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Winning and Losing the Nuclear Peace
The Rise, Demise, and Revival of Arms Control
Michael Krepon

The definitive guide to the history of nuclear arms control by a wise eavesdropper and masterful storyteller, Michael Krepon.

Winning and Losing the Nuclear Peace tells a remarkable story of high-wire acts of diplomacy, close calls, dogged persistence, and extraordinary success. Michael Krepon brings to life the pitched battles between arms controllers and advocates of nuclear deterrence, the ironic twists and unexpected outcomes from Truman to Trump. What began with a ban on atmospheric testing and a nonproliferation treaty reached its apogee with the arms control treaty that mandated deep cuts and corralled “loose nukes” after the Soviet Union imploded.

Winning and Losing the Nuclear Peace is an engaging account of how the practice of arms control was built from scratch, how it was torn down, and how it can be rebuilt.

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.

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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.

Following the Leader argues that most countries ignore their individual security interests in military pacts, instead converging on a single, dominant alliance strategy. The book 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.

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The Atlantic Realists
Empire and International Political Thought Between Germany and the United States
Matthew Specter

In The Atlantic Realists, intellectual historian Matthew Specter offers a new interpretation of “realism,” a prevalent stance in US foreign policy and public discourse since 1945, and the dominant theory in the postwar US discipline of international relations. This boldly revisionist narrative challenges the view of realism as a set of universally binding truths about international affairs. Specter uncovers an “Atlantic realist” tradition of reflection on the prerogatives of empire and the nature of power politics that developed through transatlantic exchanges conditioned by two world wars, the Holocaust, and the Cold War. His narrative focuses on key figures in the evolution of realist thought, including Carl Schmitt, Hans Morgenthau, and Wilhelm Grewe. By tracing the development of the realist worldview over a century, Specter dismantles myths about the national interest, Realpolitik, and the “art” of statesmanship.

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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 extraordinal joint ventures are created, designed, and implemented.

This book examines a diverse range of sovereignty-sharing arrangements, including hybrid criminal tribunals, joint policing arrangements, and anti-corruption initiatives, in Sierra Leone, Cambodia, Lebanon, Timor-Leste, Guatemala, and Liberia. 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 through increased contact. Providing practical policy recommendations for managing identity-based violence in an age of nation-making, Interdependent Yet Intolerant calls on societies around the world to rethink their predominant notions of national identity and control.

Crossing
How We Label and React to People on the Move
Rebecca Hamlin
Today, the concept of “the refugee” as distinct from other migrants looms large. Immigration laws have developed to reinforce a dichotomy between those viewed as voluntary, often economically motivated, migrants who can be legitimately excluded by potential host states, and those viewed as forced, often politically motivated, refugees who should be let in. In Crossing, Rebecca Hamlin argues against advocacy positions that cling to this distinction. Drawing on cases of various “border crises” across Europe, North America, South America, and the Middle East, Hamlin outlines major inconsistencies and faulty assumptions on which the binary relies. The migrant/refugee binary is not just an innocuous shorthand. In truth, the binary is a dangerous legal fiction, politically constructed with the ultimate goal of making harsh border control measures more ethically palatable to the public.

The Border Within
Vietnamese Migrants Transforming Ethnic Nationalism in Berlin
Phi Hong Su
When the Berlin Wall fell, Germany united in a wave of euphoria and solidarity. Also caught in the current were Vietnamese border crossers who had left their homeland after its reunification in 1975. Unwilling to live under socialism, one group resettled in West Berlin as refugees. In the name of socialist solidarity, a second group arrived in East Berlin as contract workers. The Border Within paints a vivid portrait of these disparate Vietnamese migrants’ encounters with each other in the post-socialist city of Berlin. Phi Hong Su’s rigorous ethnography unpacks this intuition. In absorbing prose, Su reveals how these Cold War compatriots enact palpable social boundaries in everyday life. This book uncovers how 20th-century state formation and international migration—together, border crossings—generate enduring migrant classifications. In doing so, border crossings fracture shared ethnic, national, and religious identities in enduring ways.

Bread and Freedom
Egypt’s Revolutionary Situation
Mona El-Ghobashy
Once celebrated as an awe-inspiring eruption 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 revolutionary forces is untenable—it is the uprising that made revoluntionaries 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 manifestos, 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 clambering 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.

The Contemporary Middle East in an Age of Upheaval
Edited by James L. Gelvin
This book engages six themes to understand the contemporary Middle East—the spread of sectarianism, abandonment of principles of state sovereignty, the lack of a regional hegemonic power, increased Saudi-Iranian competition, decreased regional attention to the Israel-Palestine conflict, and fallout from the Arab uprisings—as well as offers individual country studies. With analysis from historians, political scientists, sociologists, and anthropologists, and up-to-date discussions of the Syrian Civil War, impacts of the Trump presidency, and the 2020 uprisings in Lebanon, Algeria, and Sudan, this book will be an essential guide for anyone seeking to understand the current state of the region.

