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Arctic - Uttam Kumar Sinha

2017-10-02

In May 2013, China, India, Japan, Singapore and South Korea (Asia 5) were given status as permanent observers in the Arctic Council. It was a symbolic and significant moment in the history of Arctic affairs. The list of stakeholders in the Arctic has now expanded to include both the Arctic littoral states and the five Asian states. The drivers and policies of these stakeholders on the Arctic vary, but research on climate change, possible changes to the global energy and minerals

markets, adherence to international norms like the UNCLOS, and geopolitical considerations are issues of concern. This volume is based on the reviewed, revised and updated versions of papers presented at the roundtable on The Geopolitics of the Arctic: Commerce, Governance and Policy hosted by the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA) in New Delhi in September, 2013, in joint co-operation with the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS) and Peace

Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). We hope that this book, with some compelling perspectives on a number of challenging issues, will help engage the policy community to identify and explore opportunities for international cooperation in the Arctic. This book was originally published as a special issue of *Strategic Analysis*.

*Routledge Handbook of Russian Foreign Policy* - Andrei

P. Tsygankov 2018-03-20

Providing a comprehensive overview of Russia's foreign policy directions, this handbook brings together an international team of scholars to develop a complex treatment of Russia's

foreign policy. The chapters draw from numerous theoretical traditions by incorporating ideas of domestic institutions, considerations of national security and international recognition as sources of the nation's foreign policy. Covering critically important subjects such as Russia's military interventions in Ukraine and Syria, the handbook is divided into four key parts: Part I explores the social and material conditions in which Russia's foreign policy is formed and implemented. Part II investigates tools and actors that participate in policy making including diplomacy, military, media, and others. Part III

provides an overview of Russia's directions towards the United States, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Eurasia, and the Arctic. Part IV addresses the issue of Russia's participation in global governance and multiple international organizations, as well as the Kremlin's efforts to build new organizations and formats that suit Russia's objectives. The Routledge Handbook of Russian Foreign Policy is an invaluable resource to students and scholars of Russian Politics and International Relations, as well as World Politics more generally.

*Power Relations in the Twenty-First Century* - Donette Murray

2017-09-22

This volume critiques contemporary power trends by examining key bilateral dynamics between five putative 'poles' of the multipolar order in the twenty-first century. Written by emerging scholars and established academics, this work provides a timely and authoritative analysis of one of the most controversial and compelling security debates of the twenty-first century.

Adopting a detailed case study approach, the volume examines contemporary great power relations between the US, China, Russia, India and the EU. Each chapter explores the essential nature and

characteristics of individual inter-state relationships in order to explicate and appraise the empirical evidence for a putative multipolar order. The volume aims to deepen understanding of power trends and critically assess the individual inter-dynamics at play. In doing so, it critiques the various models offered, such as the hub and spoke model (with the US remaining as the primary actor) and Zakaria's 'networked' model, as part of a purported 'post-American world'. The work places each of the individual relationships into a wider strategic and political context, in relation to the continued international

turbulence and change that has seemed even more prominent in recent times, taking into account the twin challenges of Brexit and the presidency of Donald Trump. It concludes by returning the focus to the central questions of if, how and when a post-American, multipolar world could develop. This volume will be of much interest to students of global security, foreign policy, and IR in general.

*Authority, Ascendancy, and Supremacy* - Gregory O. Hall  
2013-11-12

*Authority, Ascendancy, and Supremacy* examines the American, Chinese, and Russian (Big 3) competition for

power and influence in the Post-Cold War Era. With the ascension of regional powers such as India, Iran, Brazil, and Turkey, the Big 3 dynamic is an evolving one, which cannot be ignored because of its effect to not only reshape regional security, but also control influence and power in world affairs. How does one define a "global" or "regional" power in the Post-Cold War Era? How does the relationships among the Big 3 influence regional actors? Gregory O. Hall utilizes country data from primary and secondary sources to reveal that since the early 1990s, competition for influence and power among the Big 3 has

intensified and could result in armed confrontation among the major powers. He assesses the state of affairs in each country's economic, resource, military, social/demographic, and political spheres. In addition, events data, which focuses on international interactions, facilitates identifying trends in Big 3 interactions as well as their concerns and affairs with regional players. Opinion data, drawn from policy makers, scholarly interviews, and survey research data, identifies foreign policy interests among the Big 3, as well non-Big 3 foreign policy behaviors. With its singular focus on American, Chinese, and Russian

interactions, policy interests, and behaviors, Authority, Ascendancy, and Supremacy represents a significant contribution for understanding and managing Post-Cold War conflicts and promises to be an important book.

