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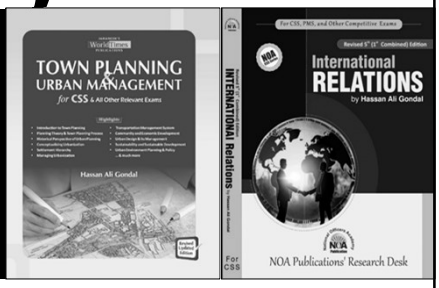

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NOA's Academic Design

Increased Length of Syllabus

Overlapping Domain

IR, Cur. Affairs, History & Intl. Law

NOA ~ Overlapping Areas ~ Converted into Specialized Modules

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Current Affairs (Relations) ~ Overlapping

1- Current Affairs (3~4)	2- Pak Affairs (2~3)	3- International Relations-I (2~3)	4- International Relations-II (3~4)
5- Political Science-I (1~2)	6- Political Science-II (1~2)	7- Indo-Pak History 8- US-History 9- European History (~1)	10- International Law (~1)

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Syllabus

Concepts Analysis	Foreign Policy	Relations	Regional Perspective
~ Foreign Policy ~ National Interest	~ Russia ~ India ~ Pakistan	~ Pak-Russia ~ Pak-India	~ Peace Making ~ South Asia ~ Focus (Indo-Pak)

~ Pakistan Foreign Policy for USA Post 9/11 ~ China FP
~ Georgian Crisis ~ Crimean Crisis ~ Recognition of Israel
~ Maps ~ BRI/CPEC ~ US vs. Russia ~ USA vs. China ~ India vs. China

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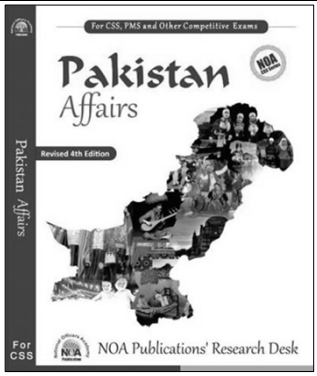

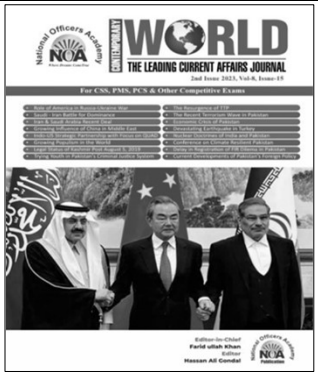

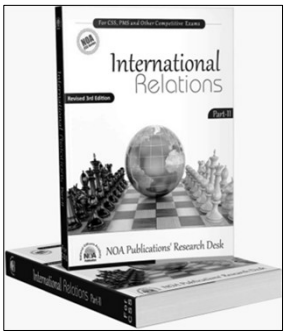

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Topic: Foreign Policy & National Interest

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Introduction

Theme-1:

A policy pursued by a state in its FUTURE DEALINGS with ANOTHER STATE in order to secure its own NATIONAL INTEREST.

- **Roadmap for Future**
- **One-to-One Interaction**
- **Under the Rationale of National Interest**
- **Written/Unwritten, Declared/Undeclared, Covert/Overt**

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Case Study: National Interest

Survival — **Immediate Existential Needs**

Stability — **Mid-Term Needs**

Sustainability — **Long-Term Needs**

Raison D'état

Reason of Existence of a State

3S-RD-6NI

Significance
- **Primary NI**
- **Secondary NI**

Permanence
- **Permanent NI**
- **Temporary NI**

Relevance
- **General NI**
- **Specific NI**

~ Security ~ Welfare ~ Law & Order ~ Justice ~ Freedom ~ Ideology

Challenge:
Anything with a potential negative impact

Paper Attempting Tip:
Bottom-Up Approach

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Evaluating Effectiveness of Foreign Policy

Theme-2:

Success of a foreign policy is dependent upon COMPARATIVE GAINS of NATIONAL INTERESTS in state's own HISTORICAL CONTEXT.

- **Leader to Leader Comparison**
- **Regime to Regime Comparison**
- **Event to Event Comparison**
- **Era to Era Comparison**
- **Point to Entire History Comparison**

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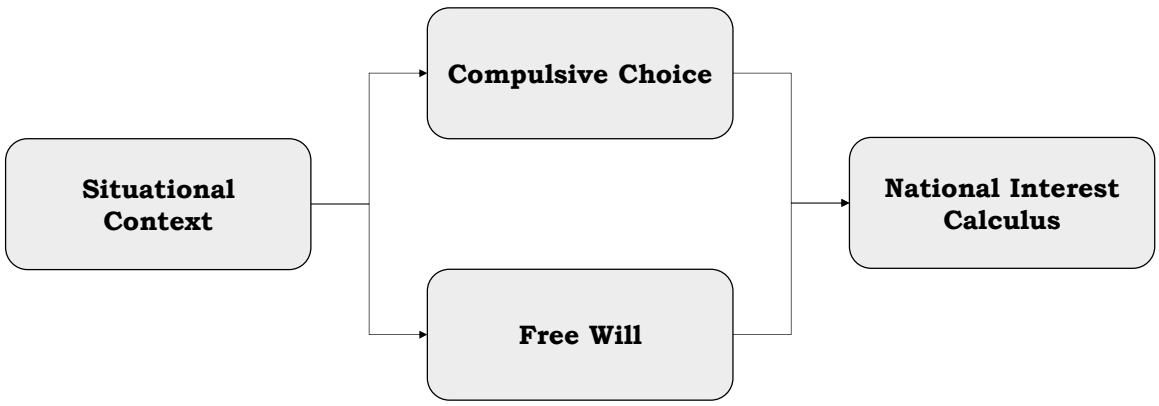
Evaluating Effectiveness of Foreign Policy

Foreign Policy Formulation Process ~ Understand Jargons



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Post 9/11 Pakistan Foreign Policy for USA

Situational Context

9/11

Bush Doctrine (Preemptive Warfare)

