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**Morton A. Kaplan** (May 9, 1921<sup>[1]</sup> – September 26, 2017)<sup>[2]</sup> was Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, at the [University of Chicago](#). He was also President of the [Professors World Peace Academy](#) International; and Editor of the [World&I](#) magazine, published by the [Washington Times](#) Corporation, from its founding in 1986 until 2004.

He attended [Temple University](#) and [Stanford University](#), and received his Ph.D. from [Columbia University](#) in 1951. He has held fellowships from the [Center of International Studies](#) at [Princeton University](#) and from the [Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences](#). He was also a Carnegie Traveling Fellow. Kaplan has published extensively in the areas international relations and international politics.<sup>[3]</sup>

His many books include *Science, Language and the Human Condition*, *Law in a Democratic Society*, and *System and Process in International Politics* (1957), a seminal work in the scientific study of international relations. He was a critic of [communism](#) and of the policies of the [Soviet Union](#).<sup>[4]</sup> In 1979 he edited *The Many Faces of Communism*.<sup>[5]</sup>

Kaplan introduced a new analytical tool to the study of international relations, *systems analysis*.<sup>[6]</sup> His view contrasts with that of [John Rawls](#) - that it might be possible to isolate some basic social and political rules; rather Kaplan's alternative theory of justice is his *test in principle*, a kind of decision procedure for evaluating social, political, and moral choices, which attempts to circumvent the limitations of an egocentric or culturally narrow perspective while providing sufficient context to make a judgment.<sup>[6]</sup> Kaplan used systems analysis to differentiate among the various types of international state systems: the "balance of power" system, the loose bipolar system, the tight bipolar system, the universal international system, the hierarchical international system, and the Unit Veto International System.<sup>[7]</sup>

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