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The twentieth century is the century of geopolitics. From the coining of the term at the beginning of the century to its now common use as a sign for global conflict and change, the problematic of geopolitics offers a revealing window into the great struggles over power and space that have dominated this century. Implicated in the Great Power imperialism of the early twentieth century and in the rise of Nazi Germany, geopolitics provides an insight into historical struggles over the organization of global political space. During the later years of the Cold War, geopolitics was used to describe a permanent global struggle between the capitalist Western bloc and the Soviet Eastern bloc that finally ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In today's new world, the problematic of geopolitics is more relevant than ever as new global struggles over power and space shape the emergent form of the post-Cold War world. Everyday life in the late twentieth century is pervaded by a geopolitical imagination that has expanded to include issues and questions previously ignored during the Cold War: civilizational clashes, global warming, social movement struggles, global finance and transnational communication networks. In this post-Cold War world, the domain of geopolitics now touches upon some of the most hotly debated issues of our time, including global environmental degradation, ethno-nationalism and post-modernism.

The Geopolitics Reader brings together the most comprehensive selection of readings on geopolitics, from classic accounts to emerging trends. It introduces fresh perspectives on the key issues of debate in the late twentieth century concerning discourse, power, gender and political economy.

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