*China and the World* - David Shambaugh 2020-01-30

As the world evolves in increasingly unpredictable directions, one of the key determinants of the future global order will surely be the impact of China. No country and no society can escape China's reach-indeed many seek its embrace. China brings benefits to many-but it's also a problematic interlocutor for

others. In *China and the World*, one of the world's leading China specialists David Shambaugh has assembled fifteen leading international authorities on China to create the most comprehensive and up-to-date scholarly assessment of China's foreign relations and roles in international affairs. The volume covers China's contemporary position in all regions of the world, with all major powers, and across multiple arenas of China's international interactions. It also explores the sources of China's grand strategy, how the past shapes the present, and the impact of domestic factors that shape China's external behavior.

China and the World is a uniquely focused and well-organized volume that provides many insights into China's calculations and behavior, and identifies a number of challenges China will face in the future.

*China's Foreign Policy* - Joseph Yu-shek Cheng 2016-03-15

This volume examines the Chinese foreign policy framework today and traces its evolution since the post-Mao era. Through the consideration of China's relations with the major powers and its management of various challenges ranging from territorial disputes to energy security, it investigates China's

pursuit of major power status and influence in peaceful international scenarios. The author critically analyzes China's foreign policy from Chinese leaders' evolving worldview of the changing international environment. As China emerges as a major power and the second largest economy in the world, anyone interested in international politics and scenarios as well as China's foreign policy needs a basic, insightful reference book like this. Contents:China's Foreign Policy: Coping with the Challenge of PowerOverall Framework:The Evolution of China's Foreign Policy in the Post-Mao Era: From Anti-



Hegemony to Modernization  
DiplomacyChina's Foreign  
Policy in the Mid-1990sChina's  
Foreign Policy Since the  
Seventeenth Party  
CongressConvincing the World  
of China's Tradition to Pursue  
Universal HarmonyChina's  
Significant Bilateral  
Relations:China's Peaceful Rise  
and the .U.S – Mutual  
Perceptions, Mutual Trust and  
Planning for Future  
ScenariosChinese Perceptions  
of Russian Foreign Policy  
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Administration: U.S.–Russia  
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Triangle" ConsiderationsChina's  
Japan Policy: Seeking Stability  
and Improvement in

Uncertainties and  
ConflictsChina's India Policy:  
Balancing Global and Bilateral  
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first Century: Economics in  
Command?China's Iran Policy:  
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water Navy: China's Strategic  
DilemmaChina's Ocean  
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Handling of the Territorial  
Conflicts in the South China  
SeaFrom Non-interference to a  
Responsible Major Power:  
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Darfur  
China's Approach to  
Intervention in the Syrian Crisis:  
The Challenge of Working  
through the United Nations  
System Readership: Academics,  
undergraduate and graduates  
students, professionals and  
policy makers interested in  
China's Foreign Policy. Key  
Features: The most updated and  
comprehensive book on  
Chinese foreign policy  
Analyzes the Chinese perspective  
critically and objectively  
Studies China's relations with key  
countries and its various  
significant global challenges  
Engaging China - Anne Thurston  
2021-07-13  
The importance of the  
relationship between the United

States and the People's  
Republic of China has only  
grown since Richard Nixon's  
epochal visit in 1972. By the  
early twenty-first century, when  
the rise of China had become  
an inescapable fact, most  
American policy makers and  
experts saw bilateral ties with  
China as the most  
consequential foreign-relations  
priority for the United States. In  
recent years, even before the  
coronavirus pandemic, the  
U.S.–China relationship has  
rapidly deteriorated—and the  
whole world has felt the  
consequences. This book brings  
together leading China  
specialists to offer a  
retrospective on relations

between the United States and China over the last half-century and consider what might be next. The contributors—including academics, leaders of China-related nongovernmental organizations, and former diplomats and government officials—analyze the relationship from a range of perspectives: political, diplomatic, economic, social, cultural, commercial, educational, medical, and military. They reassess American engagement with China from the late Mao years onward, covering leaders from Deng Xiaoping through Xi Jinping. The contributors highlight not only the

accomplishments and hard-won successes of engagement but also the mistakes and misunderstandings, acknowledging the well-earned distrust and genuine frictions that plague the relationship today. Multidisciplinary and comprehensive, *Engaging China* is a vital reconsideration for a time when the stakes of U.S. policy toward China have never been higher.

