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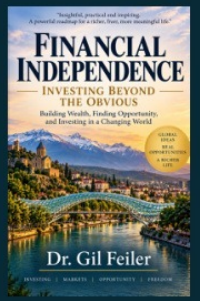

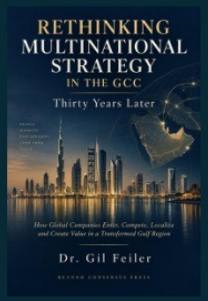

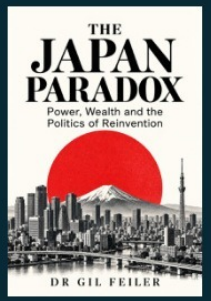

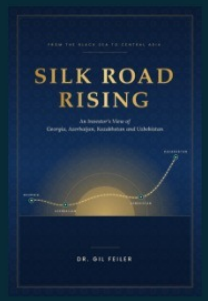



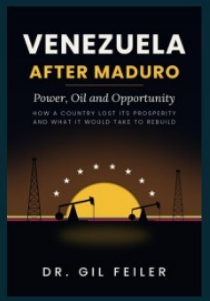

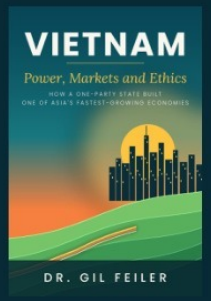

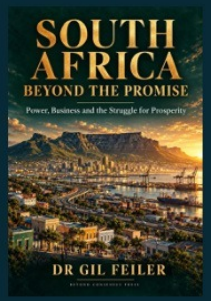

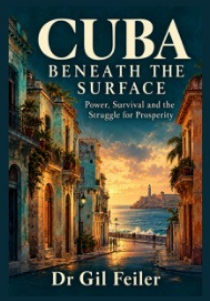

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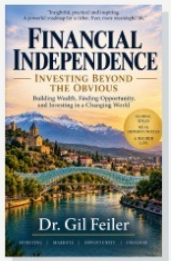

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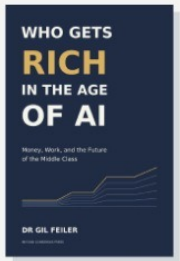

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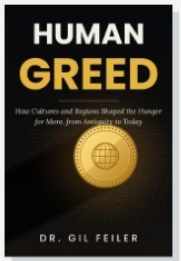

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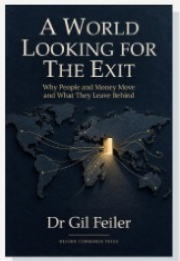

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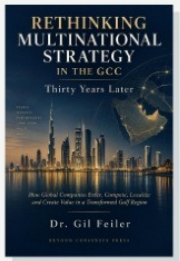

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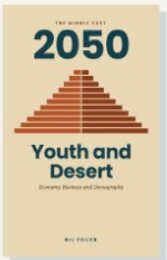

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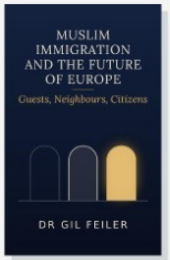

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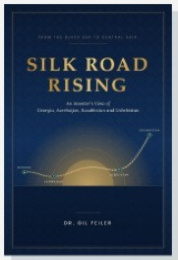

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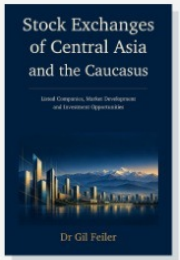

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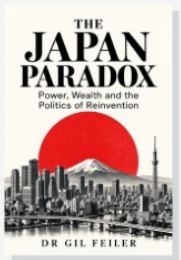

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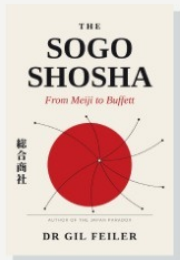

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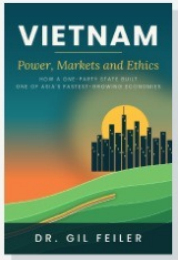

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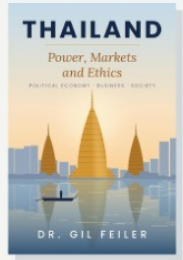

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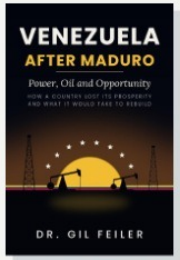

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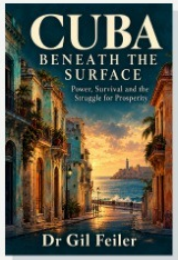

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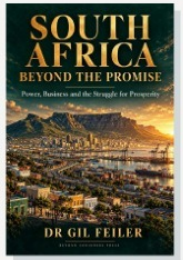

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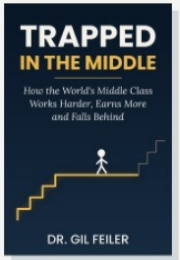

