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efficient medium to demonstrate not only the inadequacies of geopolitics, but that a geohistorical approach can be a more responsible way of understanding international affairs. The book introduces a fresh approach, based on the individual, on which corporate characteristics and behaviour depend, often in the shape of state interests, which are unable on their own to predict actions driven by human behaviour. The book shows how mainstream international relations theories are stuck in paradigms, inadequate in explaining why world politics is moving in a direction that nobody could predict even a decade ago. It shows how ideology can blur clear understanding. In short, it represents a new and intellectually refreshing approach and method in understanding, and tackling, the vagaries of relations between states. William Mallinson, a former British diplomat, is professor of Political Ideas and Institutions at Guglielmo Marconi University and a member of the editorial committee of the Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies. He has published numerous books and articles, of which his most recent are Kissinger and the Invasion of Cyprus, and Images in Words: Only History Exists.

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