[Russian Foreign Policy](#) - Jeffrey Mankoff 2011

Introduction: the guns of August -- Contours of Russian foreign policy -- Bulldogs fighting under the rug: the making of Russian foreign policy -- Resetting expectations: Russia and the

United States -- Europe:  
between integration and  
confrontation -- Rising China  
and Russia's Asian vector --  
Playing with home field  
advantage? Russia and its post-  
Soviet neighbors -- Conclusion:  
dealing with Russia's foreign  
policy reawakening.

*Understanding Russian Politics*

- Stephen White 2011-03-31

A fresh and compelling  
interpretation of Russian politics  
by a leading authority, this  
textbook focuses on political  
developments in the world's  
largest country under Putin and  
Medvedev. Using a wealth of  
primary sources, it covers  
economic, social and foreign  
policy, and the 'system' of

politics that has developed in  
recent years. Opposing  
arguments are presented and  
students are encouraged to  
reach their own judgements on  
key events and issues such as  
privatisation and corruption.

This textbook tackles timely  
topics such as gender and  
inequality issues; organised  
religion; the economic krizis;  
and Russia's place in the  
international community. It uses  
numerous examples to place  
this powerful and richly-  
endowed country in context,  
with a focus on the place of  
ordinary people which shows  
how policy is translated to  
Russians' everyday lives.

**The Russian Military**

**Resurgence** - René De La Pedraja 2018-11-27

The transition from the Soviet to the post-1991 Russian military is a fascinating story of decline and reinvention. The Soviet army suffered a slow demise, dissolving in 2000 and only gradually reforming based on radically different principles. The First Chechnya War (1994-1996) was the lowest point for the Soviet military but the Second Chechnya War (1999-2004) saw the initial stirrings of the new Russian army. The Five Day War with Georgia in August 2008 was its first major success and marked Russia's return to world power status. Lively accounts and

maps describe the actions of these wars, along with the Crimea operation of 2014, the separatist struggles in eastern Ukraine and the ongoing Russian intervention in Syria.

**Russia and the New World Disorder** - Bobo Lo 2015-08-17

The Russian annexation of Crimea was one of the great strategic shocks of the past twenty-five years. For many in the West, Moscow's actions in early 2014 marked the end of illusions about cooperation, and the return to geopolitical and ideological confrontation. Russia, for so long a peripheral presence, had become the central actor in a new global drama. In this groundbreaking

book, renowned scholar Bobo Lo analyzes the broader context of the crisis by examining the interplay between Russian foreign policy and an increasingly anarchic international environment. He argues that Moscow's approach to regional and global affairs reflects the tension between two very different worlds—the perceptual and the actual. The Kremlin highlights the decline of the West, a resurgent Russia, and the emergence of a new multipolar order. But this idealized view is contradicted by a world disorder that challenges core assumptions about the dominance of great powers and the utility of military might. Its

lesson is that only those states that embrace change will prosper in the twenty-first century. A Russia able to redefine itself as a modern power would exert a critical influence in many areas of international politics. But a Russia that rests on an outdated sense of entitlement may end up instead as one of the principal casualties of global transformation.

