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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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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

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 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
The renewed climate change agenda

Acronyms and abbreviations

UNFCC- 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.
Putin’s Russia

Acronyms and abbreviations

NATO- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
GDP- Gross Domestic Product
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
Acronyms and abbreviations

NLD- National League for Democracy
USDP- Union Solidarity and Development Party
SAC- State Administration Council
CDM- Civil Disobediance 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 Medellin

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

Acronyms and abbreviations

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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