Pakistan Vital to Strategic Interest of USA

Pakistan a Dependent Sate

"Either with us or against us"

Compulsive Choice

- **Pakistan will Join US WOT**
- **As a Non-NATO Strategic Ally**
- **Shall Provide all Strategic Assistance to USA**
- **In its Military Operation in Afghanistan**
- **Termed as "Operation Enduring Freedom"**

National Interest Calculus

- **Strategic Calculus**
- **Economic Calculus**
- **Political Calculus**

Paper Attempting Tip:
Tone Down Your Argument

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Question Pattern

1. **Para-1: Introduction**
2. **Para-2: Situational Context**
3. **Para-3: Decision Taken (Establish ~ Free Will or Compulsive Choice)**
4. **Para-4: National Interest Calculus**
5. **Multiple Paras-5 a~n: Detailed Commentary on Outcomes of Each Objective (Gains/Losses)**
6. **Para-6: Overall Conclusion on Success & Failure**
7. **Para-7: Future Roadmap (Successful ~ How to make better?) or (Failure ~ Alternate Choice)**

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Determinants of Foreign Policy

All those factors which are BROUGHT UNDER CONSIDERATION in order to reach any FOREIGN POLICY DECISION would be termed as determinant of foreign policy.

Domestic Determinants Domestic Stimuli Internal Factors Elements of National Power	International Determinants International Stimuli External Factors Environmental Factors
• Military Capabilities • Economic Capabilities • Type of Government (Leader's Perception) • Size of a State & Geography • Culture and History • Technology • National Capacity • Social Structure • Public Mood & Role of Media • Political Accountability • Leadership	• Geo-Politics • International Organizations • World Public Opinion • Polar Structure

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Assessing Role of Determinants

Theme-3:

Comparison of both states on basis of ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL POWER as well as ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS serves as determinants of foreign policy.

Analysis Method

Remember 'END'

E = Enabler	N = No Impact	D = Disabler
• Point of Strength • Point of Advantage • Free Will	• Irrelevant in Respective Situational Context	• Point of Weakness • Point of Disadvantage • Compulsive Choice

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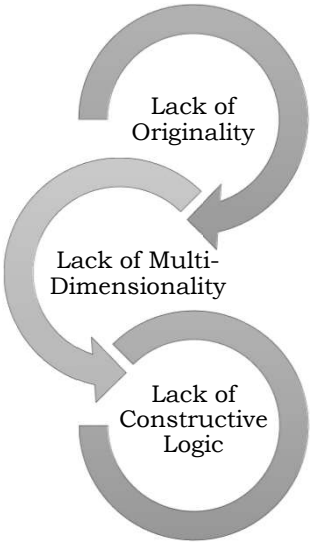
Recognition of Israel

Brainstorming (Argument Building) Tip:
Why-Why Analysis?

Element	END	Decision
Military Capabilities	**N**	**~**
Economic Capabilities	**N**	**~**
Social System/ Values	**D**	**No**
Political System/ Culture	**D**	**No**



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Sample Paragraph

Debate of recognition of Israel has once again resurfaced in diplomatic power corridors of Pakistan. However, careful consideration against multiple determinants shall reveal that any prospective decision of recognition shall come up with both advantages and disadvantages. On the front of advantages, there is a probability that we shall be able to acquire superior military technology to further boost our defense capabilities. Furthermore, we can gain diplomatic leverage of Israel as well its economic niche to bring positive economic outcomes for Pakistan's ailing economy. However, the strategic and economic gains can be traded-off by further boosting our ties with our existing strategic partners – primarily CHINA. However, on the end of disadvantages, this decision shall create major backlash as far as socio-political stability is concerned. There is a high probability that this non-populist decision shall create political instability. In addition, this decision can lead to extreme reaction from different religious factions resulting in further polarization of societal fabric. If we weigh both advantages and disadvantages, apparently the later one appears to be more significant. So, our decision should be based upon socio-political lens. AND it is not feasible to go for any hasty decision of recognition without changing the mindset of masses and a wider consensus building exercise at national level.

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Decision Making & Analysis of FP

Graham Allison's Models (ABC Model)

- **A. Rational Actor Model**
- **B. Bureaucratic Politics Model**
- **C. Bargaining Model**

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Topic: Russia in Focus

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Russian Foreign Policy Framework

Discussion Building Theme
Pre-Post 9/11

Situational Context	Compulsive Choice	National Interest Calculus	Paradigm Shift	Situational Context	Free Will	National Interest Calculus
Defeated in Cold War Collapsed in 15 Parts 4x Domain Weakness • Military • Economy • Political • Social + NATO Strict Surveillance	• Internalized • Isolationist • Skeptical • Reactive • Domestic Agenda Centric	4R • Restrengthen • Rehabilitate • Restructure • Reconstruct REGAIN IT LOST NATIONAL POWER BASE		9/11 --- Bush Misperception about Russia --- Bush Doctrine "Preemptive Warfare Doctrine" --- NATO + US Got Engaged in WoT (Afghanistan) --- Strategic Vacuum for Russia	• Externalized • Expansionist • Hawkish • Proactive • Global Hegemony Centric	RE-EMERGE AS A REVISIONIST GLOBAL SUPERPOWER AND OPENLY CHALLENGE THE UNIPOLAR STATUS QUO WORLD ORDER OF USA

1991 — 9/11 — Today

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Thucydides Trap ~ Road to Resurgence

Paper Attempting Tip:
Use Concept "THUCYDIDES TRAP"

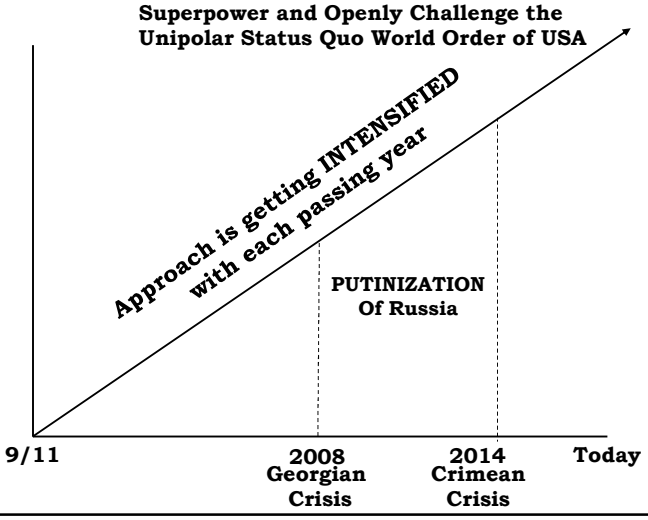
USSR ~ 1950 ~ Administrative Transfers

- South Ossetia — Transferred to Georgia
- Crimea — Transferred to Ukraine

UN Led Boundary Commission
"American Wilsonian Vision at Play"

Irredentism at Play
Historical claims of one state on the territory of another state.