Axis of Convenience - Bobo Lo  
2009-08-01

Few relationships have been as misunderstood as the "strategic partnership" between Russia and China. Official rhetoric portrays it as the very model of international cooperation:

Moscow and Beijing claim that ties are closer and warmer than at any time in history. In reality, however, the picture is highly ambiguous. While both sides are committed to multifaceted engagement, cooperation is complicated by historical suspicions, cultural prejudices, geopolitical rivalries, and competing priorities. For Russia, China is at once the focus of a genuine convergence of interests and the greatest long-term threat to its national security. For China, Russia is a key supplier of energy and weapons, but is frequently dismissed as a self-important power whose rhetoric far outstrips its real influence. A xis

of Convenience cuts through the mythmaking and examines the Sino-Russian partnership on its own merits. It steers between the overblown interpretation of an anti-Western (particularly, anti-American) alliance and the complacent assumption that past animosities and competing agendas must always divide the two nations. Their relationship reflects a new geopolitics, one that eschews formal alliances in favor of more flexible and opportunistic arrangements. Ultimately, it is an axis of convenience driven by cold-eyed perceptions of the national interest. In evaluating the current state and future

prospects of the relationship, Bobo Lo assesses its impact on the evolving strategic environments in Central and East Asia. He also analyzes the global implications of rapprochement between Moscow and Beijing, focusing in particular on the geopolitics of energy and Russia-China-U.S. triangularism.

The Return of Eurasia - Glenn Diesen 2021-07-23

This book defines Eurasianism, a political idea with a long tradition, for a new century. Historically, Eurasia was depicted as a “third continent” with a geographical and historical space distinctively different from both Europe and

Asia. Today, the concept is mobilized by the Russian foreign policy elite to imagine a close relationship with China and indirectly inspires the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative. A Russian-Chinese partnership forms the core of a new Eurasian region, yet Turkey, India, Hungary, Central Asia and the other parts of the supercontinent are also embracing Eurasian concepts.

This book is of interest to scholars of Russian and Chinese foreign policy, to economists, and to scholars of political thought.

*Chinese Foreign Relations* - Robert G. Sutter 2012-01-26

This comprehensive introduction



to Chinese foreign relations examines the opportunities and limits China faces as it seeks growing international influence. Tracing the record of twists and turns in Chinese foreign relations since the end of the Cold War, Robert G. Sutter provides a nuanced analysis that shows that despite its growing power, Beijing is hampered by both domestic and international constraints. Newly revised, this edition features more extensive treatment of China's role in the international economy and greater discussion of its relations with the developing world. Overall, Sutter's balanced and thorough assessment shows China's

leaders exerting more influence in world affairs but remaining far from dominant. Facing numerous contradictions and trade-offs, they move cautiously as they deal with a complex global environment.

*A 21st Century Myth* - Bobo Lo  
2012

Russia-China Relations in the Post-Crisis International Order -  
Marcin Kaczmarek 2015-03-24

The book explores developments in Russia-China relations in the aftermath of the global economic crisis, arguing that the crisis transformed their bilateral affairs, regional liaisons and, crucially, altered the roles both states play on the

international arena. Discussing how Russo-Chinese cooperation has accelerated in energy trade, arms sales and in the Russian Far East, the focus is on how the still mutually advantageous relationship has become more asymmetric than ever, reflecting China's meteoric rise and Russia's decline.

These dynamics are explored through three perspectives: domestic, regional and global.

Domestically, the book traces the role of political coalitions and key interest groups involved in how the two states shape their reciprocal policies.

Changes in the regional dimension are examined with particular reference to a new

status quo emerging in Central Asia. The book concludes by explaining how the changing relationship is affecting the international order, including the balance of power vis-à-vis the United States as well as Russia and China's changing attitudes towards global governance.

The Post Cold War World -

Michael Cox 2018-12-14

This book by a leading scholar of international relations examines the origins of the new world disorder – the resurgence of Russia, the rise of populism in the West, deep tensions in the Atlantic alliance, and the new strategic partnership between China and Russia – and asks why so many

assumptions about how the world might look after the Cold War – liberal, democratic and increasingly global – have proven to be so wrong. To explain this, Michael Cox goes back to the moment of disintegration and examines what the Cold War was about, why the Cold War ended, why the experts failed to predict it, and how different writers and policy-makers (and not just western ones) have viewed the tumultuous period between 1989 when the liberal order seemed on top of the world through to the current period when confidence in the western project seems to have disappeared almost completely.

