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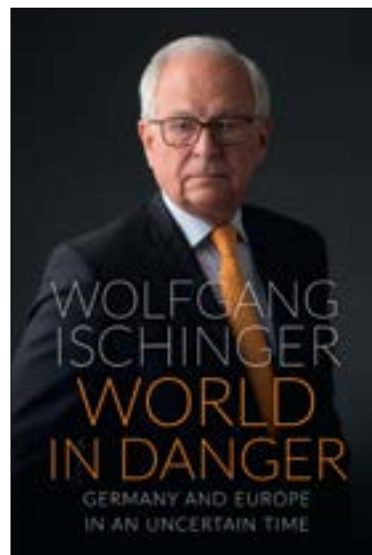
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World in Danger

GERMANY AND EUROPE IN AN UNCERTAIN TIME

Wolfgang Ischinger



***A vision of a
European future
of peace and
stability despite
the present gloom***

The world appears to be at another major turning point. Tensions between the United States and China threaten a resumption of great power conflict. Global institutions are being tested as never before, and hard-edged nationalism has resurfaced as a major force in both democracies and authoritarian states. From the European perspective, the United States appears to be abdicating its global leadership role. Meanwhile, Moscow and Beijing eagerly exploit every opportunity to pit European partners against one another.

But a pivot point also offers the continent an opportunity to grow stronger. In *World in Danger*, Wolfgang Ischinger, Germany's most prominent diplomat, offers a vision of a European future of peace and stability. Ischinger examines the root causes of the current conflicts and suggests how Europe can successfully address the most urgent challenges facing the continent. The European Union, he suggests, is poised to become a more powerful actor on the world stage, able to shape global politics while defending the interests of its 500 million citizens. This important book offers a practical vision of a Europe fully capable of navigating these turbulent times.

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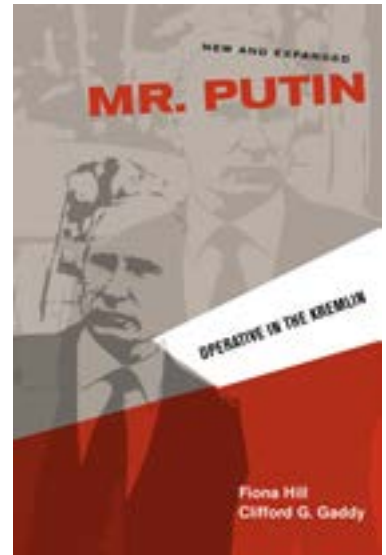
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Mr. Putin

OPERATIVE IN THE KREMLIN

Geopolitics in the 21st Century

Fiona Hill AND Clifford G. Gaddy



***From the KGB to
 the Kremlin: a
 multidimensional
 portrait of the man
 at war with the West.***

Where do Vladimir Putin's ideas come from? How does he look at the outside world? What does he want, and how far is he willing to go? The great lesson of the outbreak of World War I in 1914 was the danger of misreading the statements, actions, and intentions of the adversary. Today, Vladimir Putin has become the greatest challenge to European security and the global world order in decades. Russia's 8,000 nuclear weapons underscore the huge risks of not understanding who Putin is. Featuring five new chapters, this new edition dispels potentially dangerous misconceptions about Putin and offers a clear-eyed look at his objectives. It presents Putin as a reflection of deeply ingrained Russian ways of thinking as well as his unique personal background and experience.

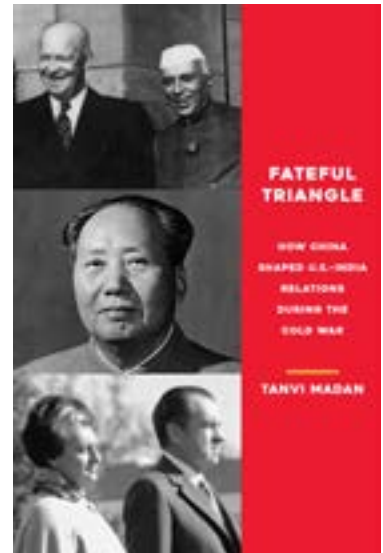
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Fateful Triangle

HOW CHINA SHAPED U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS DURING THE COLD WAR

Tanvi Madan



In this Asian century, scholars, officials and journalists are increasingly focused on the fate of the rivalry between China and India. They see the U.S. relationships with the two Asian giants as now intertwined, after having followed separate paths during the Cold War.

