Sovereignty Sharing in Fragile States
John D. Ciorciari

In fragile states, domestic and international actors sometimes take the momentous step of sharing sovereign authority to provide basic public services and build the rule of law. While sovereignty sharing can help address gaps in governance, it is inherently difficult, risking redundancy, confusion over roles, and feuds between partners when their interests diverge.

In Sovereignty Sharing in Fragile States, John D. Ciorciari sheds light on how and why these extraordinary joint ventures are created and implemented—and when they are most likely to succeed. Based on extensive field research and more than 150 interviews with senior figures from governments, the UN, donor states, and civil society, this book examines a diverse range of sovereignty-sharing arrangements, including hybrid criminal tribunals, joint policing arrangements, and anti-corruption initiatives. Ciorciari provides the first comparative assessment of these remarkable attempts to repair ruptures in the rule of law—the heart of a well-governed state.

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Interdependent Yet Intolerant
Native Citizen–Foreign Migrant Violence and Global Insecurity
Robert Mandel

People everywhere are more dependent than ever on foreign migrants, products, and ideas—and more xenophobic. Intolerance and hate-based violence is on the rise in countries from Hungary to South Africa, threatening global security. With Interdependent Yet Intolerant, Robert Mandel explains why we live in an unexpectedly and increasingly hateful world, why existing policies have done little to help, and what needs to be done.

Through an in-depth analysis of case studies from twelve diverse countries, Mandel finds that the interdependence of the current liberal international order does not breed mutual understanding between groups, but rather, under specific conditions, stimulates boomerang effects in the exact opposite direction.

Providing practical policy recommendations for managing identity-based violence in an age of mass migration and globalization, Interdependent Yet Intolerant calls on societies around the world to rethink their predominant notions of national identity and control.

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Manufacturing Militarism
U.S. Government Propaganda in the War on Terror
Christopher J. Coyne and Abigail R. Hall
The U.S. government’s prime enemy in the War on Terror is not a shadowy mastermind dispatching suicide bombers. It is the informed American citizen.

With Manufacturing Militarism, Christopher J. Coyne and Abigail R. Hall detail how military propaganda has targeted Americans since 9/11. From the darkened cinema to the football field to the airport screening line, the U.S. government has purposefully inflated the actual threat of terrorism and the necessity of a proactive military response. This biased, incomplete, and misleading information contributes to a broader culture of fear and militarism that, far from keeping Americans safe, ultimately threatens the foundations of a free society.

Applying a political economic approach to the incentives created by a democratic system with a massive national security state, Coyne and Hall delve into case studies from the War on Terror to show how propaganda operates in a democracy.

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Following the Leader
International Order, Alliance Strategies, and Emulation
Raymond C. Kuo
Nations have powerful reasons to get their military alliances right. When security pacts go well, they underpin regional and global order; when they fail, they spread wars across continents as states are dragged into conflict.

Yet Following the Leader argues that most countries ignore their individual security interests in military pacts, instead converging on a single, dominant alliance strategy. Raymond C. Kuo introduces a new social theory of strategic diffusion and emulation, using case studies and advanced statistical analysis of alliances from 1815 to 2003.

Be it the NATO model that seems so commonsense today, or the realpolitik that reigned in Europe of the late nineteenth century, a lone alliance strategy has defined broad swaths of diplomatic history. It is not states’ own security interests driving this phenomenon, Kuo shows, but their jockeying for status in a world periodically remade by great powers.

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Slow Anti-Americanism
Social Movements and Symbolic Politics in Central Asia
Edward Schatz
Negative views of the United States abound, but we know too little about how such views affect politics. Based on careful research on post-Soviet Central Asia, Edward Schatz argues that anti-Americanism is best seen not as a rising tide that swamps or as a conflagration that overwhelms. Rather, “America” is a symbolic resource that resides quietly in the mundane but always has potential value for social and political mobilizers. Using a wide range of evidence, Schatz considers how Islamist movements, human rights activists, and labor mobilizers across Central Asia avail themselves of this fact, thus changing their ability to pursue their respective agendas. Schatz refocuses our analytic gaze away from high politics for a clearer view of the slower moving, partially occluded, and socially embedded processes that ground how “America” becomes political.

