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The Cold War shaped the world we live in today – its politics, economics, and military affairs. This book shows how the globalization of the Cold War during the last century created the foundations for most of the key conflicts we see today, including the War on Terror. It focuses on how the Third World policies of the two twentieth-century superpowers – the United States and the Soviet Union – gave rise to resentments and resistance that in the end helped topple one superpower and still seriously challenge the other. Ranging from China to Indonesia, Iran, Ethiopia, Angola, Cuba, and Nicaragua, it provides a truly global perspective on the Cold War. And by exploring both the development of interventionist ideologies and the revolutionary movements that confronted interventions, this book links the past with the present in ways that no other major work on the Cold War era has succeeded in doing.

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## Abbreviations

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AIOC	Anglo-Iranian Oil Company
ANC	African National Congress (South Africa)
ARAMCO	Arabian-American Oil Company
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
BOSS	Bureau of State Security (South Africa)
CC	Central Committee
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (US)
Comintern	Communist International
CPP (m-1)	Communist Party of Philippines (Marxist-Leninist)
CPSU	Communist Party of the Soviet Union
CWIHP	Cold War International History Project
DCI	Director of Central Intelligence (US)
DPK	Democratic Party of Kurdistan
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
ELF	Eritrean Liberation Front
EPLF	Eritrean People's Liberation Front
EPRP	Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party
FAPLA	Forças Armadas Popular para Libertação de Angola (People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola)
FLN	Front de Libération Nationale (Algeria)
FMLN	Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (Farabundo Martí Front for National Liberation, EI Salvador)
FNLA	Frente Nacional de Libertação de Angola (National Front for the Liberation of Angola)
FRELIMO	Frente de Libertação de Moçambique (Mozambiquan Liberation Front)
FRETILIN	Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente (Revolutionary Front of Independent East Timor)

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FSLN	Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (Sandinista National Liberation Front, Nicaragua)
GDR	German Democratic Republic
GRU	Glavnoie razvedivatelnoie upravleniie (Chief Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff; USSR)
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICP	Iraqi Communist Party
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISI	Inter-Services Intelligence (Pakistan)
KGB	Komitet gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti (Committee for State Security; USSR)
KhAD	Khadimat-e atal'at-e dowlati (State Information Service [Security]; Afghanistan)
MCP	Malayan Communist Party
MFA	Movimento das Forças Armadas (Armed Forces Movement; Portugal)
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MNC	Mouvement National Congolais (Congolese National Movement)
MO	Mezhdunarodnyi otdel (International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU; USSR)
MPLA	Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola (People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola)
NAM	Non-Aligned Movement
NIEO	New International Economic Order
NLF	National Liberation Front (Vietnam)
NPA	New People's Army (Philippines)
NSC	National Security Council (US)
OAS	Organization of American States
OUA	Organization of African Unity
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
PAIGC	Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde (African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde)
PDPA	People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan
PDRE	People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
PDRY	People's Democratic Republic of Yemen
PGT	Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo (Guatemalan Workers' Party)
PKI	Partai Komunis Indonesia (Indonesian Communist Party)

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PLO	Palestinian Liberation Organization
PMAC	Provisional Military Administrative Council (Ethiopia)
POMOA	Provisional Office for Mass Organizational Affairs (Ethiopia)
PRC	People's Republic of China
PRI	Partido Revolucionario Institucional (Institutional Revolutionary Party; Mexico)
SACP	South African Communist Party
SALT	Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
SED	Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands (Socialist Unity Party; GDR)
SpetsNaz	Voiska spetsialnogo naznacheniiia (special purpose forces; USSR)
TANU	Tanganyika African National Union
TPLF	Tigray People's Liberation Front
UAR	United Arab Republic
UNITA	União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola)
USSR	Union of Socialist Soviet Republics
VWP	Vietnam Workers' Party
WSLF	Western Somalia Liberation Front