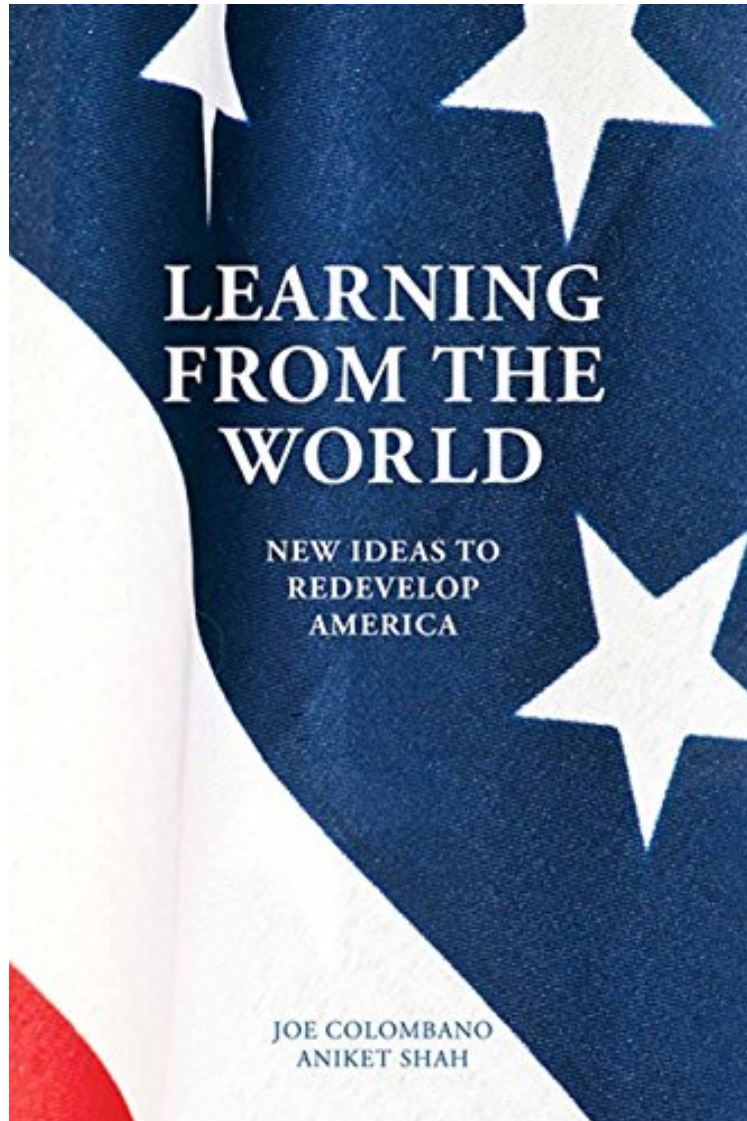


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By Mikkel Krenchel  
This is a wonderful volume and important reading for anyone interested in policy or curious about new ideas. It is rare that Americans look beyond their own borders for solutions. Yet this book proves that looking at the policies and practices of other nations is a treasure trove of inspiration for how to address the most pressing problems America faces at home. Editors Shah and Colombano have assembled an amazingly diverse and thought provoking collection of essays

and policy papers. The contributors come from a large variety of fields and national backgrounds and their ideas and case examples provide rich lessons on varied topics such as how to fuel job growth, ensure fiscal stability, bring city and transportation infrastructure into the 21st century, or ensure that government stays attuned to the needs of its constituents. All the contributions make for thought provoking reading and a few should be considered must-reads for anyone interested in American or international policy. In particular, the final essay by the editors on 'The America We Want' neatly summarises many of the key take-aways of the volume, and provides a much needed injection of optimism into the American public policy debate. What I love about this book, is that it doesn't just wallow in the challenges we face as a society. Rather, it is jam-packed with inspiring solutions from all over the world. By showing the wealth of different ways other countries have overcome challenges similar to those faced by America, it becomes thoroughly uplifting to read. Particularly in the context of a polarized American political debate, that increasingly seems stuck in a world where only two options are available. This book should be on the reading list of any serious student of American or International Politics, or anyone else who is looking for innovative solutions to move society forward.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must-read for anyone seriously interested in the future of America.

By William Brien

If you consider yourself an informed member of the American public then you need to read this book. At a time when new, creative solutions to America's political, economic, and social struggles are scarce, this book is a key step in beginning to understand how the U.S. can and must reassess its future course. Ripe with diverse success stories from hands-on reformers across the globe, this volume paints a unique portrait of how the United States, in seeking to remain competitive in a rapidly evolving world, can draw on the experiences of other nations. Most Americans continue to cling to the notion that the United States is the greatest nation on Earth. Standing behind this belief lies a sentiment that there is little for America and its citizenry to learn from the rest of the world. However, in this tour de force, co-editors Aniket Shah and Joe Colombano tackle this trite view head-on. Rather than merely provide a cursory overview of America's structural problems and potential solutions to such, this volume dives head-first into the messy, complicated challenges that we are facing today. While getting your head around these issues may at first be a dizzying endeavor, this book, through its injection of optimism and bold insight, will help you understand how the U.S. can continue to succeed in the coming decades, if it is willing to learn from its counterparts throughout the world. It was truly refreshing and thought-provoking, to read a book that addresses the issues facing America with the depth and robustness that these challenges deserve, and indeed, require.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Essays for the Engaged Citizen

By Rebecca V Charney

Learning from the World is a collection of insightful essays and case studies to help guide effective policy in America by drawing upon the tangible lessons of others. We can all benefit from this approach to thinking; on a global scale to in our personal lives. This set of essays is perfect for the global thinker, engaged citizen, and will help prepare students to partake in our complex, multifaceted world.