“Fresh, strikingly original, with the wisdom of the long view.” —Alexander Cooley, Columbia University

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Political Fallout
Nuclear Weapons Testing and the Making of a Global Environmental Crisis
Toshihiro Higuchi

Political Fallout is the story of one of the first human-driven, truly global environmental crises—radioactive fallout from nuclear weapons testing during the Cold War—and the international response. Beginning in 1945, the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union detonated hundreds of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, scattering a massive amount of radioactivity across the globe. The scale of contamination was so vast that its cumulative effect on humans and the environment is still difficult to fully comprehend. The international debate over nuclear fallout turned global radioactive contamination into an environmental issue, eventually leading the nuclear superpowers to sign the landmark Partial Test Ban Treaty in 1963. Bringing together environmental history and Cold War history, Toshihiro Higuchi argues that the PTBT, originally proposed as an arms control measure, transformed into a dual-purpose initiative to check the nuclear arms race and radioactive pollution simultaneously.

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The Hijacked War
The Story of Chinese POWs in the Korean War
David Cheng Chang

The Korean War lasted for three years, one month, and two days—but armistice talks occupied more than two of those years, as 14,000 Chinese prisoners of war refused to return to Communist China, effectively hijacking the negotiations of world leaders at a pivotal moment in Cold War history. In The Hijacked War, David Cheng Chang vividly portrays the experiences of Chinese prisoners in the dark, cold, and damp tents of Koje and Cheju islands in Korea and how their decisions derailed the high politics being conducted in Washington, Moscow, and Beijing. Drawing on newly declassified archival materials from China, Taiwan, and the United States and interviews with surviving Chinese and North Korean prisoners of war, Chang depicts the struggle over prisoner repatriation that dominated the second half of the Korean War—and changed the course of the Cold War in East Asia—in the prisoners’ own words.

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From Mandate to Blueprint
Lessons from Intelligence Reform
Thomas Fingar

In From Mandate to Blueprint, Thomas Fingar offers a guide for new federal government appointees faced with the complex task of rebuilding institutions and transitioning to a new administration. Synthesizing his own experience implementing the most comprehensive national security reforms since 1947, Fingar provides crucial guidance to newly appointed officials.

When Fingar was appointed the first Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis in 2005, he discovered the challenges of establishing a new federal agency and implementing sweeping reforms. The mandate required prompt action but provided no guidance on how to achieve required and desirable changes. Fingar describes how he defined and prioritized the tasks involved in building a new organization, integrating sixteen agencies, and contending with pressure from powerful players.

For appointees without the luxury of taking command of fully staffed and well-functioning federal agencies, From Mandate to Blueprint is an informed and practical guide for the challenges ahead.

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Oilcraft
The Myths of Scarcity and Security That Haunt U.S. Energy Policy
Robert Vitalis
There is a conventional wisdom about oil—that US military presence in the Gulf guarantees access to this strategic resource; that the “special” relationship with Saudi Arabia is necessary to stabilize an otherwise volatile market; and that these assumptions provide Washington enormous leverage. Except, the conventional wisdom is wrong. Vitalis debunks the myths to reveal “oilcraft,” a line of magical thinking closer to witchcraft than statecraft. He exposes the suspect fears of scarcity and conflict, and investigates the significant geopolitical impact of these false beliefs. In particular, Vitalis shows how we can reconsider the question of the US–Saudi relationship. Freeing ourselves from the spell of oilcraft won’t be easy—but the benefits make it essential.

“Vitalis has once again revealed that our conventional wisdom is filled with empty, and often dangerous, self-delusions. This book is a triumph of clear-eyed and courageous criticism.”
—Lisa Anderson, Columbia University

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Defense Management Reform
How to Make the Pentagon Work Better and Cost Less
Peter Levine
Pentagon spending has been the target of decades of criticism and reform efforts. Every Secretary of Defense for the last five Administrations has made it a priority to address perceived bloat and inefficiency by making management reform a major priority. The congressional defense committees have been just as active, yet few of these initiatives produce significant results.