In *Fateful Triangle*, Tanvi Madan argues that China's influence on the U.S.-India relationship is neither a recent nor a momentary phenomenon. Drawing on documents from India and the United States, she shows that American and Indian perceptions of and policy toward China significantly shaped U.S.-India relations in three crucial decades, from 1949 to 1979. *Fateful Triangle* updates our understanding of the diplomatic history of U.S.-India relations, highlighting China's central role in it, reassesses the origins and practice of Indian foreign policy and nonalignment, and provides historical context for the interactions between the three countries.

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***Taking a long view
of the three-party
relationship, and its
future prospects***

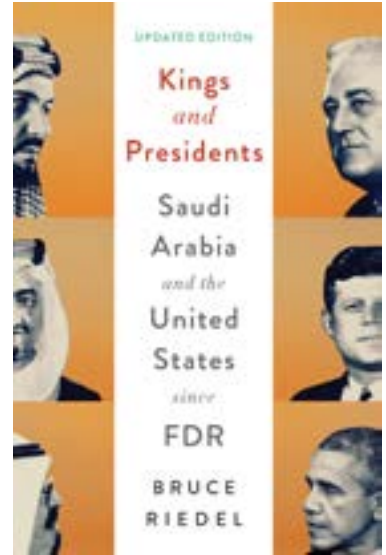
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Kings and Presidents

**SAUDI ARABIA AND THE
UNITED STATES SINCE FDR**

Bruce Riedel



***An insider's account
of the often-
fraught U.S.-Saudi
relationship***

Saudi Arabia and the United States have been partners since 1943, when President Roosevelt met with two future Saudi monarchs. Subsequent U.S. presidents have had direct relationships with those kings and their successors—setting the tone for a special partnership between an absolute monarchy with a unique Islamic identity and the world's most powerful democracy.

Although based in large part on economic interests, the U.S.-Saudi relationship has rarely been smooth. Differences over Israel have caused friction since the early days, and ambiguities about Saudi involvement—or lack of it—in the September 11 terrorist attacks against the United States continue to haunt the relationship. Now, both countries have new, still to be tested leaders in President Trump and King Salman.

Bruce Riedel has for decades followed these kings and presidents through his career at the CIA, the White House, and Brookings. This book offers an insider's account of the U.S.-Saudi relationship, with unique insights. Using declassified documents, memoirs by both Saudis and Americans, and eyewitness accounts, *Kings and Presidents* takes the reader inside the royal palaces, the holy cities, and the White House to gain an understanding of this complex partnership.

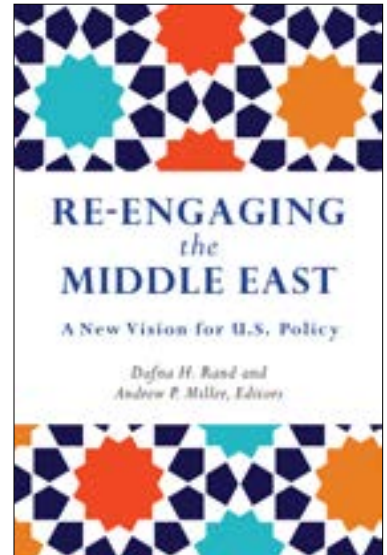
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Re-Engaging the Middle East

A NEW VISION FOR U.S. POLICY

EDITED BY *Dafna H. Rand*
 AND *Andrew P. Miller*



U.S. policy in the Middle East has had few successes under recent administrations. But is the sudden swerve taken by the Trump administration—military disengagement, coupled with unquestioning support for key allies, Israel, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia—the way forward?

In this edited volume, noted experts on the region lay out a better long-term strategy for protecting U.S. interests in the Middle East. The authors articulate a vision that is both self-interested and carefully tailored to the unique dynamics of the increasingly divergent subregions in the Middle East, including North Africa, the Sunni Arab bloc of Egypt and the Persian Gulf states, and the increasingly chaotic Levant.

