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#### What Has Happened to the Western World?

In the past two years, the US and the European nations have been plagued with puzzling political, societal, economic and security issues including the Trump ascendancy, Brexit, terrorist attacks as well as upsurges of nationalism and anti-elitism. One cannot help wondering: what has happened to the Western world? Our Journal is honored to invite several scholars to offer pointed commentary and in-depth analysis of these issues.

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The basis of the US democracy exporting policy, Democratic Peace is an international relations theory that began only in the 1980s. This relatively new branch of international theory should be seriously critiqued because aggressive US democracy export practice in recent years targets other countries' political structures. Analysis of Democratic Peace theory and US democracy exporting policy conflicts with Marxist principles and disregards the rules of social development.

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Struggling against economic and security woes, France is experiencing weakness as it prepares for elections in April 2017. Amid public anxiety and despite measures by the Socialist government, reform remains difficult and ineffective. A rigid labor force, high social costs propped up by high taxes, and other structural shackles have prevented Hollande and his predecessors in office from balancing the government budget over the last decade.

**Difficulties and Prospects of Serbian Transition** *Chen Yang, Wu Nan and Li Jun* 62

With the need to rebuild infrastructure and its political system, Serbia has to complete two transitions, achieving progress domestically and gaining recognition from the European Union. Even though the long and winding road of transition may have looked like a dead end, the problems could more accurately be described as deadlock, and post-transition Serbia could have a relatively bright future.

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**“Make-in-India” Strategy and the Prospect of India’s Economy** *Li Li* 77

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**RMB Internationalization in Europe** *Liu Mingli* 91

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**How to Tell Chinese Stories Effectively in Cross-Culture Communication** *Ye Zhimei* 128

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