In this book, Peter Levine addresses why, despite a long history of attempted reform, the Pentagon continues to struggle to reduce waste and inefficiency. The heart of Defense Management Reform is three case studies covering civilian personnel, acquisitions, and financial management. Narrated with the insight of an insider, the result is a clear understanding of what went wrong in the past and a set of concrete guidelines to plot a better future.

“Levine is uniquely qualified to identify the political and bureaucratic practices that promote successful defense reform.”
—General Norty Schwartz, US Air Force (Retired)

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Aiding and Abetting
U.S. Foreign Assistance and State Violence
Jessica Trisko Darden
The United States is the world’s leading foreign aid donor. Yet there has been little inquiry into how such assistance affects recipient nations. Drawing on four decades of data on U.S. economic and military aid, Aiding and Abetting explores whether foreign aid does more harm than good.

Jessica Trisko Darden challenges long-standing ideas about aid and highlights key patterns in the relationship between assistance and violence. She persuasively demonstrates that many of the foreign aid policy challenges the U.S. faced in the Cold War era, such as the propping up of dictators friendly to U.S. interests, remain salient today. Historical case studies of Indonesia, El Salvador, and South Korea illustrate how aid can uphold human freedoms or propagate human rights abuses. Aiding and Abetting encourages both advocates and critics of foreign assistance to reconsider its political and social consequences by focusing international aid efforts on the expansion of human freedom.

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America’s war on terror is widely defined by the Afghanistan and Iraq fronts. Yet, as this book demonstrates, both the international campaign and the new ways of fighting that grew out of it played out across multiple fronts beyond the Middle East. Maria Ryan shows how secondary fronts in the Philippines, sub-Saharan Africa, and Georgia and the Caspian Sea basin became key test sites for developing what the Department of Defense called “full spectrum dominance”: mastery across the entire range of possible conflict, from conventional through irregular warfare.

Full Spectrum Dominance explores whether irregular warfare has been effective in creating global stability or if new terrorist groups have emerged in response to the intervention. As the U.S. has increasingly turned to irregular capabilities and objectives, understanding the underlying causes as well as the effects of the quest for full spectrum dominance becomes ever more important.

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One of the central pillars of US counterterrorism policy is that capturing or killing a terrorist group’s leader is effective. Yet this pillar rests more on a foundation of faith than facts. In Leadership Decapitation, Jenna Jordan examines over a thousand instances of leadership targeting—involving groups such as Hamas, al Qaeda, Shining Path, and ISIS—to identify the successes, failures, and unintended consequences of this strategy. As Jordan demonstrates, group infrastructure, ideology, and popular support all play a role in determining how and why leadership decapitation succeeds or fails. Taking heed of these conditions is essential to an effective counterterrorism policy going forward.

Leadership Decapitation
Strategic Targeting of Terrorist Organizations
Jenna Jordan

STUDIES IN VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM
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Modern democracies face tough life-and-death choices in armed conflicts. Chief among them is how to weigh the value of soldiers’ lives against those of civilians on both sides. The first of its kind, Whose Life Is Worth More? reveals that how these decisions are made is much more nuanced than conventional wisdom suggests. When these states are entangled in prolonged conflicts, hierarchies emerge and evolve to weigh the value of human life.

Cultural narratives about the nature and necessity of war, public rhetoric about external threats facing the nation, antiwar movements, and democratic values all contribute to the perceived validity of civilian and soldier deaths. By looking beyond the military to the cultural and political factors that shape policies, this book provides tools to understand how democracies really decide whose life is worth more.

Whose Life Is Worth More?
Hierarchies of Risk and Death in Contemporary Wars
Yagil Levy

“A tour de force. Theoretically innovative and empirically rich.”
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Learning the Lessons of Modern War
Edited by Thomas G. Mahnken

Learning the Lessons of Modern War examines the lessons of recent wars as a way of understanding continuity and change in the character and conduct of war. The volume brings together contributions from well-known scholars and practitioners from across the world to examine the conduct of recent wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East, South America, and Asia. The book’s first section explores the value of a contemporary approach to history and reflect on the value of learning lessons from the past. Its second section focuses on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The book’s third section examines the lessons of wars involving Russia, Israel, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Georgia, and Colombia. It concludes by exploring overarching themes associated with the conduct of recent wars.

