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**Outer Space**

**Climate Change**

**Russia and the U.S.**

**Myanmar and ASEAN**

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**Drug Policy in Latin America**

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**Biden's Agenda**



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## About the cover

*A Long March-2F carrier rocket, carrying the Shenzhou-12 spacecraft and a crew of three astronauts, lifts off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the Gobi desert in northwest China on June 17, 2021, the first crewed mission to China's new space station. (GREG BAKER/AFP/GETTY)*



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## Article Descriptions



**Changing Demographics** - The world experienced remarkable demographic changes in the 20th century that continue today and have resulted in far-reaching social, economic, political, and environmental consequences all over the globe. These consequences are creating mounting challenges to development efforts, security, the environment, as well as the sustainability of human populations. *By Joseph Chamie*



**Outer Space** - The launch of Sputnik 1 in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space? *By Eric Berger*



**Climate Change** - The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate? *By Ron Bee*



**Russia and the U.S.** - Russia and the United States have many areas of conflict and some possible areas of mutual interest. Arms control, Russian interference in U.S. elections and support of cyberattacks, the status of Ukraine, the fate of opposition politicians in Russia, all continue to be concerning. How will the new administration in Washington approach these issues? *By Allen Lynch*



**Myanmar and ASEAN** - The situation in Myanmar, including the coup by the military in February 2021 and the ongoing human rights crises, coupled with civil resistance by those opposed to the regime, has led to the chaos in the Southeast Asian country. How are neighboring countries reacting, and what role will ASEAN play? *By Hunter Marston*



**Quad Alliance** - As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. How effective will the actions of this alliance be? *By Kevin Rudd*



**Drug Policy in Latin America** - The issue of migration to the United States from Latin America has overshadowed the war on drugs, which has been underway for decades with little signs of progress. What are the roots and the bureaucratic logic behind today's dominant drug policies in Latin America? Is it time to reconsider punitive drug policies that disrupt supply chains and punish drug possession? *By Mónica Serrano*



**Industrial Policy** - The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the U.S. implement to deal with trade and the economy? *By Jonathan Chanis*



**Biden's Agenda** - The new administration in Washington promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. How will issues such as climate, the pandemic, and alliances be treated under the Biden administration? *By John Ikenberry*

## Changing demographics in the world

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**GDP-** Gross Domestic Product

**UNHCR-** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**UNRWA-** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees

**OECD-** Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

**IPCC-** Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change

**Delta variant-** Variant of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 that causes Covid-19

**Pronatalist-** Encouraging an increased birthrate

**G20 Countries-** An intergovernmental forum comprised of 19 countries and the European Union. It works to address major issues related to the global economy, financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development

**Historical Reversal-** Demographic turning point when children (0-14 years) in a population become fewer than its elderly (65 years and older)

**Sub-Saharan Africa-** The geographic region of Africa that lies south of the Sahara

**Remittances-** Transfer of money by a foreign worker to their home country

**Socio-economic development-** Process by which social and economic status is improved over a period of time

## Glossary

**Demographics-** Statistical data relating to the population and particular groups within it

**Mortality-** Measure of the number of deaths in a particular population

**Fertility-** measure of the number of children born by a female in a particular population

**Migration-** Movement of people from one place to another with intentions of settling, permanently or temporarily, at a new location

**UN Medium Variant Population Projection-** Median of several thousand distinct trajectories of each demographic component

**Urbanization-** Population shift from rural to urban areas

**Mega-cities-** A city of 10 million or more inhabitants

**Covid-19-** A contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2

## Outer space policy

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**SpaceX-** Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

**NASA-** National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**ISRO-** Indian Space Research Organization

**Roscosmos-** Roscosmos Space Corporation for Space Activities

**COTS-** Commercial Orbital Transportation Service program

by India on March 27th 2019

**U.S. Space Force-** Space service branch of the U.S. Armed Forces

**International Space Station-** Modular space station in low Earth orbit, multinational project involving five agencies: NASA, Roscosmos, JAXA, ESA, and CSA

**Constellation Program-** Crewed spaceflight program developed by NASA from 2005-2009

**Artemis Program-** United States-led international human spaceflight program

**Jim Bridenstine-** American politician who served as the 13th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

### Glossary

**Sputnik 1-** First artificial earth satellite, launched by the USSR on October 4th 1954

**Apollo Program-** Third U.S. space flight that landed the first humans on the Moon from 1968 to 1972

**Gallup Organization-** American analytics and advisory company

**Tiangong-** Space station being constructed by China in low Earth orbit

**Chang'e 1-** Unmanned Chinese lunar-orbiting spacecraft

**Silicon Valley-** Region in Northern California that serves as a global center for high technology and innovation

**Xichang Satellite Launch Center-** Spaceport of China

**Mission Shakti-** Anti-satellite weapon test conducted

## The renewed climate change agenda

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**UNFCCC**- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

