THE GREAT BRAIN RACE
How Global Universities Are Reshaping the World

BEN WILDAVSKY
WITH A NEW PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR

In The Great Brain Race, former U.S. News & World Report education editor Ben Wildavsky presents the first popular account of how international competition for the brightest minds is transforming the world of higher education—and why this revolution should be welcomed, not feared. Wildavsky shows that as international universities strive to become world-class, the new global education marketplace is providing more opportunities to more people than ever before. In a new preface, Wildavsky discusses some of the notable developments in global higher education since the book was first published.

“Comprehensive and fascinating.”
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Ben Wildavsky is a senior scholar in research and policy at the Kauffman Foundation. Previously, he was economic policy correspondent for the National Journal, higher education reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, and executive editor of the Public Interest.

Whose Culture?
The Promise of Museums and the Debate over Antiquities

EDITED BY JAMES CUNO

In Whose Culture?, James Cuno assembles a group of eminent museum directors, curators, and scholars to explain for themselves what’s at stake in the international controversy over who “owns” antiquities—and why the museums’ critics couldn’t be more wrong. Whose Culture? argues that modern nation-states have at best a dubious connection with the ancient cultures they claim to represent.

In addition to the editor, the contributors are Kwame Anthony Appiah, Sir John Boardman, Michael F. Brown, Derek Gillman, Neil MacGregor, John Henry Merryman, Philippe de Montebello, David I. Owen, and James C. Y. Watt.

“This volume marks an important advance. After an uncertain, not to say timorous, few decades, the leadership of at least some of our major institutions has found its voice.”
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James Cuno is president and CEO of the J. Paul Getty Trust. His books include Who Owns Antiquity? (Princeton).

Whose Culture? is a collection of essays by museum directors and curators on the debate over who owns antiquities.
Not for Profit
Why Democracy Needs the Humanities

Martha C. Nussbaum
WITH A NEW AFTERWORD BY THE AUTHOR

In this short and powerful book, celebrated philosopher Martha Nussbaum makes a passionate case for the importance of the liberal arts at all levels of education.

Historically, the humanities have been central to education because they have been seen as essential for creating competent democratic citizens. But recently, Nussbaum argues, thinking about the aims of education has gone disturbingly awry in the United States and abroad. We increasingly treat education as though its primary goal were to teach students to be economically productive rather than to think critically and become knowledgeable and empathetic citizens. This shortsighted focus on profitable skills has eroded our ability to criticize authority, reduced our sympathy with the marginalized and different, and damaged our competence to deal with complex global problems.

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—Jon Nixon, Times Higher Education

Martha C. Nussbaum is the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics in the Philosophy Department, Law School, and Divinity School at the University of Chicago. She is the author of many books, including Hiding from Humanity: Disgust, Shame, and the Law (Princeton).
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The United States and the Worldwide Struggle for Democracy
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Tony Smith

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Dreams, Hope, and the American Political Tradition

Derided by the Right as dangerous and by the Left as spineless, Barack Obama puzzles observers. In Reading Obama, James T. Kloppenberg reveals the sources of Obama's ideas and explains why he does not fit contemporary partisan categories. Obama's writings and speeches reflect a principled aversion to absolutes; his commitments to deliberation and experimentation derive from sustained engagement with American democratic thought. Kloppenberg shows that Obama's political ideas stem from deeply rooted—although currently unfashionable—convictions about how a democracy must deal with conflict.

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James T. Kloppenberg is the Charles Warren Professor of American History and chair of the history department at Harvard University. His books include Uncertain Victory: Social Democracy and Progressivism in European and American Thought, 1870–1920; The Virtues of Liberalism; and A Companion to American Thought.

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Technology, Environments, and Western Imperialism, 1400 to the Present

Daniel R. Headrick

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Translated by Lydia G. Cochrane

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“This is a wonderful book—the product of a lifetime’s immersion in the documents and artefacts that survive from the 1,000 years that we call the ‘Middle Ages.’”
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Robert Fossier is professor emeritus of medieval history at the Sorbonne. He is the author of many books on medieval history and the editor of The Cambridge History of the Middle Ages.

