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Vladimir Putin’s Russia has completed the first successful land grab in Europe since the close of World War II. China has built illegal artificial islands throughout the South China Sea. Meanwhile, Donald Trump has called into question continuing U.S. commitment to the WTO, NATO, NAFTA, and the United Nations. The modern legal order is arguably at greater risk today than ever before. After WWII, “The Internationalists” shaped a new legal order maintaining that war was a barbaric way to resolve disputes. The modern rules and organizations they created would make possible the most peaceful seven decades since the state system first emerged. As the world stands on the brink of rejecting this international legal order, this is a moment to understand what is at stake.

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