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**Humanity faces grave dangers that can be avoided only by international cooperation**

The world does not need a world government to govern itself. Roberto Mangabeira Unger argues that there is an alternative: to build cooperation among countries to advance their shared interests. We urgently need to avert war between the United States and China, catastrophic climate change, and other global public harms. We must do so, however, in a world in which sovereign states remain in command.

The opportunity for self-interested cooperation among nations is immense. Unger shows how different types of coalitions among states can seize on this opportunity and avoid the greatest dangers that we face. Unger offers a way of thinking about international relations as well as a transformative program: a realism with hope and a way to develop the international diversity that we want without the international anarchy that we fear. His ideas challenge the disillusionment and fatalism that threaten to overwhelm us.

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### About the Author

**Roberto Mangabeira Unger** is one of the leading philosophers and political thinkers in the world today. Verso has published much of his writing. *The Knowledge Economy* applies to the analysis of our economic present and future a way of thinking prefigured in his earlier book, *Free Trade Reimagined: The World Division of Labor and the Method of Economics*, as well as in his central work in social theory, *False Necessity*.

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