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“[A]n invaluable book. Mr. Barfield . . . provide[s] the context necessary for good policymaking.”
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The Tyranny of Guilt
An Essay on Western Masochism

Pascal Bruckner
Translated by Steven Rendall

Since the Holocaust and the end of World War II, the West, and Europeans in particular, have been consumed by remorse. But Pascal Bruckner argues that guilt has now gone too far. Bruckner argues that obsessive guilt has obscured important realities. The West has destroyed monsters as well as created them. The West should be proud—and ready to defend itself and its values. In this, Europeans should learn from Americans, who still have sufficient self-esteem to act decisively in a world of chaos and violence. Lamenting the vice of anti-Americanism that grips so many European intellectuals, Bruckner urges a renewed transatlantic alliance. This is a searing, provocative, and psychologically penetrating account of the crude thought and bad politics that arise from excessive bad conscience.

“Pascal Bruckner’s short book is one of the most vital published in recent years.”
—Douglas Murray, Literary Review

“[A] stirring and important book.”
—Eric Kaufmann, Prospect

Pascal Bruckner is the award-winning author of many books of fiction and nonfiction, including the novel Bitter Moon, which was made into a film by Roman Polanski. Bruckner’s nonfiction books include Perpetual Euphoria (Princeton) and The Paradox of Love (see page 27).

The Wind from the East
French Intellectuals, the Cultural Revolution, and the Legacy of the 1960s

Richard Wolin

During the 1960s, a who’s who of French thinkers, writers, and artists, spurred by China’s Cultural Revolution, were seized with a fascination for Maoism. Combining a merciless exposé of left-wing political folly and cross-cultural misunderstanding with a spirited defense of the 1960s, The Wind from the East tells the colorful story of this legendary period in France. Richard Wolin’s riveting narrative reveals that Maoism’s allure among France’s best and brightest actually had little to do with a real understanding of Chinese politics. Instead, it paradoxically served as a vehicle for an emancipatory transformation of French society.

“The Wind from the East must be regarded as a monument of committed scholarship.”
—David Gress, Wall Street Journal

“[A] fascinating and dispassionate account of one of the more curious follies of recent times.”
—Jeremy Jennings, Standpoint

Richard Wolin is Distinguished Professor of History, Comparative Literature, and Political Science at the City University of New York Graduate Center. His books, which include Heidegger’s Children and The Seduction of Unreason (both Princeton), have been translated into ten languages. His articles and reviews have appeared in Dissent, the Nation, and the New Republic.
A Short History of the Jews

Michael Brenner
Translated by Jeremiah Riemer

This is a sweeping and powerful narrative history of the Jewish people from biblical times to today. Based on the latest scholarship and richly illustrated, it is the most authoritative and accessible chronicle of the Jewish experience available. Michael Brenner tells a dramatic story of change and migration deeply rooted in tradition, taking readers from the mythic wanderings of Moses to the unspeakable atrocities of the Holocaust, and from the Babylonian exile to the Hasidic enclaves of modern-day Brooklyn. The book is full of fascinating personal stories of exodus and return, from that told about Abraham, who brought his newfound faith into Canaan, to that of Holocaust survivor Esther Barkai, who lived on a kibbutz established on a German estate seized from the Nazi Julius Streicher as she awaited resettlement in Israel. Describing the events and people that have shaped Jewish history, and highlighting the important contributions Jews have made to the arts, politics, religion, and science, A Short History of the Jews is a compelling blend of storytelling and scholarship that brings the Jewish past marvelously to life.

“[A]n excellent introduction.”
—Jay Freeman, Booklist

“In this concise but all-encompassing account of the Jews, Brenner . . . does a remarkable job of escorting readers from the biblical narrative of Abraham’s journey from Ur and idolatry through the treacherous, monotheistic course of Jewish history.”
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“This is an excellent overview of Jewish history—a well-written, up-to-date survey for college students and the general reader. Considering the scope of the coverage, the book is remarkably concise.”
—Robert Seltzer, H-Net Reviews

“Brenner offers a digestible, interesting, complex history, in an accessible format.”
—Jewish Book World

Michael Brenner is professor of Jewish history and culture at the University of Munich. His books include Zionism: A Brief History and After the Holocaust: Rebuilding Jewish Lives in Postwar Germany (Princeton).
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Angus Fletcher

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“Allegory is a brilliantly original analytical description of the organization of symbolic fiction; it deals with the most interesting topics and asks the right questions; its examples are learned and fascinatingly offbeat.”

