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Geopolitics, Security, and U.S. Strategy in the Caribbean Basin

Rand Corporation

Two of America's leading national security experts offer a definitive account of the global impact of COVID-19 and the political shock waves it will have on the United States and the world order in the 21st Century. "Informed by history, reporting, and a truly global perspective, this is an indispensable first draft of history and blueprint for how we can move forward." —Ben Rhodes

The COVID-19 pandemic killed millions, infected hundreds of millions, and laid bare the deep vulnerabilities and inequalities of our interconnected world. The accompanying economic crash was the worst since the Great Depression, with the International Monetary Fund estimating that it will cost over \$22 trillion in global wealth over the next few years. Over two decades of progress in reducing extreme poverty was erased, just in the space of a few months. Already fragile

states in every corner of the globe were further hollowed out. The brewing clash between the United States and China boiled over and the worldwide contest between democracy and authoritarianism deepened. It was a truly global crisis necessitating a collective response—and yet international cooperation almost entirely broke down, with key world leaders hardly on speaking terms. Colin Kahl and Thomas Wright's *Aftershocks* offers a riveting and comprehensive account of one of the strangest and most consequential years on record. Drawing on interviews with officials from around the world and extensive research, the authors tell the story of how nationalism and major power rivalries constrained the response to the worst pandemic in a century. They demonstrate the myriad ways in which the crisis exposed the limits of the old international order and how the reverberations from COVID-19

will be felt for years to come.
Last War of the World-
Island: The Geopolitics of
Contemporary Russia CRC
Press

Renewables are a game changer for interstate energy relations. Their abundance and intermittency, possibilities for decentral generation and use of rare earth materials, and generally electric nature of transportation make them very different from fossil fuels. What do these geographic and technical characteristics of renewable energy systems imply for infrastructure topology and operations, business models, and energy markets? What are the consequences for the strategic realities and policy considerations of producer, consumer, and transit countries and energy-related patterns of cooperation and

conflict between them? Who are the winners and losers?
The Geopolitics of
Renewables is the first in-depth exploration of the implications for interstate energy relations of a transition towards renewable energy. Fifteen international scholars combine insights from several disciplines - international relations, geopolitics, energy security, renewable energy technology, economics, sustainability transitions, and energy policy - to establish a comprehensive overview and understanding of the emerging energy game. Focus is on contemporary developments and how they may shape the coming decades on three levels of analysis: - The emerging global energy game; winners and losers - Regional and bilateral energy relations of

established and rising powers
· Infrastructure
developments and
governance responses The
book is recommended for
academics and policy
makers. It offers a novel
analytical framework that
moves from geography and
technology to economics and
politics to investigate the
geopolitical implications of
renewable energy and
provides practical
illustrations and policy
recommendations related to
specific countries and regions
such as the US, EU, China,
India, OPEC, and Russia
PROCEEDING THE JAKARTA
GEOPOLITICAL FORUM (JGF)
VI/ 2022 GEO-MARITIME:
CHASING THE FUTURE OF
GLOBAL STABILITY Oxford
University Press

" This study comprises a
geopolitical analysis of the great
power presence and motivations
in the small city-state of Djibouti.

The author answers the question,
"what makes Djibouti important
enough to call for the presence of
so many great powers in a small
state so seemingly devoid of any
natural resources?" The author
argues that this question is best
answered using a geopolitical
analysis. The analysis uses a
modified version of Jakub Grygiel's
framework from his book Great
Powers and Geopolitical Change.
Specifically, the author examines
France, the European Union, the
United States, Japan, and China.
The framework used focuses on
two major geopolitical variables --
lines of communication (LOCs)
and centers of resources. Djibouti
is a node for several strategic LOCs
and is also a center for unique
resources. This framework and
associated evidence provide a
compelling argument that Djibouti
offers unique geopolitical benefits
for great powers. Ultimately, these
factors explain great power
presence and their respective
geostrategies in Djibouti. The
author finishes by looking at
implications for the future of great
power presence in Djibouti
considering these geopolitical

factors. Specifically examined factors are: the future of the US-China relationship, the looming question of India's role in the region, and growing Russian and Saudi involvement in Djibouti and the surrounding region."--Abstract.

Constructing Post-Soviet Geopolitics in Estonia Peter Lang

Named by Foreign Affairs as a book to read on geopolitics. In an era of high technology and instant communication, the role of geography in the formation of strategy and politics in international relations can be undervalued. But the mountains of Afghanistan and the scorching sand storms of Iraq have provided stark reminders that geographical realities continue to have a profound impact on the success of military campaigns. Here, political scientist Jakub J.