The most effective way to pursue U.S. interests, the authors suggest, is unlikely to involve the same alliance-centric approach that has been the basis of Washington's policy since the 1990s. Instead, the United States should adopt a less military-dominant strategy that relies on a diversified set of partners and a determination to establish priorities for American interests and the use of resources, both financial and military. This nimbler approach is needed as U.S. interests in the region continue to evolve.

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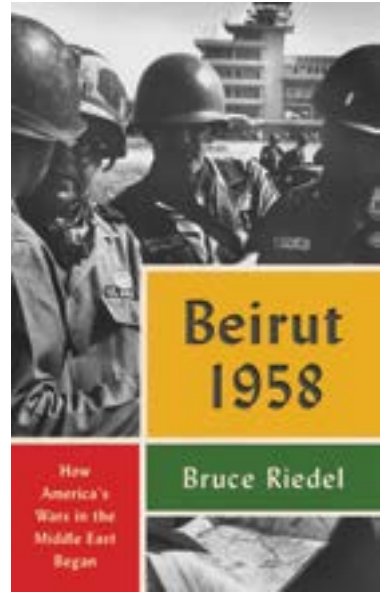
It's time for new policies based on changing U.S. interests.

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Beirut 1958

HOW AMERICA'S WARS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST BEGAN

Bruce Riedel



***Lessons not
remembered from
a U.S. intervention
that succeeded***

In July 1958, U.S. Marines stormed the beaches of Beirut, Lebanon, ready for combat. They were greeted by vendors and sunbathers. The rest of their mission—to help end Lebanon’s first civil war—went nearly as smoothly, thanks in large part to the skillful work of American diplomats, who helped arrange a compromise solution. Future American interventions in the region would not work out quite as well.

Bruce Riedel’s new book recounts the almost forgotten story of the first U.S. combat operation in the Middle East. President Eisenhower sent in the Marines in the wake of a bloody coup in Iraq, a seismic event that altered the politics of the entire region. Eisenhower feared that the coup threatened American interests in the Middle East.

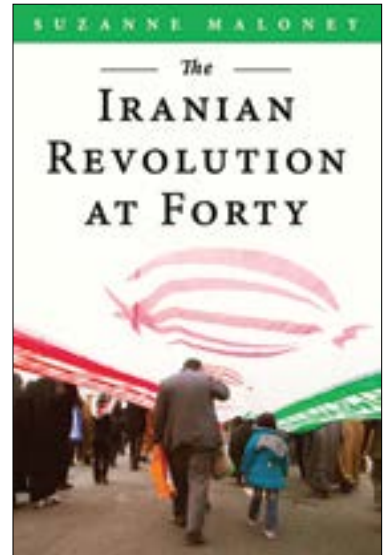
Eisenhower’s intervention in Lebanon and his behind-the-scenes diplomacy hold important lessons for today’s policymakers as they seek to deal with the challenges in the Middle East. Veteran analyst Bruce Riedel unpacks the experiences of decades past to see what guidance they may offer to today’s decisionmakers. A key lesson? Not to rush to judgment when surprised by the unexpected. And don’t assume the worst.

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The Iranian Revolution at Forty

Suzanne Maloney, EDITOR



How Iran—and the world around it—have changed in the four decades since a revolutionary theocracy took power

Iran's 1979 Revolution is one of the most important events of the late twentieth century. The overthrow of the Western-leaning shah and the emergence of a unique religious government reshaped Iran, dramatically shifted the balance of power in the Middle East, and generated serious challenges to the global geopolitical order—challenges that continue to this day. The revolution also precipitated a calamitous war between Iran and Iraq and an expansion of the U.S. military's role in maintaining security in the Persian Gulf.

Forty years after the revolution, more than two dozen experts look back on the rise of the Islamic Republic and explore the ongoing significance of the events of 1979. The contributors consider whether the promises of the revolution have been borne out, the impact of clerical rule on ordinary Iranians, Iran's continuing antagonism toward the United States, and the repercussions of the revolution not only for Iran's immediate neighborhood but for the broader Middle East as well.