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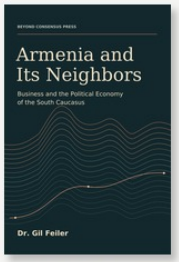

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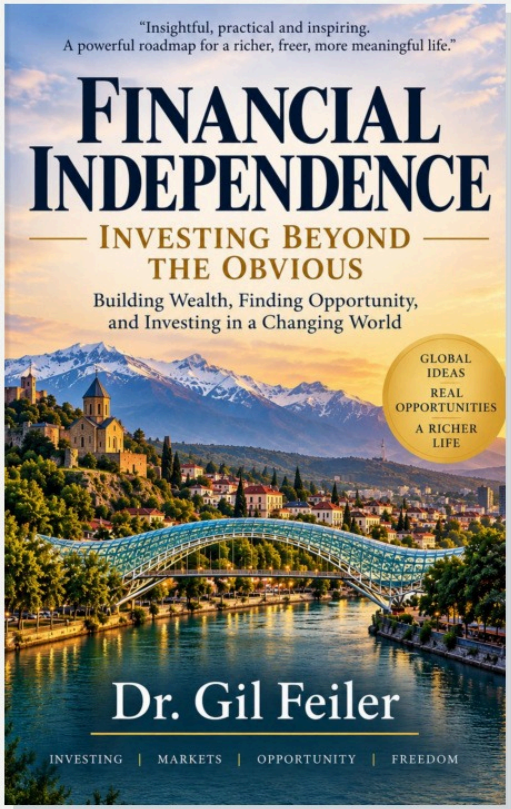

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FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Investing Beyond the Obvious

A practical guide to building wealth and thinking independently about markets, drawn from decades in banking, investment management and public-company boards. It moves from the psychology of money, saving and compounding to a disciplined framework for valuing businesses, building portfolios and knowing when to sell, and shows how the same standards apply from the United States and Europe to less-followed markets such as Georgia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

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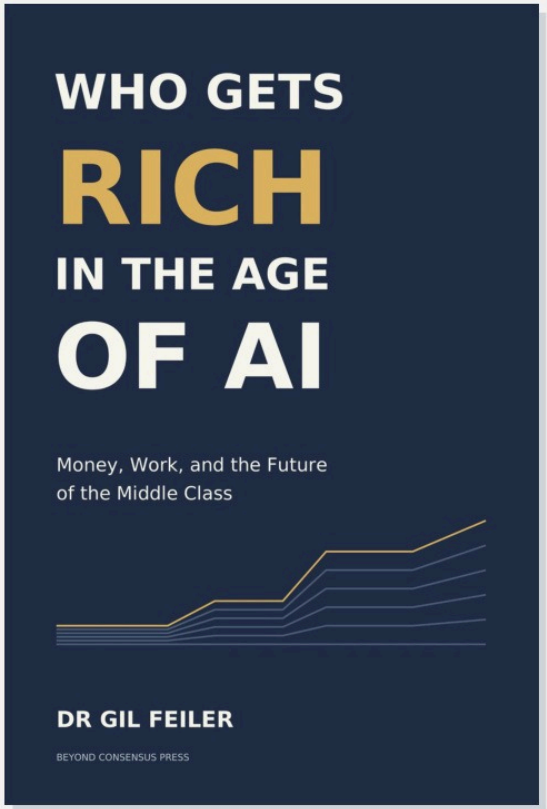

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WHO GETS RICH IN THE AGE OF AI

Money, Work, and the Future of the Middle Class

Artificial intelligence can make work faster. Whether it makes life better depends on who captures the gain. Following the money from the workplace to the household, with examples from five continents, the book examines the changing price of expertise, entry-level work, education, small firms, infrastructure ownership and family financial security, and asks one question: when a task becomes cheaper, who becomes better off?

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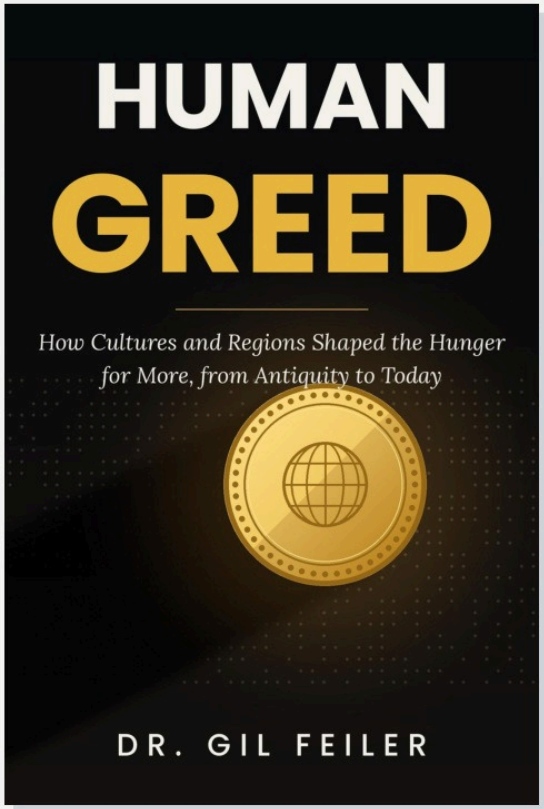

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HUMAN GREED

How Cultures and Regions Shaped the Hunger for More, from Antiquity to Today

From Jakob Fugger's Fuggerei in Augsburg, where rent is still under one euro a year, to Mobutu's crumbling palace in the Congo, this comparative history spans five thousand years and eight world regions. Its argument: the appetite is universal; the outcome is regional. Cases range from Roman tax farmers and Potosí to Enron, Wirecard, Yukos and Lava Jato, closing with the measures that have actually worked to restrain greed.

