

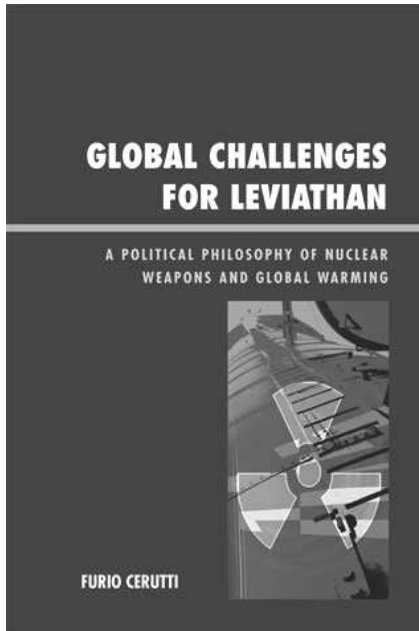
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## Global Challenges for Leviathan

A Political Philosophy of Nuclear Weapons and Global Warming

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future generations, but also the very feeling that our life has little meaning if we or our posterity are confronted with man-made annihilation requires us to deal with these two global challenges.

Neither the political realism that relies on deterrence and market fundamentalism, nor the utopian salvation entrusted to world government provide an adequate response to global challenges. The question that confronts us is whether politics and democracy will be able to put these challenges on their agenda. Cerutti shows how political philosophy can highlight problems and prevent illusions, and teach us to live in an uncertain world.

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