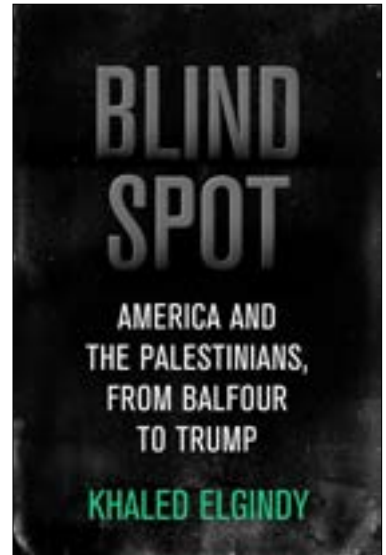
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Blind Spot

AMERICA AND THE PALESTINIANS, FROM BALFOUR TO TRUMP

Khaled Elgindy



***A critical political
history of U.S.–
Palestinian relations***

The United States has invested billions of dollars and countless diplomatic hours in the pursuit of Israeli-Palestinian peace and a two-state solution. Yet American attempts to broker an end to the conflict have repeatedly come up short. Two irreducible factors stand in the way: Israeli power and Palestinian politics.

American peacemaking efforts have been hobbled by the U.S. assumption that a credible peace settlement could be achieved without addressing Israel's vast superiority in power or internal Palestinian politics. This distinctive blind spot has prevented Washington from serving as an effective peace broker. Shaped by the pressures of American domestic politics and the special relationship with Israel, this blind spot also has deep historical roots, dating back to the 1917 Balfour Declaration and the British Mandate in Palestine.

The size of the blind spot has varied over the years and from one administration to another, but it is always present. Unless and until U.S. policymakers are prepared to act in ways that constrain Israeli power and acknowledge Palestinian politics, American peacemaking stands little chance of success.

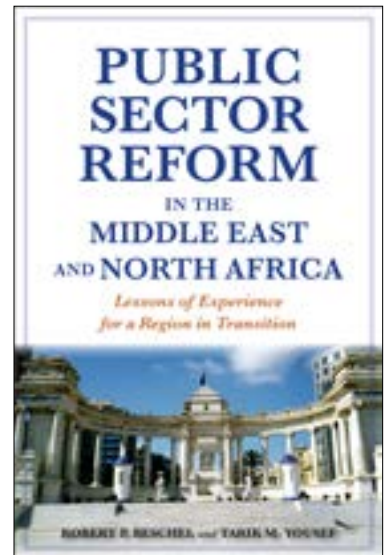
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Public Sector Reform in the Middle East and North Africa

LESSONS OF EXPERIENCE FOR A
 REGION IN TRANSITION

EDITED BY *Robert P. Beschel*
 AND *Tarik M. Yousef*



***Critical examinations
 of efforts to make
 governments
 more efficient
 and responsive***

Political upheavals and civil wars in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) have obscured efforts by many countries in the region to reform their public sectors. Unwieldy, unresponsive—and often corrupt—governments across the region have faced new pressure, not least from their publics, to improve the quality of public services and open up their decisionmaking processes. Some of these reform efforts were under way and at least partly successful before the outbreak of the Arab Spring in 2010. Reform efforts have continued in some countries despite the many upheavals since then.

This book offers a comprehensive assessment of a wide range of reform efforts in nine countries. In six cases the reforms targeted core systems of government: Jordan's restructuring of cabinet operations, the Palestinian Authority's revision of public financial management, Morocco's voluntary retirement program, human resource management reforms in Lebanon, an e-governance initiative in Dubai, and attempts to improve transparency in Tunisia. Five other reform efforts tackled line departments of government, among them Egypt's attempt to improve tax collection and Saudi Arabia's work to improve service delivery and bill collection.

Some of these reform efforts were more successful than others. This book examines both the good and the bad, looking not only at what each reform accomplished but at how it was implemented. The result is a series of useful lessons on how public sector reforms can be adopted in MENA.

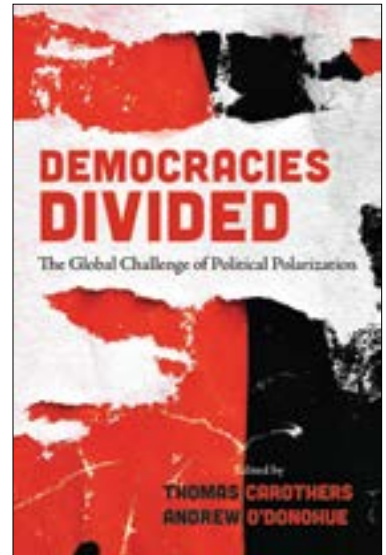
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Democracies Divided

THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF
 POLITICAL POLARIZATION

EDITED BY *Thomas Carothers*
 AND *Andrew O'Donohue*



Severe political polarization, part of the global democratic recession, is increasingly afflicting old and new democracies alike, eroding democratic norms and exacerbating societal unrest. *Democracies Divided* offers a comparative analysis of this troubling global phenomenon, presenting in-depth case studies of countries as different as Brazil, India, Kenya, Poland, Turkey, and the United States. The case study authors are a diverse group of country and regional experts, each with deep local knowledge and experience.

