



New World Disorder and America's Future

February 16-18, 2018

Suggested Readings for the 31st Annual Camden Conference

Books authored by Conference speakers

Anderson, Sarah, Cavanaugh, John and Lee, Thea. [Field Guide to the Global Economy. Institute for Policy Studies](#). 2005.

The Field Guide to the Global Economy presents the latest facts to help make sense of the rapidly changing international economy.

Clarke, Harold D., Goodwin, Matthew and Whiteley, Paul. [Brexit: Why Britain Voted to Leave the European Union](#). Cambridge University Press. 2017.

Brexit, the culmination of trends in domestic politics and in the UK's relationship with the EU.

Freeman, Chas W. [The Diplomat's Dictionary: Managing Risk and Change in the International System](#). United States Institute for Peace Press. 1997.

Career diplomat Chas Freeman brings together keen observations, witty insights, shrewd advice, and classic words of wisdom on the art and practice of diplomacy.

Freeman, Chas W., Jr. [Arts of Power: Statecraft and Diplomacy](#). United States Institute for Peace Press. 1997.

In this comprehensive treatment, distinguished diplomat Chas Freeman describes the fundamental principles of the art of statecraft and the craft of diplomacy.

Freeman, Chas W., Jr., [America's Misadventures in the Middle East](#). 2010. Just World Books. Freeman reflects on the origins of Washington's many intelligence failures in the Middle East, "the American way of war", and Washington's failure in recent decades to plan for a stable political end-state for the wars it has so cavalierly launched.

Freeman, Chas W. [Interesting Times: China, America, and the Shifting Balance of Prestige](#). Just World Books. 2013.

Subjects include issues like Taiwan, other strategic issues, and differences over human rights, economic, and trade policies that confronted the world's two most powerful countries throughout those years.

Freeman, Chas W. [America's Continuing Misadventures in the Middle East](#). Just World Books. 2016.

In *America's Continuing Misadventures in the Middle East*, Freeman builds upon an earlier volume on Washington's Middle East policies to examine the state of U.S. foreign policy in the region since 2010.

Medeiros, Evan S., [China's International Behavior: Activism, Opportunism, and Diversification](#). RAND Corporation, Monograph Series. 16 October 2009.

This study examines how China views its security environment, how it defines its international objectives, how it is pursuing them, and the consequences for US economic and security interests.

Paskal, Cleo. [Global Warring: How Environmental, Economic, and Political Crises Will Redraw the World Map](#). St. Martin's Press. 2010.

A fascinating tour through our uncertain future, *Global Warring* also offers a controversial new way forward for the global economy and the worldwide environmental crisis.

1. Shifting Global Power and Relationships

Freedman, Lawrence. [Strategy: A History](#). Oxford University Press, 2015.

The history of strategic thinking, an insightful account of how strategy came to pervade every aspect of our lives.

Haass, Richard. [A World in Disarray: American Foreign Policy and the Crisis of the Old Order](#). Penguin Press, 2017.

An examination of a world increasingly defined by disorder and a United States unable to shape the world in its image.

Hacker, Jacob S. and Pierson, Paul. [American Amnesia: How the War on Government Led Us to Forget What Made America Prosper](#). Simon & Schuster, reprint edition, 2017.

An examination of what's good for American business and what's good for Americans---and why those interests are misaligned.

Klass, Brian. [The Despot's Accomplice: How the West is Aiding and Abetting the Decline of Democracy](#). Oxford University Press, 2017.

How we can understand and do something about the crisis of democracy in our turbulent world.

Krastev, Ivan. [After Europe](#). University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017.

A reflection on the future of the European Union.

Slaughter, Anne-Marie. [The Chessboard and the Web: Strategies of Connection in a Networked World](#). Yale University Press, 2017.

Applies network theory to develop a new set of relationship strategies in politics and business.

[The Strategic Implications of Change in the Soviet Union \(International Institute for Strategic Studies Conference Papers\)](#). Ed. Heisbourg, Francois. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

A compilation of papers together with a summing-up of the origins and sustainability of change in the Soviet Union and the implications for the super-power dialogue, for East-West strategic and economic relations, for Europe and for the Asia-Pacific.

Wright, Thomas. [All Measures Short of War: The Contest for the Twenty-first Century and Future of American Power](#). Yale University Press, 2017

In this book, Thomas Wright explains how major powers will compete fiercely even as they try to avoid war with each other.

