

## I / America at a Global Crossroads

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**ASEAN:** Association of Southeast Asian Nations

**BRICS:** Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

**GNP:** Gross National Product

**MAGA:** Make America Great Again

### Glossary

**Unipolar power:** When one state holds significant power without fierce competitors amid international anarchy

**Triple power transition:** A concurrent shift in power dynamics throughout three areas: environmental, digital, and social

**America First strategy:** Populist political theory that advocates for focusing solely on domestic policy rather than global affairs

**Westphalian principles:** A principle in international law that each state has complete and exclusive sovereignty over its territory

**1815 Congress of Vienna model:** A meeting of European powers meant to forge a peaceful balance of power that set the precedent for later organizations like the League of Nations (1919) and United Nations (1945)

**Global East:** Region of the world with varying definitions, geographically including Far Eastern parts of Asia, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and the Middle East

**Global North:** Region of the world with varying definitions, typically the nations characterized by high levels of economic and industrial development

**Global South:** Region of the world with varying definitions, typically the nations regarded as having low levels of economic and industrial development

**Global West:** Region of the world with varying definitions, geographically referring to various nations in the regions of Western Europe, Northern America, and Australia