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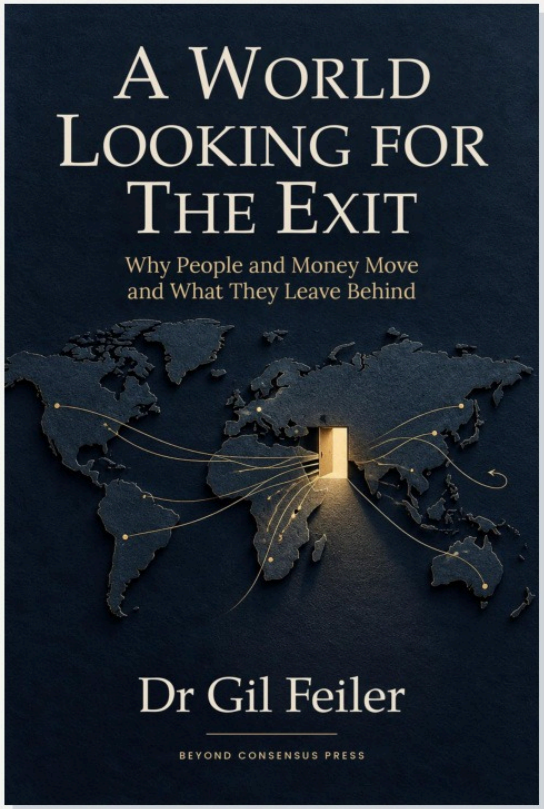

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A WORLD LOOKING FOR THE EXIT

Why People and Money Move and What They Leave Behind

What makes a person stop imagining a future at home and start looking for a way out, and why does money often leave first? Combining historical testimony, economic research and illustrative households, the book explores how people choose destinations, the costs of departure, why return is rarely a simple reversal, and the conditions that make staying a credible choice.

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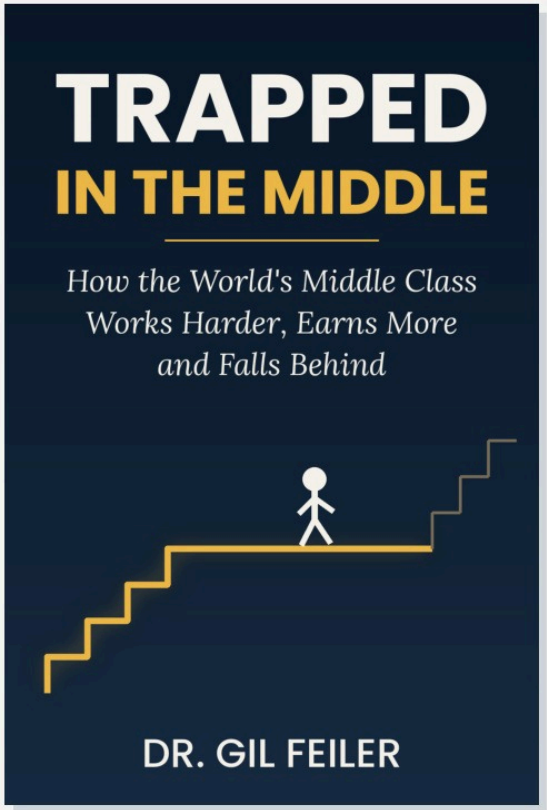

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TRAPPED IN THE MIDDLE

How the World's Middle Class Works Harder, Earns More and Falls Behind

They did everything right, yet security keeps moving further away. Drawing on primary data and four decades of first-hand observation from Tbilisi to Tokyo and Cairo to Caracas, the book explains the two levels of the middle-class trap: the household squeezed between rising prices for the things that buy security and stagnant incomes, and the nation stalled at middle income. It ends with a practical way out.

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One trap, two levels, every region

Why do families who study, work hard and earn decent incomes still fall behind? The book tests the question across the world and says openly where the data do not support the popular story.