Grygiel brings to light the importance of incorporating geography into grand strategy. He argues that states can increase and maintain their position of power by pursuing a geostrategy that focuses on control of resources and lines of communication. Grygiel examines case studies of Venice, the Ottoman Empire, and China in the global fifteenth century—all great powers that faced a dramatic change in geopolitics when new routes and continents were discovered. The location of resources, the layout of trade networks, and the stability of state boundaries played a large role in the success or failure of these three powers. Grygiel asserts that, though many other aspects of foreign policy have changed throughout history, strategic

response to geographical features remains one of the most salient factors in establishing and maintaining power in the international arena.

French-Brazilian

Geography Routledge

"In sum, by showing how and why local regional disputes quickly develop into global crises through the paired power of historical memory and time-space compression, Near Abroad reshapes our understanding of the current conflict raging in the center of the Eurasian landmass and international politics as a whole"--

Geopolitics, Geography and Strategic History Stanford University Press

Jakarta Geopolitical Forum V/ 2021 (JGF V/2021) organized by Lemhannas RI (National Resilience Institute of the Republic of

Indonesia) on 21-22

October 2021. The forum is held annually and aimed to explore the implementation of critical thinking and the development of new ideas and strategic thinking which are the annual routine agenda of the Deputy for Strategic Studies of Lemhannas RI based on its main tasks and functions. Today's global civilization is evolving to determine its identity and is rapidly reaching a tipping point that will decide whether it will lead to a new or divided civilization. The vulnerability of mankind is a significant threat to the development of civilization in the future. An increasingly interconnected global civilization will emerge as a result of the interwoven culture of nations around the world and vice versa. The question that needs attention is whether Indonesia is able to adapt to the changes in existing

civilizations or we can prevent various unexpected civilization possibilities in the future as well as the capability of Indonesia to bridge the gap between civilizations. Based on that, the theme of JGF V/ 2021 is "Culture and Civilization: Humanity at the Crossroads". The objectives to be achieved in organizing JGF V/2021 are to understand the form of future civilization, especially the socio-culture structure of the world's humans, to find out how far the culture and civilization of a nation is maintained in the midst of changes that occur, the mindset to adapt to the new civilization environment and knowing the extent of the correlation between the influence and change of civilization conveyed by world geopolitical experts from various countries. Deceiving (dis)appearances Springer Nature

This book theorizes a mechanism underlying regime-change waves, the deliberate efforts of diffusion entrepreneurs to spread a particular regime and regime-change model across state borders. Why do only certain states and nonstate actors emerge as such entrepreneurs? Why, how, and how effectively do they support regime change abroad? To answer these questions, the book studies the entrepreneurs behind the third wave of democratization, with a focus on the new eastern European democracies - members of the European Union. The study finds that it is not the strongest democracies nor the democracies trying to ensure their survival in a neighborhood of nondemocracies that become the most active diffusion entrepreneurs. It is, instead, the countries where the organizers of the domestic democratic

transitions build strong solidarity movements supporting the spread of democracy abroad that do. The book also draws parallels between their activism abroad and their experiences with democratization and democracy assistance at home.

Djibouti GEOPOLITICS

Anglo-Irish relations in the twentieth century can be described as being close but tortuous. This paradox is fused with Ireland's geographical location - both isolated from Europe and in close proximity to the main island of the British archipelago. Using a geopolitical analysis based on the theories of Sir Halford Mackinder, this book provides a new understanding of the strategic imperatives that have driven British policy throughout the turbulent events of the twentieth century. Containing material which has only

recently been released by the Public Record Office, this book brings an entirely new perspective to the reality of Irish neutrality, and the pivotal importance of Northern Ireland in the Battle of the Atlantic during the Second World War. Furthermore, using US archival material, it gives a new insight into Ireland's geopolitical importance in the First World War, and her contribution to victory against the German U-boats.

Human Geopolitics GRIN Verlag

This work examines the construction of post-Soviet political space, geopolitical discourses and boundaries in Estonia. Making use of innovative methodological solutions such as Q-methodology, its

analysis includes in-depth interviews that elucidate a variety of issues through human experience and subjective perception, such as Estonian-Russian border disputes of the 1990s, inter-ethnic issues and national integration and security. As Estonia is one of the frontline EU accession countries and is queuing for membership of NATO, the book raises broad questions of post-Soviet geopolitics in the Baltic region and across Europe. Indeed, Pami Aalto argues that small states such as Estonia should be understood as active participants in post-Soviet and European geopolitics, and not simply pawns in a superpower environment.

GEOPOLITICS Routledge
The authors examine how far internal policies in the European Union move towards the objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the EU by 80-95 per cent by 2050, and how or whether the EU's 2050 objective to 'decarbonise' could affect the EU's relations with a number of external energy partners.