Situational Context: American Diverted Focus
Free Will: Externalized, Expansionist, Hawkish, Proactive, Global Hegemony Centric
Goal: Re-emerge as a Revisionist Global Superpower and Openly Challenge the Unipolar Status Quo World Order of USA



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Russian Build-Up (From Georgia to Crimea)

- 2007 ~ Military Operation in S-Ossetia
- Terrorism vs. Genocide (Ethnic Cleansing)
- Anti-Terrorism vs. Humanitarian Intervention
- Bush Response ~ POLICY OF APPEASEMENET
- Backfired

- 2014 ~ Annexation of Crimea
- Controversial Referendum
- Obama Response ~ POLICY OF BRINKMANSHIP
  - Assets & Investment Frozen
    - Stoppage of Gas Supplies to Europe
  - Embargo on Arm Supplies
    - Putin Entering into SYRIAN Theatre
- Backfired

Theme: **"Continuity of American Miscalculations"**

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Decoding Pak-Russia Relations

India ⟷ **Indo-US Strategic Partnership ~ 2005** ⟷ **USA**

Russia ⟷ **Pakistan**

Opportunity

China

Prospects of convergence into trilateral strategic bloc

Thesis Statement: The growing pulse of cordial relationship between Islamabad and Moscow was in reality a reaction to Indo-US Strategic Partnership further facilitated and catalyzed by Chinese converging (facilitatory) factor.

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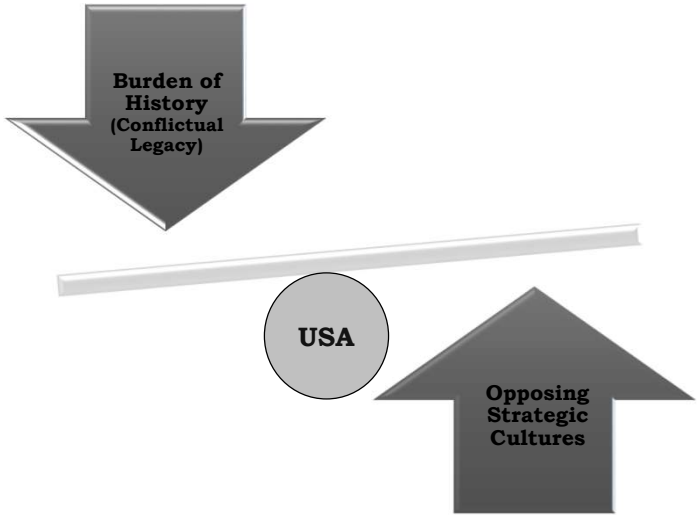
Pak-Russia Relations (Irritants & Aspects)

Discussion Building Theme

Acronym for Russian Actions (Foreign Policy)

"NOS"

- **N = Nature ~ Reactive**
- **O = Orientation ~ Anti-USA**
- **S = Scale ~ Entire Globe**



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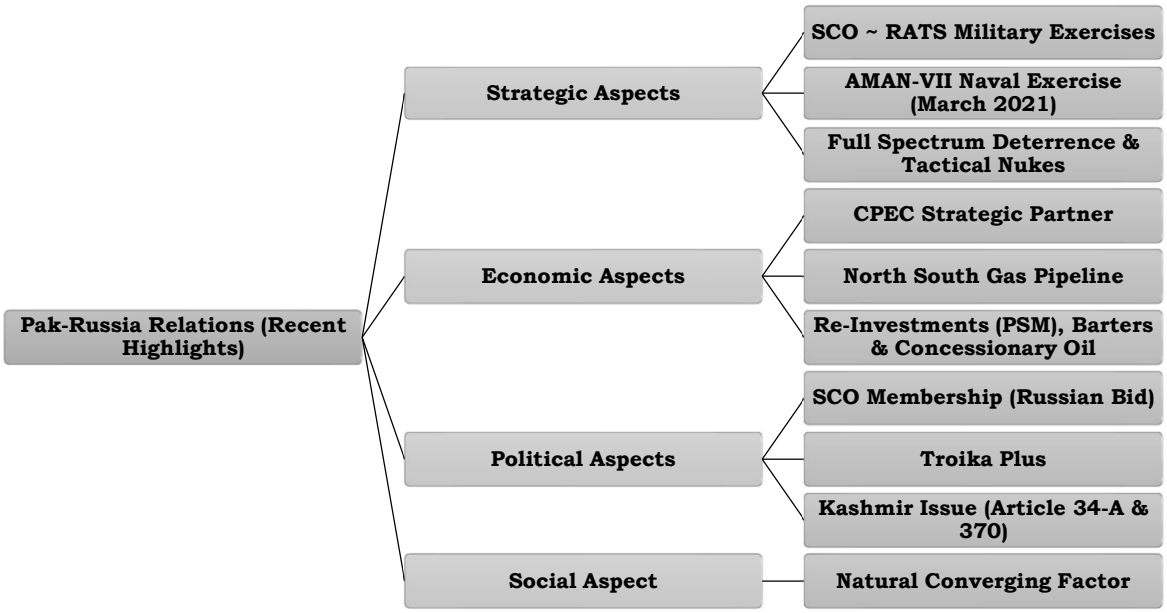
Recent Cooperation & A Pulse for Future



