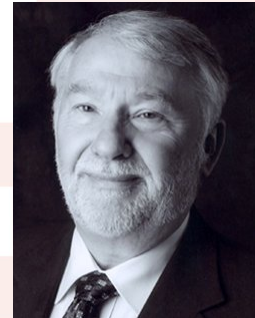


# THE BIG QUESTION OF OUR TIME

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## Abstract

In the coming decades human society globally will be confronted by a series of major crises, certain to affect the security of individuals and groups at every level. Professor Booth will argue that global business-as-usual must be replaced by a different collective consciousness about how we might live globally if human society is to rise successfully to the challenges we face in what he calls humanity's 'Great Reckoning'. The 'global realities' we face are the result of the interplay through history of dominant ideas about international politics, economics, society etc. Professor Booth argues that as ideas got us into the coming world-historical crisis, only better (more rational, more progressive, more inclusive) ideas will get us out of it.

Professor Ken Booth is Senior Research Associate in the Department of International Politics of Aberystwyth University in Wales. His principal scholarly field is the strategic aspects of International Relations. He has published twenty-five books in this field as well as on general international relations theory and on human rights. Many of his recent works combine these interests, and the originality and innovation of his work have been instrumental in establishing the new field of critical security studies.



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