



# Top 10 Geopolitical Risks Reshaping Our World in 2025

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# Global Leadership Vacuum Deepens



## G-Zero World Solidifies

Absence of dominant global power creates fragmented crisis responses



## Rising Instability

Lack of coordinated leadership increases unpredictability in global affairs



## Power Vacuum Consequences

Regional powers compete to fill leadership gaps, creating new tensions





# Unilateral U.S. Trade Policies Disrupt Markets



## Aggressive Tariffs & Sanctions

U.S. administration's trade measures create global market volatility



## Strained Alliances

Traditional partnerships weaken as nations seek alternative economic relationships



## Market Uncertainty

Unpredictable trade policies increase costs and risk for multinational corporations



# U.S.-China Decoupling Accelerates



## Tech Separation

Dual innovation ecosystems emerge in critical technologies



## Supply Chain Shifts

Companies forced to duplicate production capabilities



## Bifurcated Economy

Nations pressured to choose sides in emerging economic blocs

# EU Cohesion Threatened by Internal Divisions



## Rising Nationalism

Populist movements gain momentum, challenging EU unity



## Economic Disparities

North-south divide widens, creating policy tensions



## Governance Challenges

Decision-making paralysis on critical issues



## Diminished Global Influence

Internal fragmentation weakens EU's international standing



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# Global AI Governance

## AI Governance Lags Behind Innovation

### Regulatory Gaps

Existing frameworks inadequate for rapid AI advancement

### Ethical Concerns

Unresolved questions about AI accountability and oversight

### International Discord

Nations pursue divergent approaches to AI governance

# Energy Security Faces New Threats



## Supply Chain Vulnerabilities

Geopolitical conflicts disrupt critical energy corridors



## Energy Transition Tensions

Competition for clean energy resources intensifies



## Strategic Reassessment

Nations reconfigure energy dependencies for resilience



## Resource Competition

Critical mineral access becomes geopolitical priority



# Middle East Instability Intensifies



## Persistent Regional Conflicts

Israel-Gaza tensions and proxy wars continue to escalate



## Diplomatic Stalemate

Peace initiatives undermined by deep-rooted power struggles



## Humanitarian Crisis

Civilian populations face worsening conditions amid prolonged unrest





# Cybersecurity Threats Reach Critical Levels



## Critical Infrastructure

Power grids, transportation, and healthcare systems face sophisticated attacks



## Private Sector Vulnerabilities

Corporations face increasing espionage and ransomware threats



## International Cooperation

Urgent need for cross-border cybersecurity frameworks emerges



# Climate Change Amplifies Geopolitical Tensions

## Resource Scarcity

Water and land shortages trigger border conflicts

## Migration Pressures

Climate refugees strain international relations

## Coordination Challenges

Response efforts hampered by competing interests





# Asia-Pacific Flashpoints Escalate

## Sino-American Strategic Rivalry

Competition over influence in Taiwan, the South China Sea and regional economic initiatives risks miscalculation between major powers

## Taiwan Strait Tensions

Increasing military drills and gray-zone operations heighten crisis-management challenges

## Regional Alliances Shift

Indo-Pacific nations recalibrate security and economic partnerships amid great power competition



# Is Your Organization Prepared?

## 1 Oversight Gap

Corporate boards demonstrate significant blind spots in geopolitical risk management

## 2 Proactive Approach

Strategic foresight and structured risk mitigation planning are imperative, not optional

## 3 Action Required

Engage with specialized expertise to develop tailored resilience strategies

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