Containing a foreword by former National Security Adviser Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster, this book is an indispensable resource for international relations and security studies scholars, policymakers, and military professionals.

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The Arc of Protection
Reforming the International Refugee Regime

T. Alexander Aleinikoff and Leah Zamore

The international refugee regime is fundamentally broken. Designed in the wake of World War II, the system is unable to address the record numbers of persons displaced by conflict and violence today. States have put up fences and adopted policies to deny, deter, and detain asylum seekers. People recognized as refugees are routinely denied rights guaranteed by international law. The results are dismal for the millions of refugees around the world who are left with slender prospects to rebuild their lives or contribute to host communities. T. Alexander Aleinikoff and Leah Zamore lay bare the underlying global crisis of responsibility.

The Arc of Protection adopts a revisionist and critical perspective that examines the original premises of the international refugee regime. This book offers a way out of the current international morass through refocusing on responsibility-sharing, seeing the humanitarian-development divide in a new light, and putting refugee rights front and center.

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Imagining the International Crime, Justice, and the Promise of Community

Nesam McMillan

Imagining the International Crime, Justice, and the Promise of Community interrogates mainstream understandings of international crime and international justice to tease out their ethical limits and possibilities. Through an analysis of archival and contemporary data, the book provides a sustained picture of how ideas about international crime and justice are given content and the global interrelations they enable and foreclose. Nesam McMillan argues that dominant approaches to conceptualizing distinctly international crime and international justice are problematic because they disconnect these phenomena from the everyday, fostering distance between those who have experienced international crime and those who have not. This book powerfully underscores the importance of the ideas of international crime and justice and their significant limits, cautioning against their continued valorization.

“This book is a compelling call for inclusiveness and a powerful exhortation for globality to transcend post-coloniality.”

—Mark A. Drumbl, Washington and Lee University

THE CULTURAL LIVES OF LAW
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The Grip of Sexual Violence in Conflict
Feminist Interventions in International Law
Karen Engle

Through an account of feminist engagement with international law over the past twenty-five years, this book argues that sexual violence in conflict was not as obvious a focus for transnational feminism as it may appear to be in hindsight. As transnational feminists began to pay an enormous amount of attention to sexual violence in conflict, Engle reveals they often did so at the cost of attention to other issues, including anti-militarism; critiques of economic maldistribution; and imperialism and cultural essentialism by feminists from the global South. Engle argues that these feminist commitments were not merely deprioritized, but undermined, and she asks readers to reconsider the inevitability of today’s international feminist norms.

“Required reading for understanding how some powerful feminist approaches to international criminal law have produced more problems than solutions.”
—Inderpal Grewal, Yale University

Overcoming Isolationism
Japan's Leadership in East Asian Security Multilateralism
Paul Midford

This book asks why, in the wake of the Cold War, Japan suddenly reversed years of steadfast opposition to security cooperation with its neighbors. Long isolated and opposed to multilateral agreements, Japan proposed East Asia’s first multilateral security forum in the early 1990s, emerging as a regional leader. Overcoming Isolationism explores what led to this surprising about-face and offers a corrective to the misperception that Japan’s security strategy is reactive to US pressure and unresponsive to its neighbors. Paul Midford draws on newly released official documents and extensive interviews to reveal a quarter century of Japanese leadership in promoting regional security cooperation. He demonstrates that Japan has a much more nuanced relationship with its neighbors and has played a more significant leadership role in shaping East Asian security than has previously been recognized.

“A tour de force of Japanese foreign policy studies, for both English- and Japanese-language scholarship.”
—Tsuyoshi Kawasaki, Simon Fraser University

These Islands Are Ours
The Social Construction of Territorial Disputes in Northeast Asia
Alexander Bukh

Territorial disputes are one of the main sources of tension in Northeast Asia. Escalation in such conflicts often stems from a widely shared public perception that the territory in question is of the utmost importance to the nation. While that’s frequently not true in economic, military, or political terms, citizens’ groups and other domestic actors throughout the region have mounted sustained campaigns to protect or recover disputed islands. Quite often, these campaigns have wide-ranging domestic and international consequences.

