

of the popular will, Mounk argues that urgent action is needed, as this may be our last chance to save democracy.

### **Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor**

Virginia Eubanks  
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Since the dawn of the digital age, decision-making in finance, employment, politics, health and human services has undergone revolutionary change. Today, automated systems—rather than humans—control which neighborhoods get policed, which families attain needed resources, and who is investigated for fraud. While we all live under this new regime of data, the most invasive and punitive systems are aimed at the poor. *Automating Inequality* systematically investigates the impacts of data mining, policy algorithms, and predictive risk models on poor and working-class people in America. The book is full of heart-wrenching and eye-opening stories, from a woman in Indiana whose benefits are literally cut off as she lays dying to a family in Pennsylvania in daily fear of losing their daughter because they fit a certain statistical profile. In the tradition of *The New Jim Crow* and *\$2 a Day*, this powerful investigative look at data-based discrimination could not be timelier.

### **Where are the Unions? Workers and Social Movements in Latin America, the Middle East and Europe**

Sian Lazar (ed.)  
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The start of the 21st Century has been marked by global demands for economic justice. From the wave that swept through Latin America in the early 2000s, and the Arab revolutions from 2011, to the Occupy and anti-austerity movements in Europe and North America, the last 20 years have witnessed the birth of a new type of mass mobilization.

*Where are the Unions?* compares, for the first time, the challenges faced by movements in Latin America, the Arab world and Europe. Workers' strikes, and protests played a critical role in these mass movements, yet their role is

significantly underestimated in many narratives of these events.

This book focuses on the complex interactions between organized workers, the unemployed, self-employed, youth, students and the state, and critically assesses the concept of the 'precariat'. With contributions from across four continents, it is the most comprehensive look at the global context of mass mobilization in the 21st Century.

### **Mapping a New World Order: The Rest Beyond the West**

Vladimir Popov and Piotr Dutkiewicz (eds.)  
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This book identifies possible factors responsible for the recent rise of many developing countries. It examines how robust these trends actually are and speculatively predicts the implications and consequences that may result from a continuation of these trends. It also suggests possible scenarios of future development. Ultimately, it argues that the rise of 'the Rest' would not only imply geopolitical shifts, but could lead to proliferation of new growth models in the Global South and to profound changes in international economic relations.

### **Age of Folly: America Abandons Its Democracy**

Lewis H. Lapham  
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In office as President of the United States, Donald J. Trump is undoubtedly a menace, but he isn't a surprise. He embodies the spirit of an age of folly abandoned to conspicuous consumption of vanity and greed. A self-glorifying photo-op, Trump is made to the measure of an infotainment media in which presidential candidates are game show contestants brought to judgment on election day before the throne of cameras by whom and for whom they are produced.

To regard Trump as an amazement beyond belief is to give him credit where none is due, to mistake a symptom for the cause. Trump's presence in the White House follows from an American regime change over the last 25 years during which a weakened but still operational democracy gave way to a stupefied and dysfunctional plutocracy.