- Part A, The Illusion: incomes at record highs, security out of reach
- Part B, The Psychology of the Race: looking rich instead of being secure
- Part C, The System: welfare retreat, broken mobility, AI and the ownership gap
- Part D, One Trap, Many Regions: six regional chapters on five continents
- Part E, The Way Out: four steps for individuals, and policies that work

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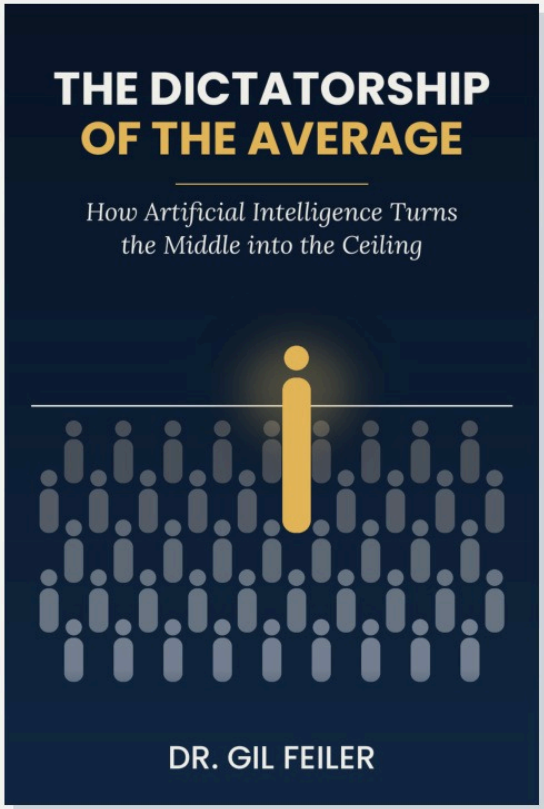

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THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE AVERAGE

How Artificial Intelligence Turns the Middle into the Ceiling

AI writes the answer most people would give. Reading the new machines through Plato's cave, Aristotle's mean, Galton, Ortega y Gasset, Kierkegaard and Tocqueville, and testing them against the latest research, the book shows how the average is turning from a statistic into a ceiling on judgment. It ends with a case for first-hand knowledge and practical wisdom.

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When the middle becomes the ceiling

What happens to human judgment when the reasonable answer is always at hand? A philosophical book by an economist and investor, which sets out the evidence against its own thesis as carefully as the evidence for it.

- Part I, The Machine of the Average: Galton, Plato and how language models write
- Part II, The Price of the Average: work, creativity, hiring and financial markets
- Part III, The Average Around the World: languages, values and national models
- Part IV, Beyond the Average: practical wisdom, the return to the cave, the school

Evidence: primary research from central banks, the IMF, OECD, ILO and peer-reviewed journals, and the classical texts in standard translations.

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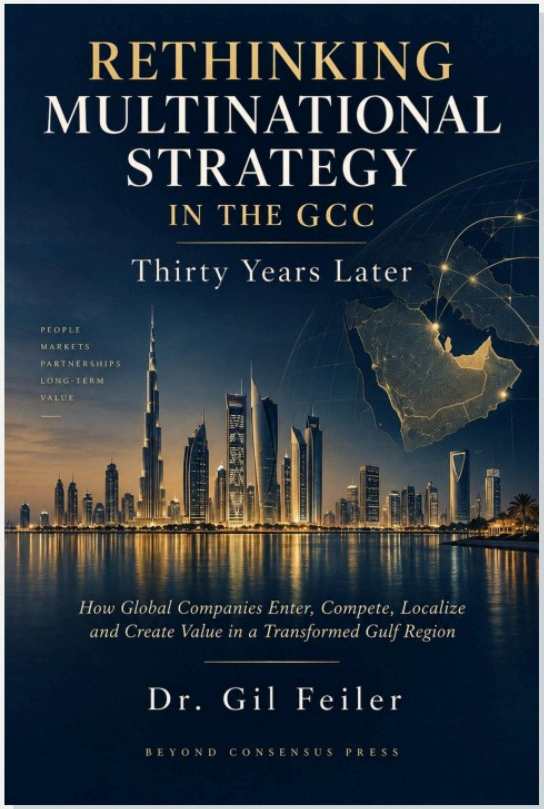

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RETHINKING MULTINATIONAL STRATEGY IN THE GCC

Thirty Years Later. How Global Companies Enter, Compete, Localize and Create Value in a Transformed Gulf Region

Nearly thirty years after analysing multinational strategy in the Middle East for the Economist Intelligence Unit, the author returns to a transformed Gulf. With 48 case studies, 24 international multinationals and 24 leading GCC companies, the book examines market entry, partnerships, localisation, sovereign wealth funds and national champions, and asks which business models create durable value in the Gulf today.