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Topic: Understanding Key Aspects of Maps

Recommended Readings

- **No Reading ~ For Interest ~ Prisoners of Geography (Tim Marshall)**

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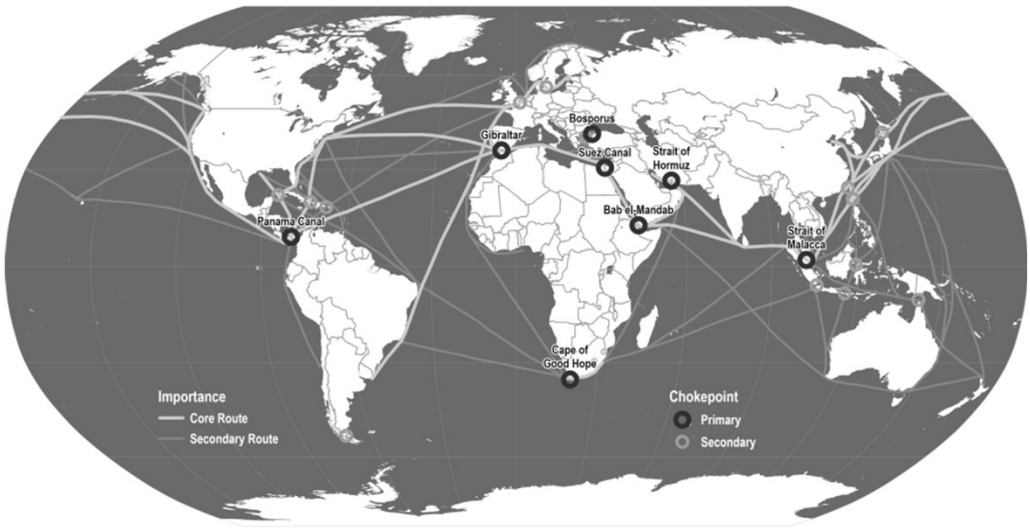
Understanding SLOCs & Choke Points

- **SLOCs** **~ Sea Lanes of Communication**
- **Choke Points** **~ Bottlenecks points connecting sea's pathways**



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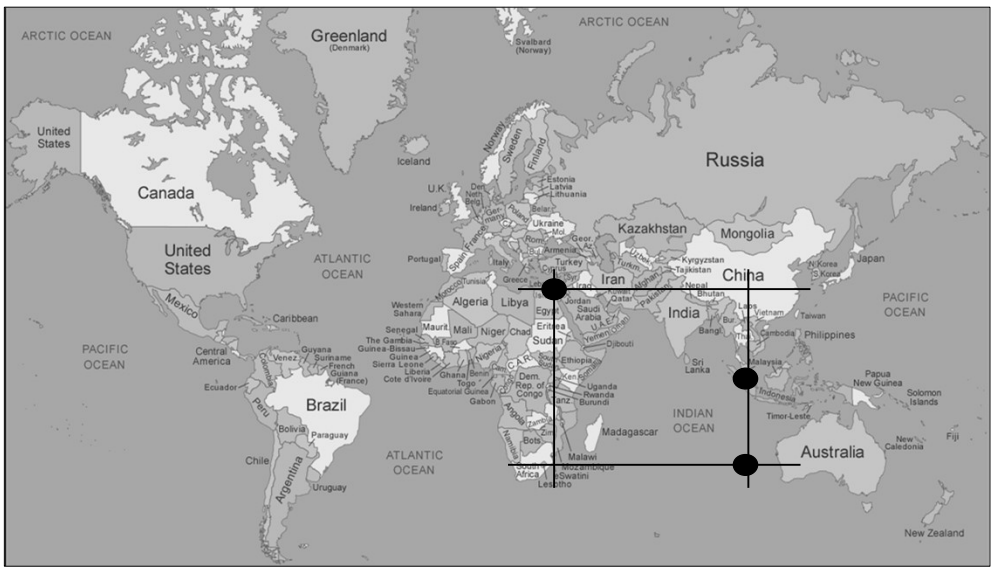
Understanding Regions (Indian Ocean Region)

- **Regions are marked either by marking choke points or extreme points or both.**



Hotspots

- **Pak-India**
- **KSA vs. Iran**
- **China vs. India**
- **Sri Lanka**
- **Afghanistan**
- **Persian Gulf**
- **Yemen Crisis**
- **BRI (CPEC)**
- **Arabian Sea**
- **Energy Politics**
- **India vs. Nepal**
- **Mynammar**
- **7th Fleet (USA)**
- **Critical Chokes**
- **Etc.**

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Understanding Regions (Asia-Pacific)

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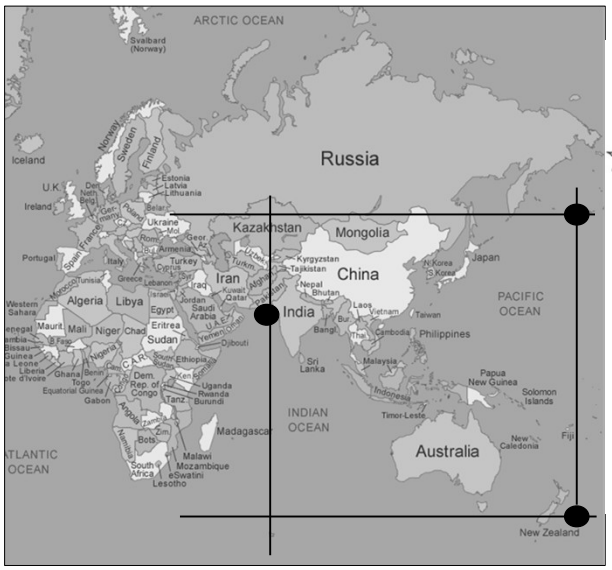

Hotspots

- **Pak-India**
- **China-India**
- **South Asia**
- **SEA**

- **Korean Issue**
- **Japan vs. China**
- **AUKUS**
- **QUAD**
- **FOIP**
- **SCS**
- **ECS**
- **BRI**
- **RECP**

