



2019 - 2020

Study Guide

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Coachella Valley Competition
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World Affairs Council of the Desert

Academic WorldQuest 2018-2019 Categories

The categories for this year's AWQ National Competition have been updated by the World Affairs Councils of America, with input from member World Affairs Councils across the country, to reflect several of the most critical global and U.S. foreign policy issues:

Topics for the local competition in the Coachella Valley include:

U.S. – Russia Relations
Preventing Extremism in Fragile States
Oceans: The World's Garbage Dump
Brexit and the EU
China's Belt and Road Initiative

Topics that will be part of the National Academic WorldQuest Competition, but NOT the local competition:

Country in Focus: South Korea
Germany: 30 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall
Qatar and the Future of the Gulf Cooperation Council
Great Decisions
Current Events

AWQ Study Guide

The Academic WorldQuest™ Study Guide has been prepared by the World Affairs Councils of America. Questions for all the above categories are drawn from the resources included in the AWQ StudyGuide.

Qualifying for AWQ Competition: Rules and Regulations

A team consists of four (4) Primary Teammates who are currently high school students (freshman – senior year). No more than four players per team will be able to compete in the National Competition.

Teams may designate Alternate Teammates to replace one or more of the four Primary Teammates in the case of sickness or other circumstances which would prevent a Primary Teammate from competing in the National Competition. Please note that local Councils may be unable to send Alternate Teammates to the National Competition.

Teams of fewer than four students are allowed to compete, but this is strongly discouraged. Teams at the National Competition must have 4 students.

If the winning team from a local competition is unable to compete in the National Competition and has no Alternate Teammates, the second place team may compete in its place.

How to Play

There are 5 rounds in the competition, each round having 10 questions. Teams will have 45 seconds to answer each question. All of the questions are multiple-choice.

Scoring

One (1) point is awarded for each correct answer. No penalty for incorrect answers or no answer.

The team with the most correct answers out of all 50 questions is declared AWQ Champion.

If, at the conclusion of the competition, there is a tie for 1st through 3rd place, tie-breaker rounds will be played.

Regulations

Teams are not allowed to consult with the audience, wireless devices, cell phones, other teams, books or written material at any point during the competition. Any team found by World Affairs Councils of the Desert judges, staff, or volunteers to be violating this rule will forfeit that round and a penalty of 10 points will automatically be deducted from that team's score.

If a team believes another team is cheating, a player may alert a World Affairs Councils of America representative. However, if the other team is not found to be in violation of any rules, the accusing team will forfeit two (2) points. Player substitutions are not allowed after the competition begins.

During the competition, a player can only use the bathroom during the break. If a player leaves at any other point during the rounds, he or she cannot return until after the break. Parents, alternates, and other guests must remain "off the stage" in the theater seating area, at all times.

If a team wishes to challenge an answer, one (1) team member may bring the challenge calmly and politely to the judges within the time-period allotted after answers are announced.

Teams are not allowed to discuss challenges with audience members. The decision of the head judge is final. If the challenge is unsuccessful, the team which brought it will forfeit one (1) point.

Academic WorldQuest 2019-2020 Study Guide

All questions for this year's Academic WorldQuest program will be drawn from the sources in this Study Guide

The AWQ Study Guide is best viewed in a current version of Adobe Reader. If you are having trouble clicking any of the below links, cut and paste them into your browser instead of clicking them or try a different browser.

1. U.S.-Russia Relations

The international community has a vested interest in stabilizing the tumultuous relationship between the two great powers United States and Russia. Diplomatic relations have been on a downward trend for the almost two decades with a steep deterioration following Russian aggression towards Ukraine. The threat of Russian expansionism fuels international cooperation to bring Russia in-line with the democratic ideals governing the international system. This topic will cover the history of U.S.-Russia relations; what led to today's rocky ties; American and Russian roles in major sectors affecting security; the nature of U.S.-Russia economic relations and how trade and sanctions affect this partnership; Russia's effect on the global order and international cooperation to maintain stability; and the future of relations.