“These essays are an indispensable guide to making sense of the Middle East’s current disorder and future direction. A must-read for academics, policy makers, and informed general audiences.”

—Frederic Wehrey, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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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China’s Rise in the Global South
The Middle East, Africa, and Beijing’s Alternative World Order
Dawn C. Murphy

As China and the U.S. increasingly compete for power in key areas of U.S. influence, great power conflict looms. Yet few studies have looked to the Middle East and Africa, regions of major political, economic, and military importance for both China and the U.S., to theorize how China competes in a changing world system.

China’s Rise in the Global South examines China’s behavior as a rising power in two key Global South regions, the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa. From the Belt and Road initiative to the founding of new cooperation forums and special envoy, China’s Rise in the Global South offers an in-depth look at China’s foreign policy approach to the countries it considers its partners in South-South cooperation.

Murphy contends that China is constructing an alternate international order to interact with these regions, and provides policymakers and scholars of international relations with the tools to analyze it.

Fateful Decisions
Choices That Will Shape China’s Future
Edited by Thomas Finger 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.

“Now challenge today equals that of understanding China’s future, and here a steering 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

Cyber Threats and Nuclear Weapons
Herbert Lin

The technology controlling United States nuclear weapons predates the Internet. Updating the technology for the digital era is necessary, but it comes with the risk that anything digital can be hacked. Moreover, using new systems for both nuclear and non-nuclear operations will lead to levels of nuclear risk hardly imagined before. This book is the first to confront these risks comprehensively.

With Cyber Threats and Nuclear Weapons, Herbert Lin provides a clear-eyed breakdown of the cyber risks to the U.S. nuclear enterprise. Featuring a series of scenarios that clarify the intersection of cyber and nuclear risk, this book guides readers through a little-understood element of the risk profile that government decision-makers should be anticipating. What might have happened if the Cuban Missile Crisis took place in the age of Twitter, with unvetted information swirling around? What if an adversary announced that malware had compromised nuclear systems, clouding the confidence of nuclear decision-makers?

Atomic Steppe
How Kazakhstan Gave Up the Bomb
Togzhan Kassenova

Atomic Steppe tells the untold true story of how the obscure country of Kazakhstan said no to the most powerful weapons in human history. With the fall of the Soviet Union, the marginalized Central Asian republic suddenly found itself with the world’s fourth largest nuclear arsenal on its territory. Would it give up these fire-ready weapons—or try to become a Central Asian North Korea?

This book takes us inside Kazakhstan’s extraordinary and little-known nuclear history from the Soviet period to the present. Equipped with intimate personal perspective and untapped archival resources, Togzhan Kassenova introduces us to the engineers who turned diplomats, villagers turned pacifists who worked toward disarmament. With thousands of nuclear weapons still present around the world, the story of how Kazakhstan gave up their nuclear inheritance holds urgent lessons for global security.

Networked Nonproliferation
Making the NPT Permanent
Michal Onderco

The Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) had many opponents when, in 1995, it came up for extension. The majority of parties opposed extension, and experts expected a limited extension as countries sought alternative means to manage nuclear weapons. But against all predictions, the treaty was extended indefinitely, and without a vote.

Networked Nonproliferation offers a social network theory explanation of how the NPT was extended, giving new insight into why international treaties succeed or fail. Michal Onderco draws on unique in-depth interviews and newly declassified documents to analyze the networked power at play.

With Networked Nonproliferation, Onderco provides new insight into multilateral diplomacy in general and nuclear nonproliferation in particular, with consequences for understanding a changing global system as the US, the chief advocate of nonproliferation and a central node in the diplomatic networks around it, declines in material power.

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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 reflects 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 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, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

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 reforms to the national security establishment 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 of intelligence procedure and performance. 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 and staffing a new organization, integrating and improving the work of sixteen agencies, and contending with pressure from powerful players.

From Mandate to Blueprint is an informed and practical guide for the challenges ahead.

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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.

“As much critique as corrective vision, Ming Chen’s powerful book brings us revelatory conversations with immigrants seeking to become citizens.”
—Ian F. Haney López, University of California, Berkeley

Pursuing Citizenship in the Enforcement Era
Ming Hsu Chen

Pursuing Citizenship in the Enforcement Era examines the everyday perspectives of immigrants trying to integrate into American society when immigration policy is focused on enforcement and exclusion. The law says that everyone who is not a citizen is an alien, but Ming Hsu Chen argues that the citizen/alien binary should be reframed as a spectrum of citizenship, emphasizing continuities between the otherwise distinct experiences of membership and belonging for immigrants seeking citizenship. Bringing together theories of citizenship with empirical data on integration and analysis of contemporary policy, Chen argues that formal citizenship matters more than ever during times of enforcement and that constructing pathways to citizenship that enhance both formal and substantive equality of immigrants.

