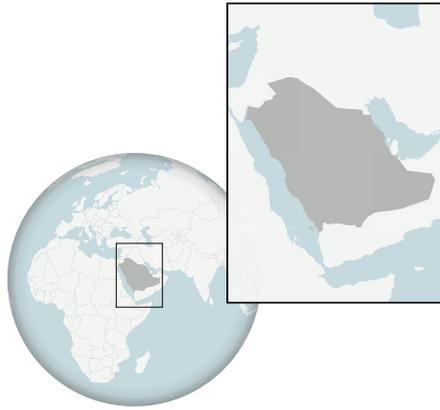


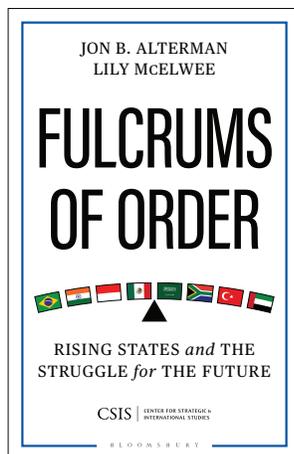
# Saudi Arabia's Strategic Vision



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## OVERVIEW

Saudi Arabia is pursuing ambitious economic diversification and increasingly multipolar diplomacy to elevate its global influence.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Saudi Arabia has relied principally on U.S. ties since formation of the state a century ago.
- Country historically has had a conservative regional orientation.

## DOMESTIC CONTEXT

- Vision 2030 has built legitimacy through public enthusiasm, reinforcing regime stability.
- More centralized authority speeds modernization but constrains public participation.

## ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

- Vision 2030 is a broad effort at economic diversification away from reliance on oil exports.
- The government is seeking to be a sophisticated global investor, although investors remain more interested in accessing Saudi capital than investing in the country.

## GREAT POWER NAVIGATION

- China is Saudi Arabia's largest trading partner, with growing economic ties in energy, investment, and technology.
- Saudi coordination with Russia through OPEC+ enhances energy-market leverage.
- The United States remains the country's principal security guarantor, but Riyadh seeks to demonstrate it retains other options.

## GLOBAL AMBITIONS

- Saudi Arabia is increasingly comfortable acting on the world stage, building on its status as a G20 economy with centralized decisionmaking and a leadership that is eager for change.
- High-profile global events help to serve its reputational and strategic aims.