—Times Literary Supplement

“An enormously valuable tool for understanding complex literary texts like Spenser’s Faerie Queene.”

—Stephen Greenblatt, author of Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare

Angus Fletcher is distinguished professor emeritus of English and comparative literature at the Graduate School of the City University of New York. His most recent books are Time, Space, and Motion in the Age of Shakespeare and A New Theory for American Poetry.

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The Life and Afterlife of Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Samuel Heilman & Menachem Friedman

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 “[A] groundbreaking study.”

—Keith Kahn-Harris, Times Literary Supplement

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—Publishers Weekly

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LITERATURE
Depicting the lives of the saints in an array of factual and fictional stories, *The Golden Legend* was perhaps the most widely read book, after the Bible, during the late Middle Ages. It was compiled around 1260 by Jacobus de Voragine, a scholarly friar and later archbishop of Genoa, whose purpose was to captivate, encourage, and edify the faithful, while preserving a vast store of information pertaining to the legends and traditions of the church. In this translation, the first in English of the complete text, William Granger Ryan captures the immediacy of this rich work, which offers an important guide for readers interested in medieval art and literature and, more generally, in popular religious culture.

Arranged according to the order of saints’ feast days, these fascinating stories are now combined into one volume. This edition also features an introduction by Eamon Duffy contextualizing the work.

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“[The Golden Legend] came to serve as the literary equivalent of wall-paintings and stained glass.... For the translation of the work in its entirety into English we have had to wait 700 years for the energy and learning of a distinguished American academic, William Granger Ryan.”
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“[Banks displays] a playful imagination and love of the fantastic that one would not ordinarily associate with a mathematical engineer. . . . Banks’s style is entertaining.”
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“Banks turns trivial questions into mind-expanding demonstrations of the magical powers of mathematics.”
—Booklist

Robert B. Banks (1922–2002) was the author of Towing Icebergs, Falling Dominoes, and Other Adventures in Applied Mathematics (Princeton). He was professor of engineering at Northwestern University and dean of engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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John J. Watkins is professor emeritus of mathematics at Colorado College. An award-winning teacher, he is the author of Topics in Commutative Ring Theory (Princeton) and coauthor of Graphs: An Introductory Approach.
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"[A] fascinating history of the mathematics of pursuit, in which [Nahin] guides us masterfully through the maths itself."
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"Nahin’s book is an entertaining, thought-provoking collection... These puzzles invite the reader to think intuitively, mathematically, and creatively."
—Mathematics Teacher

Paul J. Nahin is the best-selling author of many popular math books, including Mrs. Perkins’s Electric Quilt, Digital Dice, Dr. Euler’s Fabulous Formula, When Least Is Best, and An Imaginary Tale (all Princeton). He is professor emeritus of electrical engineering at the University of New Hampshire.
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—Nigel Steele, London Mathematical Society Newsletter

*Mark Levi* is professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State University and the author of *Why Cats Land on Their Feet* (see page 17).

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“The author has achieved a remarkable feat, introducing a naïve reader to a rich history without compromising the insights and without leaving out a delicious detail.”
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—Jeanine Daems, Mathematical Intelligencer

*David S. Richeson* is associate professor of mathematics at Dickinson College.
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—Ken Berger, CBSSports.com

**Wayne L. Winston** is the John and Esther Reese Professor of Decision Sciences at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business. He has been a consultant to major corporate and sports organizations, including USA Diving and the Dallas Mavericks.

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Many companies go to great lengths to lure star employees away from competitors in the belief that talented performers who change firms will bring their success with them. But in *Chasing Stars*, Boris Groysberg reveals what a disastrous assumption this can be. After examining the careers of more than a thousand star analysts at Wall Street investment banks, he comes to a striking conclusion: star analysts who switch firms suffer an immediate and lasting decline in performance. The book also examines how its findings apply to many other occupations, from general managers to football players. Offering profound insights into the fundamental nature of outstanding performance, *Chasing Stars* also provides practical guidance.