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Understanding Regions (Euro-Atlantic Region)

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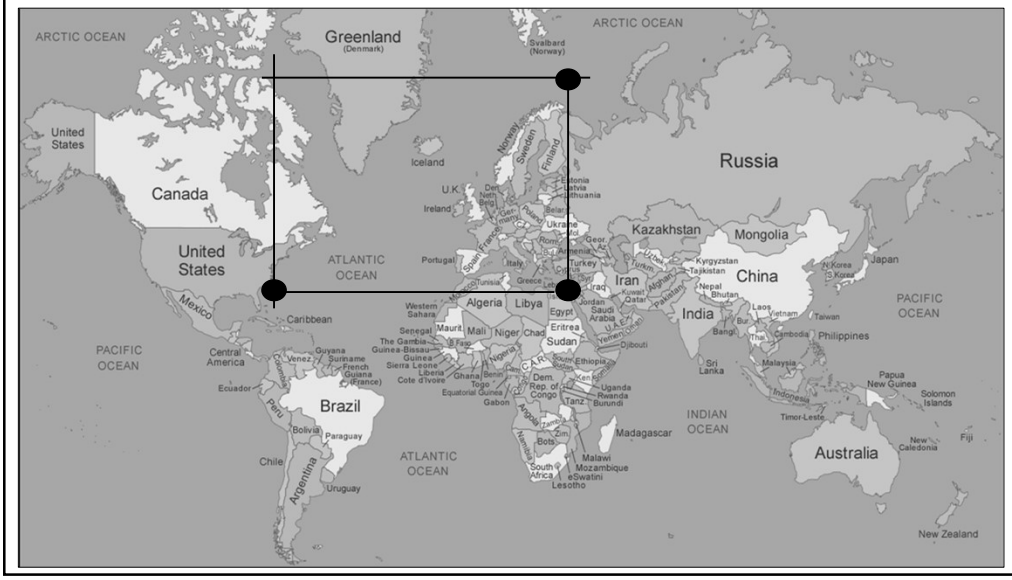

Hotspots

- **Ukraine-Russia**
- **NATO**
- **EU Disintegration**
- **Exits**
- **Refugee Crisis**
- **Turkey**
- **France**
- **Germany**
- **B3W**
- **Etc.**

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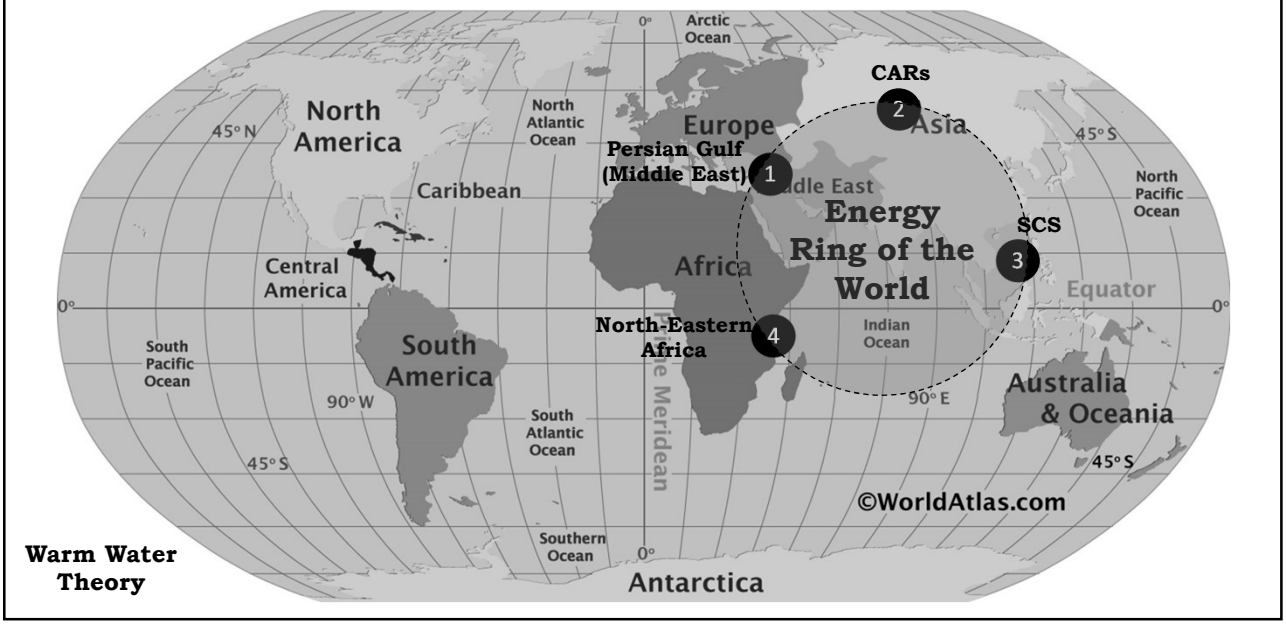
Energy Ring of the World (Live Energy Centers)



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Chinese Foreign Policy

Discussion Building Theme

Moral Principles & Slogans

- **Period of Strategic Opportunity**
- **Harmonious World**
- **Peaceful Rise and Development**
- **2002 – Next 20 Years, Relations with USA and Other Nations will remain stable to ensure ' BUILDING OF A WELL_OFF SOCIETY'**
- **Hu Jintao, 2005 at 60th General Assembly Session**
- **Campaign to Reassure world that Chinese Development will not be "Zero Sum Game"**