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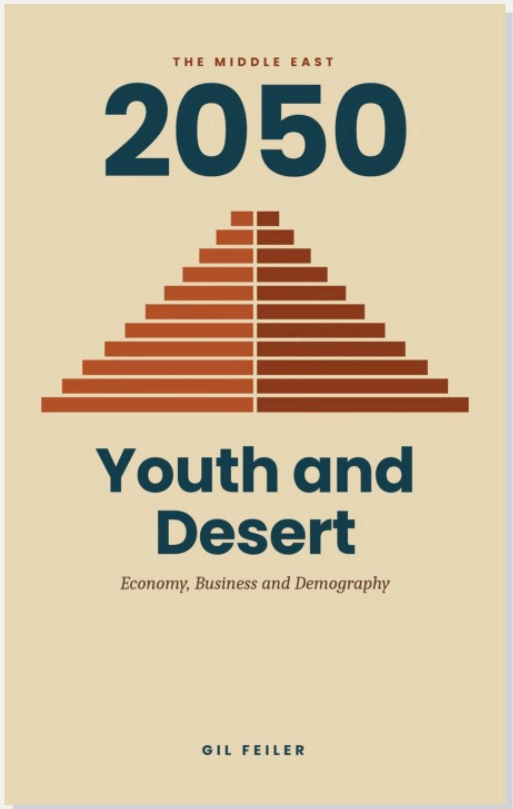

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YOUTH AND DESERT

The Middle East 2050: Economy, Business and Demography

The people who will run the Middle East in 2050 are already born. A data-driven guide to the forces that will shape the region over the next quarter century: demography, oil and the energy transition, water and heat, the Gulf's move beyond oil and the race to create jobs for a young generation. It ends with three scenarios: Integration, Stagnation and Fragmentation.

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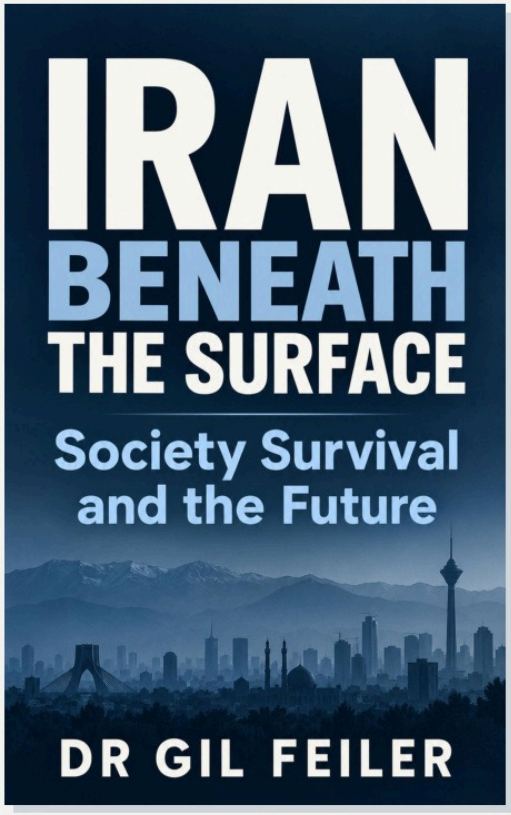

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IRAN BENEATH THE SURFACE

Society, Survival and the Future

Iran's future is taking shape in households, workplaces and digital networks rather than in official statements. The book follows the widening gap between state identity and everyday life, from beliefs, women's demands for equality and family life to culture, provincial inequality and environmental strain, and connects these changes to oil income, sanctions and the shadow economy.

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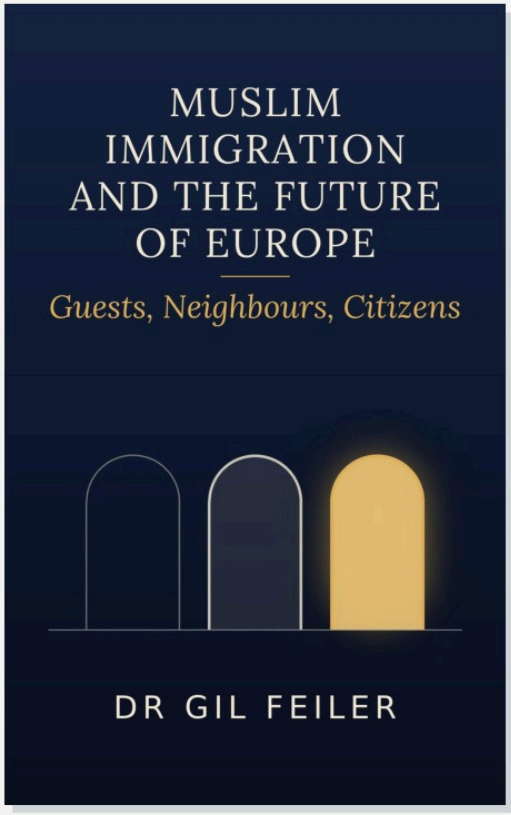

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MUSLIM IMMIGRATION AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

Guests, Neighbours, Citizens

Two young Syrians came to Germany seeking protection: one was elected mayor of a Swabian village, the other committed murder in Solingen. Using census data, official statistics and recent research, the book gives a balanced account of numbers, integration, work, schools, crime and politics, compares Europe with the Gulf states, and sets out three scenarios for Europe in 2050.

