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Sommario/riassunto	Dating from its inception in the late nineteenth century, political geography as a field has been heavily influenced by global events of the time. Thus, rather than trying to impose a single "fashionable" theory, leading geographers John Agnew and Luca Muscara consider the underlying role of changing geopolitical context as their framework for understanding the evolution of the discipline. The authors trace the development of key thinkers and theories during three distinct periods- 1875-1945, the Cold War, and the post-Cold War-emphasizing the ongoing struggle between theoretical "monism" and "pluralism," or one path to knowledge versus many. The world has undergone dramatic shifts since the book's first publication in 2002, and this thoroughly revised and updated second edition focuses especially on reinterpretations of the post-Cold War period. Agnew and Muscara explore the renewed questioning of international borders, the emergence of the Middle East and displacement of Europe as the center of global geopolitics, the rise of China and other new powers, the reappearance of environmental issues, and the development of critical

geopolitics. With its deeply knowledgeable and balanced history and overview of the field, this concise work will be a valuable and flexible text for all courses in political geography.

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