Focusing on non-state actors rather than political elites, Alexander Bukh explains how and why apparently inconsequential territories become central to national discourse in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. These Islands Are Ours gives us a new way to understand the nature of territorial disputes and how they inform national identities by exploring the processes of their social construction, and amplification.
The Paranoid Style in American Diplomacy
Oil and Arab Nationalism in Iraq
Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicutt

This book weaves together histories of Arab nationalists, US diplomats, and Western oil execs to expose the origins of US intervention in Iraq over the arc of the twentieth century and tell the parallel stories of the Iraq Petroleum Company and the resilience of Iraqi society. American policymakers, who inflated concerns about access to and potential scarcity of oil, gave rise to a “paranoid style” in US foreign policy. Wolfe-Hunnicutt deconstructs these policy practices to reveal how they fueled decades of American interventions, and shines a light on those places that America’s covert empire-builders might prefer we not look.

“The Paranoid Style in American Diplomacy is a gripping backstory that reveals the historical truths of US-Iraqi relations. American cold warriors inherited Britain’s imperial role but failed to stop Iraqis from pursuing natural resource sovereignty.”

—Nathan J. Citino, Rice University

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Global Jihad
A Brief History
Glenn E. Robinson

Most violent jihadi movements in the twentieth century focused on removing corrupt, repressive secular regimes throughout the Muslim world. But following the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, a new form of jihadism emerged—global jihad—turning to the international arena as the primary locus of ideology and action. With this book, Robinson tells the story of four distinct jihadi waves, each with its own program for achieving a global end. He connects the rise of global jihad to other “movements of rage”—such as the Nazi Brownshirts, White supremacists, Khmer Rouge, and Boko Haram—and develops a compelling and provocative argument about this violent political movement’s evolution.

“Robinson has produced a masterful book that is incisive, insightful, and comprehensive—a tour de force on the evolution of jihadism.”

—Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown University

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Bread and Freedom
Egypt’s Revolutionary Situation
Mona El-Ghobashy

Once celebrated as an awe-inspiring irruption of people power, Egypt’s 2011 revolution is now often judged a tragic failure. Moving away from such sweeping judgments, Bread and Freedom argues that conceiving of a “Revolution” propelled by revolutionaries is untenable—it is the uprising that made revolutionaries and their opponents, not the other way around—and takes seriously the political conflicts set into motion by the uprising. El-Ghobashy sifts through a documentary record hidden in plain sight—party manifestoes, military communiqués, open letters, constitutional contentions, protest slogans, parliamentary debates, and court decisions. The sources reveal not a mythical unity undone by schisms, but hordes of new and old actors clamoring over the state’s material and symbolic power. On the tenth anniversary of the Arab uprisings’ first wave, Bread and Freedom rethinks how we study revolutions, looking past causes and consequences to train its sights on the collisions of revolutionary politics.

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Iran Reframed
Anxieties of Power in the Islamic Republic
Narges Bajoghli

Iran Reframed offers unprecedented access to those who wield power in Iran as they debate and define the future of the Republic. Over ten years, Bajoghli met with men in Iran’s Revolutionary Guard, Ansar Hezbollah, and Basij paramilitary organizations to investigate how their media producers developed strategies to court Iranian youth. Readers come to know these men—what the regime means to them and their anxieties about the future of their revolutionary project. Contestation over how to define the regime underlies all their efforts to communicate with the public. This book offers a multilayered story about what it means to be pro-regime in the Islamic Republic, challenging everything we think we know about Iran and revolution. “Iran Reframed is incomparable. A must-read on Iran’s media landscape and paramount for anyone who wants to understand Iran as it really is. Gripping and provocative.”
—Negar Mottahedeh, Duke University

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A History of False Hope
Investigative Commissions in Palestine
Lori Allen

