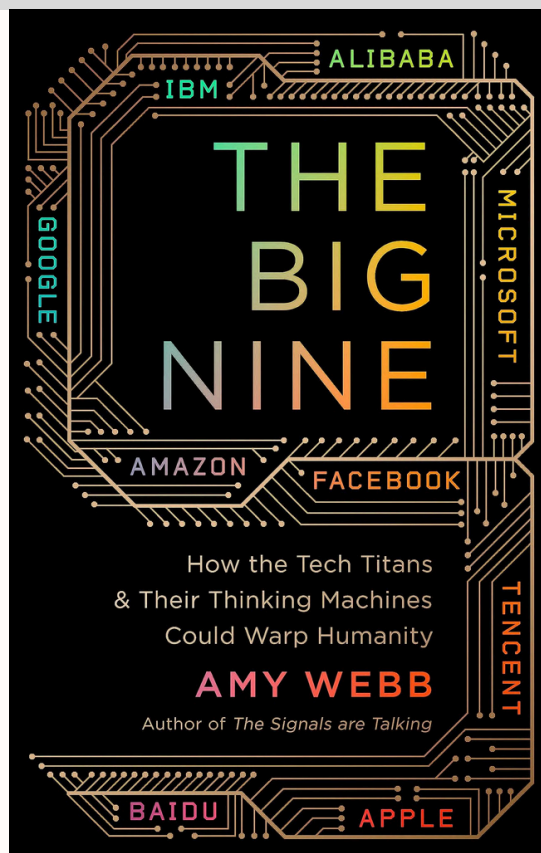
Our Final Invention: Artificial Intelligence and the End of the Human Era

James Barrat

St. Martin's Griffin, 2015

978-1250058782

In as little as a decade, artificial intelligence could match and then surpass human intelligence. Corporations and government agencies around the world are pouring billions into achieving AI's Holy Grail—human-level intelligence. Once AI has attained it, scientists argue, it will have survival drives much like our own. We may be forced to compete with a rival more cunning, more powerful, and more alien than we can imagine. Through profiles of tech visionaries, industry watchdogs, and groundbreaking AI systems, James Barrat's *Our Final Invention* explores the perils of the heedless pursuit of advanced AI.



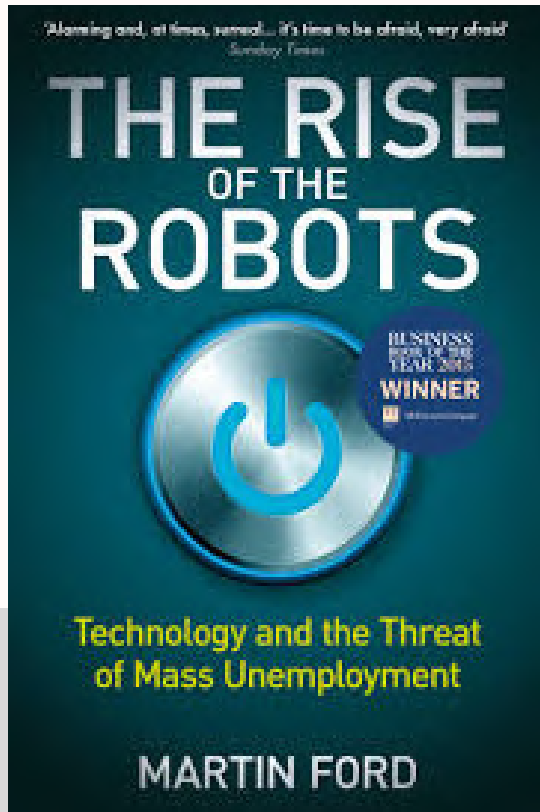
The Big Nine: How the Tech Titans and Their Thinking Machines Could Warp Humanity