In nearly every case examined, political entrepreneurs have exploited and exacerbated long-simmering divisions for their own purposes, in the process undermining prospects for democratic consensus and productive governance. But the book is not simply a diagnosis of what has gone wrong. Each case study discusses actions that concerned citizens and organizations are taking to counter polarizing forces, whether through reforms to political parties, institutions, or the media. The book's editors distill from the case studies a range of possible ways to restore consensus and defeat polarization in the world's democracies.

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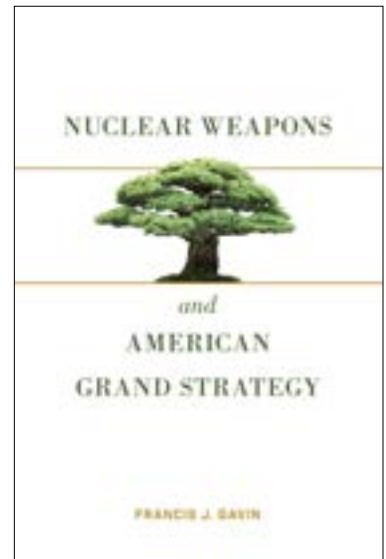
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***Why societal
 divisions have
 deepened, and
 what can be done
 to heal them***

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Nuclear Weapons and American Grand Strategy

Francis J. Gavin



The world first confronted the power of nuclear weapons when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. The global threat of these weapons deepened in the following decades as more advanced weapons, aggressive strategies, and new nuclear powers emerged. Ever since, countless books, reports, and articles—and even a new field of academic inquiry called “security studies”—have tried to explain the so-called nuclear revolution.

Francis J. Gavin argues that scholarly and popular understanding of many key issues about nuclear weapons is incomplete at best and wrong at worst. Among these important, misunderstood issues are: how nuclear deterrence works; whether nuclear coercion is effective; how and why the United States chose its nuclear strategies; why countries develop their own nuclear weapons or choose not to do so; and, most fundamentally, whether nuclear weapons make the world safer or more dangerous.

Nuclear Weapons and American Grand Strategy helps policymakers wrestle with the latest challenges. Written in a clear, accessible, and jargon-free manner, the book also offers insights for students, scholars, and others interested in both the history and future of nuclear danger.

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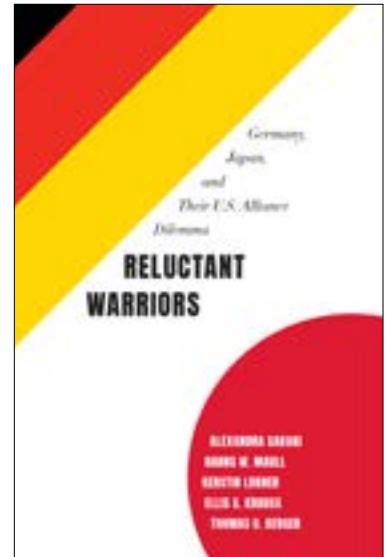
Exploring what we know—and don't know—about how nuclear weapons shape American grand strategy and international relations

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Reluctant Warriors

GERMANY, JAPAN, AND THEIR
 U.S. ALLIANCE DILEMMA

*Alexandra Sakaki, Hanns W. Maull,
 Kerstin Lukner, Ellis S. Krauss,
 AND Thomas U. Berger*



***Can Germany
 and Japan do
 more militarily
 to uphold the
 international order?***

Germany and Japan are two of America's most important allies and are at the center of Washington's strategic calculations in Europe and Asia. Yet the key roles they play in U.S. foreign policy in the economic and diplomatic realms far outweigh any contributions they have made on the military front.

