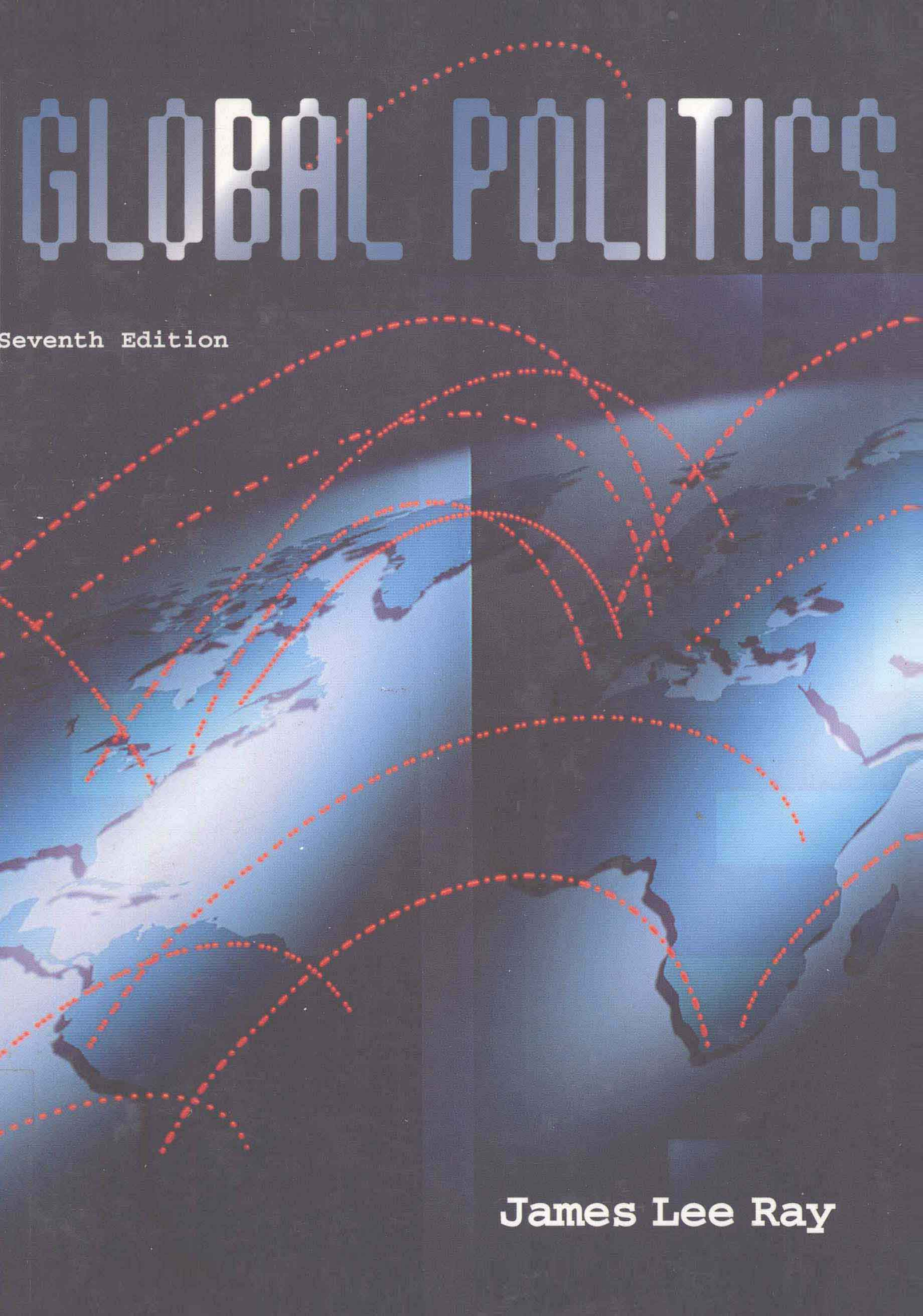


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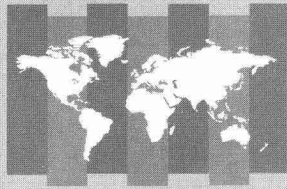


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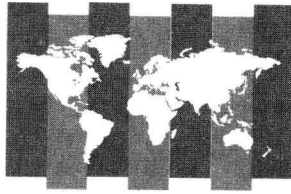
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Preface

The seventh edition of *Global Politics* retains the three major themes of its predecessors. First, it provides a basic understanding of the history of the international system from the First World War to the present. Second, it explains current issues and crises in the global political system that are likely to have the greatest impact on its future. Finally, it discusses the possibility of discovering patterns in the foreign policies of states, and the behavior of individual leaders, multinational corporations (MNCs), and international organizations, as well as in the operation of the global political system. In short, *Global Politics* strives for the development of all three themes—the historical, the contemporary and policy-oriented, and the theoretical or systematic—and emphasizes the extent to which they complement one another.