Russia and China. Anatomy of a Partnership - Aldo Ferrari

2019-05-13

While the “decline of the West” is now almost taken for granted, China’s impressive economic performance and the political influence of an assertive Russia in the international arena are combining to make Eurasia a key hub of political and economic power. That, certainly, is the story which Beijing and Moscow have been telling for years. Are the times ripe for a “Eurasian world order”? What exactly does the supposed Sino-Russian challenge to the liberal world entail? Are the two countries’ worsening clashes with the

West drawing them closer together? This ISPI Report tackles every aspect of the apparently solidifying alliance between Moscow and Beijing, but also points out its growing asymmetries. It also recommends some policies that could help the EU to deal with this “Eurasian shift”, a long-term and multi-faceted power readjustment that may lead to the end of the world as we have known it.

China and Russia - Philip Snow  
2023-04-25

A compelling, expansive history of the relationship between China and Russia, from the seventeenth century to the present Russia and China, the

largest and most populous countries in the world, respectively, have maintained a delicate relationship for four centuries. In addition to a four-thousand-kilometer border, they have periodically shared a common outlook on political and economic affairs. But they are, in essence, profoundly different polities and cultures, and their intermittent alliances have proven difficult and at times even volatile. Philip Snow provides a full account of the relationship between these two global giants. Looking at politics, religion, economics, and culture, Snow uncovers the deep roots of the two nations’ alignment. We see the shifts in

the balance of power, from the wealth and strength of early Qing China to the Tsarist and Soviet ascendancies, and episodes of intense conflict followed by harmony. He looks too at the experiences and opinions of ordinary people, which often vastly differed from those of their governments, and considers how long the countries' current amicable relationship might endure.

*Strategic Asia 2012-13: China's Military Challenge* - Dan Blumenthal 2012

In *Strategic Asia 2012-13: China's Military Challenge*, leading experts assess and forecast the impact of China's growing military capabilities.

What are China's strategic aims? What are the challenges and opportunities facing the United States? How is the region responding to China's military power and to the U.S. policy of "strategic rebalancing"?

*China, Oil and Global Politics* -

Philip Andrews-Speed

2011-05-12

China's rapid economic growth has led to a huge increase in its domestic energy needs. This book provides a critical overview of how China's growing need for oil imports is shaping its international economic and diplomatic strategy and how this affects global political relations and

behaviour. Part One is focused on the domestic drivers of energy policy: it provides a systematic account of recent trends in China's energy sector and assesses the context and processes of energy policy making, and concludes by showing how and why China's oil industry has spread across the world in the last fifteen years. Part Two analyses the political and foreign policy implications of this energy-driven expansion and the challenges this potentially poses for China's integration into the international system. It examines a number of factors linked to this integration in the energy field, including the

unpredictabilities of internal policymaking; China's determination to promote its own critical national interests, and the general ambition of the Chinese leadership to integrate with the international system on its own terms and at its own speed. The highly topical book draws together the various dimensions of China's international energy strategy, and provides insights into the impact of this on China's growing international presence in various parts of the world.

**Sino-American Relations -**

Yufan Hao 2016-04-01

More than thirty years have passed since the normalization of Sino-American relations in

1979. The United States and China are becoming more interdependent economically, yet at the same time, significant movement and improvements in Sino-American relations are constrained by major economic, security, political and other differences between the two countries. This volume analyzes current problems and issues in Sino-American relations in the context of regional and global strategic patterns and their historical development in the last thirty years. These problems and issues such as the international financial crisis, development of global reserve currencies, regional conflicts and competition for international

domination have significant impacts on both world powers, and important implications to the world economy and politics.

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explaining how the changing relationship is affecting the international order, including the balance of power vis-à-vis the

United States as well as Russia and China's changing attitudes towards global governance.

Agonies of Empire - Michael Cox 2022-03-08

Michael Cox outlines the ways in which five American Presidents from Clinton to Biden have addressed their predecessors' legacies while dealing with an empire under increasing stress. He sets out a critical framework for US foreign policy, the US's relationship with its enemies and rivals, and whether it is now in long term decline.

