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This revised edition accounts for recent developments including Brexit, the 2015 migration crisis across Europe, efforts to build a US-Mexico border wall, demands for indigenous homelands, Russian cross-border incursions, and insurgencies and rebellions across much of North Africa and Southwest Asia.

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