EU Development
Policies A&C Black
What is Soviet-American competition all about? Is the Soviet Union a security problem that the United States must solve? Or is it an insecurity condition with which the U.S. must learn to live -- and if so, on what terms? What kind of a

player is the United States in the great game of power politics? In *The Geopolitics of Super Power*, one of our most respected strategic theorists answers these and other questions. In geopolitical terms, Colin Gray sees the Soviet-American antagonism as an enduring contest between a continental empire and a maritime coalition, each with its distinctive character and purposes. Gray explores the roots of the American style in foreign policy and strategy, and how that style relates to defense options. He identifies four broad alternatives for U.S. national security policy: passive

and active means of containment, disengagement from foreign security commitments, and the "rollback" of the Soviet empire. Gray argues vigorously for active containment, for the systematic deemphasis of nuclear weapons, and for the intelligent use, for deterrence and defense purposes, of the West's great competitive strengths in the political, economic, and technological spheres. *Rethinking (In)Security in the European Union* Brookings Institution Press
Ô Global economic challenges and political upheavals underscore the importance of geopolitical understanding in the management of the contemporary corporation.

Handbook on the Geopolitics of Business assembles a global cast of thought leaders in the geopolitical arena. The insights offered are highly valuable to students, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, government officials, and policy makers. This serves as a compass that would help you find your bearings in the complex world of international business. Ö Đ Ilan Alon, Rollins College, US In recent years, rapid globalization, novel technologies and business models, as well as economic and political changes have transformed the international business landscape. This pioneering volume offers a comprehensive discussion of the new global terrain and makes a strong case for the consideration of geopolitics in both the study and practice of modern-day business. Featuring original

contributions from experts across the world, this Handbook provides a solid foundation for both understanding and responding to recent changes and trends in global economics, politics, and business. Topics discussed include the shifting nature of international trade, economic growth in emerging economies, voluntary sustainability codes, management in international corporations, organization of mega-events, entrepreneurship and geopolitical risk, and investment law and firm behavior. This volume offers important implications for both the academic and corporate communities. It will appeal to professors and students of international business and management, economics and political sciences. Offering groundbreaking perspectives that drive

contemporary business strategy, this book is also highly valuable to global managers, entrepreneurs and policymakers.

Near Abroad Routledge
Employing thematic investigation and illustrated through case studies, Dodds explores how global politics is imagined and practised by countries such as the US and other organisations including Greenpeace, the IMF and CNN International. In addition, the author discusses how issues such as environmental degradation, terror networks, anti-globalisation protests and North-South relations challenge, consolidate and subvert the existing international political

system.

The Geopolitics of Renewables *Belhaven Press

In this book, O' Tuathail writes about the politics of the geographical struggle, and about the geography of global politics. It is the first geographical study to tackle geopolitical writing from a poststructuralist position.

Global Geopolitics

Routledge

In the last two decades, various states from the Global South have emerged as important players in international relations. Most popular among them is China. Brazil, India and South Africa have also taken essential roles in global and regional politics. Compared to traditional great powers, they can

be labelled ' regional great powers ' or ' regional powers ' because their influence is - with the exception of China - concentrated on their neighbourhood. The impact of regions, meaning the impact of geography, on the economics and politics of regional powers is surprisingly understudied. This book analyses how geographical conditions influence the regional economics and politics of South Africa, allowing the author to delineate its region of influence. The Geopolitics of Spectacle University Press of Kentucky

The ongoing conflict in Western Sahara is one of the more intractable legacies of European colonization in North

Africa. Following the withdrawal of Spain, this territorial dispute escalated in 1975 into a war of independence between the Sahrawi people of the Polisario Front, who were backed by Algeria, and the states of Mauritania and Morocco. In 1976, the Polisario Front established the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, which was not admitted in the UN but won recognition by a few states. After multiple peace efforts, the conflict reemerged in 2005 as the " independence Intifada. " Today, the Polisario Front controls about 20% of Western Sahara. At the heart of the conflict lie geopolitical interests

and incompatible claims aggravated by the use of military force and decades of mostly unproductive diplomatic maneuvers by international bodies and regional or foreign powers. This thorough, impartial survey brings together some of the best experts on the Sahara question to provide a broad-based analysis of the problem, from a range of perspectives. Featuring new research, the chapters examine the roots of the conflict, its dynamics, and potential solutions. This groundbreaking text also addresses questions of law, human rights, natural resources from an analytical point of view.

Contributed by scholars from North Africa, Europe, and the U.S., it is an essential contribution to the literature of Middle East and African studies.