• Overview

- Watch “**Introduction**” (Video); explore “**Timeline**,” read summary and watch “**Nuclear Security: Overview**” section of “**Military & Cyber**,” read summary and watch “**Cyber & Information Warfare: Overview**” section of “**Military & Cyber**,” and watch “**Seeking Stability**” (Video) – Carnegie Corporation of New York
<https://usrussiarelations.org/1/introduction>

• Historical Context

- Read “**A Guide to the United States’ History of Recognition, Diplomatic, and Consular Relations, by Country, Since 1776: Russia**” – Office of the Historian; U.S. Department of State
<https://history.state.gov/countries/russia> (If there is a prompt for credentials, please click “Ok” without inputting anything, and it should lead you to the page.)
- Read “**U.S. Relations With Russia**” – U.S. Department of State
<https://www.state.gov/u-s-relations-with-russia/>
- Read “**How the U.S.-Russian Relationship Went Bad**” William Burns – The Atlantic, April 2019
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/04/william-j-burns-putin-russia/583255/>
- Read “**U.S.-Russian Relations, 1989-2019: Self-Awareness and History**” Bruce Jackson – Hudson Institute, December 7, 2018
<https://www.hudson.org/research/14726-u-s-russian-relations-1989-2019-self-awareness-and-history>

• Economics and Trade

- Read “**Russia**” – Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
<https://ustr.gov/Russia>
- Read “**Doing Business in Russia**” – International Trade Administration
<https://2016.export.gov/russia/doingbusinessinrussia/index.asp>
- Read “**1-3.2. U.S.-Russia Economic Relations: Current State and Prospects**” pg. 4-26 – “**Russia-U.S. Economic Cooperation in Turbulent Times**” – Russian-American Business Council, March 2019
<http://media.rspp.ru/document/1/2/7/277d6337f2f960383183dce936b1f277.pdf>
- Read “**Have Sanctions on Russia Changed Putin’s Calculus?**” Andrew Chatzky – Council on Foreign Relations, May 2, 2019
<https://www.cfr.org/in-brief/have-sanctions-russia-changed-putins-calculus>

• International Cooperation

- Read “**Managing Global Disorder: Prospects for U.S.-Russian Cooperation**” – Council on Foreign Relations, August 23, 2017
<https://www.cfr.org/report/managing-global-disorder-prospects-us-russian-cooperation>

- Read **“The U.S. and Russia Have Plenty of Areas for Cooperation. Let’s Get to Work.”** Debra Decker – Defense One, July 24, 2019
<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2018/07/us-and-russia-have-plenty-areas-cooperation-lets-get-work/149996/>
 - Read **“Introduction”** and **“Conclusion,”** sections, the rest is **Optional “Cold, Dark, and Dangerous: International Cooperation in the Arctic and Space”** Michael Byers – Polar Record, March 20, 2019
https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/EA8CD98F80BBFF8F14447F3613F6E06A/S0032247419000160a.pdf/cold_dark_and_dangerous_international_cooperation_in_the_arctic_and_space.pdf
 - **Recent Developments**
 - Read **“The Reset That Wasn’t: The Permanent Crisis of U.S.-Russia Relations”** Robert Hamilton – Foreign Policy Research Institute, December 14, 2018
<https://www.fpri.org/article/2018/12/the-reset-that-wasnt-the-permanent-crisis-of-u-s-russia-relations/>
 - Read **“Permanent Divergence - The Evolution of U.S.-Russia Relations in the Trump Era”** Nikolas Gvosdev – Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development
<https://www.cirsd.org/en/horizons/horizons-summer-2018-issue-no-12/permanent-divergence-the-evolution-of-us-russia-relations-in-the-trump-era>
 - Read the **“Democracy and Human Rights”** pg. 5 and **“Security Issues”** pg. 9-10 – **“U.S.-Russia Relations: Reaching the Point of No Return”** – European Parliament
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2018/628230/EPRS_BRI\(2018\)628230_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2018/628230/EPRS_BRI(2018)628230_EN.pdf)
 - Read **“Introduction”** pg. 1-4, **“Summary”** pg. 30-40, and **“Conclusion”** pg. 41 – **“Thirty Years of U.S. Policy Toward Russia: Can the Vicious Circle Be Broken?”** Eugene Rumer and Richard Sokolsky – Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, June 20, 2019
https://carnegieendowment.org/files/RumerSokolsky_USRussia_final_web.pdf
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3. Preventing Extremism in Fragile States

Extremism is something that appears in the news more and more these days. Around the world, extremist movements—such as ISIS, Boko Haram, and al-Shabab—fuel, and often stem from, instability and violent conflict and present a complex challenge to communities and countries, and to U.S. national security.