President Xi's Foreign Policy Doctrine

Chinese Dragon

- **BRI (Economic Belts x 06)**
- **String of Pearls (Ports x 11 Strategic)**

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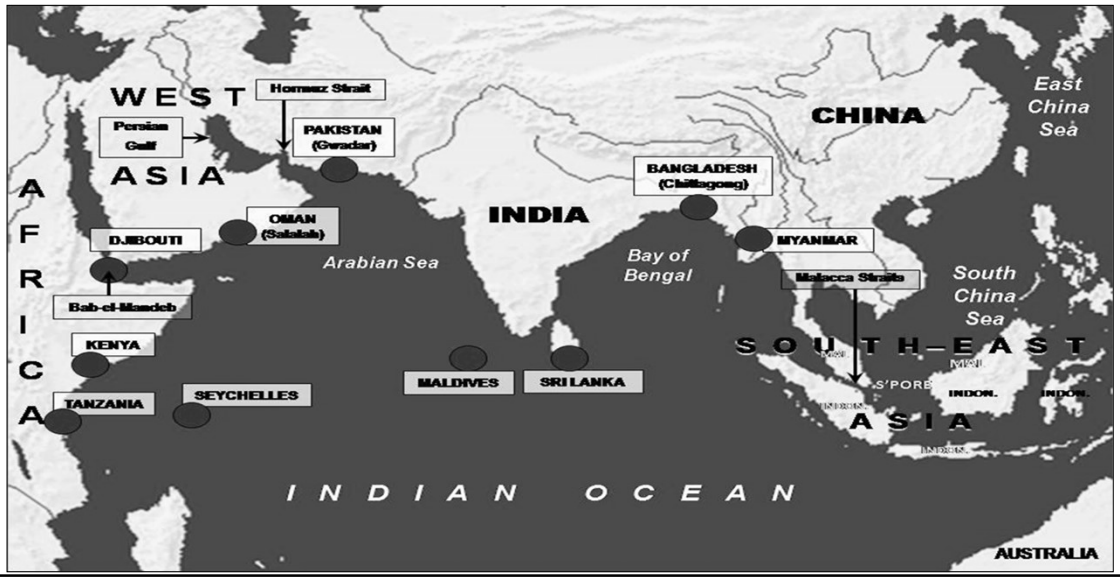
Chinese Dragon ~ String of Pearls

11 x Strategic Ports (Pearls)



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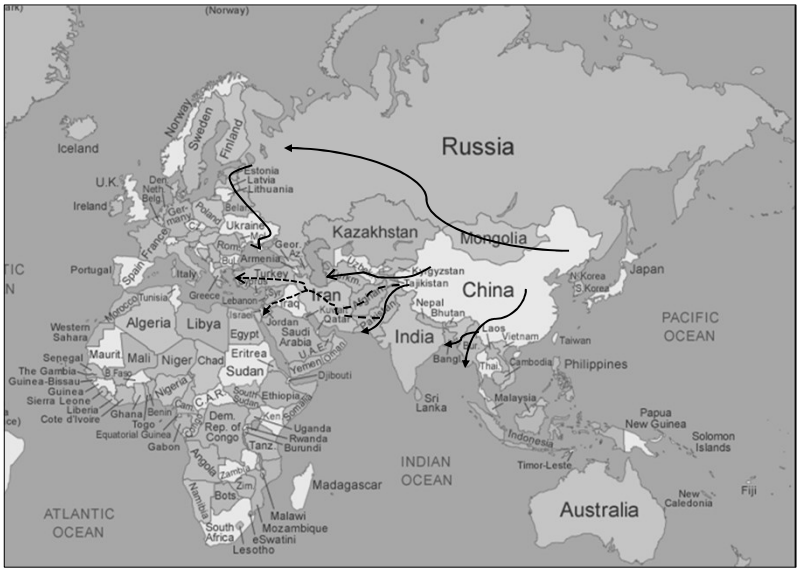
Chinese Dragon ~ Belt Road Initiative (BRI)

06 x Strategic Economic Belts (Road Connectivity)



1. **China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)**
2. **China-Myanmar-Bangladesh Economic Corridor**
3. **China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor**
4. **TUT (Tajikistan-Uzbekistan-Turkmani. Economic Corridor**
5. **Eurasian Economic Corridor (Russia-Estonia-Latvia-Belarus-Ukraine Economic Corridor)**
6. **Middle Eastern Economic Corridor (Pakistan/Afghanistan to Iran to Iraq-Jordan/Turkey)**

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Chinese BRI in Totality

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Grand Strategy behind BRI (Chinese Dragon)

Revival of Chinese Historical Maritime Silk Routes

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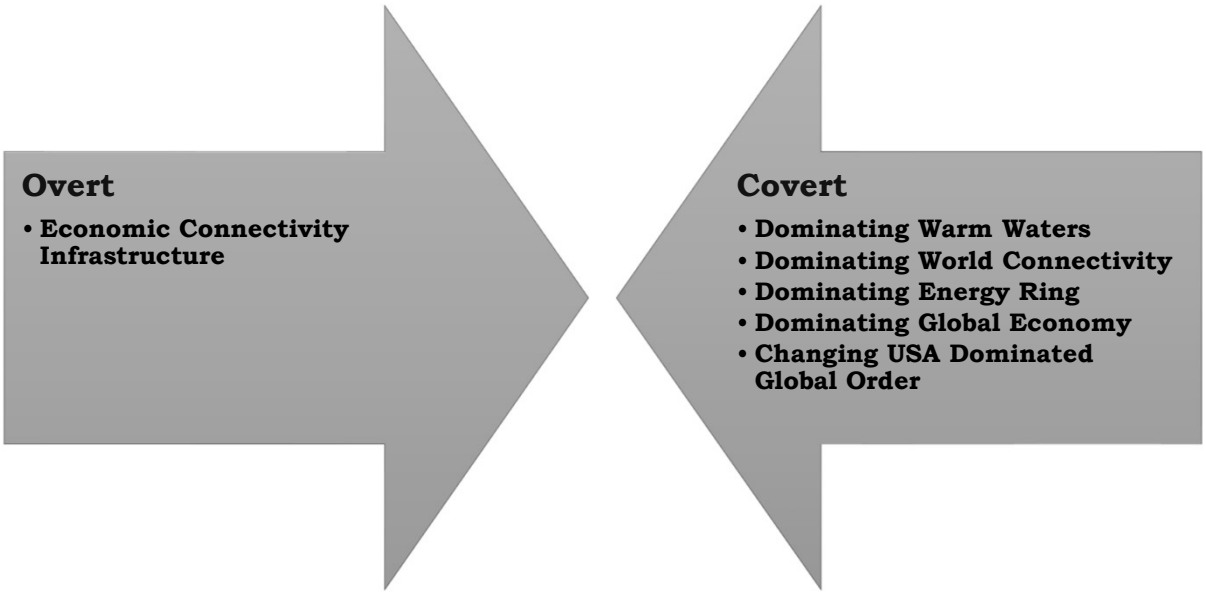
Underlaying Objective



