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February 26th: “Is American Global Leadership Waning?”

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Since World War II, the U.S. built and maintained an international order on the foundation of superior military and economic power, ensuring the country a leadership role in world affairs. Now, it seems, that leadership is coming to an end—or at least changing significantly. Why is the global order changing and what does that mean for American leadership? If the U.S. doesn't lead, who will?

Dr. Acharya is author of *Whose Ideas Matter?* (Cornell 2009), *The Making of Southeast Asia* (Cornell 2013), *Rethinking Power, Institutions and Ideas in World Politics* (Routledge 2013) and *The End of American World Order* (Polity 2014, Oxford 2015).

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