Kremlin Winter - Robert Service 2019-10-03

In Kremlin Winter, Robert Service, acclaimed biographer



of Lenin, Stalin and Trotsky and one of the finest historians of modern Russia, brings his deep understanding of that country to bear on the man who leads it. 'One of our most accomplished, erudite and prolific historians of modern Russia.' – Rodric Braithwaite, *New Statesman*

Vladimir Putin has dominated Russian politics since Boris Yeltsin relinquished the presidency in his favour in May 2000. He served two terms as president, before himself relinquishing the post to his prime minister, Dimitri Medvedev, only to return to presidential power for a third time in 2012. Putin's rule, whether as president or prime

minister, has been marked by a steady increase in domestic repression and international assertiveness. Despite this, there have been signs of liberal growth and Putin – and Russia – now faces a far from certain future. Robert Service reveals a premier who cannot take his supremacy for granted, yet is determined to impose his will not only on his closest associates but on society at large. *Kremlin Winter* is a riveting insight into power politics as Russia faces a blizzard of difficulties both at home and abroad. 'A masterful portrait of Putin and Russia' – Jack Coleman, *Daily Telegraph*

*Russia Against the Rest* -

Richard Sakwa 2017-10-12

This book examines how Putin's Russia emerged as one of the great powers, demanding recognition of its status in international politics.

*Geopolitics: A Guide to the Issues* - Bert Chapman

2011-04-07

An important book on a topic that has been neglected for too long, *Geopolitics: A Guide to the Issues* will provide readers with an enhanced understanding of how geography influences personal, national, and international economics, politics, and security. The work begins with the history of geopolitics from the late 19th century to the

present, then discusses the intellectual renaissance the discipline is experiencing today due to the prevalence of international security threats involving territorial, airborne, space-based, and waterborne possession and acquisition. The book emphasizes current and emerging international geopolitical trends, examining how the U.S. and other countries, including Australia, Brazil, China, India, and Russia, are integrating geopolitics into national security planning. It profiles international geopolitical scholars and their work, and it analyzes emerging academic, military, and governmental literature, including "gray"

literature and social networking technologies, such as blogs and Twitter.

**Foreign Relations of the PRC -**

Robert G. Sutter 2018-07-12

Now in a fully updated edition, this cogent book examines the international relations of the PRC since its founding in 1949. Robert Sutter provides a balanced assessment of the country's recent successes and advances as well as the legacies and constraints that hamper it, especially in nearby Asia—long the focus of China's foreign policy attention.

*The New Great Game -*

Thomas Fingar 2016-03-23

China's rise has elicited envy, admiration, and fear among its

neighbors. Although much has been written about this, previous coverage portrays events as determined almost entirely by Beijing. Such accounts minimize or ignore the other side of the equation: namely, what individuals, corporate actors, and governments in other countries do to attract, shape, exploit, or deflect Chinese involvement.

*The New Great Game* analyzes and explains how Chinese policies and priorities interact with the goals and actions of other countries in the region. To explore the reciprocal nature of relations between China and countries in South and Central Asia, *The New Great Game*

employs numerous policy-relevant lenses: geography, culture, history, resource endowments, and levels of development. This volume seeks to discover what has happened during the three decades of China's rise and why it happened as it did, with the goal of deeper understanding of Chinese and other national priorities and policies and of discerning patterns among countries and issues.

#### **Sino-Japanese Relations -**

Niklas Swanström 2013

Sino-Japanese relations have been on the mend since Shinzo Abe assumed the Japanese Prime Minister's office in

September 2006. However, several issues continue to obstruct the building of long-term confidence between the two Asian giants. This book gives an overview of the current situation.

#### **When China Goes to the Moon...**

- Marco Aliberti 2015-07-04

This book is about China's ambitions in its most complex and internationally visible space endeavor, namely its human space exploration programme. It provides a comprehensive reflection on China's strategic direction and objectives in space, including in particular those set forth in its human spaceflight programme and analyses the key domestic and

external factors affecting the country's presumed manned lunar ambitions. The objective of the book is to disentangle the opportunities and challenges China's space ambitions are creating for other spacefaring nations and for Europe in particular. It therefore includes an in-depth analysis of possible European postures towards China in space exploration and seeks to stimulate a debate on future space strategies in the broader context of world politics.

