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EDITOR'S NOTE

Having examined the concept of “dueling narratives” in our Winter 2018 edition, *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs* wants to know what our past and our present will mean for our future. The old ways of relating to the world are giving way to new ideas about how to interact with society and the environment. Today, we are experiencing exponential societal change, witnessing significant disruption to our way of life, and seeking new frontiers in space, technology, industry, and energy. In this edition, *The Fletcher Forum* explores the dynamics that underpin this evolution and our ability to transition and adapt to a rapidly evolving world of invention and discovery.

Academics, politicians, diplomats, and experts critically examine both the present causes and future effects that will shape the landscape of diplomacy and international relations. What does security look like in the age of cyberspace, in a world facing the increasing impacts of climate change, and economic displacement instigated by technological advancement and innovation? How will synergies and trade-offs between the public and private spheres address an emerging set of complex problems relating to resource allocation, regulating technology innovation and widening inequality to bring mankind on the path to sustainable development?

In the 42.2 edition, we forecast the world in 2030 and examine what sort of challenges our generation will face throughout our careers. We open this edition by exploring the foundations of international cooperation and how international relations structures are shifting. **RODRIGO CHACÓN**, Assistant Professor of International Relations at the Department of International Studies at ITAM, philosophically diagnoses the fault lines of globalization in a post-truth world and how international relation scholars must reconceptualize what constitutes “global.” **AMITAI ETZIONI**, Professor of International Relations at The George Washington University, identifies the cleavages in the liberal international order and how this affects the rising nation-centered system. **RICHARD GOWAN**, a professor

at Columbia University and fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations and New York University's Center on International Cooperation, follows and compliments Etzioni's article, and projects what multilateralism will look like in 2030, through the lens of international organizations and cooperation. **JUAN ELIAS CHEBLY**, the Lead Adviser at the United Nations Environment Programme, **FEDERICO RUIZ**, Research Analyst for the Give Me 5 for People and Planet Campaign, and **AUSTIN SCHIANO**, Partnerships Director for the Give Me 5 for People and Planet Campaign, discuss the need for revising international cooperation to combat climate change through green investments.

The second section illustrates the debate between hard power vs soft power and the future implications for foreign policy. **FRANCESCA GIOVANNINI**, Program Director for Global Security and International Affairs at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, examines the future for the nuclear order through to 2030. **STEVEN R. DAVID**, Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, examines possibilities for the future of the nuclear order and crafts specific scenarios with triggering events based on existing relations between countries. **NIKOLAS K. GVOSDEV**, Captain Jerome E. Levy Chair of Economic Geography and National Security at the Naval War College, considers the structural roadblocks that led to Russia's skepticism and the challenges in improving relations between the U.S. and Russia. **NICOLAI N. PETRO**, Silvia-Chandley Professor of Peace Studies and Nonviolence at the University of Rhode Island, critiques the current orthodoxies of approaching U.S.-Russia relations, suggesting that American foreign policy has failed to move on from the Cold War. In comparison to the Gvosdev article, this article focuses on the obstacles created by the U.S. A conversation with former Ambassador to India and current Executive Director and Strategic Counselor at APCO Worldwide, **TIM ROEMER**, highlights how soft power will affect the future of diplomacy. **DOMINIQUE DE VILLEPIN**, former French diplomat and politician who served as the Prime Minister of France from 2005 to 2007, examines if the two-state solution can be saved in regards to the crisis in the Middle East and **ANDREW FRIEDMAN**, attorney and development consultant, shifts the conversation towards domestic politics and how traditional cleavages can be incorporated into governance frameworks.

The final section rounds out the edition through exploring geopolitical and militaristic components and how these will shape the future global order. **ANDRÉS SERBIN**, Executive President of the Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES), explores how Eurasianism could redesign the contours of the international order,

through the interplay between geopolitical narratives and national policy. **ADMIRAL TOMOHISA TAKEI**, the 32nd Chief of Staff, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and **REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT P. GIRRIER**, deputy commander and previous chief of staff for the U.S. Pacific Fleet and Director for Operations (J3) and U.S. Pacific Command, outline U.S.-Japan maritime cooperation through a regional dimension as it relates to the South China Sea. Next, **KHATUNA BURKADZE**, a previous visiting scholar at the MIT Center of International Studies, Columbia University, Bard College and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, argues how collective defense will require shifts in legal guidance to account for new forms of warfare, focusing on cyber-attacks. **GENERAL PATRICK DE ROUSIERS**, previous Chairman of the European Military Committee (Brussels) and Head of the Euro-Atlantic Division in the Defense Staff in Paris in charge of EU, NATO and UN relations, outlines changes to the European military command structure after Brexit. The edition closes with an interview with **RICHARD PLEPLER**, Chairman and CEO of HBO, which captures how domestic politics contributes to storytelling and media. He highlights how the work of HBO tries to capture the current politics through characters, protagonists, and storytelling.

With my last edition as Editor-In-Chief for *The Forum*, I want to thank our authors, readers, and staff. Fletcher's Dean, Adm. James Stavridis, USN (Ret.) often says, "Remember to read, think, write, and publish." I would like to thank all of our contributors, subscribers, and staff for continuing to read, think, write, and publish with *The Fletcher Forum* over the years, and exploring how we can improve the international order as we move towards 2030. Additionally, thank you to *The Forum* staff for your tireless efforts to curate this edition. To Zareera, Pulkit, Colin, and Tom thank you for collaborating, innovating, and inspiring the team and me over the past two years. *The Forum* would also not be possible without the leadership and support from Dean Stavridis, Dean Sheehan, Dean Nutter, and Katie Mulroy. We hope you enjoy this edition's analysis and are encouraged to imagine the possibilities for how the world in 2030 will be transformed by the world today.

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