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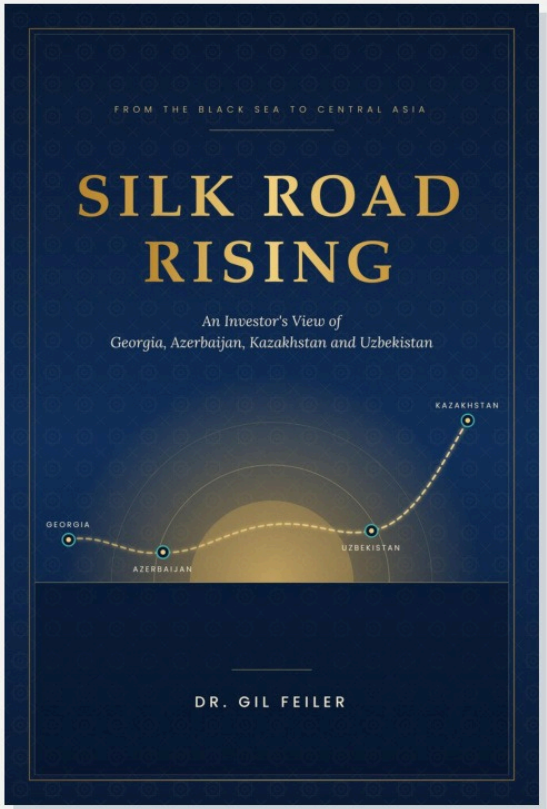

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An Investor's View of Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

Four countries, one Soviet inheritance, four very different paths. Now at the heart of the Middle Corridor linking China and Europe, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are drawing investors from Brussels to Beijing and the Gulf. Four country stories, about twenty case studies from Kaspi to SOCAR, and quantified scenarios to 2040.

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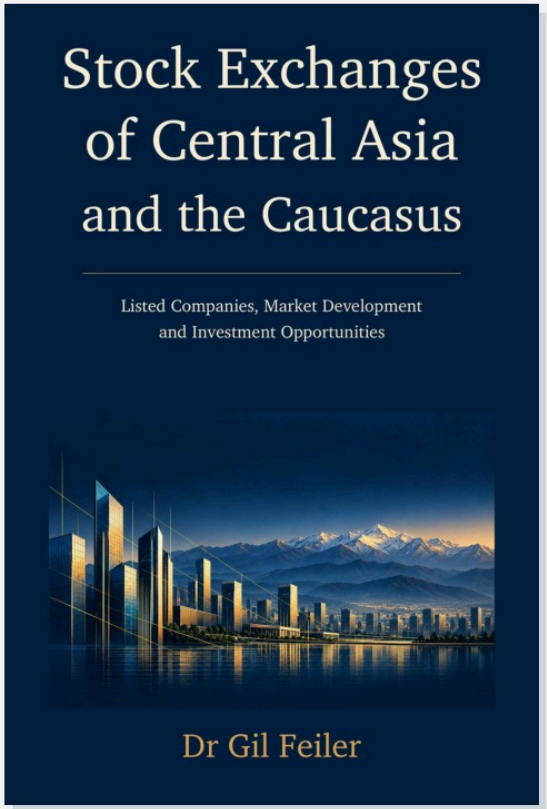

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Listed Companies, Market Development and Investment Opportunities

A practical guide to the exchanges of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, with Mongolia for comparison. It explains what investors can actually buy, how to read liquidity, disclosure, settlement and currency risk, and how to research listed companies, with a glossary and a dated directory of securities.

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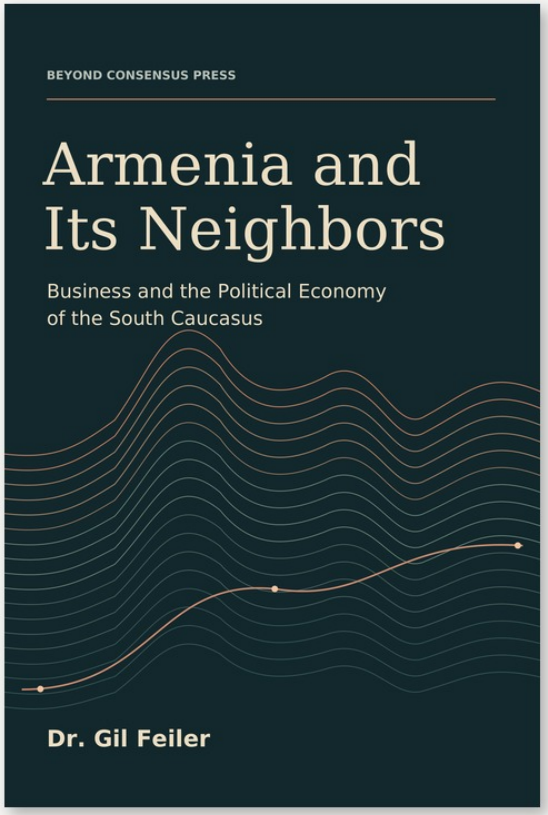