2. New Political Movements: Shift to Populism and Nationalism in the US and Europe

Goodhart, David. [The Road to Somewhere: The Populist Revolt and the Future of Politics](#). Hurst, 2017.

Schisms that account for the Brexit vote, the election of Donald Trump, the decline of the center-left and the rise of populism across Europe.

Haidt, Jonathan. [The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion](#). Vintage, reprint edition, 2013.

A challenge to conventional thinking about morality, politics and religion.

Hochschild, Arlie Russell. [Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right](#). The New Press, 2016.

A Sociologist takes us on a journey deep into Louisiana bayou country- a stronghold of the conservative right.

Lieven, Anatol. [America Right or Wrong: An Anatomy of American Nationalism](#). Oxford University Press, 2012.

A classic analysis of the special character of American Nationalism.

Mishra, Pankaj. [Age of Anger: A History of the Present](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017.

The hidden history of our current global crisis.

Mudde, Cas and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2017.

In this short but densely packed volume, Cas Mudde and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser provide readers with a much deeper understanding of the concept of populism.

Vance, J. D. [Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis](#). Harper Paperbacks, 2016.

A probing look at the struggles of America's white working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town.

Woodard, Colin. [American Character: A History of the Epic Struggle Between Individual Liberty and the Common Good](#). Viking, 2016.

How to reconcile individual liberty with the maintenance of a free society.

3. China's Role in the World

Allison, Graham. [Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?](#). Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017.

Challenge to world order: the impact of a rising power on a ruling power.

[The China Reader: Rising Power.](#) Ed. Shambaugh, David. Oxford University Press, 2016.
The scope, speed and significance of the rise of China and the ability of individuals and nations to understand and respond wisely.

Christensen, Thomas J. [The China Challenge.](#) W. W. Norton & Company, 2015.
The compelling assessment of future U. S. –China relations in a globalized world.

Huang, Yukon. [Cracking the China Conundrum: Why Conventional Economic Wisdom is Wrong.](#) Oxford University Press, 2017.
This book provides a holistic and contrarian view of China's major economic, political, and foreign policy issues.

Mearsheimer, John J. [The Tragedy of Great Power Politics.](#) W. W. Norton & Company, 2014.
The behavior of great powers: China will seek to dominate and the U. S. will go to great lengths to prevent that from happening.

Rachman, Gideon. [Easternization: Asia's Rise and America's Decline from Obama to Trump and Beyond.](#) Other Press, 2017.
How a new era of global instability has begun, as the flow of wealth and power turns from West to East.

4. Global Economics

Bourguignon, Francois. [The Globalization of Inequality.](#) Princeton University Press, 2015.
Sheds light on the complex role of globalization in the rise of inequality.

Frase, Peter. [Four Futures: Life After Capitalism.](#) Verso, 2016.
Increased automation and a growing scarcity of resources, thanks to climate change will tumble capitalism.

Leonard, Sarah and Bhaskar Sunkara. [The Future We Want: Radical Ideas for a New Century.](#) Metropolitan Books, 2016.
Ten young cultural and political critics dismantle the usual liberal solutions to America's ills and propose pragmatic alternatives, move from protest to planning.

Mason, Paul. [Postcapitalism: A Guide to Our Future.](#) Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017.
This book asserts that seismic changes will force capitalism to mutate into something wholly new.

Rahman, K. Sabeel. [Democracy Against Domination.](#) Oxford University Press, 2016.
Synthesizing a range of insights from history to political theory to public policy, this book offers an exciting reinterpretation of progressive economic thought in a democratic society.

5. Balance of Militarism and Diplomacy

Bacevich, Andrew J. [America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History.](#) Random House, 2016.

A searing reassessment of U. S. military policy in the Middle East over the past four decades.

Glain, Stephen. [State vs. Defense: The Battle to Define America's Empire](#). Crown, 2011.

An exploration of the tensions between the diplomats at State and the warriors at Defense and the fifty years of American militarism that created the Cold War, fanned decades of unnecessary conflict, helped to fuel Islamist terror, and threatens to bankrupt the country.

Kennan, George F.. [American Diplomacy: Sixtieth-Anniversary Expanded Edition \(Walgreen Foundation Lectures\)](#). University of Chicago Press, 2012.