This book offers a provocative retelling of Palestinian political history through an examination of the international commissions that have investigated political violence and human rights violations. Drawing on debates in the press, previously unexamined UN reports, historical archives, and ethnographic research, Allen explores six key investigative commissions over the last century. She highlights how Palestinians’ persistent demands for independence have been routinely translated into the numb language of reports and resolutions. These commissions, Allen argues, operating as technologies of liberal global governance, yield no justice—only the oppressive status quo. A History of False Hope issues a biting critique of the capitivating allure and cold impotence of international law. “Allen has produced a fascinating, engaging, and innovative scholarly assessment of how international commissions have failed to deliver political results to the Palestinian people.”
—Richard Falk

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A Critical Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa
Edited by Joel Beinin, Bassam Haddad, and Sherene Seikaly

These cutting-edge essays illuminate historical and contemporary dynamics and contribute to political economy debates from the vantage point of the Middle East. Leading scholars, representing several disciplines, contribute both thematic and country-specific analyses, critically examine major issues in political economy—notably, the mutual constitution of states, markets, and classes; the co-constitution of class, race, and gender; varying modes of capital accumulation and the legal, political, and cultural forms of their regulation; relations among local, national, and global forms of capital, class, and culture; technopolitics; the role of war in the constitution of states and classes; and practices and cultures of domination and resistance. “This new canonical text will open pathways for research and make the job of educators infinitely easier by reasserting the enduring value of political economy. A tour de force synthesis.”
—Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicutt, California State University, Stanislaus

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The Universal Enemy
Jihad, Empire, and the Challenge of Solidarity
Darryl Li

No contemporary figure is more demonized than the Islamist foreign fighter. Spreading violence, disregarding national borders, and rejecting secular norms, so-called jihadists seem opposed to universalism itself. In a radical departure from conventional wisdom, The Universal Enemy argues that transnational jihadists are engaged in their own form of universalism: these fighters struggle to realize an Islamist vision directed at all of humanity, transcending racial and cultural difference. Li highlights the parallels between transnational jihads and other universalisms such as the War on Terror. Developed from more than a decade of research with former fighters in a half-dozen countries, The Universal Enemy explores the relationship between jihad and American empire to shed critical light on both.

“Original, authoritative, and broad in significance. This remarkable achievement is anchored in Darryl Li’s unique combination of skills and sensibilities, which are at once ethnographic, lawyerly, and linguistic.”
—Brinkley Messick, Columbia University

The Power of Deserts
Climate Change, the Middle East, and the Promise of a Post-Oil Era
Dan Rabinowitz

Hotter and dryer than most parts of the world, the Middle East could soon see climate change exacerbate food and water shortages, aggravate social inequalities, and drive displacement and political destabilization. The Power of Deserts surveys regional climate models and identifies the potential impact on socioeconomic disparities, population movement, and political instability. Offering more than warning and fear, however, the book highlights a potentially brighter future—a recent shift across the Middle East toward renewable energy. With his deep knowledge of the region and knack for presenting scientific data with clarity, Rabinowitz makes a sober yet surprisingly optimistic investigation of opportunity arising from a looming crisis.

“An important argument detailing how the Middle East could be devastated by the impact of climate change—or could generate huge amounts of renewable energy. A provocative work.”
—Steven Cohen, Columbia University

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—Richard Falk, Former UN Special Rapporteur for Palestine

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Justice for Some
Law and the Question of Palestine
Noura Erakat

Justice for Some offers a new approach to understanding the Palestinian struggle for freedom, told through the power and control of international law. Focusing on key junctures—from the Balfour Declaration in 1917 to present-day wars in Gaza—Erakat shows how the strategic deployment of law has shaped current conditions. Over the past century, the law has done more to advance Israel’s interests than the Palestinians’. But, Erakat argues, this outcome was never inevitable. Law is politics, and its meaning and application depend on the political intervention of states and people alike. Within the law, change is possible, and international law can serve the cause of freedom when it is mobilized in support of a political movement.