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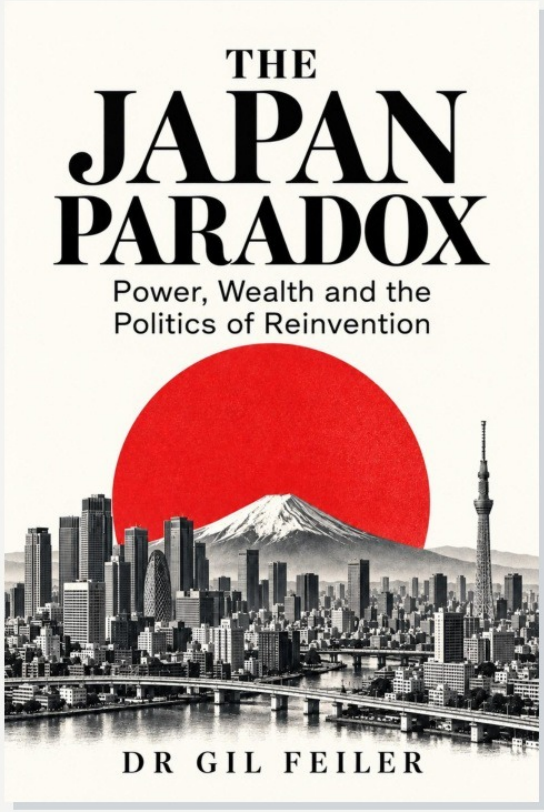

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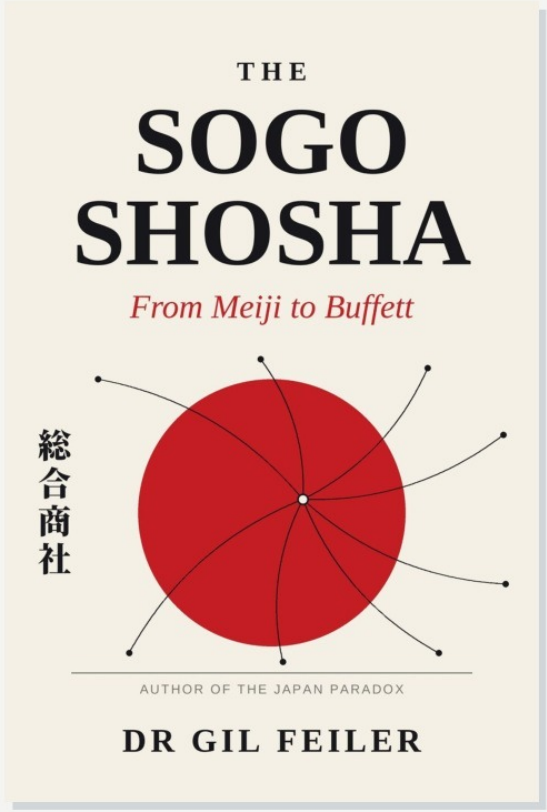

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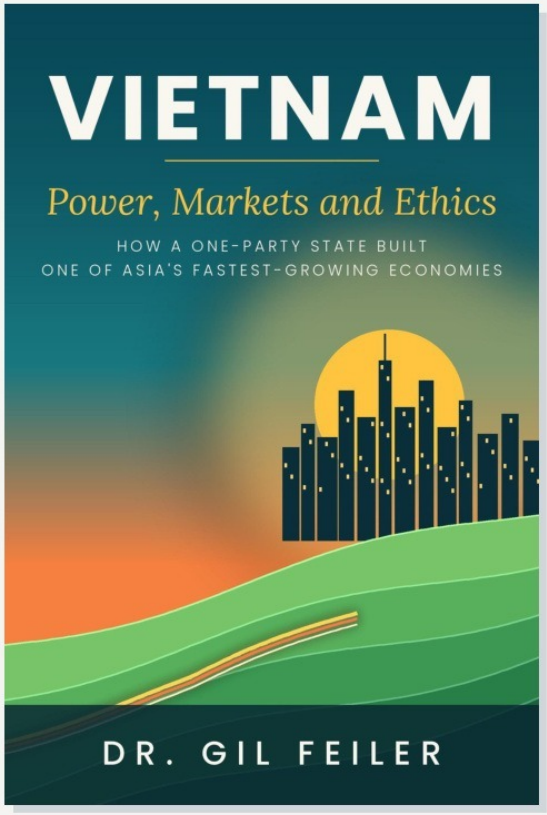

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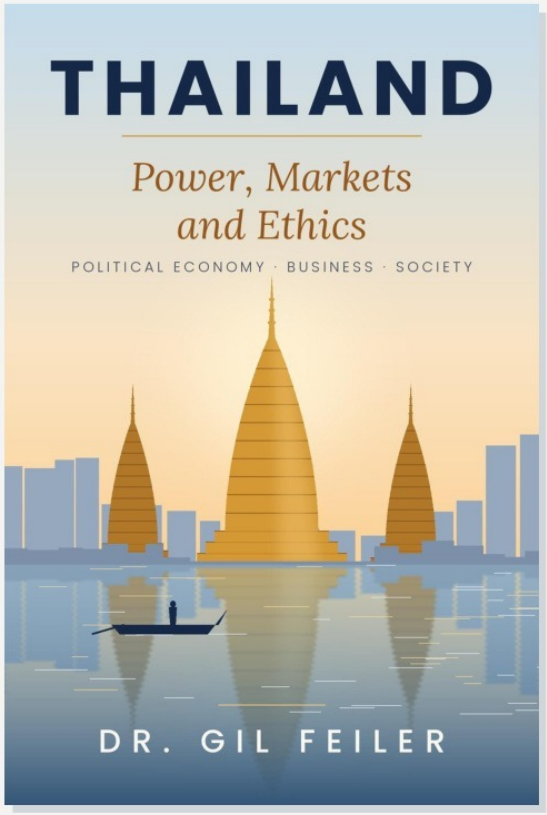

