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   Sommario/riassunto Whether we talk about human learning and unlearning, securitization,
                       or political economy, the forces and mechanisms generating both
                       globalization and disintegration are causally efficacious across the
                       world. Thus, the processes that led to the victory of the 'Leave'
                       campaign in the June 2016 referendum on UK European Union
                       membership are not simply confined to the United Kingdom, or even
                       Europe. Similarly, conflict in Ukraine and the presidency of Donald
                       Trump hold implications for a stage much wider than EU-Russia or the
                       United States alone. Patomäki explores the world-historical
                       mechanisms and processes that have created the conditions for the
                       world's current predicaments and, arguably, involve potential for better
                       futures. Operationally, he relies on the philosophy of dialectical critical
                       realism and on the methods of contemporary social sciences, exploring
                       how crises, learning and politics are interwoven through uneven
                       wealth-accumulation and problematical growth-dynamics. Seeking to
                       illuminate the causes of the currently prevailing tendencies towards
                       disintegration, antagonism and - ultimately - war, he also shows how
                       these developments are in fact embedded in deeper processes of
                       human learning. The book embraces a Wellsian warning about the
                       increasingly likely possibility of a military disaster, but its central
                       objective is to further enlightenment and holoreflexivity within the

current world-historical conjuncture. This work will be of interest to students and scholars of international relations, peace research, security studies and international political economy.