Given their histories, this is certainly understandable. But their long-term reluctance to share the defense burdens of alliance with the United States has become a perennial source of frustration for Washington. In *Reluctant Warriors*, a team of noted scholars critically examines Germany's and Japan's cultures of anti-militarism in the context of their alliance relationships, showing how and why both countries have modified their military postures since 1990. They also assess how far these countries still have to go and the risks the United States takes if it makes too simplistic a demand for the two countries to "do more" militarily.

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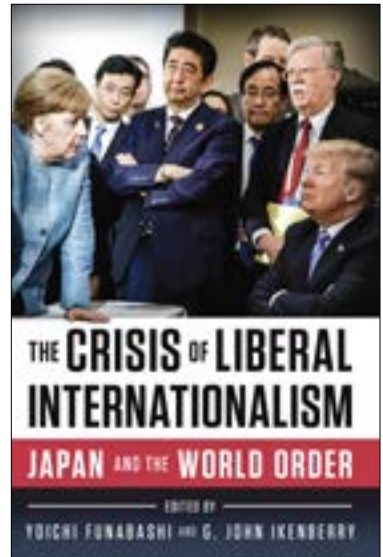
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The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism

JAPAN AND THE WORLD ORDER

EDITED BY *Yoichi Funabashi*
 AND *G. John Ikenberry*



*Japan's challenges
 and opportunities
 in a new era of
 uncertainty*

Henry Kissinger wrote a few years ago that Japan has been for seven decades “an important anchor of Asian stability and global peace and prosperity.” However, Japan has only played this anchoring role within an American-led liberal international order built from the ashes of World War II. Now that order itself is under siege, not just from illiberal forces such as China and Russia but from its very core, the United States under Donald Trump. The already evident damage to that order, and even its possible collapse, pose particular challenges for Japan, as explored in this book.

Noted experts survey the difficult position that Japan finds itself in, both abroad and at home. The weakening of the rules-based order threatens the very basis of Japan's trade-based prosperity, with the unreliability of U.S. protection leaving Japan vulnerable to an economic and technological superpower in China and at heightened risk from a nuclear North Korea. Japan's response to such challenges are complicated by controversies over constitutional revision and the dark aspects of its history that remain a source of tension with its neighbors.

Each of the book's chapters is written by a specialist in the field, and the book benefits from interviews with more than 40 Japanese policymakers and experts, as well as a public opinion survey. The book outlines today's challenges to the liberal international order, proposes a role for Japan to uphold, reform and shape the order, and examines Japan's assets as well as constraints as it seeks to play the role of a proactive stabilizer in the Asia-Pacific.

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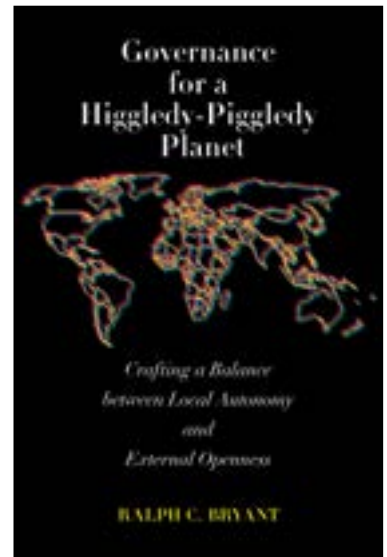
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Governance for a Higgledy-Piggledy Planet

CRAFTING A BALANCE BETWEEN
 LOCAL AUTONOMY AND EXTERNAL OPENNESS

Ralph C. Bryant



**More orderly
 government and
 better cross-border
 communication can
 help the world solve
 existential problems**

It's no secret that the nearly 200 nations in the world have a hodge-podge of governance systems. No two countries are governed in exactly the same way, even though overall structures might seem similar.

What's the problem with this disparate nature of how governments operate and make decisions? The answer, Ralph C. Bryant says, is that disorderly or even competing systems often produce faulty decisions that cause damage within countries, across borders, and across the world. Disorder undermines mutual well-being.

The solution lies in not in endlessly arguing over the pros and cons of globalization, as too often has been the case in recent years. Instead, the nations need to craft compromises among themselves that acknowledge the higgledy-piggledy nature of their existing governance systems and that instead promote cross-border cooperation ameliorating the disorder.

