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Within a variety of historical contexts, *The Shaping of Grand Strategy* addresses the most important tasks that states have confronted—namely, how to protect their citizens against the short-range as well as the long-range dangers their polities confront in the present and may confront in the future. To be successful, grand strategy demands that governments and leaders chart a course that involves more than simply reacting to immediate events. Above all, it demands that they adapt to sudden and major changes in the international environment, which more often than not involve the outbreak of great conflicts but at times demand recognition of major economic, political, or diplomatic changes. This collection of essays explores the successes and failures of great states attempting to create grand strategies that work and aims to achieve an understanding of some of the extraordinary difficulties involved in casting, evolving, and adapting grand strategy to the realities of the world.

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