### Is International Law

International? - Anthea Roberts  
2017-09-18

This book takes the reader on a sweeping tour of the

international legal field to reveal some of the patterns of difference, dominance, and disruption that belie international law's claim to universality. Pulling back the curtain on the "divisible college of international lawyers," Anthea Roberts shows how international lawyers in different states, regions, and geopolitical groupings are often subject to distinct incoming influences and outgoing spheres of influence in ways that reflect and reinforce differences in how they understand and approach international law. These divisions manifest themselves in contemporary controversies, such as debates about Crimea

and the South China Sea. Not all approaches to international law are created equal, however. Using case studies and visual representations, the author demonstrates how actors and materials from some states and groups have come to dominate certain transnational flows and forums in ways that make them disproportionately influential in constructing the "international." This point holds true for Western actors, materials, and approaches in general, and for Anglo-American (and sometimes French) ones in particular. However, these patterns are set for disruption. As the world moves past an era of Western dominance and

toward greater multipolarity, it is imperative for international lawyers to understand the perspectives and approaches of those coming from diverse backgrounds. By taking readers on a comparative tour of different international law academies and textbooks, the author encourages them to see the world through the eyes of others -- an essential skill in this fast changing world of shifting power dynamics and rising nationalism.

Great Games, Local Rules -

Alexander Cooley 2012

The struggle between Russia and Great Britain over Central Asia in the nineteenth century was the original "great game."

But in the past quarter century, a new "great game" has emerged, pitting America against a newly aggressive Russia and a resource-hungry China, all struggling for influence over one of the volatile areas in the world: the long border region stretching from Iran through Pakistan to Kashmir. In *Great Games, Local Rules*, Alexander Cooley, one of America's most respected Central Asia experts, explores the dynamics of the new competition over the region since 9/11. All three great powers are pursuing important goals: basing rights for the US, access to natural resources for the Chinese, and increased

political influence for the Russians. But Central Asian governments have proven themselves powerful forces in their own right, establishing local rules that serve to fend off foreign involvement, enrich themselves and reinforce their sovereign authority. Cooley's careful and surprising explanation of how small states interact with great powers in this vital region greatly advances our understanding of how world politics actually works in this contemporary era. [Regional Institutions, Geopolitics and Economics in the Asia-Pacific](#) - Steven B. Rothman 2017-04-21  
Economic and geopolitical

expansion -- The Indo-Pacific: a	2015-05-08
strategic coupling -- Diversity	Located in the center of Asia
and contested definitions --	with one of the largest land
Security issues of the Indian	frontiers in the world and 14
Ocean region -- Maritime	neighbors whose dispositions
commerce of the Indian Ocean	could not easily be predicted,
region -- Prosperity and the	China has long been obsessed
emerging geopolitics of the	with security. In this handbook,
Indo-Pacific -- Traditional	an internationally renowned
interests, evolving priorities --	team of contributors provide a
Conclusion -- Notes -- Chapter	comprehensive and systematic
13: Conclusions: interests and	analysis of contemporary
strategies in Asian regional	thinking about Chinese national
institutional development --	security. Chapters cover the
International interests --	PRC's historical, ideological and
Strategies of engagement --	doctrinal heritage related to
Future of Asian cooperation --	security, its security
Theoretical impact -- Summary -	arrangements and policies
- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index	targeting key regions and
<b>Routledge Handbook of Chinese</b>	nations of the world, the
<b>Security - Lowell Dittmer</b>	security aspects of the PRC's



ground, air, sea, space and cyber forces, as well as the changing and expanding definition and scope of China's security theory and practice.

China and Intervention at the UN Security Council - Courtney J. Fung 2019-07-30

What explains China's response to intervention at the UN Security Council? China and Intervention at the UN Security Council argues that status is an overlooked determinant in understanding its decisions, even in the apex cases that are shadowed by a public discourse calling for foreign-imposed regime change in Sudan, Libya, and Syria. It posits that China reconciles its status dilemma as

it weighs decisions to intervene: seeking recognition from both its intervention peer groups of great powers and developing states. Understanding the impact and scope conditions of status answers why China has taken certain positions regarding intervention and how these positions were justified. Foreign policy behavior that complies with status, and related social factors like self-image and identity, means that China can select policy options bearing material costs. China and Intervention at the UN Security Council offers a rich study of Chinese foreign policy, going beyond works available in breadth and in depth. It draws

on an extensive collection of data, including over two hundred interviews with UN officials and Chinese foreign policy elites, participant observation at UN Headquarters, and a dataset of Chinese-language analysis regarding foreign-imposed regime change and intervention. The book concludes with new perspectives on the malleability of China's core interests, insights about the application of status for cooperation and the implications of the status dilemma for rising powers.