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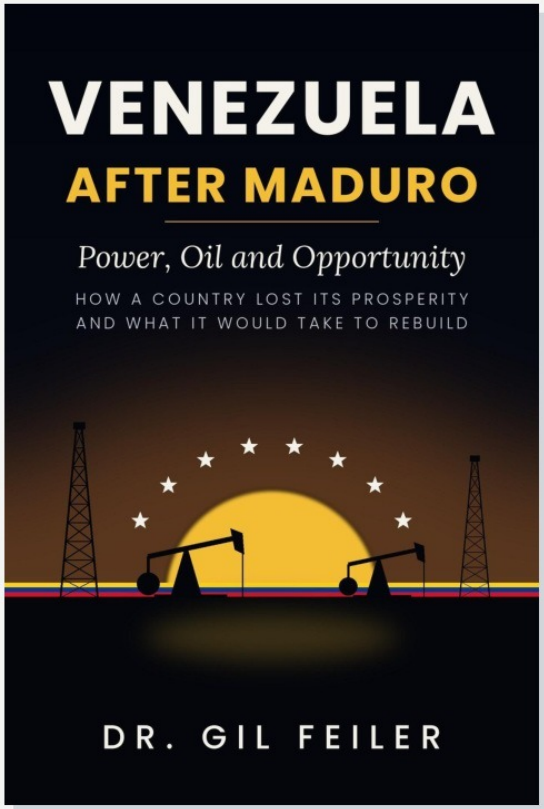

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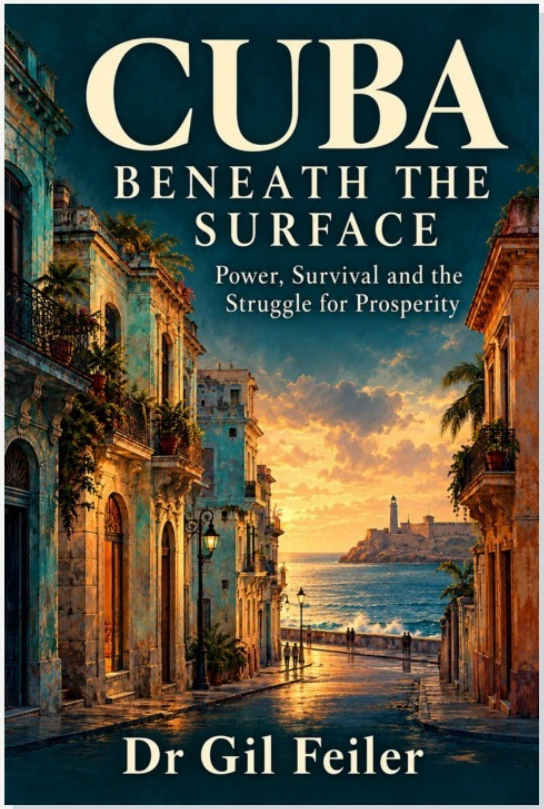

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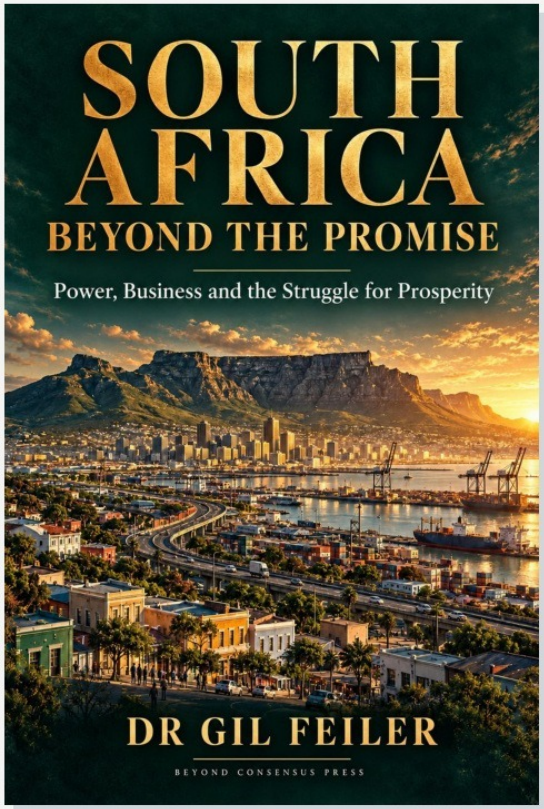

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