

POLITICS ONLINE READINGS FOR GLOBAL SHIFT 7TH EDITION

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PART ONE: THE CHANGING CONTOURS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

2. The Centre of Gravity Shifts: Transforming the Geographies of the Global Economy

Beckley, M. (2011/12) China's century: why America's edge will endure. *International Security*, 36: 41–78. [Extensive literature review questioning the inevitability of China's rise and the USA's decline.]

Findlay, R. and O'Rourke, K.H. (2007) *Power and Plenty: Trade, War and the World Economy in the Second Millennium*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. [Explores the history of trade and geopolitics and their relationship with economic globalization and today's distribution of economic power and wealth.]

Garside, W.R. (2014) *Japan's Great Stagnation: Forging Ahead, Falling Behind*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. [Narrates the story of Japan's post-war economic 'miracle', its stagnation in the 1990s and 2000s, and speculates about the future of this enigmatic nation.]

Laqueur, W. (2012) *After the Fall: The End of the European Dream and the Decline of a Continent*. New York: St. Martin's Press. [Probably overly pessimistic about Europe's future but a timely and accessible warning about the problems facing the continent's established social, political and economic models in the twenty-first century.]

Maddison, A. (2007) *Contours of the World Economy, 1–2030 AD: Essays in Macroeconomic History*. New York: Oxford University Press. [A compelling account of global economic activity over the past 2000 years and why some parts of the world have grown rich while others are left behind.]

Subramanian, A. (2011) The inevitable superpower: why China's rise is a sure thing. *Foreign Affairs*, 90: 66–78. [Prophesises that political and economic power will move inexorably east until China displaces the USA as hegemon.]

Zakaria, F. (2011) *The Post-American World: Release 2.0*. New York: W.W. Norton. [Argues that although the USA will remain powerful its pre-eminence is challenged by other powers rising around it.]