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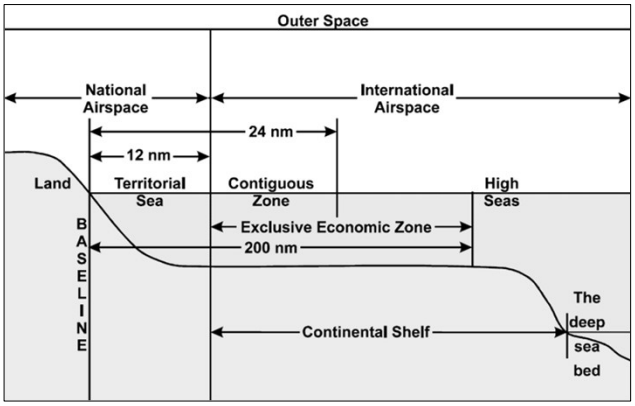
De-Coding South China Sea Dispute

International Law on Seas

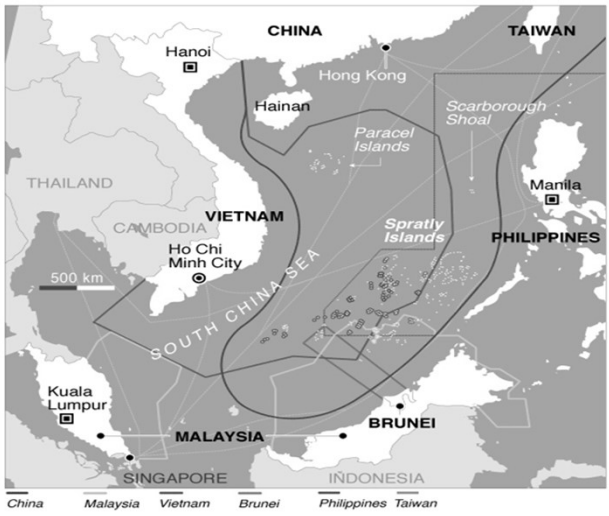
United Nation Convention on Law of Sea (UNCLOS-III)



China can't rely on it. Need to diversify connectivity and accessibility.
THE THESIS OF GWADAR (CPEC).

South China Sea Dispute

Chinese Nine Dashed Line



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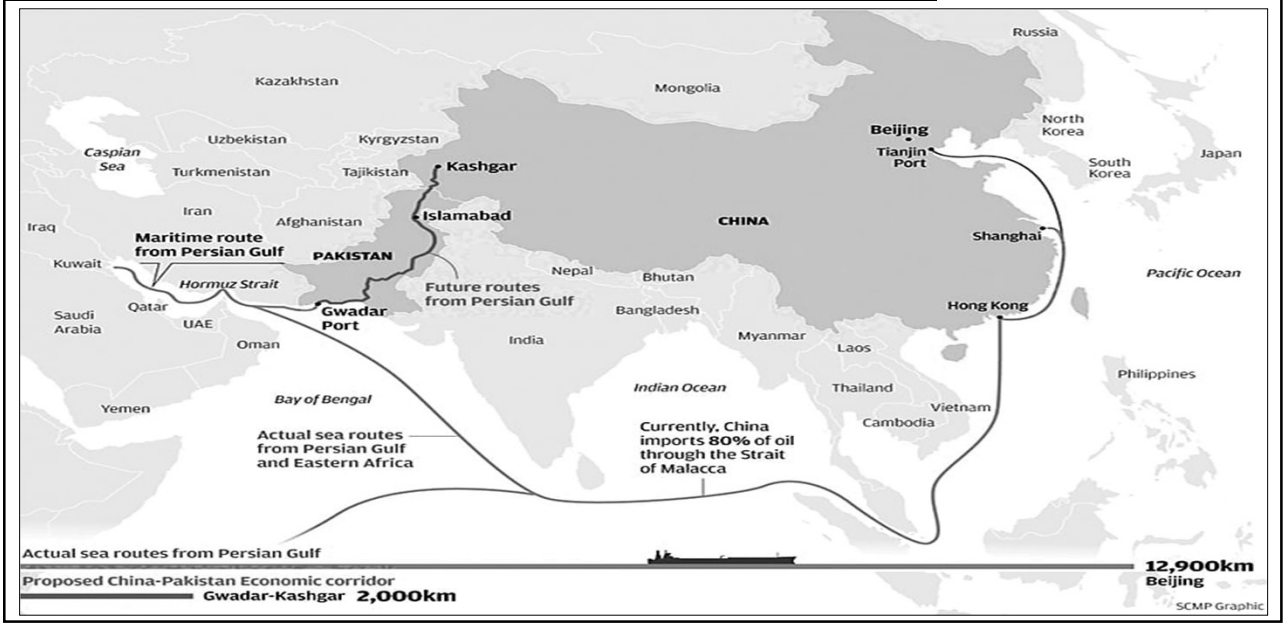
Case of Gwadar (Pak-China Relations)



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Indian Initial Foreign Policy Paradox

Foreign Policy Baseline Consideration ~ Immediate Existential Threat/Need

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Initial Perception of Decision Makers ~ No Compulsive Choice

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China Becoming Independent and Joining Communist Bloc (1949)

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Emergence of Irredentist Dispute with China ~ Aksai-China Dispute/Laddakh Dispute

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Expansionism of Communism (USSR) vs. Containment of Communism (USA)

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Nehru wanted to diffuse the communist expansionist threat diplomatically

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Bilateral Dialogue with China

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Resulting in PANCHSEEL, 1954 "Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence"

