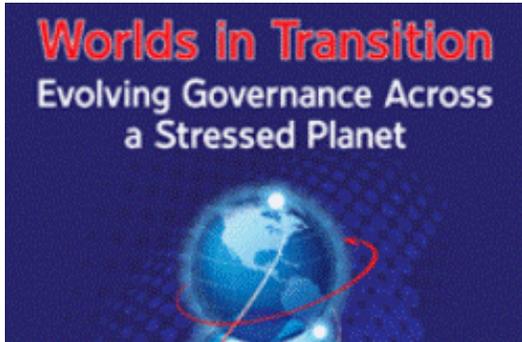


## The challenge for global government

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'An extraordinary book – the most comprehensive and profound assessment of the overall challenge of global governance yet available.'



This description of 'Worlds in Transition' by two Melbourne authors, Joseph Camilleri and Jim Falk, comes from leading Princeton University International Law expert, Emeritus Professor Richard Falk. (No relation.)

The book considers 'the nature and limits of human adaptive capacities strained to breaking point by the interplay of climate change, globalization, and a fragmented world order,' he says.

Praised by another reviewer for its 'insights into the perils of our era' (it) 'issues a clarion call for a system of multi-tiered governance to address them.'

'Worlds in Transition: Evolving Governance across a Stressed Planet' will be launched in Melbourne by former High Court Justice Michael Kirby and University of Melbourne historian Professor Stuart Macintyre.

The launch will be on Tuesday, 13 April, 6 pm, Yasuko Hiraoko Myer Room, Asia Centre Level 1, Corner Swanston Street & Monash Road, The University of Melbourne.

Professor Camilleri, from La Trobe University, and Professor Falk, University of Melbourne, argue that humanity has evolved through a series of major epochs separated by periods of upheaval.

They say we are now facing another such point of transition. Concepts of boundaries – either between states or between government, market, and civil society – are no longer useful because of the interconnected way the modern world operates across them.

The 'Modern period', as we have known it, is rapidly coming to an end. The capacity of Modern institutions – developed in 17th and 18th century Europe – to respond to contemporary challenges has been in steady decline.

Copenhagen and the fate of the Rudd Government's ETS scheme are merely portends of things to come, the authors say.

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