**NOAA**- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**PG&E**- Pacific Gas and Electric Company

**LNG**- Liquid Natural Gas

**Bernd**- German Weather Service

**MeCCO**- Media and Climate Change Observatory

**DNI**- Director of National Intelligence

**NIE**- National Intelligence Estimate

**DoS**- U.S. Department of State

**NDC**- Nationally Determined Contribution

**COP 26**- Conference of the Parties

**UAE**- United Arab Emirates

**USTDA**- U.S. Trade and Development Agency

**USAID**- U.S. Agency for International Development

**DFC**- Development Finance Corporation

**MCC**- Millennium Challenge Corporation

**GND**- Green New Deal

**GNP**- Gross National Product

**IPCC**- Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change

**IEA**- International Energy Agency

**GHG**- Green House Gases

**EPA**- Environmental Protection Agency

**CCS**- Carbon Capture and Storage

**SMR**- Small Modular Reactor

**MSR**- Molten Salt Reactor

### Glossary

**Greenhouse Gases**- Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the planet

**Gavin Newsome**- American Politician serving as the 40th governor of California since January 2019. He is a member of the Democratic party and previously served as the lieutenant governor of California

**Carbon Sink**- Anything that absorbs more carbon from the atmosphere than it releases

**Center for Climate and Energy Solutions**- Environmental nonprofit organization based in Arlington, Virginia. Works closely with politicians to promote policy that combats climate change

**Paris Climate Agreement**- International treaty on climate change, adopted in 2015. Its aim is to help member countries adapt to the effects of climate change

**Keystone Pipeline**- Oil pipeline system in Canada and the United States. On January 20, 2021 President Biden signed an executive order cancelling the project

**Pew Research Center**- Nonpartisan American think tank based in Washington, D.C.

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## Putin's Russia

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**NATO-** North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**GDP-** Gross Domestic Product

**KGB-** Committee for State Security, main security agency for the Soviet Union from 1954-1991

**NGO-** Non-Governmental Organization

**GRU-** Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

**CIA-** Central Intelligence Agency

**WTO-** World Trade Organization

### Glossary

**Gorbachev-** Russian politician, served as last leader of the Soviet Union from 1990-1991

**Al-Qaeda-** Militant Sunni Islamist multinational network of Islamic extremists

**Taliban-** Islamic political movement and military organization in Afghanistan

**Crimea-** Peninsula along northern coast of the Black sea, governed by the Russian Federation but internationally recognized as part of Ukraine

**Yeltsin-** Russian politician, served as the first president of the Russian Federation from 1991-1999

**Chechnya-** Constituent Republic of Russia

**International Monetary Fund-** International financial institution working to foster global monetary

cooperation

**DarkSide-** Cybercriminal hacking group based in Eastern Europe

**Kremlin-** Official residence of the President of the Russian Federation

**Navalny-** Russian opposition leader advocating reforms against corruption and President Putin

**Medvedev-** Russian politician, served as president of the Russian Federation from 2008-2012

**Pussy Riot-** Russian, feminist, protest, punk rock, art group with lyrics displaying opposition to President Putin

**Central Electoral Commission-** Superior power body responsible for conducting federal elections and overseeing local elections in the Russian Federation

**Duma-** Lower legislative house of the Russian Federation

**United Russia Party-** Ruling political party of Russia

**Saakashvili-** Georgian politician, served as the third President of Georgia from 2004-2013

**Qaddafi-** Libyan politician captured and killed during the 2011 Arab Spring movement

**Magnitsky Act-** Bipartisan bill passed by the U.S. Congress intended to punish Russian officials responsible for the death of tax lawyer Sergei Magnitsky

**Yanukovich-** Ukrainian politician, served as the fourth president of Ukraine from 2010 until he was removed by the Ukrainian revolution in 2014

## Myanmar's neverending crisis

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**NLD**- National League for Democracy

**USDP**- Union Solidarity and Development Party

**SAC**- State Administration Council

**CDM**- Civil Disobedience Movement

**VPN**- Virtual Private Network

**CRPH**- Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament)

**NUG**- National Unity Government

**PDF**- People's Defence Force

**EAO**- Ethnic Armed Organizations

**ASEAN**- Association of Southeast Asian Nations

**CDF**- Chinland Defence Force

**KNU**- Karen National Union

**KIA**- Kachin Independence Army

**NCA**- Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement

**AA**- Arakan Army

**ANP**- Arakan National Party

**MEHL**- Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited

**MEC**- Myanmar Economic Corporation

**MOGE**- Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise

**OFAC**- Office of Foreign Assets Control

### Glossary

**Ne Win**- Burmese politician and military commander who served as Prime Minister of Burma from 1958-1960 and 1962-1974

**Aung San Suu Kyi**- Burmese politician serving as the chairperson of the National League for Democracy, played a vital role in Myanmar's transition from military junta to partial democracy

