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*Eurasian Maritime Geopolitics* by Kent E. Calder examines the strategic geography of the sea lanes from Northeast Asia through the Indian Ocean to Europe, through which much of the world's energy and information flows. Calder shows how changing technology and economic patterns have profoundly transformed the global significance of those passage ways since the end of the Cold War, with fateful consequences for the strategic calculations of both the United States and a rising China. The decline of the US shipping and shipbuilding sectors, coupled with the rise of their Chinese counterparts, is a major part of this hybrid equation.

The book provides readers a history of the changing economic role of the sea lanes as well as the decline of US maritime competitiveness. It chronicles how maritime flows of energy, commodities, and information through submarine cables have increased. Calder's clear eyed assessment documents the uncertainties relating to Eurasian sea lanes stretching from Taiwan to the Red Sea and beyond in the post-Ukraine world.

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David B. Shear, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, former US Ambassador to Vietnam

“ This timely book builds exquisitely on the author’s previous studies illuminating Eurasia’s geoeconomic and political transformation—this time making legible how the strategic geography of sea lanes on and beneath the seas is redrawing the Eurasian political map. Eurasian Maritime Geopolitics offers critical insights into the transformation of the Eurasian ‘supercontinent’ for scholars and policymakers, and a fascinating read for anyone interested in world affairs. ”

Carla Freeman, senior China expert, United States Institute of Peace and Johns Hopkins University, SAIS

“ Kent Calder has written another insightful book—this time on the changing geo-economics of Eurasia’s globally-strategic sea lanes. Complements his cogent analysis with practical suggestions for the policy practitioner. ”

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