

The Leaderless Revolution – How Ordinary People Will Take Power and Change Politics in the 21st Century (Carne Ross, Simon & Schuster, 2011)

Why It's Kicking Off Everywhere – The New Global Revolutions (Paul Mason, Verso, 2012)

(Reviewed for International Affairs) Frequently described as a “high flying former diplomat”, Carne Ross resigned from the Foreign Office over the Iraq War. Being so close to mechanisms of power provided him with an understanding which ultimately shook his belief in our national and international systems of government. Indeed the author admits that he does not come up with his arguments ‘by way of academic study, or historical research. I know this because I once did it’. Ross’s earlier work, ‘Independent Diplomat’, was an exorcism of his institutional past while his latest effort is a far more ambitious attempt to outline a better future for global governance.