Immigrant California
Understanding the Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Policy
Edited by David Scott FitzGerald and John D. Skrentny

If California were its own country, it would have the world’s fifth largest immigrant population. The way these newcomers are integrated into the state will shape California’s schools, workforce, businesses, public health, politics, and culture. In Immigrant California, leading experts in U.S. migration provide cutting-edge research on the incorporation of immigrants and their descendants in this bellwether state. California, unique for its diverse population, powerful economy, and progressive politics, provides important lessons for what to expect as demographic change comes to most states across the country. Contributors to this volume cover topics ranging from education systems to healthcare initiatives and unravel the sometimes-contradictory details of California’s immigration history. The volume shows how a state that was once the national leader in anti-immigrant policies quickly became a standard-bearer of greater accommodation. Californias successes, and its failures, provide an essential road map for the future prosperity of immigrants and natives alike.
Donald Trump’s presidency made many Americans wonder whether the country’s political system was weakening, or whether a despotic chief executive. In many Americans wonder whether Donald Trump’s presidency made our democracy and what to do about it.

Reveals how the U.S. Supreme Court’s presidentialism threatens and argues that an insufficiently constrained presidency is one of the most important systemic threats to our democracy. Driesen analyzes the chief executive’s role in the democratic decline of Hungary, Poland, and Turkey and argues that an insufficiently constrained presidency is one of the most important systemic threats to democracy. Driesen urges the U.S. to learn from the mistakes of these failing democracies. Driesen argues that concern about loss of democracy should play a major role in the Court’s jurisprudence, because loss of democracy can prove irreversible. As autocracy spreads throughout the world, maintaining our democracy should play a major role in the Supreme Court’s jurisprudence, because loss of democracy can prove irreversible.

Gender Threat: American Masculinity in the Face of Change

David M. Driesen

Against all evidence to the contrary, American men have come to believe that the world is tilted—economically, socially, politically—against them. The authors of Gender Threat look at what reasoning lies behind their belief and how they respond to it. Many feel that there is a limited set of socially accepted ways for men to express their gender identity, and when it is difficult for them to do so, they search for another outlet to compensate. Sometimes these behaviors are maladaptive, as in the case of increased sexual harassment at work. Importantly, though, younger men are more likely to turn to nontraditional compensatory behaviors, such as increased involvement in cooking, parenting, and community leadership, suggesting that the conception of masculinity is likely to change in the decades to come.

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Birth of a Movement: Midwives, Law, and the Politics of Reproductive Care

Dan Cassino and Yasemin Besen-Cassino

In Birth of a Movement, Renée Ann Cramer draws on a decade of ethnographic and archival research to examine the interactions of law, politics, and activism surrounding midwifery. Framed by gripping narratives from midwives across the country, she parses out the often-paradoxical priorities with which they must engage. Professional midwives are legal and regulated in 32 states and illegal in eight. In the remaining ten states, Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs) are unregulated, but nominally legal. By studying states where CPMs have differing legal statuses, Cramer makes the case that midwives and their clients engage in various forms of sometimes-inconsistent mobilization to facilitate access to care, autonomy in childbirth, and the articulation of women’s authorship in reproduction. She offers rich insights for scholars, activists, and healthcare professionals.

Queer Alliances: How Power Shapes Political Movement Formation

Erin Mayo-Adam

Queer Alliances investigates coalition formation among LGBTQ, immigrant, and labor rights activists in the United States, revealing how new alliances impact the inner workings of each respective political movement. Mayo-Adam examines the extent to which grassroots groups bridged historic divisions based on race, gender, class, and immigration status through the development of coalitions around LGBTQ rights in Washington State and immigrant and migrant rights in Arizona. Detailed, in-depth interviews with local, coalition-based mobilization across and within multiple movements rather than national campaigns and court cases. Mayo-Adam examines the extent to which these coalitions represent and serve intersectionally marginalized communities—groups that are often absent within contemporary accounts of social movement formation.

"A must-read for anyone interested in twenty-first century rights formation and the future of the LGBTQ movement.”