Amy Webb

Public Affairs, 2019

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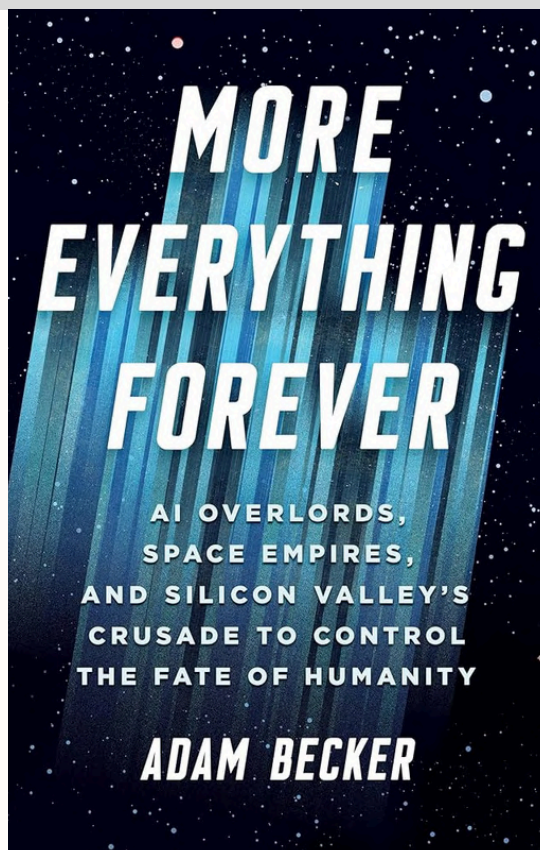
In this book, Amy Webb reveals the pervasive, invisible ways in which the foundations of AI—the people working on the system, their motivations, the technology itself—are broken. Within our lifetimes, AI will, by design, begin to behave unpredictably, thinking and acting in ways which defy human logic. The big nine corporations may be inadvertently building and enabling vast arrays of intelligent systems that don't share our motivations, desires, or hopes for the future of humanity. Much more than a passionate, human-centered call-to-arms, this book delivers a strategy for changing course, and provides a path for liberating us from algorithmic decision-makers and powerful corporations.



Rise of the Robots: Technology and the Threat of Mass Unemployment

Martin Ford
One World, 2016
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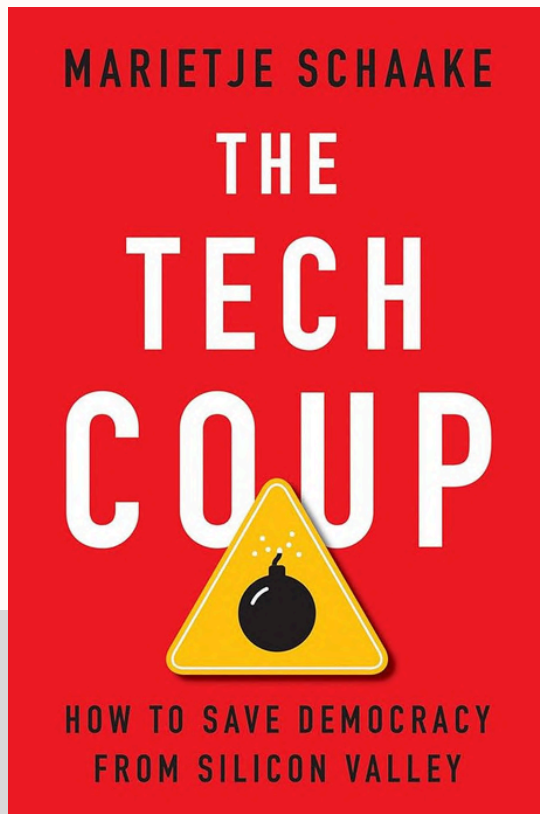
If a 'robot' could do your job quicker than you and better than you for no pay, would you still be employed? Today it's travel agents, data-analyst and paralegals whose jobs are under threat. Soon it will be doctors, taxi-drivers and, ironically, even computer programmers. Without a radical reassessment of our economic and political structures, we risk the implosion of the capitalist economy itself. In a frightening tour of artificial intelligence's rapid advances, technology expert Martin Ford draws on a wealth of economic data from both the US and the UK to outline the terrifying societal implications of the robots' rise.



More Everything Forever: AI Overlords, Space Empires, and Silicon Valley's Crusade to Control the Fate of Humanity

Adam Becker
Basic Books, 2025
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In *More Everything Forever*, science writer Adam Becker investigates these wildly implausible and often profoundly immoral visions of tomorrow—and shows why, in reality, there is no good evidence that they will, or should, come to pass. Nevertheless, these obsessions fuel fears that overwhelm reason—for example, that a rogue AI will exterminate humanity—at the expense of essential work on solving crucial problems like climate change. What's more, these futuristic visions cloak a hunger for power under dreams of space colonies and digital immortality. The giants of Silicon Valley claim that their ideas are based on science, but the reality is they come from a jumbled mix of shallow futurism and racist pseudoscience.