In this far-ranging and provocative volume, Joe Colombano and Aniket Shah provide global perspectives on the most significant challenges facing modern America, seeking to inspire new ideas to redevelop America.

"At a time when political systems everywhere, not least in the United States, seem to be running out of solutions for many complex problems faced by societies, it is refreshing to read this book where a valuable inventory of experiences and proposals are provided in prose that, without sacrificing intellectual rigor, can be enjoyed by both the specialist and the general public." Ernesto Zedillo, Director, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, USA and former President of Mexico "This book is a tour de force of ideas for global reinvention. The authors draw on the vast experience of hands-on reformers from around the world and present readers with a dazzling array of options for making real change." Howard Dean, former Governor of Vermont and former Chairman of the Democratic National Committee "This important book recognizes that the US is experiencing accelerating relative economic, political and military decline. Rather than appealing to vacuous American exceptionalism, it offers a workable alternative based both on America's strengths and on the best the rest of the world has to offer. Pondering the many constructive and politically feasible proposals for collective action in this volume, I experienced a sense of optimism and confidence that this nation can once again become a 'beacon on a hill' for the world. Not in the triumphalist sense, but as a shining example born out of failure, trial and error and the willingness to be open to the best the rest of the world has to offer a melting pot that enhances what it absorbs, with both pride and humility." Willem Buiters, Chief Economist of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (2000-2005), Member of the Monetary Policy Committee, Bank of England (1997-2000) "Learning from the World highlights an under-recognised opportunity for American policymakers to draw insight from other countries that are facing, or have faced, similar challenges. Through a varied and thought-provoking set of essays and case studies, editors Aniket Shah and Joe Colombano draw out a number of very actionable lessons for the United States from both developed and developing countries around the world." Dominic Barton, Global Managing Director at McKinsey Company "America is more used to being judged by its own standards than clinically compared to other countries and their standards of competitive excellence. The results are revealing." Mark Malloch Brown, Regional Chairman, FTI Consulting, UK, and former Deputy Secretary-General of

the United Nations "The volume Learning from the World is an exceptional collection of essays that provides insightful solutions to the problems facing America. But it is not only America that can benefit from the experiences culled from a diverse group of countries across the globe. I highly recommend this volume to anyone desiring to secure sustainable growth and development for their countries and for the entire world." Changyong Rhee, Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank "The global economy has become more complex than ever before, with more countries facing the central question of how to remain competitive in a converging world. New perspectives are needed to deal with these challenges. Nowhere is this more relevant than the United States. This is a bold, refreshing and creative volume that will help policy-makers and student be better equipped for the 21st century." Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development, Harvard University, USA About the Author Jesper Berg, Nykredit, Denmark Seacute;rgio Besserman Vianna, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Tomris Cesuroglu, Maastricht University, Netherlands Joe Colombano (Editor), United Nations Kevin Currey, anthropologist and independent researcher Bill Drayton, social entrepreneur Jeffrey Frankel, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, USA Thomas Held, consultant, project manager, and regular columnist and keynote speaker in Zurich, Switzerland Felix Huuml;fner, OECD Economics Department Simon Ingold, Nomura International Plc, Zurich, Switzerland Sudarshan Iyengar, Gujarat Vidyapith Steve Killelea, Institute for Economics and Peace Abraham Kim, Korea Economic Institute (KEI) Caroline Klein, OECD Economics Department Kristiina Kumpulainen, Finnish National Board of Education (FNBE) Timo Lankinen, Office of the Prime Minister of Finland Christian Madsbjerg, New York office of ReD Associates Felix Martin, Institute for New Economic Thinking Zachary Michaelson, New York University, USA Nashid Nabian, Arsh Design Studio Morten Baekmand Nielsen, Nykredit, Denmark Mila Rosenthal, human rights advocate Jeffrey Sachs, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA B. Serdar Sava?, Public Health Genomics and Personalized Medicine Society in Turkey Aniket Shah (Editor), Investec Asset Management Camilla Schippa, United Nations Office for Partnerships Prabhjot Singh, Columbia University, USA Robert Skidelsky, Warwick University, UK Whitney Haring-Smith, The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Emma Torres, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Karma Ura, Centre for Bhutanese Studies (CBS), Bhutan Andreas Wouml;rgouml;tter, Economics Department of OECD Ning Zhu, Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance, China