*Increasingly, efforts to address the underlying causes of violent extremism focus on ways to **transform fragility into resilience** – looking at how extremism can take root when the compact between society and the state has broken down, and at opportunities to empower fragile states to resist the threat of extremism. This strategy of prevention seeks to get ahead of future threats, break the cycle of crisis response, and help make peace possible even in the most difficult contexts.*

The resources included here, curated by the category’s sponsor, the United States Institute of Peace, provide a snapshot of the current approaches to address the threat of extremism in fragile states; introduce some tools used to bridge divides and prevent violence in conflict zones; and highlight examples of people, organizations, and communities that are making peace possible. Learn more at www.usip.org.

- **Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States**

- Read “**Preventing Extremism in Fragile States**” pg. 3-25 – Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States, United States Institute of Peace, February 2019
<https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/preventing-extremism-in-fragile-states-a-new-approach.pdf>
- Read “**Preventing Extremism in Fragile States: A New Approach**” – Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States, United States Institute of Peace, February 2019
<https://www.usip.org/publications/2019/02/three-recommendations-new-approach-preventing-extremism-fragile-states>
- Read “**The Complex Threat of Extremism – And a Pathway to Quashing It for Good**” – Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States, United States Institute of Peace, February 2019
<https://www.usip.org/blog/2019/02/complex-threat-extremism-and-pathway-quashing-it-good>
- Read “**Why Security Sector Governance Matters in Fragile States**” – Nathaniel Allen and Rachel Kleinfeld, United States Institute of Peace, June 2019
<https://www.usip.org/index.php/publications/2019/06/why-security-sector-governance-matters-fragile-states>
- Read “**How Civil Society Can Help Prevent Violence and Extremism**” – Leanne Erdberg and Bridget Moix, United States Institute of Peace, June 2019
<https://www.usip.org/publications/2019/06/how-civil-society-can-help-prevent-violence-and-extremism>
- Watch “**Briefly With Nancy Lindborg**” (Video) – USIP Staff, April 22, 2019
<https://youtu.be/EfqzUTs64gQ>
- Read “**18 Years After 9/11: Terrorism Needs to Be Prevented at the Source**” – Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton, USA Today, September 10, 2019
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/09/10/18-years-after-9-11-terrorism-needs-be-prevented-source-column/2202619001/>

- **USIP Resources**

- Read “**Reflecting on 9/11: It Is Time for a Policy of Prevention**” – Nancy Lindborg, Olive Branch Blog, September 2019
<https://www.usip.org/blog/2019/09/reflecting-911-its-time-policy-prevention>
- Read “**Injecting Humanity: Community-Focused Responses for People Exiting Violent Extremist Conflict**” – Chris Bosley, August 2019
https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/2019-08/20190822-sr_452-sr.pdf
- Read “**Introduction**” section of “**Violent Extremism and Community Policing in Tanzania**” – Lillian Dang, United States Institute of Peace, March 2019
https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/2019-03/violent-extremism-and-community-policing-in-tanzania-sr_442.pdf
- Read “**Nigeria’s Worst Violence is Not Boko Haram**” – Ena Dion and Isioma Kemakolam, United States Institute of Peace, November 2018
<https://www.usip.org/index.php/publications/2018/11/nigerias-worst-violence-not-boko-haram>
- Read “**To Defeat Terrorism, Use ‘People Power’**” – Maria Stephan and Leanne Erdberg, United States Institute of Peace, March 2018
<https://www.usip.org/publications/2018/03/defeat-terrorism-use-people-power>

- **Other Resources**

- Read “**Global Peace Index 2019**” pg. 2-12 – Institute for Economics and Peace, 2019
<https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/GPI-2019-web003.pdf>
 - Read “**Global Peace Index 2019 Briefing**” – Institute for Economics and Peace
<http://visionofhumanity.org/app/uploads/2019/06/GPI-2019-Briefingweb-2.pdf>
 - Read “**Analysis on Yemen, Nicaragua, Arab Spring, Somalia, and Ethiopia**” pg. 17-26 – “Understanding the Fragile State Index and Indicators” pg. 33-41 – “**Fragile States Index**” – The Fund for Peace, 2019
<https://fundforpeace.org/2019/04/10/fragile-states-index-2019/>
 - Read “**Global Terrorism Index 2018**” pg. 65-75 – Vision of Humanity, 2018
<http://visionofhumanity.org/app/uploads/2018/12/Global-Terrorism-Index-2018-1.pdf>
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4. Oceans: The World's Garbage Dump

Climate change is an increasingly contentious and unavoidable issue impacting the international community. Environmental protection is a shared responsibility requiring high levels of international cooperation and agreement. Marine pollution is a major threat against environmental stability. Chemicals, industrial and agricultural waste, domestic garbage, air debris, and other toxic materials are dumped into oceans at an alarming rate harming thousands of species of marine life and endangering entire ecosystems. This topic will explore the many facets of marine pollution; the sources and types of ocean garbage and their negative impact; why marine pollution is a major international threat and what can be done to combat it; and the future of the environment if marine pollution continues at the current rate.