—Susan Burgess, Ohio University

A Constitution for the Living: Imagining How Five Generations of Americans Would Rewrite the Nation’s Fundamental Law

Beau Breslin

“Thine earth belongs...to the living, the dead have neither powers nor rights over it.” These famous words, reflect Thomas Jefferson’s lifelong belief that each generation ought to write its own Constitution. According to Jefferson each generation should take an active role in endorsing, renouncing, or changing the nation’s fundamental law. History tells us that Jefferson’s voice went unheeded. But what if he had prevailed? In A Constitution for the Living, Beau Breslin reimagines American history to answer that question. By tracing the story from the 1787 Constitutional Convention up to the present, Breslin presents an engaging and insightful narrative account of historical figures and how they might have shaped their particular generation’s Constitution. This book is, above all, a call for a more engaged American public at a time when change seems close at hand, if we dare to imagine it.

Radical Reform

Michelle Jackson

Although it is well known that the United States has an inequality problem, social scientists have failed to mobilize in response. Their strikingly insipid, ostensibly science-based approach to policy reform offers only incremental “interventions,” assuming that the best we can do is contain the problem. In Manifesto for a Dream Michelle Jackson asserts that we will never make strides towards equality if we do not start to think radically. It is the structure of social institutions that generates and maintains social inequality, and must be attacked for progress to be made. Jackson makes a scientific case for large-scale institutional reform, drawing on examples from other countries to demonstrate that reforms rejected in the United States are considered unproblematic in other contexts. She persuasively argues that an emboldened social science has an obligation to develop and test the radical policies that would be necessary to assure equality for all.
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 socio-economic disparities, population movement, and political instability. Offering more than warning and movement, and political instability.

Tyranny of Greed
Trump, Corruption, and the Revolution to Come
Timothy K. Kuhner
Democracy is being destroyed by an ancient evil and modernity is in denial. In the Tyranny of Greed, Timothy K. Kuhner reveals the United States to be a government by and for the wealthy, with Trump—the spirit of infinite greed—at its helm. Taking readers on a tour through evolutionary biology, psychology, and biblical sources, Kuhner explores how democracy emerged from religious and revolutionary awakenings. He argues that to overcome Trump’s regime and establish real democracy, we must reconnect with that radical heritage. Our political tradition demands a revolution against corruption.

Women as War Criminals
Gender, Agency, and Justice
Izabela Stellja 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, Stellja and Trisko Darden show, is not blind to gender.

The Origins of COVID-19
China and Global Capitalism
Li Zhang
A new strain of coronavirus emerged in November 2019, and patients began to be admitted to hospitals in Wuhan with severe pneumonia, most linked to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market. China’s containment of the first stage of the epidemic, in glaring contrast with the uncontrolled spread in Europe and the United States, was heralded as a testament to the Chinese Communist Party’s unparalleled command over the biomedical sciences, population, and economy. Conversely, much debate about the origins of the virus focuses on the “backwards” cultural practice of consuming wild animals and the perceived problem of authoritarianism suppressing information about the outbreak until it was too late. The Origins of COVID-19, by Li Zhang, emphasizes that we must understand the origins of emerging diseases with pandemic potential (such as SARS and COVID-19) in the more complex and structural entanglements of state-making, science and technology, and global capitalism.

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.

“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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Toward the Critique of Violence
A Critical Edition

Walter Benjamin
Edited by Peter Fenves and Julia Ng

Marking the centenary of Walter Benjamin’s influential essay, “Toward the Critique of Violence,” this critical edition presents readers with a new, fully annotated translation of a classic of modern political theory. The volume includes notes and fragments by Benjamin along with passages from all of the contemporaneous texts to which his essay refers; provocative arguments about law and violence advanced by Hermann Cohen, Kurt Hiller, Erich Unger, and Emil Lederer; a new translation of selections from Georges Sorel’s Reflections on Violence; and, for the first time in any language, a bibliography of Benjamin drafted for the expansion of the essay and the development of a corresponding philosophy of law.

“The most comprehensible version yet of Benjamin’s compelling and demanding essay.”
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Across the Great Divide
Between Atlantic and Continental Political Theory

Jeremy Arnold

The division between analytic and continental political theory remains as sharp as it is wide, rendering basic problems seemingly intractable. Across the Great Divide offers an account of how this split has shaped the field and suggests means of addressing it. Rather than advocating a synthesis of these philosophical modes, Arnold argues for aporetic cross-tradition theorizing: bringing together both traditions in order to show how each is at once necessary and limited.

Engaging with a range of fundamental political concepts and theorists—including the work of Stanley Cavell, Philip Pettit and Hannah Arendt, John Rawls, and Jacques Derrida—Arnold shows how we can better understand and address the pressing political issues of civil freedom and state justice today.

“Outstanding and original.”
—Paul Patton, Wuhan University

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Political Grammars
The Unconscious Foundations of Modern Democracy

Davide Tarizzo

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