

GSP Readers Group: *Prisoners of Geography* by Tim Marshall

Friday, February 14 from 9:30-11:00 am in the Bloom Room

Maps have a mysterious hold over us. Whether ancient, crumbling parchments or generated by Google, maps tell us things we want to know, not only about our current location or where we are going but about the world in general. And yet, when it comes to geo-politics, much of what we are told is generated by analysts and other experts who have neglected to refer to a map of the place in question. In this *New York Times* bestseller, author Tim Marshall, an award-winning journalist, uses ten maps of crucial regions to explain the geo-political strategies of the world powers. Marshall examines Russia, China, the US, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Japan, Korea, and Greenland and the Arctic—their weather, seas, mountains, rivers, deserts, and borders—to provide a context often missing from our political reportage: how the physical characteristics of these countries affect their strengths and vulnerabilities and the decisions made by their leaders. “In an ever more complex, chaotic, and interlinked world, *Prisoners of Geography* is a concise and useful primer on geopolitics” (*Newsweek*) and a critical guide to one of the major determining factors in world affairs.

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