—Sally Helgesen, Strategy + Business

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The Invention of Enterprise
Entrepreneurship from Ancient Mesopotamia to Modern Times

Edited by David S. Landes, Joel Mokyr & William J. Baumol

The Invention of Enterprise is the first comprehensive history of entrepreneurship from antiquity to the present. Written by a group of leading economic historians, the book examines the changing role of the entrepreneur across the millennia and around the globe. It provides a sweeping history of enterprise in Mesopotamia and Neo-Babylon; offers insights into the entrepreneurial history of China, Japan, Colonial India, and the Islamic Middle East; and describes the crucial role of the entrepreneur in innovative activity in Europe and the United States, from the medieval period to today.

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Why Public Efforts to Boost Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Have Failed—and What to Do about It

Josh Lerner

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Zombie Economics
How Dead Ideas Still Walk among Us

John Quiggin
WITH A NEW CHAPTER BY THE AUTHOR

In the graveyard of economic ideology, dead ideas still stalk the land.

The recent financial crisis laid bare many of the assumptions behind market liberalism—the theory that market-based solutions are always best, regardless of the problem. For decades, their advocates dominated mainstream economics, and their influence created a system where an unthinking faith in markets led many to view speculative investments as safe. The crisis seemed to have killed off these ideas, but they still live on in the minds of many. In Zombie Economics, John Quiggin explains how these dead ideas still walk among us—and why we must find a way to kill them once and for all if we are to avoid an even bigger financial crisis in the future.

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“Thagard lays out detailed arguments that reality is knowable through science, that minds are nothing other than material brains and that there are no ultimate rights and wrongs handed down by a supernatural being.”
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Paul Thagard is professor of philosophy and director of the cognitive science program at the University of Waterloo, Canada. His books include Hot Thought: Mechanisms and Applications of Emotional Cognition and How Scientists Explain Disease.

WHY EVERYONE (ELSE) IS A HYPOCRITE

Evolution and the Modular Mind

ROBERT KURZBAN

We’re all hypocrites. Why? Hypocrisy is the natural state of the human mind.

The key to understanding our behavioral inconsistencies lies in understanding the design of the mind, which consists of many specialized units evolved by the process of natural selection. While these modules sometimes work together seamlessly, they don’t always. Modularity suggests that there is no “I.” Instead, each of us is a contentious “we”—a collection of discrete but interacting systems whose constant conflicts shape our interactions with one another and our experience of the world.

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—Nature

Robert Kurzban is associate professor of psychology and founder of the Pennsylvania Laboratory for Experimental Evolutionary Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania.
**Birdscapes**

*Birds in Our Imagination and Experience*

**Jeremy Mynott**

*Birdscapes* is a unique meditation on the variety of human responses to birds, from antiquity to today, and from casual observers to the globe-trotting “twitchers” who sometimes risk life, limb, and marriages simply to add new species to their “life lists.” Drawing extensively on literature, history, philosophy, and science, Jeremy Mynott puts his own experiences as a birdwatcher in a rich cultural context. His sources range from the familiar—Thoreau, Keats, Darwin, and Audubon—to the unexpected—Benjamin Franklin, Giacomo Puccini, Oscar Wilde, and Monty Python. Just as unusual are the extensive illustrations, which explore our perceptions and representations of birds through images such as national emblems, women’s hats, and professional sports logos, as well as classics of bird art. Conversational, playful, and witty, *Birdscapes* gently leads us to reflect on large questions about our relation to birds and the natural world.

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Maurizio Viroli
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To many readers of The Prince, Machiavelli appears to be deeply un-Christian or even anti-Christian, a cynic who thinks rulers should use religion only to keep their subjects in check. But in Machiaielli’s God, Maurizio Viroli, one of the world’s leading authorities on Machiavelli, argues that Machiavelli, far from opposing Christianity, thought it was crucial to republican social and political renewal—but that first it needed to be renewed itself. Viroli places Machiavelli in the context of Florence’s republican Christianity, which was founded on the idea that the true Christian is a citizen who serves the common good. Building on this tradition, Machiavelli advocated a religion of virtue, and he believed that, without this faith, free republics could not survive.