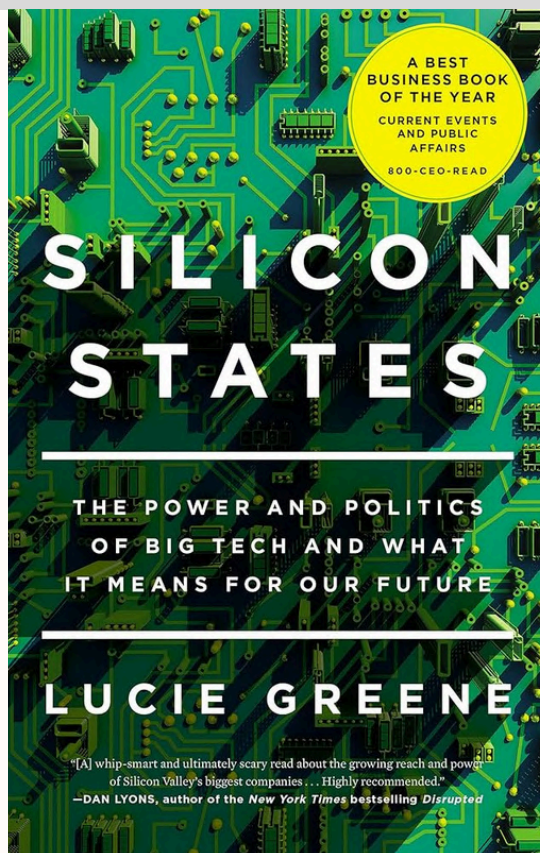
The Tech Coup: How to Save Democracy from Silicon Valley

Marietje Schaake

Princeton University Press, 2024

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In *The Tech Coup*, Marietje Schaake offers a behind-the-scenes account of how technology companies crept into nearly every corner of our lives and our governments. She takes us beyond the headlines to high-stakes meetings with human rights defenders, business leaders, computer scientists, and politicians to show how technologies—from social media to artificial intelligence—have gone from being heralded as utopian to undermining the pillars of our democracies. To reverse this existential power imbalance, Schaake outlines game-changing solutions to empower elected officials and citizens alike.



Silicon States: The Power and Politics of Big Tech and What It Means for Our Future

Lucie Greene

Counterpoint, 2018

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Through interviews with corporate leaders, influential venture capitalists, scholars, journalists, activists, and more, Greene explores the tension inherent in Silicon Valley's global influence. If these companies can invent a social network, how might they soon transform our political and health-care systems? If they can revolutionize the cell phone, what might they do for space travel, education, or the housing market? As Silicon Valley faces increased scrutiny over its mistreatment of women, cultural shortcomings, and its role in widespread Russian election interference, we are learning where its interests truly lie, and about the great power these companies wield over an unsuspecting citizenry.



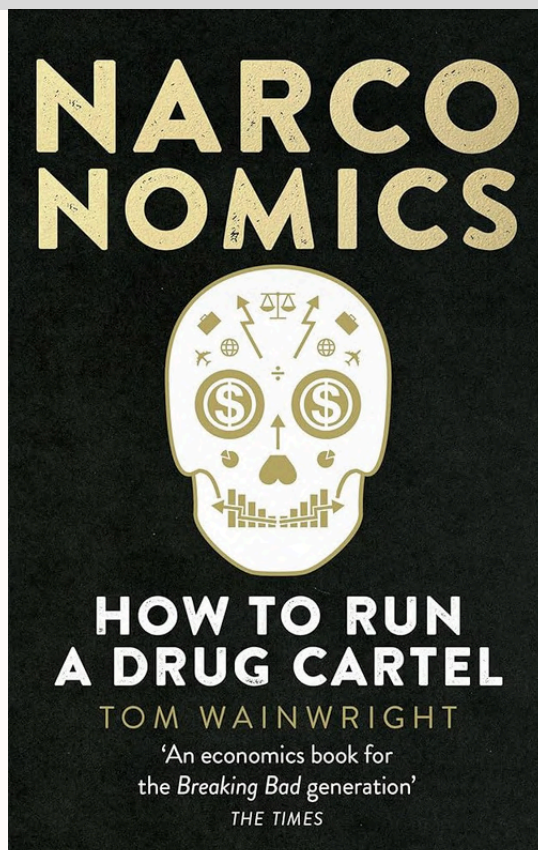
Containing Big Tech: How to Protect Our Civil Rights, Economy, and Democracy

Tom Kemp

Fast Company Press, 2023

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Technology is a gift and a curse. The five Big Tech companies—Meta, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft, and Google—have built innovative products that improve many aspects of our lives. But their intrusiveness and our dependence on them have created pressing threats to our civil rights, economy, and democracy. This richly detailed book exposes the consequences of Big Tech’s digital surveillance, exploitative use of AI, and monopolistic and anticompetitive practices. It offers actionable solutions to these problems and a clear path forward for individuals and policymakers to advocate for change.



