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This magisterial new history elucidates a momentous transformation process that changed the world: the struggle to create, for the first time, a modern Atlantic order in the long twentieth century (1860–2020). Placing it in a broader historical and global context, Patrick O. Cohrs reinterprets the Paris Peace Conference of 1919 as the original attempt to supersede the Eurocentric “world order” of the age of imperialism and found a more legitimate peace system – a system that could not yet be global but had to be essentially transatlantic. Yet he also sheds new light on why, despite remarkable learning processes, it proved impossible to forge a durable Atlantic peace after the First World War, which became the long twentieth century’s cathartic catastrophe. In a wider perspective, this ground-breaking study shows what decisive impact this epochal struggle has had not only for modern conceptions of peace, collective security and an integrative, rule-based international order but also for formative ideas of self-determination, liberal-democratic government and the West.

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in Memoriam*

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and My Uncle and Friend Heini Witte-Löffler

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ABBREVIATIONS

AA	<i>Auswärtiges Amt, Berlin</i>
ADAP	<i>Akten zur deutschen auswärtigen Politik</i>
AN	Archives Nationales, Paris
AR	<i>Akten der Reichskanzlei</i>
BDFA	<i>British Documents on Foreign Affairs</i> , eds K. Bourne, D.C. Watt, 2/1: <i>The Paris Peace Conference of 1919</i>
BN	Bibliothèque Nationale Paris
BOLDH	<i>Bulletin officiel de la ligue des droits de l'homme</i>
CAB	Cabinet Office Papers, British National Archive, London
CAEAN	<i>Commission des affaires étrangères de l'Assemblée nationale</i>
CAES	<i>Commission des affaires étrangères du Sénat</i>
CID	Committee of Imperial Defence
DBFP	<i>Documents on British Foreign Policy</i>
DDF	<i>Documents diplomatiques français</i>
DDS	<i>Documents Diplomatiques Suisses</i>
Final Covenant	Final Covenant of the League of Nations, 1919, Avalon Project, Yale University
FO	British Foreign Office
FO 371	Foreign Office Political Files, British National Archive, London
FRBNY	Federal Reserve Bank of New York
<i>Friede von Brest-Litovsk</i>	<i>Der Friede von Brest-Litovsk</i> , ed. W. Hahlweg (Düsseldorf, 1971)
FRUS	<i>Papers Relating to the Foreign Relations of the United States</i>
GP	<i>Die Große Politik der europäischen Kabinette 1871–1914</i> , eds. J. Lepsius et al., 40 vols (Berlin 1922–27)
Hansard	Hansard, Parliamentary Debates: House of Commons
HC	House of Commons
<i>House, Intimate Papers</i>	<i>The Intimate Papers of Colonel House</i> , ed. C. Seymour, 4 vols (Boston, 1926–28)
IMCC	Inter-Allied Military Commission of Control
JOC	<i>Journal Officiel, Chambre des Députés</i>
JOS	<i>Journal Officiel, Sénat</i>

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MAE	Archives du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères, Paris
MF	Archives du Ministère des Finances, Archives Nationales, Paris
NA Maryland	US National Archives, Maryland
NA RG 59	Record Group 59 (Department of State, General Files), US National Archives, Maryland
NA London	British National Archive, London
PA	Politisches Archiv des Auswärtigen Amts, Berlin
<i>Pariser Völkerbundsakte</i>	<i>Die Pariser Völkerbundsakte vom 14. 2. 1919 und die Gegenvorschläge der deutschen Regierung zur Errichtung eines Völkerbundes</i> (Berlin, 1919)
PWW	<i>The Papers of Woodrow Wilson</i> , ed. A.S. Link, 69 vols (Princeton, NJ, 1966 ff.)
<i>Quellen</i>	<i>Quellen zur Geschichte des Parlamentarismus und der politischen Parteien</i> (Düsseldorf, 1959 ff.)
SB	<i>Stenographische Berichte über die Verhandlungen des Reichstags</i>
SB	<i>Stenographische Berichte über die Verhandlungen der Nationalversammlung</i>
<i>Nationalversammlung</i>	<i>Verfassungsgebenden Deutschen Nationalversammlung</i> (1919)
<i>Smuts Papers</i>	<i>Selections from the Smuts Papers</i> , eds. W. Hancock, J.van der Poel, 7 vols (Cambridge, 1966–73)
UF	<i>Ursachen und Folgen</i> (Berlin, 1959 ff.)

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2. Europe in 1914



3. Europe in 1919

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