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solar system planets and exoplanets provides a current viewpoint of planetary systems the solar system s planets and exoplanets are addressed in an overview manner and specific space probe data are used to provide a current state of knowledge of venus and mars recent mars data and associated observations are addressed in several chapters of particular interest are data that suggest the possibility that life could have existed on the planet s surface during its past when mars atmosphere was wetter and denser the search for life on mars is one of the main objectives of space missions and it is an ongoing theme of this book key to the existence of life is the evolution of the radiation output of the sun that is discussed and projected into the future space probe data related to the asteroid belt is also presented technological advances in terms of operating aircraft on mars and propulsion systems provide useful commentary regarding future innovations that will enhance upcoming space missions and the search for life

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this open access volume is the first comprehensive assessment of the hindu kush himalaya hkh region it comprises important scientific research on the social economic and environmental pillars of sustainable mountain development and will serve as a basis for evidence based decision making to safeguard the environment and advance people's well being the compiled content is based on the collective knowledge of over 300 leading researchers experts and policymakers brought together by the hindu kush himalayan monitoring and assessment programme himap under the coordination of the international centre for integrated mountain development icimod this assessment was conducted between 2013 and 2017 as the first of a series of monitoring and assessment reports under the guidance of the himap steering committee eklabya sharma icimod atiq raman bangladesh yuba raj khatiwada nepal linxiu zhang china surendra pratap singh india tandong yao china and david molden icimod and chair of the himap sc this first hkh assessment report consists of 16 chapters which comprehensively assess the current state of knowledge of the hkh region increase the understanding of various drivers of change and their impacts address critical data gaps and develop a set of evidence based and actionable policy solutions and recommendations these are linked to nine mountain priorities for the mountains and people of the hkh consistent with the sustainable development goals this book is a must read for policy makers academics and students interested in this important region and an essentially important resource for contributors to global assessments such as the ipcc reports

since 1898 the united states and the united nations have deployed military force more than three dozen times in attempts to rebuild failed states currently there are more state building campaigns in progress than at any time in the past century including afghanistan bosnia kosovo the democratic republic of congo haiti sudan liberia cote d ivoire and lebanon and the number of candidate nations for such campaigns in the future is substantial even with a broad definition of success earlier campaigns failed more than half the time in this book paul d miller brings his decade in the u s military intelligence community and policy worlds to bear on the question of what causes armed international state building campaigns by liberal powers to succeed or fail the united states successfully rebuilt the west german and japanese states after world war ii but failed to build a

functioning state in south vietnam after the cold war the united nations oversaw relatively successful campaigns to restore order hold elections and organize post conflict reconstruction in mozambique namibia nicaragua and elsewhere but those successes were overshadowed by catastrophes in angola liberia and somalia the recent effort in iraq and the ongoing one in afghanistan where miller had firsthand military intelligence and policymaking experience are yielding mixed results despite the high levels of resources dedicated and the long duration of the missions there miller outlines different types of state failure analyzes various levels of intervention that liberal states have tried in the state building process and distinguishes among the various failures and successes those efforts have provoked

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this book represents the first discussion from a political science perspective of the concept of multiple modernities in three dimensions first taking stock of the discussions of the concept itself the book then connects the concept to more recently developed analytical and normative concepts that concretize it before finally opening up a discussion about its implications and consequences for the political dimension written by outstanding

scholars in the field the book addresses four principal concepts good society good governance human security and varieties of capitalism it determines whether and to what degree these concepts enable us to discover the commonalities and differences that distinguish the emerging multiple modernities in our time with respect to their political implications and consequences this text will be of key interest to scholars and students of political theory political economy international relations comparative politics and sociology

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both europe and the us have now dampened the shrillness of the invective hurled against each other over the last years but the underlying differences have not been resolved the two sides drift apart in their views on what internal politics should achieve as well as in their vision of the global order they would like to see established the economies of both europe and the us are highly developed and densely interwoven their societies are post industrial many social and economic trends converge similar too are the challenges to maintain security against threats emanating from other parts of the world divergences thus do not originate from conflicting material interests they arise from different perceptions of the nature and of threats from the outside world from how the two societies wish to define themselves through their internal and external policies the search for a distinct european or american identity fuels this discord therefore appeals to common merely material interests will not obliterate it the contributions to this book come from altogether twelve authors each of them addressing the issues from the perspective of his or her own discipline the book aims to reach not just academia but also beyond to those that are involved in actual international decision making

on human nature biology psychology ethics politics and religion covers the present state of knowledge on human diversity and its adaptive significance through a broad and eclectic selection of representative chapters this transdisciplinary work brings together specialists from various fields who rarely interact including geneticists evolutionists physicians ethologists psychoanalysts anthropologists sociologists theologians historians linguists and philosophers genomic diversity is covered in several chapters dealing with biology including the differences in men and apes and the genetic diversity of mankind top specialists known for their open mind and broad knowledge have been carefully selected to cover each topic the book is therefore at the crossroads between biology and human sciences going beyond classical science in the popperian sense the book is accessible not only to specialists but also to students professors and the educated public glossaries of specialized terms and general public references help nonspecialists understand complex notions with contributions avoiding technical jargon provides greater understanding of diversity and population structure and history with crucial foundational knowledge needed to conduct research in a variety of fields such as genetics and disease includes three robust sections on biological psychological and ethical aspects with cross fertilization and reciprocal references between the three sections contains contributions by leading experts in their respective fields working under the guidance of internationally recognized and highly respected editors

all manner of information about birds is presented following each lengthy description are full color plates of typical members of each species with range pattern maps for each family s genus and species

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