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A Political Philosophy in Public Life

Civic Republicanism in Zapatero’s Spain

José Luis Martí & Philip Pettit

This book examines an unlikely development in modern political philosophy: the adoption by a major national government of the ideas of a living political theorist. In 2000, Spain’s new opposition leader, José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, pledged that if his socialist party won power he would govern in accordance with the principles laid out in Philip Pettit’s Republicanism. Pettit returned to Spain in 2007 to give Zapatero’s government a qualified thumbs-up for promoting republican ideals. In this book, Pettit and José Luis Martí provide the background to these events, explain the principles of civic republicanism, present Pettit’s report, and include an interview with Zapatero himself.

“[C]ompelling evidence that contemporary political philosophy is as capable of inspiring those who are active in the public square as it is of those gathered around seminar tables.”
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Meaning in Life and Why It Matters

Susan Wolf
Introduction by Stephen Macedo
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Most people, including philosophers, tend to classify human motives as falling into one of two categories: the egoistic or the altruistic, the self-interested or the moral. According to Susan Wolf, however, much of what motivates us does not comfortably fit into this scheme. Often we act neither for our own sake nor out of duty or an impersonal concern for the world. Rather, we act out of love for objects that we rightly perceive as worthy of love—and it is these actions that give meaning to our lives. Wolf makes a compelling case that, along with happiness and morality, this kind of meaningfulness constitutes a distinctive dimension of a good life.

“Susan Wolf is one of the clearest, most thoughtful, and most incisively elegant writers in contemporary ethics.”
—John Martin Fischer, University of California, Riverside

“This book is absorbing and a pleasure to read.”
—Kieran Setiya, University of Pittsburgh

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Thinking of Others
On the Talent for Metaphor

Ted Cohen

In Thinking of Others, Ted Cohen argues that the ability to imagine oneself as another person is an indispensable human capacity and that this talent for identification is the same as the talent for metaphor. To see oneself as someone else, whether a real person or a fictional character, is to exercise the ability to deal with metaphor and other figurative language. The underlying faculty, Cohen contends, is the same—simply the ability to think of one thing as another when it plainly is not. Using many literary examples, Cohen makes the case that we can engage with fictional characters just as intensely as we do with real people, and he looks at some of the ways literature itself takes up the question of interpersonal identification and understanding.

“[T]remendous.”

“This is really philosophy at its best: clearly written and free from jargon, sophisticated yet unpretentious, and highly engaging.”
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Marisa A. Abrajano & R. Michael Alvarez

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“This book successfully gives voice to the new Hispanic voter and clearly illustrates the importance of a diverse and growing population.”
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“New Faces, New Voices offers a great deal of analysis in a relatively small package.”
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The Ethics of Voting

With a New Afterword by the Author

Jason Brennan

This provocative book challenges our fundamental assumptions about voting, revealing why it is not a duty for most citizens to vote and why, in fact, many people owe it to the rest of us not to vote. Bad choices at the polls can result in unjust laws, needless wars, and calamitous economic policies. Jason Brennan shows why voters are obligated to make informed decisions in the voting booth, to base their votes on sound evidence about what will create the best possible policies, and to promote the common good rather than their own self-interest. In a new afterword, “How to Vote Well,” Brennan provides a practical guidebook for making well-informed, well-reasoned choices at the polls.

“[Brennan’s] argument lodges a serious objection to research in political science and behavioral economics suggesting that even lazy voters can use shortcuts to vote well.”
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In this lucid and lively book, Heather Gerken diagnoses what is wrong with our elections and proposes a radically new and simple solution: a Democracy Index that would rate the performance of state and local election systems. The Index would focus on problems that matter to all voters and it should work for a simple reason: no one wants to be at the bottom of the list. The Democracy Index provides a blueprint for quantifying election performance and reform results, a plan that would replace anecdotes and rhetoric with hard data and verifiable outcomes.

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