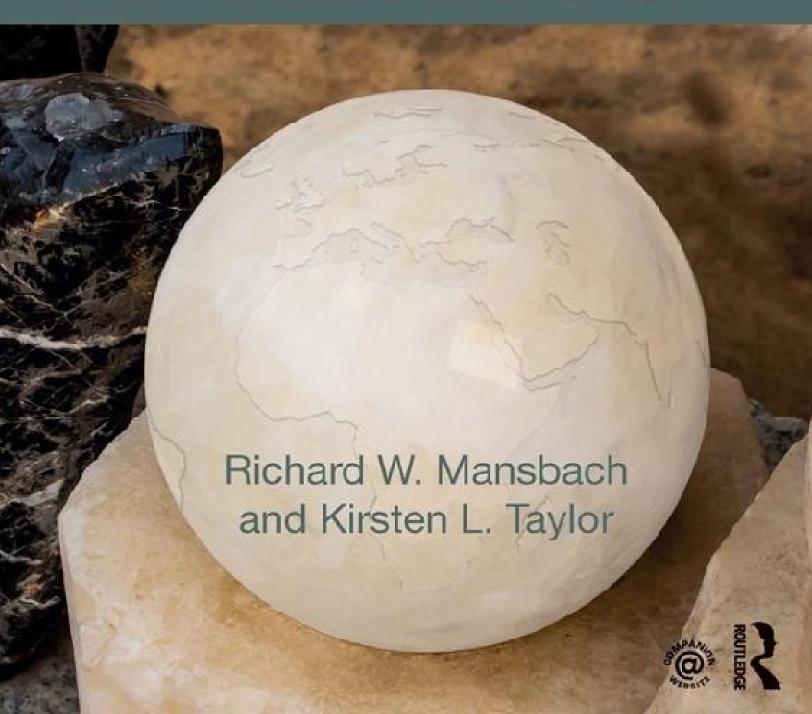
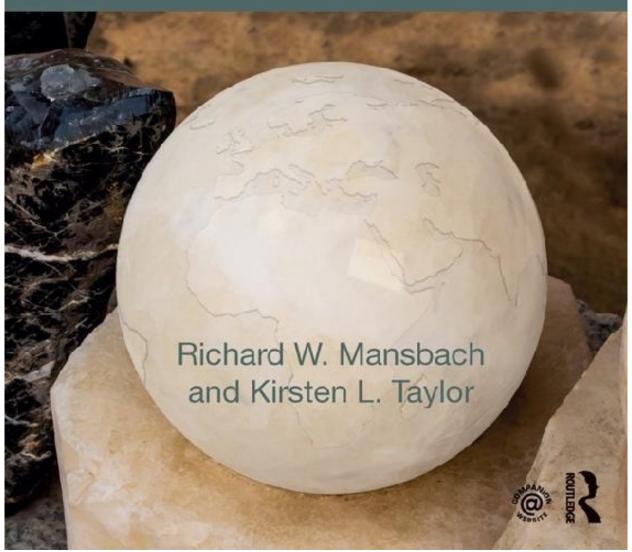
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#### **Approach**

As in the first two editions of this text, we assume that a historical approach informed by theory best allows students to understand the relationship between continuity and change and fosters recognition that, although much in contemporary global politics seems novel, it has its roots in the past.

This third edition retains the special features of past editions, while updating the text to take account of the seismic events and trends that have taken place since the second edition, including:

- Increasing Russian aggressiveness as reflected by its interventions in Ukraine and Syria that suggest Moscow's desire to restore its status as a superpower.
- China's continuing but slowing economic rise and territorial assertiveness in the East and South China Seas.
- Continued deterioration of the global environment despite growing US— Sino cooperation on the issue and the Paris Climate Treaty of 2015 and US withdrawal from the treaty.
- Erosion of European integration owing to the British decision in 2016 to leave the European Union, continued economic stagnation in the Eurozone, and dissension over the flood of Muslim migrants from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan.
- A highly divisive presidential campaign in the United States that resulted in a surprise victory by Washington outsider Donald Trump.
- Sectarian civil wars across the Middle East, especially Syria, Iraq, Libya, and Yemen and the virtual end of the Arab Spring in the region.
- The 2015 deal with Iran to halt that country's efforts to acquire nuclear weapons and the rapid growth of North Korea's nuclear and missile technologies.

- Dramatic decline in global energy and commodity prices in 2015–16 that slowed the economies of commodity and oil exporters of large emerging economies like Brazil, Nigeria, Russia, and Venezuela.
- Establishment of a "caliphate" by the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in 2013 and ISIS-influenced terrorist attacks in Europe and the United States in 2015 and 2016.

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- *Further reading* Each chapter concludes with a list of key scholarly books and articles that will provide additional treatment of the theories and histories covered therein. Students will find this list particularly helpful for developing and researching papers and other assignments.
- Historical timelines at the outset of each chapter identifying key events or individuals described in that chapter.
- A glossary that brings together all the key terms defined in the chapters.

#### **Supplements**

Instructors' guide and test bank It will also provide multiple choice and short-answer questions and answers, as well as essay topics, chapter by chapter.

We expect the text will excite students and tempt them to learn more about the world around them.

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