“The best book on the law and politics of the Palestine/Israel struggle—sophisticated, learned, humane, and creative.”
—Richard Falk, Former UN Special Rapporteur for Palestine

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Women as War Criminals
Gender, Agency, and Justice
Izabela Steflja and Jessica Trisko Darden

Women war criminals are far more common than we think. From the Holocaust to ethnic cleansing in the Balkans to the Rwandan genocide, women have perpetrated heinous crimes. Few have been punished. These women’s very existence goes against our assumptions about war and about women as peaceful and innocent, and these biases in turn prevent postconflict justice systems from assigning women blame. Women as War Criminals argues that women are just as capable as men of committing war crimes and crimes against humanity. And women are uniquely adept at using gender instrumentally to fight for better conditions and reduced sentences when war ends. The book presents the postconflict legal cases of four women—the President (Biljana Plavšić), the Minister (Pauline Nyiramasuhuko), the Soldier (Lynndie England), and the Student (Hoda Muthana)—whose identity influenced their treatment by legal systems. Justice, Steflja and Trisko Darden show, is not blind to gender.

Dying to Serve
Militarism, Affect, and the Politics of Sacrifice in the Pakistan Army
Maria Rashid

The Pakistan Army is a uniquely powerful and influential institution, with deep roots in the colonial armed forces. It relies heavily on certain regions to supply its soldiers, especially parts of rural Punjab, where men have served in the army for generations. In Dying to Serve, Maria Rashid innovatively and sensitively addresses the question: how does the military thrive when so much of its work results in injury, debility, and death? Rashid argues that “spectacles of mourning” are careful manipulations of affect, gendered and structured by the military to reinforce its omnipotence. She contends that understanding these affective technologies is crucial to challenging the appeal of the military institution globally.

“This highly original study shows that we can learn about the appeal of military service by engaging with those who stand to lose the most from its allure: the women whose sons and husbands die in uniform.”
—Vron Ware, Kingston University

United Front
Projecting Solidarity through Deliberation in Vietnam’s Single-Party Legislature
Paul Schuler

Conventional wisdom emerging from China and other autocracies claims that single-party legislatures and elections are mutually beneficial for citizens and autocrats, serving functions like constraining political leaders or providing information about citizens. In United Front, Paul Schuler challenges these views by examining the past and present functioning of the Vietnam National Assembly (VNA), arguing that the legislature’s primary role is to signal strength to the public. Critical behavior from legislature delegates represents crossfire within the regime, not genuine citizen feedback. Schuler’s argument suggests that there are limits to generating genuinely “consultative authoritarianism” through quasi-democratic institutions. Applying cutting-edge social science methods on original data like legislative speeches, election returns, and surveys, Schuler shows that even in a seemingly vociferous legislature like the VNA, the ultimate purpose of the institution is not to reflect the views of citizens, but rather to signal the regime’s preferences while taking down rivals.
Fateful Decisions
 Choices That Will Shape China's Future
Edited by Thomas Fingar and Jean C. Oi

China's future will be determined by how its leaders manage the myriad interconnected challenges they face. In Fateful Decisions, leading experts from a wide range of disciplines eschew broad predictions of success or failure in favor of close analyses of today's most critical demographic, economic, social, political, and foreign policy challenges. Xi Jinping has articulated ambitious goals, but few priorities or policies to achieve them. Pursuing these goals requires difficult choices and tradeoffs complicated by a slowing economy, aging population, and increasing demand for and costs of education, healthcare, elder care, and other social benefits. Contributors provide in-depth analyses of key policy choices, illuminate what is at stake, and illustrate possible outcomes.

“No challenge today equals that of understanding China's future, and here a sterling team has sagely put together a powerful guide to do just that. A must-read!”

—Thomas R. Pickering, former U.S. Under Secretary of State

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Contested Embrace
Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea
Jaeun Kim

Contested Embrace explores how a state relates to people it views as “external members,” such as emigrants and diasporas. Jaeun Kim analyzes disputes over the belonging of Koreans in Japan and China, focusing on their contested relationship with the colonial and postcolonial states in the Korean peninsula. Through a comparative analysis of transborder membership politics in the colonial, Cold War, and post–Cold War periods, the book shows how the configuration of geopolitics, bureaucratic techniques, and actors’ agency shapes the making, unmaking, and remaking of transborder ties. Kim demonstrates that being a “homeland” state or a member of the “transborder nation” is a precarious, arduous, and revocable political achievement.

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Christian F. Ostermann

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Julian Germann

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