The Geopolitics of Power and Conflict Springer
Why do autocrats build spectacular new capital cities? In *The Geopolitics of Spectacle*, Natalie Koch considers how autocratic rulers use "spectacular" projects to shape state-society relations, but rather than focus on the standard approach—on the project itself—she considers the unspectacular "others." The contrasting views of those from the poorest regions toward these new national capitals help her develop a geographic approach to spectacle. Koch uses Astana in Kazakhstan to exemplify

her argument, comparing that spectacular city with others from resource-rich, nondemocratic nations in central Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, and Southeast Asia. *The Geopolitics of Spectacle* draws new political-geographic lessons and shows that these spectacles can be understood only from multiple viewpoints, sites, and temporalities. Koch explicitly theorizes spectacle geographically and in so doing extends the analysis of governmentality into new empirical and theoretical terrain. With cases ranging from Azerbaijan to Qatar and Myanmar, and an intriguing account of reactions to the new capital of Astana from the poverty-stricken Aral Sea region of Kazakhstan, Koch's book provides food for thought for readers in human geography, anthropology, sociology, urban studies, political science, international

affairs, and post-Soviet and central Asian studies.

Great Powers and Geopolitical Change St. Martin's Press

The transformation from traditional war between nation-states to conflict between nation-states and nonstate actors requires decision makers, policy analysts, military commanders, intelligence officials, and legislators to answer the question: is there a strategy for an unwinnable conflict? This question takes on particular urgency given the extraordinary number of conflict points that define the current state of international relations. *Modern Geopolitics and Security: Strategies for Unwinnable Conflicts* draws on the author's extensive experience in

counterterrorism, negotiation, and the implementation of the Oslo Peace Process with his more recent work in academia. The book uses an interdisciplinary case study model to illustrate valuable lessons learned and best practices in strategic analysis and decision making that are based on international relations, international law, and negotiation/intervention. The book defines sovereignty, intervention, geopolitics, security, and what they mean in a global landscape. It examines historical examples of global crises and security concerns as well as contemporary geopolitical issues, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, intervention in Libya, non-intervention in Syria, the

Good Friday Agreement, the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, and the Arab Spring. We are entering a new era, where disaffected individuals who are willing and able to act, have more power and potential influence than ever before. Conflicts like those occurring in Egypt, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, and elsewhere are all complex organisms—nuanced as never before. Add in increasing regional asymmetrical conflicts, increasing global economic strain, social media and the accelerating speed of communication, ideological and regional state versus nonstate conflicts—such as in the case of al-Qaeda and non-other such movements—and

traditional "business as usual" geopolitics is being somewhat turned on its head. Modern Geopolitics and Security addresses topics that aren't currently covered anywhere – establishing a new paradigm to rethink modern geopolitics, given new and emerging challenges to traditional schools of thought. View an article by Amos N. Guiora that recently appeared in the The New York Times..

The Geopolitics Of Super Power Cambridge Scholars Publishing

This book brings together scholars from across a variety of academic disciplines to assess the current state of the subfield of popular geopolitics. It provides an archaeology of the field, maps the flows of various frameworks of analysis into (and out of) popular

geopolitics, and charts a course forward for the discipline. It explores the real-world implications of popular culture, with a particular focus on the evolving interdisciplinary nature of popular geopolitics alongside interrelated disciplines including media, cultural, and gender studies. Perspectives on Western Sahara U of Minnesota Press

The Jakarta Geopolitical Forum VI 2022 hosted by Lemhannas RI (The National Resilience Institute of the Republic of Indonesia) on 24-25 August 2022 specified to focus on geopolitical matters as the implementation of critical thinking and the development of new ideas and strategic thinking which are the annual routine of The The National Resilience

Institute of the Republic of Indonesia based on its main tasks and functions as The School of Geopolitics. The Security game power and global economic powerhouse in on-going hegemonic transition will have an impact on possible changes in the international order. Maritime will be the dominant competition arena, with dynamics that are challenging to take into account. The challenge of maintaining the status-quo and revival of revisionist will arise when the use of force in maritime power will include the struggle for the sake of resources and technology for power. Defeating the multipolar forces is inevitable which causes hegemony to be unable to build global stability.

Furthermore, the recasting of global order in the era of strategic reality has implications far beyond the power-shift by the rise of China and the fall of the United States (The US) supremacy. Based on that, the theme of JGF VI/2022 is "Geo Maritime: Chasing the Future of Global Stability." The purposes of the theme are to understand are to understand the cotemporary geo-maritime context that emerge power to upcoming geopolitical issues, to explore the maritime-based geopolitics and its global impact. Whereas the objectives is to structure a design of relations among geopolitical actors in achieving a balancing that comes to the global

stability.