An overview and critique of the foreign policy of an emerging great power whose claims to rightness often spill over into self-righteousness, whose ambitions conflict with power realities, whose judgmentalism precludes the interests of other states and whose domestic policies frequently preclude prudent policies and result in overstretch.

Posen, Barry. [Restraint: A New Foundation for U.S. Grand Strategy](#). Cornell University. 2014
The United States, Barry R. Posen argues in *Restraint*, has grown incapable of moderating its ambitions in international politics.

6. Future Threats

- Climate Change

Helm, Dieter. [Burn Out: The Endgame for Fossil Fuels](#). Yale University Press. 2017.

Timely and controversial, this book concludes by offering advice on what governments and businesses can and should do now to prepare for a radically different energy future.

Mann, Michael E. and Lee R. Kump. [Dire Predictions, 2nd Edition: Understanding Climate Change](#). DK, 2015.

An easy to understand and accurate explanation of global warming and climate change with graphs, illustrations and charts.

Pope Francis. [Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality: On Care for Our Common Home](#). Melville House, 2015.

The Pope exhorts the world to combat environmental degradation and its impact on the poor.

Romm, Joseph. [Climate Change: What Everyone Needs to Know](#). Oxford University Press, 2015.

Offers the most up-to-date examination of climate change's foundational science, its implications for our future, and the core clean energy solutions.

- Population Growth

Kolbert, Elizabeth. ["Headcount."](#) *New Yorker*, 10.21.2013.

An article on the clashes over population growth.

Kramer, Steven Philip. [The Other Population Crisis: What Governments Can Do about Falling Birth Rates](#). Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2013

Malthus, Thomas. [An Essay on the Principle of Population](#). Malthus Press, 2013.

An Influential book written in the eighteenth century on the impact of growing population rates, the “Malthusian Growth Model.”

Last, Jonathan V.. [What to Expect When No One's Expecting: America's Coming Demographic Disaster](#). Encounter Books, 2013.

The impact of slowing population growth on our world.

[Political Demography: How Population Changes Are Reshaping International Security and National Politics](#). Ed. Goldstone, Eric P., Eric P. Kaufmann and Monica Duffy Toft. Oxford University Press, 1st edition, 2011.

The politics of demographic change—aging in the rich world, youth bulges in the developing world, ethnic and religious shifts, migration and urbanization.

Weissman, Alan. [Countdown: Our Last, Best Hope for a Future on Earth](#). Little, Brown and Company, 2013.

A cogent and forthright global inquiry into the effects of population growth.

- [Manipulation of Information and Cybersecurity](#)

Singer, P. W. and Allan Friedman. [Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know](#). Oxford University Press, 2014.

Cyberspace and its security: how it all works, why it all matters and what can we do.

Hayden, Michael V. [Playing to the Edge: American Intelligence in the Age of Terror](#). Penguin Books, 2017.

A high-level master narrative of America's intelligence wars, demonstrating in a time of new threats that espionage and the search for facts are essential to our democracy.

Kaplan, Fred. [Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War](#). Simon & Schuster, 2017.

An eye-opening history of our government's efforts to effectively manage our national security in the face of the largely open global communications network established by the World Wide Web.

Osnos, Evan, David Remnick, and Joshua Yaffa. [“Trump, Putin, And The New Cold War” New Yorker](#), 3.6.2017.

What lay behind Russia's interference in the 2016 election--- and what lies ahead?

Ramo, Joshua Cooper. [The Seventh Sense: Power, Fortune and Survival in the Age of Networks](#). Little Brown & Company. 2016.

The story of what all of today's successful figures see and feel—forces that are invisible to most of us but explain everything from explosive technological change to uneasy political ripples.

Segal, Adam. [The Hacked World Order: How Nations Fight, Trade, Maneuver and Manipulate in the Digital Age](#). PublicAffairs, 2016.

How governments use the web to wage war and spy on, coerce, and damage each other.

- Other

Mayer, Jane. [Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right](#). Anchor, reprint edition, 2017.

Who are the immensely wealthy right-wing ideologues shaping the fate of America today and what is their agenda?

Oppenheimer, Daniel. [Exit Right: The People Who Left the Left and Reshaped the American Century](#). Simon & Schuster, reprint edition, 2017.

A look at America from the height of the Communist Party to 9/11 and the dawn of the Iraq War and six men whose changing politics reshaped the American soul.