**Min Aung Hlaing**- Burmese politician and army general who has ruled Myanmar as chairman of the State Administration Council since seizing power in a coup in February 2021

## Xi's China takes on the Quad

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**Quad-** Quadrilateral Security Dialogue

**ASEAN-** Association of Southeast Asian Nations

**BRI-** Belt and Road Initiative

**RCEP-** Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

**CPTPP-** Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership

**AUKUS-** Trilateral security partnership between Australia, the UK, and the United States

**Himalayan Ladakh region-** Region administered by India and disputed between India, Pakistan, and China

**Mike Pompeo-** U.S. Secretary of State from 2018-2021

**Wang Yi-** Foreign Minister of China since 2013

**Narendra Modi-** Prime Minister of India since 2014

**Jean-Yves Le Drian-** French Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2017

### Glossary

**Xi Jinping-** General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party

**Shinzo Abe-** Prime Minister of Japan from 2006-2007 and from 2012-2020

**Yasuo Fukuda-** Prime Minister of Japan from 2007-2008

**Yoshide Suga-** Prime Minister of Japan from 2020-2021

**Fumio Kishide-** Prime Minister of Japan since October 2021

**Kevin Rudd-** Prime Minister of Australia from 2007-2010 and again in 2013

**Manmohan Singh-** Prime Minister of India from 2004-2014

## No end in sight: a century of drug wars

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**IDCR-** International Drug Control Regime

**DEA-** Drug Enforcement Agency

**FARC-** Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia

**DDSP-** Democratic Defense and Security Police

**UNGASS-** United Nations General Assembly Special Session

**ICE-** Immigration and Customs Enforcement

**Andrés Pastrana-** President of Colombia from 1998-2002

**Álvaro Uribe-** President of Colombia from 2002-2010

**Sinaloa Cartel-** International drug trafficking organization established in Sinaloa, Mexico

**Felipe Calderón-** President of Mexico from 2006-2012

### Glossary

**Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO)-** President of Mexico since 2018

**Medellín Cartel-** Drug cartel originating in the city of Medellín

**Cali Cartel-** Drug cartel originating in the city of Cali

**Pablo Escobar-** Former Colombian drug lord who was the founder of the Medellín Cartel

**Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path)-** Communist guerrilla group in Peru

**Plan Colombia-** U.S. foreign aid, military aid, and diplomatic initiative aimed at combatting Colombian drug cartels

**Mérida Initiative-** Security cooperation agreement between the U.S., Mexico, and Central America with the aim of combatting drug related crime

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## Foreign policy, economic power, and U.S. industrial policy

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**IP-** Industrial Policy

**GFC-** Global Financial Crisis

**MNC-** Multinational Companies

**MIC-25-** Made in China 2025

**R&D-** Research and Development

**IJJ-** Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

**BBB-** Build Back Better

**CMM-** Critical Minerals and Materials

**API-** Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

**ISI-** Import Substitution Industrialization

**WTO-** World Trade Organization

in 2013 to invest in countries around the world

**Tariff-** Tax imposed by a country on imports of exports

**Import Substitution Industrialization-** Theory adhered to by developing countries that focuses on decreasing their dependence on developed countries

**Jake Sullivan-** U.S. National Security Advisor to President Joe Biden

**Modern Monetary Theory-** Macroeconomic theory that says that monetarily sovereign countries are not constrained by revenues when it comes to federal spending

## Glossary

**Industrial Policy-** Government efforts to promote a sector of industry deemed critical for economic competitiveness

**Dodd Frank Act-** U.S. federal law enacted to overhaul financial regulation in the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis

**Neoliberalism-** Market oriented reform policies that focus on reducing state influence in the economy

**John Mearsheimer-** American political scientist known for belonging to the realist school of thought

**Belt and Road Initiative-** Global infrastructure development strategy adopted by the Chinese government

## Biden foreign policy in the age of strategic competition

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**WHO-** World Health Organization

**CCP-** Chinese Communist Party

**AUKUS-** Trilateral security pact between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States

**TPP-** Trans-Pacific Partnership

## Glossary

**G-7 Countries-** Informal grouping of seven of the world's advanced economies

**Paris Climate Agreement-** International treaty on climate change, adopted in 2015. Its aim is to help member countries adapt to the effects of climate change

**Xi Jinping-** General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party

**Uyghurs-** Turkic ethnic group in Northwest China currently persecuted by the Chinese government

**New Deal-** Series of programs, public work projects, financial reforms, and regulations enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt between 1933 and 1939