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## Books by Our Readers

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Leif Wenar  
Oxford University Press

*Contraceptive Risk: The FDA, Depo-Provera, and the Politics of Experimental Medicine*

William Green  
New York University Press

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Joel E. Oestreich  
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*Equal Opportunity Peacekeeping: Women, Peace, and Security in Post-Conflict States*

Sabrina Karim and Kyle Beardsley  
Oxford University Press

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Molly E. Reynolds  
Brookings Institution Press

*An Impossible Dream? Racial Integration in the United States*

Sharon A. Stanley  
Oxford University Press

*Is Congress Broken? The Virtues and Defects of Partisanship and Gridlock*

William F. Connelly, Jr., John J. Pitney, Jr., and Gary J. Schmitt, eds.  
Brookings Institution Press

*Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject*

Claudia Leeb  
Oxford University Press

*The Sinews of State Power: The Rise and Demise of the Cohesive Local State in Rural China*

Juan Wang  
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Nick Bromell  
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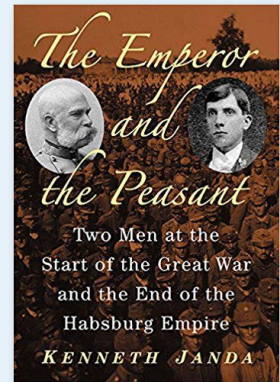
### SPOTLIGHT

*The Emperor and the Peasant: Two Men at the Start of the Great War and the End of the Habsburg Empire*

Kenneth Janda  
Mcfarland & Company Inc.

*From the Author:* There was more to World War I than the Western Front. This history, presented as two intertwined narratives in alternating chapters, juxtaposes the experiences of a monarch and a peasant on the Eastern Front. Franz Joseph I, emperor of Austria-Hungary, was the first European leader to declare war in 1914 and the first to commence firing. Samuel Mozolak was a Slovak laborer who sailed to New York before being drafted into the army and killed in combat. The author interprets Franz Joseph's view of the war from the perspective of the emperor and his contemporaries, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Tsar Nicolas II. Mozolak's story depicts the life of a peasant conscript in an army staffed by aristocratic officers, and illustrates the pattern of East European immigration to America. Both stories are enlivened with references to the art and culture of the period. ■

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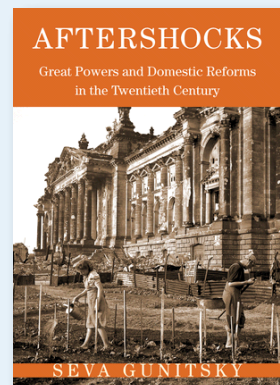
### SPOTLIGHT

*Aftershocks: Great Powers and Domestic Reforms in the 20th Century*

Seva Gunitsky  
Princeton University Press

*From the Publisher:* Over the past century, democracy spread around the world in turbulent bursts of change, sweeping across national borders in dramatic cascades of revolution and reform. *Aftershocks* is the first book to offer a detailed explanation for this wavelike spread and retreat—not only of democracy but also of its twentieth-century rivals, fascism and communism. Seva Gunitsky argues that waves of regime change are driven by the aftermath of cataclysmic disruptions to the international system. These hegemonic shocks, marked by the sudden rise and fall of great powers, have been essential and often-neglected drivers of domestic transformations. The evolution of modern regimes cannot be fully understood without examining the consequences of clashes between great powers, which repeatedly—and often unsuccessfully—sought to cajole, inspire, and intimidate other states into joining their camps. ■

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