FEATURES OF THIS EDITION

The seventh edition benefits from the input of at least two hundred new sources and deals with most of the dramatic recent events and contemporary trends in international politics. These analyses and discussions are based in part on pedagogical improvements incorporated in every chapter. The “Policy Choices” feature, new for this edition, analyzes key contemporary issues—such as dealing with ethnic grievances and handling international aggression—in terms of alternative options, complete with specified advantages and disadvantages, in a way designed to evoke debate both among students and between students and their instructor. The seventh edition also highlights important terms in **bold** print and provides a list of those key terms, at the end of each chapter, along with a systematic summary of the material presented in the chapter.

Following is a list of some of the more specific modifications and additions in the seventh edition:

- Chapter 2, "The Modern Era," contains an updated discussion of recent economic and political trends in the international system, introductory remarks about recent contributions from feminist theorists, and comments about neoliberal institutionalism, a topic also discussed in more depth in Chapter 12.
- Chapter 3, "The Public, Ethnicity, and Special Interests," includes a new analysis of the role of public opinion in foreign policy making, introduces the concepts of "two-level games" and "audience costs," and presents new material on the varied roles public opinion plays in several different democratic political systems.
- Chapter 4, "Making Foreign Policy: Bureaucrats, Diplomats, Leaders, and Logic," contains an updated discussion of decision-making theories, as applied to events leading up to the Persian Gulf War. It also includes a new analysis of a political forecasting model that has proved substantially successful in making accurate predictions about literally thousands of issues over the past twenty-five years.
- Chapter 5, "States, Nations, and Power," contains a revised section on the evolution of states, focusing on their historical competition with other types of entities, such as city-states.
- New in Chapter 6, "Comparing States and Foreign Policies," is an updated analysis of the democratic peace proposition, which evaluates the argument that democratic states are more peaceful than their nondemocratic counterparts and are less likely to fight each other, combined with a review of the recent debate over the quality of the evidence regarding that proposition.
- Chapter 7, "Interdependence Among Rich States: West-West Relationships," covers the impact of globalization on countries' domestic economies, including that of the United States, and reviews the possibility that the increasing integration of the world's economy exacerbates economic inequality within the United States and elsewhere.
- Chapter 8, "Rich States and Poor States: North-South Relationships," evaluates the latest developments in the debate over the relevance of the experience of the export-led economies of East Asia to that of developing states in other regions of the world.
- Chapter 9, "East-West Relationships: The Emerging Post-Cold War Era," presents a more detailed treatment of contending points of view regarding how and why the Cold War came to an end and who deserves the credit or blame; it also discusses the relevance of that debate to an evaluation of theories of international politics.
- Chapter 10, "Coalitions, Alliances, and Economic Communities," examines the most recent arguments regarding the question of whether, and how far, NATO should be expanded and explores the likely fate of the common currency in the European Union.

- Chapter 11, "Universal International Organizations," includes a new section on the utility of peacekeeping operations sponsored by the United Nations and considers possible ways in which the organization could be reformed.
- Chapter 12, "Ethics, Law, and International Regimes," reviews the debates over economic inequality in the world and examines causes and possible cures; it also offers a new evaluation of the role of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in providing foreign aid, as well as a discussion of the debate between neoliberal institutionalists and neorealists on the role of "regimes" in the international system.
- Chapter 13, "Transnational Actors: The Wave of the Future?" now contains an extended section on the role of MNCs in developing countries, including comment on controversies regarding the alleged abuses by corporations including child labor, as well as a new section on the World Wide Web addressing the potential threat of "information warfare" and the issue of whether the United States needs to develop a "cyberforce" to supplement the protection provided by its army, navy, and air force.
- Chapter 14, "The International System, the Balance of Power, and War," includes a revised section discussing the implications of the democratic peace proposition for analyses focusing on the whole international system, and summarizing the debate between critical theorists and neorealists regarding anarchy and recent trends in the polarity of the system (uni- versus multipolarity).
- Chapter 15, "The Future of the Global Community," reviews the latest evidence on global warming, analyzes the track records established by prominent "pessimists" and "optimists" in their recent predictions concerning various global crises and issues—such as population growth, depletion of natural resources, and global warming—and discusses the implications of these track records for evaluating the credibility of various sources of information about these issues.

Also for the seventh edition, John Kroll has carefully revised and rewritten the *Instructor's Resource Manual with Test Items*. The manual includes chapter summaries, chapter objectives, classroom activities, further readings, essay questions, and multiple-choice tests. Kroll also provides addresses for numerous useful sources of information on the World Wide Web and discusses a simulation of international crises that could be integrated into a course on international politics. A *Computerized Test Item File*, available for IBM and Macintosh computers, is a computerized version of the printed test items in the *Instructor's Resource Manual* that allows professors to create customized tests by editing and adding questions.

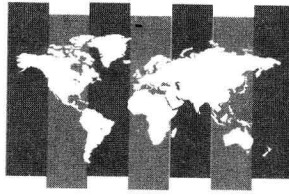
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