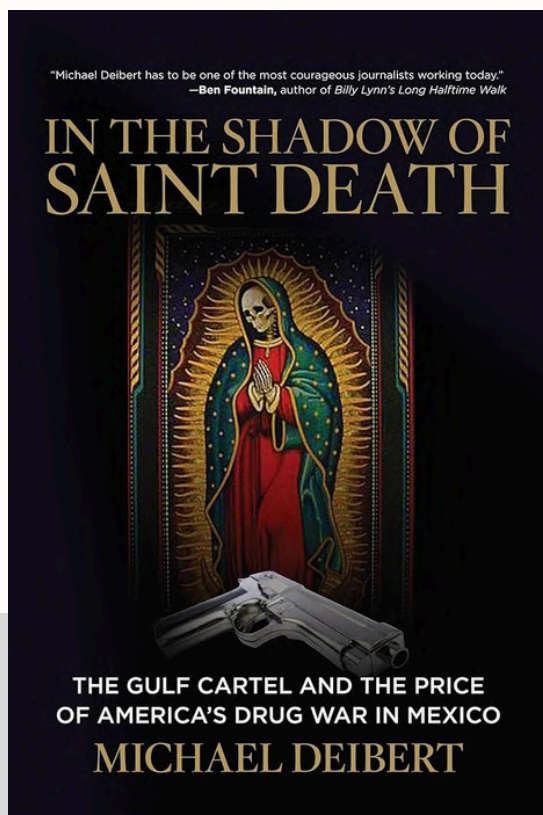
Narconomics: How to Run a Drug Cartel

Tom Wainwright

Public Affairs, 2017

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How does a budding cartel boss succeed (and survive) in the \$300 billion illegal drug business? By learning from the best, of course. From creating brand value to fine-tuning customer service, the folks running cartels have been attentive students of the strategy and tactics used by corporations such as Walmart, McDonald’s, and Coca-Cola. In *Narconomics*, Tom Wainwright is an intrepid guide to the most exotic and brutal industry on earth. Picking his way through Andean cocaine fields, Central American prisons, and communities where the cartels rule, Wainwright offers a vivid, fresh, and innovative look into the drug trade and its 250 million customers. More than just an investigation of how drug cartels do business, *Narconomics* is also a keen and daring blueprint for how to defeat them.



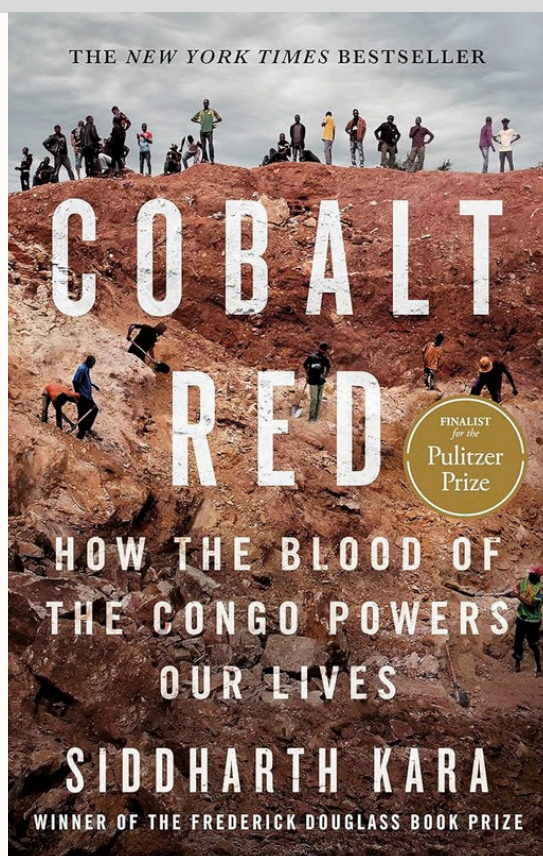
In the Shadow of Saint Death: The Gulf Cartel and the Price of America's Drug War in Mexico

Michael Deibert

Lyons Press, 2015

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Punctuated by the disappearance of bus loads of full of people from Mexican highways, heavy-weapon firefights in once-picturesque colonial towns and the discovery of mass graves, nowhere has the violence of Mexico's drug war been more intense than directly across the border from East Texas, the scene of a scorched-earth war between two of Mexico's largest drug trafficking organizations: The Gulf Cartel, a criminal body with roots stretching back to Prohibition, and Los Zetas, a group famous for their savagery and largely made up of deserters from Mexico's armed forces.



Cobalt Red: How the Blood of the Congo Powers Our Lives

Siddharth Kara

St. Martin's Press, 2023

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Cobalt Red is the searing, first-ever exposé of the immense toll taken on the people and environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo by cobalt mining, as told through the testimonies of the Congolese people themselves. Activist and researcher Siddharth Kara has traveled deep into cobalt territory to document the testimonies of the people living, working, and dying for cobalt. To uncover the truth about brutal mining practices, Kara investigated militia-controlled mining areas, traced the supply chain of child-mined cobalt from toxic pit to consumer-facing tech giants, and gathered shocking testimonies of people who endure immense suffering and even die mining cobalt.



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