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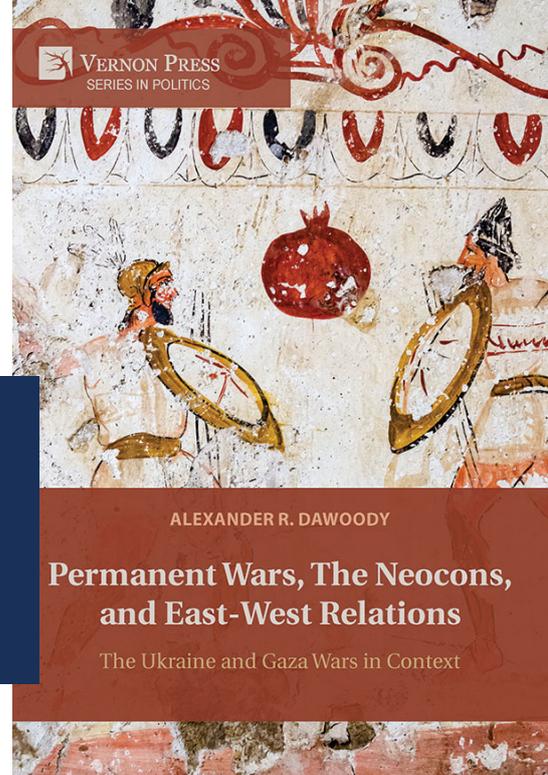
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### *Summary*

The focus in this book is not on the various distinctions between classic liberalism and orientalism. Such traits are specific to normative values than hurt, suffering, and victimhood by one group at the expense of another. Rather, the focus is on the dichotomy between neoliberalism and orientalism as relates to the injuries caused by neoliberalism's harmful practices to ordinary people both in the West and the Global South. The book is a qualitative study in phenomenology, seeking to explain the nature of neoliberal-oriental dichotomy through selected observations in international relations. It builds on the kernel understanding of the dichotomy through meanings as experienced by people, especially in the developing countries (the Global South). The observations are organized in 14 chapters (including an introduction and conclusion) involving descriptive analyses of applied utilities (tools) used by neoliberalism, the state of opposition and ethnic and religious minorities in the Global South, the misuse of energy resources and conflicts, uncovering the double-standards and hypocrisy applied in the observation of selected narratives in Iraq, Ukraine, and Gaza, and the emerging of new trajectories and models for inclusion, cooperation, and peace based on interpretations by complexity sciences.

The book uses narrative observations to uncover meanings and experiences in the East-West dichotomy on issues of security, national interests, militarism, alliances, and conflict resolution. The chapters examine the utilities applied by neoliberalism in furthering the divide, understanding causality, and the recommended models for bridging the contradictions toward peace and inclusion based on the complexity sciences.

The purpose of this book is not just to observe the gulf between neoliberalism and orientalism but to bridge between them for the sake of healing, minimizing divisions and atrocities, and promoting progress based on shared interests. The main themes in the book are the assessments of public policy orientation in international relations, the rule of the media and social networks, and the impact of global institutions on peace, conflicts, militarism, interventions, sanctions, and regime change scenarios on the East-West dichotomy.

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