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LITERATURES PRESENT:**

**"EMPIRES OF IDEAS: CREATING THE
MODERN UNIVERSITY FROM GERMANY
TO AMERICA TO CHINA"**

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America's preeminence in higher education is relatively new, and there is no reason to assume that U.S. schools will continue to lead the world a century from now. Will China challenge its position in the twenty-first? The modern university was born in Germany. In the twentieth century, the United States leapfrogged Germany to become the global leader in higher education. Today, American institutions dominate nearly every major ranking of global universities. However, America's supremacy in higher education is under great stress, particularly at its public universities. At the same time, Chinese universities are on the ascent. Thirty years ago, Chinese institutions were reopening after the catastrophe of the Cultural Revolution; today they are some of the most innovative educational centers in the world. Will China threaten American primacy?



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