International cooperation is becoming progressively more essential, as shown by current struggles to deal with a global pandemic and the longer-term challenges posed by climate change. Could the world produce enough cooperation to support marked progress in reducing the dangers of global climate change? Could more cross-border cooperation mitigate dangers from recurring financial instability? Do nations and their leaders have enough foresight to use their borders not as barriers but as catalysts for comity and stronger international agreements?

This intriguing and thought-provoking book addresses essential questions that are, or should be, at the forefront of humanity's ongoing struggles to govern itself.

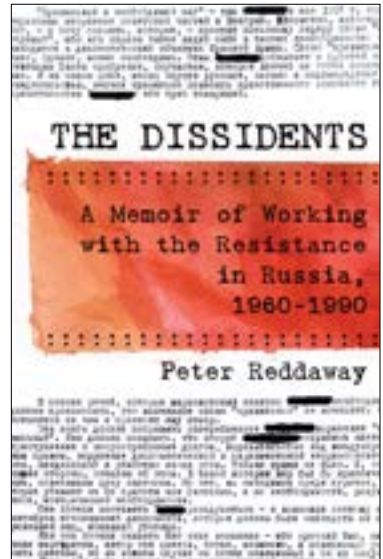
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The Dissidents

A MEMOIR OF WORKING WITH THE RESISTANCE IN RUSSIA, 1960–1990

Peter Reddaway



In the last decades before the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, courageous dissidents within the country worked tirelessly to expose the tyranny and weakness of the Soviet state. Their work, first published in underground texts known as *samizdat* and then often republished in the West, alerted fellow citizens and the rest of the world to the human rights abuses and economic failures of the communist regime. It is not an exaggeration to say that this work helped set the stage for the collapse of the regime.

Today these men and women are largely forgotten, both in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere. *The Dissidents* brings them and their work to life for contemporary readers.

Peter Reddaway spent decades studying the Soviet Union and came to know these dissidents and their work, publicizing their writings in the West and helping some of them to escape the Soviet Union and settle abroad. In this memoir he tells their stories and also captures the human costs of the repression that marked the Soviet state: the forced labor camps, the internal exile, the censorship, the use and abuse of psychiatry to label those who found fault with the Soviet system mentally ill.

Reddaway's book also places the work of the dissidents within the context of the secretive politics inside the Kremlin, where a tiny elite competed for power—even as the Soviet system was crumbling around them.

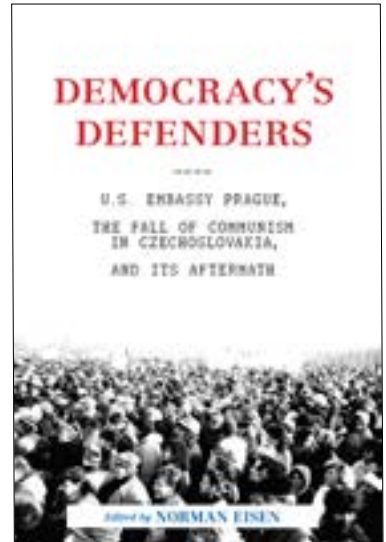
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Democracy's Defenders

U.S. EMBASSY PRAGUE, THE FALL OF COMMUNISM
 IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND ITS AFTERMATH

EDITED BY *Norman L. Eisen*



***A behind-the-scenes
 look at how the
 United States aided
 the Velvet Revolution***

Democracy's Defenders offers a behind-the-scenes account of the little-known role played by the U.S. embassy in Prague in the collapse of communism in Czechoslovakia. Featuring fifty-two newly declassified diplomatic cables, the book shows how the staff of the embassy, led by U.S. ambassador Shirley Temple Black, worked with dissident groups and negotiated with the communist government during a key period of the Velvet Revolution that freed Czechoslovakia from Soviet rule.

The embassy also worked to forestall a violent crackdown during the communist regime's final months in power.

Edited by Norman L. Eisen, who served as U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2011 to 2014, *Democracy's Defenders* contributes fresh evidence to the literature on U.S. diplomatic history, the Cold War era, and American promotion of democracy overseas. An afterword explains how the seeds of democracy that the United States helped plant have grown in the decades since the Velvet Revolution. The contributors trace a line from U.S. efforts to promote democracy and economic liberalization after the Velvet Revolution to the contemporary situations in what are now the separate nations of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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