

“This deep dive into American imperial urges and their consequences will enlighten anyone interested in historical or present-day geopolitics... Considered in terms of its arguments, however, this book has few flaws, and it would be a splendid gift for anyone seeking an in-depth look at the causes of current world tensions.”

--Publishers Weekly Book Life

“James Kurth is one of the world’s leading scholars of international relations and political economy. With the entire global order rapidly transforming, these concise and splendidly written essays merit everyone’s attention.”

--Thomas Ferguson, Contributing Editor, *The Nation*

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--Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago

“The foreign policy of America since the conclusion of the Cold War has been off course and ill prepares us for today’s world of terrorism, immigration, globalization, and the challenges posed by China, Russia, the Middle East and North Korea,” says a foreign policy expert of over a half-century, Professor James Kurth in his new book, *The American Way of Empire: How America Won a World – But Lost Her Way*.

Kurth, who has taught at Harvard, Swarthmore, UC San Diego, and the U.S. Naval War College, advised the Chief of Naval Operations, received the Department of the Navy Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, had four books published, and authored 120 professional articles, is an expert in foreign policy and international security.

The 20th Century, culminating with a victory 75 years ago in World War II, was America’s century. But the author warns the 21st century, with new threats and opportunities, challenges the United States in a way that leaves it unprepared and adrift.

Professor Kurth is available to shed insight on the following:

- What America needs to do to handle China’s growing threat to American economic and military security.
- How the U.S. should address Islamist threats from Iran and Sunni Terrorist networks.
- What needs to be done with Russia.
- The failure of globalism.

- What the U.S. needs to do to contain North Korea.
- Pros and cons of President Trump’s foreign policy.
- Which presidents rank high – and low – in their foreign policy.

“Since the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, America’s traditional foreign policy has proven inadequate to serving the new millennium’s challenges of terrorism and globalism,” says Professor Kurth.

In this groundbreaking analysis, Kurth explains that the roots of America’s current foreign policy crisis lie in contradiction of an American empire which attempted to transform traditional American national interests promoted by presidents like Teddy Roosevelt and FDR into a new American – led global order that has unsuccessfully attempted to promote supposedly universal, rather than uniquely American ideals.

Professor Kurth lays out an inspiring vision for the America that we all need to support.

“Professor James Kurth, one of the foremost Western scholars of America’s role in world affairs, has written a tour de force that will exert a powerful influence on those who think seriously about the future of the United States.”

--John Fonte, Hudson Institute

“Kurth may be right or wrong on this or that point, but the message you should take is that the way Americans see the world – Americans of the right, left, and middle – is itself a construction rooted in history, religion, and culture.”

--Rod Dreher, *The American Conservative*

“When it comes to deciphering the mysteries of American statecraft, no one can hold a candle to James Kurth. The appearance of *The American Way of Empire*, is, therefore, cause for gratitude and great rejoicing.”

--Andrew J. Bacevich, Author of *The Age of Illusions*

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James Kurth
Biography

James Kurth has over a half-century of experience as a foreign policy expert and is the author of

four books, including *The American Way of Empire: How American Won a World...But Lost Her Way*.

He is Claude Smith Professor of Political Science Emeritus and Senior Research Scholar at Swarthmore College. His professional specialties are international politics, foreign policy, and defense policy.

Professor Kurth received his B.A. in History from Stanford University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard University, where he also taught as an assistant and associate professor of government. He has been a visiting member of the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ), visiting professor of political science at the University of California at San Diego, and visiting professor of strategy at the U.S. Naval War College.

He is also the editor of three other volumes and over 120 professional articles in the fields of international politics, foreign policy, defense policy and European politics. He has been published frequently in the journals. *The National Interest*, *The American Interest*, *The American Conservative*, and *Orbis*.

While teaching strategy at the U.S. Naval War College during 1983-85, Professor Kurth served as chairman of the Strategy and Campaign Department of the Center for Naval Warfare Studies and as an advisor to the Strategy Studies Group of the Chief of Naval Operations. He is the recipient of the Department of the Navy Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, awarded for his contributions to maritime strategy.

Professor Kurth is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia), where he also has been Editor of its quarterly, *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs*. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York), and has been a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London). He has given expert testimony before committees of the U.S. Congress on four occasions. He resides just outside of Philadelphia, P.A.

Professor James Kurth
Suggested Interview Questions
The American Way of Empire

- Professor Kurth what necessitated your writing of *The American Way of Empire*?
- What's been wrong with America's foreign policy since the conclusions of the Cold War 30 years ago?
- You said you liked the foreign policy proposed by candidate Trump in 2016 but not his policy as president. What changed?
- How should we handle China?
- What about Russia?
- After World War II ended 75 years ago, how did America start to change in its approach to foreign policy?
- Which presidents did you feel were particularly good on foreign policy? Why?
- Which were the worst? Why?
- What will it take from the United States to bring peace to the Middle East?
- Since 9/11, the era of terrorism has taken its toll on the world. Are we doing all that we can to stop its spread?
- North Korea and Iran have been a thorn in America's side for decades. Will they go the way of Cuba and just fade away as a threat?
- How would you handicap the foreign policy approaches suggested by the leading Democratic presidential candidates?
- Why do you deride globalism?
- What should America's role in the world be?
- Are America's best days behind her?