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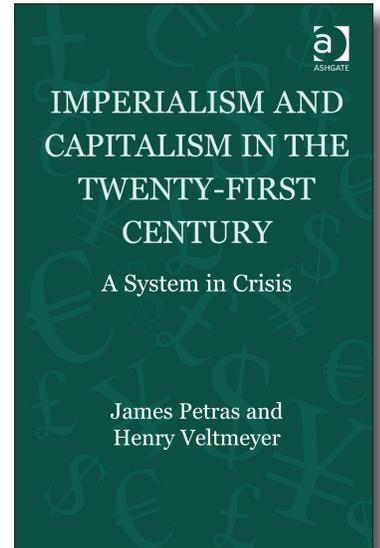


Imperialism and Capitalism in the Twenty-First Century

A System in Crisis

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