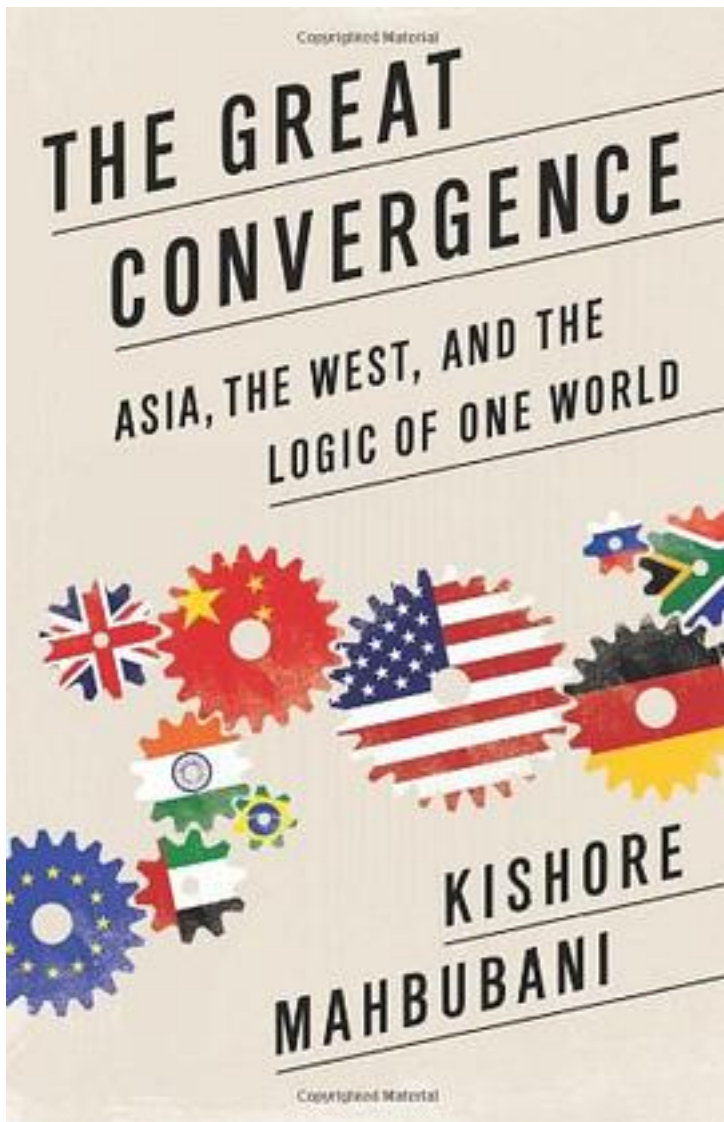


# The Great Convergence



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Since the 1990s, the world's economies have become ever more globalized and interdependent, but political power has not readjusted. Mahbubani shows why power must shift, reflecting the new global realities, to avoid disunity and conflict in our future. Globalization began in earnest in the 1990s with the end of the Cold War. It accelerated dramatically when China joined the World Trade Organization in 2001. By the time of the financial crisis of 2010 the world looked for financial stability not to the US or Europe but to China, which by then owned most of those countries' debt. It has been a remarkable, and remarkably quick transformation. But global politics has not followed global economics. Global political structures seem to belong to the 1950s, an era in which Western dominance was presumed and Asia almost entirely absent. The US and Europe have a majority of votes at the International Monetary Fund, which is how a disgraced French president of the fund was succeeded not by a Mexican or Indonesian, but by a compatriot Frenchwoman. The President of the World Bank is traditionally an American. Why? In G8, and even G20 meetings, the West usually has a majority of voting members. Why? Mahbubani shows that in global institution after global institution power is skewed in favor of the West, and argues that it is no longer just or sustainable. Moreover, he sees the main risks to the globe in the twenty-first century in the unresolved contradictions between the need for a one-world view and the ever more local, and locally shrill politics of national self-interest. There are the grounds for disunity, incomprehension and even disaster.

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有自己的见解，但太多引用！

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看来，Mahbubani预言or希望离现在现实偏差很大。

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## 书评

Mahbubani是李光耀公共政策学院的院长，在盛名之下，难免让人对此书有所期待。可惜与详尽论述的学术著作相比，本书更像是一本充满激情的政治呐喊宣言。全书结构基本是当今世界越来越趋同——但还有一些政治上的阻碍——地缘政治阻止不了我们的步伐——需要对国际机构做出改革...

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