- **Overview**

- Read “**Dimensions of Pollution: Marine**” – UN Environment Assembly
<https://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/marine>
- Read “**Trash Pollution**” – Ocean Health Index
<http://www.oceanhealthindex.org/methodology/components/trash-pollution>
- Read “**What Is Marine Debris?**” – Debris Free Oceans
<https://debrisfreeoceans.org/marine-debris>
- Read “**Ocean Trash Plaguing Our Sea**” – Maggy Hunter Benson, Smithsonian, May 31, 2015
<https://ocean.si.edu/planet-ocean/tides-currents/ocean-trash-plaguing-our-sea>
- Read “**Learn About Ocean Dumping**” – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<https://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/learn-about-ocean-dumping#MPRSA>

- **Sources of Ocean Garbage**

- Read “**Where Did the Trash in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch Come From? How Do We Stop It?**” – Doyle Rice, USA Today, September 7, 2018
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/science/2018/09/07/great-pacific-garbage-patch-where-did-all-trash-come/1133838002/>
- Read “**90% of Plastic Polluting Our Oceans Comes From Just 10 Rivers**” – Alex Gray, World Economic Forum, June 8, 2018
<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/06/90-of-plastic-polluting-our-oceans-comes-from-just-10-rivers/>
- Read “**Here’s Where the Ocean’s Trash Comes From**” – Catherine Zuckerman, National Geographic, July 3, 2019
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/news/heres-where-oceans-trash-comes/>

- **Types of Ocean Garbage**

- Explore “**Plastic in the Ocean Facts**” – The World Counts
https://www.theworldcounts.com/counters/waste_pollution_facts/plastic_in_the_ocean_facts
- Read “**Top 10 Trash Items Found Littering Our Beaches and Waterways – and the Weirdest**” – David Carrig, USA Today, June 27, 2018
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2018/06/27/ocean-beach-pollution-plastic-trash/738173002/>
- Read “**Oil Pollution of Marine Habitats**” all 3 pages – World Ocean Review, 2010
<https://worldoceanreview.com/en/wor-1/pollution/oil/>

- **How to Combat This Problem & Looking Ahead**
 - Read “**Plastic Pollution in The Ocean Set to Triple by 2025**” – Tom Hale, Iflscience, March 21, 2018
<https://www.iflscience.com/environment/plastic-pollution-in-the-ocean-set-to-triple-by-2025/>
 - Read “**Garbage Patches: How Gyres Take Our Trash Out to Sea**” – National Ocean Service
<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/podcast/mar18/nop14-ocean-garbage-patches.html>
 - Watch “**The Ocean Cleanup Launches to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch**” (Video) – CNET on YouTube, September 10, 2018
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYC4Q-0wcAc>
 - Read “**‘Great Pacific Garbage Patch’ Clean-Up Project Launches Trial Run: UN Environment**” – UN News, September 10, 2018
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/09/1018862>
 - Read “**UN Clinches Deal to Stop Plastic Waste Ending Up in the Sea**” – Tom Miles, Reuters, May 10, 2019
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-environment-plastic/u-n-clinches-deal-to-stop-plastic-waste-ending-up-in-the-sea-idUSKCN1SG19S>
 - Read “**The Future of Our Plastic Oceans**” – Steve Roman, Wartsila, August 7, 2018
<https://www.wartsila.com/twentyfour7/environment/the-future-of-our-plastic-oceans>
 - Read “**Where Mismanaged Plastic Waste Is Generated and Possible Paths of Change**” – Laurent Lebreton, The Ocean Clean Up, January 28, 2019
<https://theoceancleanup.com/updates/where-mismanaged-plastic-waste-is-generated-and-possible-paths-of-change/>
 - **Optional:** Read “**A Grand Plan to Clean the Great Pacific Garbage Patch Carolyn**” – Carolyn Kormann, New Yorker, January 28, 2019
<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/02/04/a-grand-plan-to-clean-the-great-pacific-garbage-patch>
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6. Brexit and the EU

Brexit (Britain's exit) is the scheduled withdrawal of the UK from the European Union following a June 2016 referendum. In March 2017, the UK government began the exit process, which was scheduled to end on March 29, 2019. Without the UK parliament consistently voting against the withdrawal agreement, the deadline has been extended twice with a current deadline of October 31, 2019. Brexit is a complex and heated issue dividing the British population on how closely the UK will be entangled with the EU – influencing some to push for a no-deal Brexit. This topic explores the events that lead the UK to Brexit; the developments since the 2016 referendum; the various efforts of multiple Prime Ministers to work with UK Parliament; the Irish role in the conversation; and the economic impact of Brexit on the U.S. and EU.

