

CONTENTS

<i>Acknowledgements</i>	x
<i>Abbreviations</i>	xiv
<i>Maps</i>	xvi
INTRODUCTION	1
PART I Inevitable Descent into the Abyss? The Wider Pre-History of the Great War The Involution of International Politics at the Dawn of the Long Twentieth Century	41
1. Peace Through Equilibrium. The Nineteenth Century's Vienna System – and Its Disintegration	45
2. Transformation and Corrosion. The Turn towards Power Politics and Global Imperialist Competition in the Formative Decades of the Long Twentieth Century	64
3. The “Ascent” of an Exceptionalist World Power The American Special Path and Ephemeral Aspirations for an Atlantic Order of Empires	90
4. Counterforces – and First Visions of a Novel Transatlantic Peace Internationalist Aspirations to Overcome Imperialist Power Politics before the Great War	112
5. The Unavoidable War? Long and Short Roads to the Catastrophe of 1914	138
PART II The Greatest War – and No Peace without Victory The Impact of the First World War, Competing Visions of Peace and the Struggle over the Shape of a New – Atlantic – World Order	169

6.	Tectonic Changes. The Global Consequences of the War and the Transformation of the Transatlantic Constellation	171
7.	The Political and Ideological “War within the War” The Transatlantic Competition Over the Shape of the Postwar Order	189
8.	No “Peace without Victory” – And the Making of the Frail Atlantic Armistice of 1918	267
9.	No Prospects for a Lasting Peace? The Urgent and the Systemic Challenges of Peacemaking and the Need for a New Atlantic Order	299
PART III	Reorientations and Incipient Learning Processes The Dominant – Atlantic – Approaches to Peace and Order after the Great War	349
10.	Towards a Progressive Atlantic Peace of the Victors The Reorientation of American Approaches to Peace and International Order	351
11.	The Search for a New Equilibrium – and an Atlantic Concert The Reorientation of British Approaches to Peace and International Order	425
12.	The Search for Security and an Atlantic Alliance of the Victors The Reorientation of French Approaches to Peace and International Order	479
13.	A New Beginning? German Pursuits of a Wilsonian “Peace of Justice” and First Steps towards an Atlanticist Foreign Policy	534
PART IV	No <i>Pax Atlantica</i> . The First Attempt to Found a Modern Atlantic Order – and Its Frustration	571
14.	An Impossible Peace? The Incomplete Transatlantic and Global Peacemaking Process of 1919	573
15.	Novel Superstructure of a New Atlantic Order? The Struggle to Found the League of Nations and the Limitations of the Covenant of 1919	596
16.	No Just Peace without Security. The Pivotal German Settlement and the Struggle to Found a New Atlantic Security System	650

17.	The Eastern Frontiers – and Limits – of the New Order Self-Determination, the Critical Polish-German Question and the Wider Challenges of “Reorganising” Eastern Europe	717
18.	A Formative Threat? The Western Powers and the Bolshevik Challenge	765
19.	The Political and Moral Stakes of Reparations – And Limited Advances towards a New Atlantic Economic Order	788
20.	The Imposed Peace. The Missed Opportunity of a Negotiated Settlement with Weimar Germany?	809
21.	The Truncated Atlantic Peace Order of 1919. A Re-appraisal	878
EPILOGUE The Political Consequences of the Peace The Aftermath of Versailles and the Making of the Unfinished Atlantic Peace of the 1920s		
22.	Peace Undermined. The Divergent Outlooks of the Victors, the Consequences of Wilson’s Defeat and the Escalation of Europe’s Postwar Crisis	903
23.	Towards a New Order. Constructive Learning Processes and the Construction of an Atlantic Peace beyond Versailles	933
24.	The Remarkable Consolidation of the Nascent <i>Pax Atlantica</i> of the 1920s – And Its Dissolution under the Impact of the World Economic Crisis	961
	Final Perspectives – The <i>Cadmeian Peace</i> . The Eventual Creation of the Long Twentieth Century’s Atlantic Order after 1945 and the Crucial Lessons of the Era of the First World War	999
	<i>Bibliography</i>	1006
	<i>Index</i>	1071