*Power in the Changing Global Order* - Martin A. Smith

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Power has been compared to

the weather: people discuss it all the time, but very few really understand it. This book seeks to demystify this complex concept by providing students with an incisive and engaging introduction to the shifting configurations of power in the contemporary global order.

Drawing on the work of leading international relations scholars, philosophers and sociologists, the analysis goes beyond simplistic views of power as material capability, focusing also on its neglected social dimensions. These are developed and explored through a detailed examination of the changing international role, status and capacities of the

United States, Russia and China since the end of the Cold War. Far from achieving multipolarity, the book concludes that the contemporary world remains essentially unipolar; America having moved to correct the mistakes of George W. Bush's first term in office, while China and Russia have, in different ways, limited their own abilities to challenge American primacy. This book will be essential reading for students of international relations and politics, as well as anyone with an interest in the shifting balance of power in the global system.

*The Politics of Power* - Lars-

Christian U. Talseth 2017-01-20

This book sheds new light on the complex EU-Russia relationship, by providing the first comprehensive account of the EU-Russia Energy Dialogue. The author examines why Moscow and Brussels have failed to cooperate in this crucial area of interdependence. By invoking constructivism and Mikhail Bakhtin's concept of dialogue, and drawing on dozens of interviews with Russian and European officials, Talseth argues that the Energy Dialogue was unsuccessful because its interlocutors failed to come up with a common narrative for cooperation.

Evidence suggests that the

collapse of the Energy Dialogue was not pre-determined and initially there was a great deal of optimism and goodwill.

Ultimately, the outcome of the Energy Dialogue was shaped by the unfolding time-space of Russo-European relations.

Russia and China - Michal Lubina 2017-10-23

This book depicts the sophisticated relationship between Russia and China as a pragmatic one, a political “marriage of convenience”. Yet at the same time the relationship is stable, and will remain so. After all, bilateral relations are usually based on pragmatic interests and the pursuit of these interests is the

very essence of foreign policy.

And, as often happens in life, the most long-lasting marriages are those based on

convenience. The highly complex, complicated, ambiguous and yet, indeed, successful relationship between

Russia and China throughout the past 25 years is difficult to grasp theoretically. Russian and

Chinese elites are hard-core realists in their foreign policies, and the neorealist school in

international relations seems to be the most adequate one to research Sino-Russian

relations. Realistically, throughout this period China achieved a multidimensional

advantage over Russia. Yet,

simultaneously Russia-China relations do not follow the patterns of power politics. Beijing knows its limits and does not go into extremes. Rather, China successfully seeks to build a longterm, stable relationship based on Chinese terms, where both sides gain, albeit China gains a little more. Russia in this agenda does not necessary lose; just gains a little less out of this asymmetric deal. Thus, a new model of bilateral relations emerges, which may be called – by paraphrasing the slogan of Chinese diplomacy – as “asymmetric win-win” formula. This model is a kind of “back to the past” – a contemporary

equivalent of the first model of Russia-China relations: the *modus vivendi* from the 17th century, achieved after the Nerchinsk treaty.

*NATO's Return to Europe* -  
Rebecca R. Moore 2017

NATO's 2010 Strategic Concept officially broadened the alliance's mission beyond collective defense, reflecting a peaceful Europe and changes in alliance activities. NATO had become an international security facilitator, a crisis-manager even outside Europe, and a liberal democratic club as much as a mutual-defense organization. However, Russia's re-entry into great power politics has changed NATO's strategic

calculus. Russia's aggressive annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its ongoing military support for Ukrainian separatists dramatically altered the strategic environment and called into question the liberal European security order. States bordering Russia, many of which are now NATO members, are worried, and the alliance is divided over assessments of Russia's behavior. Against the backdrop of Russia's new assertiveness, an international group of scholars examines a broad range of issues in the interest of not only explaining

recent alliance developments but also making recommendations about critical choices confronting the NATO allies. While a renewed emphasis on collective defense is clearly a priority, this volume's contributors caution against an overcorrection, which would leave the alliance too inwardly focused, play into Russia's hand, and exacerbate regional fault lines always just below the surface at NATO. This volume places rapid-fire events in theoretical perspective and will be useful to foreign policy students, scholars, and practitioners alike.