• Overview & Background

- Read **"The History Behind Brexit"** – Sarah Pruitt, History.com, June 20, 2019
<https://www.history.com/news/the-history-behind-brexit>
- Read **"The Roots of Brexit"** – Bloomberg, March 20, 2019
<https://www.bloomberg.com/quicktake/will-uk-leave-eu>
- Download and read the full report on **"Brexit Timeline: Events Leading to the UK's Exit from the European Union"** – Nigel Walker, House of Commons Library, September 25, 2019
<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7960>
- Read **"Brexit: Why Britain Left the EU, Explained With a Simple Cartoon"** – Alvin Chang, VOX, June 24, 2016
<https://www.vox.com/2016/6/24/12025514/brexit-cartoon>
- Read **"Brexit: All You Need to Know About the UK Leaving the EU"** – BBC, September 16, 2019
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-32810887>
- Read **"Brexit"** – Will Kenton, Investopedia, October 2, 2019
<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/brexit.asp#uk-eu-trade-after-brexit>

• The UK Prime Minister and Brexit

- Read **"Brexit Failure Forces British Prime Minister Theresa May to Announce Resignation"** – Eliza Mackintosh and Tara John, CNN, May 24, 2019
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/24/europe/theresa-may-resigns-brexit-gbr-intl/index.html>
- Read **"Boris Johnson Suffers Two Major Losses in Parliament, Leaving His Governing Authority and the Terms of Brexit in Doubt"** – Kevin Sullivan and Karla Adam, The Washington Post, September 4, 2019
https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/uk-parliament-brexit-vote/2019/09/04/cc934b1c-cb6d-11e9-9615-8f1a32962e04_story.html
- Read **"The UK Parliament Just Voted to Delay Brexit – For the Third Time"** – Adam Rasmi and Max de Haldevang, Quartz, September 4, 2019
<https://qz.com/1701770/the-uk-parliament-just-voted-to-delay-brexit-for-third-time/>
- Watch **"David Cameron Finally Breaks His Silence on Brexit Referendum"** (Video) – BBC, September 24, 2019
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJb-4mlAKas>

• Impact of Brexit

- View **"The Economics of Brexit: A Lose-Lose Proposition?"** infographic – Ana Sofia Oliveira Goncalves, GED Bertelsmann Stiftung, December 8, 2015
<https://ged-project.de/videos/international-trade/european-trade/infographic-on-the-economics-of-brexit-a-lose-lose-proposition/?cn-reloaded=1>

- View “**Making Sense of the Issues**” infographic – NHS Confederation EU, February 3, 2017
<https://www.nhsconfed.org/-/media/Confederation/Files/EU-Office/Making-sense-of-the-issues-infographic.pdf>
 - **Irish Backstop**
 - Read “**What Is the Brexit Backstop and Why Is It Important?**” – Heather Conley and Donatienne Ruy, Center for Strategic and International Studies, August 22, 2019
https://www.csis.org/analysis/what-brexit-backstop-and-why-it-important?gclid=EAlaIqObChMlj8TSjOr95AIVx5-zCh17iwvrEAAyAAEgLVYfD_BwE
 - **Optional:** Read “**Brexit’s Irish Border Problem, Explained**” – Jen Kirbyjen, VOX, February 18, 2019
<https://www.vox.com/world/2019/2/18/18204269/brexit-irish-border-backstop-explained>
 - **No-Deal Brexit**
 - Read “**What Is Brexit? What Does ‘No-Deal’ Mean?**” – Benjamin Mueller, New York Times September 8, 2019
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/world/europe/what-is-brexit.html>
 - Read “**What Is a ‘No-Deal Brexit’?**” – BBC, September 13, 2019
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-48511379>
 - **How Does Brexit Affect the U.S.?**
 - Read “**5 Reasons Americans Ought to Care About Brexit**” – Taylor Rockhill, PRI, January 21, 2019
<https://www.pri.org/stories/2019-01-21/5-reasons-americans-ought-care-about-brexit>
 - Watch “**How Does Brexit Affect the United States? – Explaining Brexit**” (Video) – TLDR News on YouTube, November 28, 2018
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2rKpHH4LZM>
 - Read “**Why Brexit Really Is a Big Deal for the U.S. Economy**” – Rana Foroohar, TIME, June 27, 2016
<https://time.com/4383202/brexit-america-fallout-economy-fed/>
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7. China's Belt & Road Initiative

The Belt and Road Initiative is a Chinese global infrastructure and investment development strategy introduced by President Xi Jinping in 2013. With routes in the Silk Road, the Belt refers to the aboveground economic road and rail transportation routes, and the Road refers to the maritime economic routes. This topic covers the background behind the initiative and the historical, cultural ties to the Chinese Silk Road; the effects on the U.S., the EU, and the global marketplace; the regional impact on large Eastern powers and smaller Pacific nations; and the environmental implications of the construction and operation of these economic routes.

• Overview & Background

- Read “**What Is China's Belt and Road Initiative?**” – Lily Kuo and Niko Kommenda, The Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/cities/ng-interactive/2018/jul/30/what-china-belt-road-initiative-silk-road-explainer>
- Read “**The New Silk Road – The Belt and Road Initiative**” – China Highlights, January 23, 2019 <https://www.chinahighlights.com/silkroad/new-silk-road.htm>
- Read “**China's Maritime Silk Road Initiative: Economic Drivers and Challenges**” – Matthew Funaiole and Jonathan Hillman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, April 2, 2018 https://www.csis.org/analysis/chinas-maritime-silk-road-initiative-economic-drivers-and-challenges?gclid=EAlaIqObChMIjbXck9OA5QIV8IFaBR0sCQ6vEAAyAAEgLyJvD_BwE

• U.S. and the Belt & Road

- Read “**Belt & Road Full of Opportunities for U.S. Companies in Third Markets**” – Belt & Road News, April 25, 2019 <https://www.beltandroad.news/2019/04/25/belt-road-full-of-opportunities-for-u-s-companies-in-third-markets/>
- Read “**United States Under Donald Trump Is Veering Away from China's Belt & Road**” Nectar Gan and Robert Delaney, South China Morning Post, April 25, 2019 <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/3007504/united-states-under-trump-veering-away-chinas-belt-and-road>

• India and the Belt & Road

- Read “**China's Belt and Road Fuels India's Fears of Encirclement**” – Stratfor, April 19, 2019 <https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/chinas-belt-and-road-fuels-indias-fears-encirclement-cpec-saarc-bri>
- Watch “**Manish Tewari, Foreign Policy Spokesman for the Indian Congress Party, on China's Intentions With the BRI**” (Video) – International Politics and Society <https://www.ips-journal.eu/videos/show/article/show/indias-perspective-on-chinas-belt-and-road-initiative-3103/>
- Read “**What Are India's Stakes in China's Belt and Road Plan**” – Bruno Maçães, Quartz India, February 11, 2019 <https://qz.com/india/1547154/what-are-indias-stakes-in-chinas-belt-and-road-plan/>

• Pacific Micronations

- Read “**China's Belt and Road Initiative in the Pacific Islands**” – Chris Devonshire-Ellis, Silk Road Briefing, May 23, 2019 <https://www.silkroadbriefing.com/news/2019/05/23/chinas-belt-road-initiative-pacific-islands/>
- Explore “**Chinese Aid in the Pacific**” – Lowy Institute for International Policy <https://chineseaidmap.lowyinstitute.org/>

- **Europe and the Belt and Road**
 - Read “**European Pragmatism at the Belt and Road Forum**” – Erik Brattberg, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, April 30, 2019
<https://carnegieendowment.org/2019/04/30/european-pragmatism-at-belt-and-road-forum-pub-79037>
 - Read “**China’s Belt and Road Gets a Win in Italy**” – Andrew Chatzky, Council on Foreign Relations, March 27, 2019
<https://www.cfr.org/article/chinas-belt-and-road-gets-win-italy>
 - Read “**The Western Balkans With Chinese Characteristics**” – Heather Conley; Jonathan Hillman; Mathew Melino, Center for Strategic and International Studies, July 30, 2019
<https://www.csis.org/analysis/western-balkans-chinese-characteristics>

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