PANCHSHEEL

1. **Mutual Respect For Each Other's Territorial Integrity And Sovereignty,**
2. **Mutual Non-aggression,**
3. **Mutual Non-interference In Each Other's Internal Affairs,**
4. **Equality And Co-operation For Mutual Benefit, And**
5. **Peaceful Co-existence**

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Resultant Visions of Indian Foreign Policy

Nehruvian Vision of Indian FP		MODIST Vision of Indian FP
Non-Alignment		Alignment "Swing State"
Soft Power	2014 Paradigm Shift	Hard Power
Liberalism/ Multilateralism		Realism/ Nationalism
Secularism		HINDUTAVA
Leftist State		Rightist State

Congress Foreign Policy Vision Document
Non-Alignment 2.0
Shashi Tharoor
"If there can be any global India that India should be based upon only real Indian Power i.e. Indian Soft Power"

BJP Foreign Policy Vision Document
Swing State
Raja Mohan
"After more than half century of false starts and unrealized potential, India is now emerging a swing state in the global balance of power."

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Energy Security w.r.t. China

World Energy Outlook Report
- WEP
- Most Reliable Energy Issues Database

Report, 2013 (Energy Demand Centers Assessment)
- China
- Japan
- USA
- India

Report, 2018 (Energy Demand Centers Assessment)
- China, Japan, India
- By 2025, India ~ 2nd
- 80% Imported Energy

Acronym for Indian Actions (Foreign Policy)
"NOS"
- N = Nature ~ Reactive
- O = Orientation ~ Anti-China
- S = Scale ~ Entire Globe

Indian's Foreign Policy Conundrum
- Actual base of conflict between China & India is Energy Securitization
- Chinese Dragon ~ Covert Effort to Dominate Energy Ring & Warm Waters of Indian Ocean
- India Hobson's Choice
  - Join Chinese Dragon
    - Reversal of Last 20 Years' Efforts
  - Oppose Chinese Dragon
    - Natural Choice

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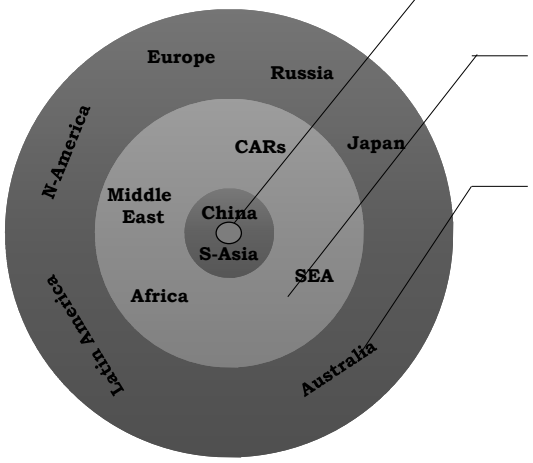
Concentric Sphere of Influence Model of FP



Immediate Neighborhood (Militaristic Expansionism)

Extended Neighborhood (Bilateralism & Divide & Rule)

Peripheral Neighborhood (Swing State)

Immediate Neighborhood Approach of India
Aggressive, Expansionist, Hegemonic, Militaristic Agenda in order to create SECURITY OBSTACLES in way of successful completion of Chinese Economic Initiatives.
Tip: Use this Theme for Present Paradox of Pak-India Relations

Extended Neighborhood Approach of India
Making political, economic and strategic bilateral power alliances with Pro-USA/Anti-China regional powers in order to balance the growing Chinese sphere of influence in respective region.

Peripheral Neighborhood Approach of India
Swinging towards Anti-China Global Great Game
Refer: QUAD, I2U2, G4, G7, B3W, FATF, NSG, AUKUS, etc.

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Pak-India Relations (Mapping Key Contours)

Colonial Legacies (Burden of History)	**Irredentism (Kashmir)**	**Hyper Nationalism (Religion)**	**Traditional & Non-Traditional Security Competition**	**Arms Race (Conventional & Nuclear)**
Regional & Extra-Regional Intervention (Geo-Strategic Interests of Great Power)	**Terrorism**	**Begger thy Neighbor Policy of India (MFN, FATF)**	**Energy Securitization Complexity of India**	**CPEC (Pak-China Strategic Partnership) vs. Indo-US Strategic Partnership**
Kashmir Issue (Article 35-A & 370)	**Expansionist Policies of India in Immediate Neighborhood**	**Lack of Conflict Resolution (Too Much Focus on Unilateralism)**	**Chabar vs. Gwadar**	**Populist Domestic Politics**

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Dispute Resolution Mechanism ~ Best Route??

Methodology:

- **Identify different routes/ways in which both countries tried to resolve their conflicts.**
- **Figure out which route was result-oriented and which was not.**
- **Debate the relevance (prospects) of result-oriented route in prevailing environment.**

Bilateral Route	Multilateral Route	3rd Party Mediation Route
• Nehru-Liaquat Pact (1950)	• UN resolutions on Kashmir	• Seize Fire Agreement, 1949 (UN)
• Khawaja-Nehru Dialogue, 1952	• SAARC on Regional Cooperation	• Indus Water Treaty, 1960 (WB)
• Sikander Mirza-Nehru, 1957		• Tashkent Declaration, 1966 (USSR)
• Bhutto-Sawaran Dialogue, 1960		• Rann of Kutch Arb. 1968 (UNSG)
• Ayub-Indra Gandhi, 1966		• Simla Agreement, 1972 (USSR)
• Bhutto-Indra Gandhi, 1973, 1975		• Nuclear CBMs, 1998 (USA)
• Zia-Rajiv Gandhi, 1988		• Kargil De-escalation, 1999 (USA)
• Composite Dialogue, 1998		• Balakot De-escalation, 2019 (KSA)
• Lahore Declaration, 1999		Only productive route in historical discourse. ---------- But not workable in prevailing situation.
• Agra Summit, 2001		
• Ufa Summit, 2015		
No Big Breakthrough	No Big Breakthrough	

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Topic: Foreign Policy of Pakistan

Recommended Readings

- **Chapter 8 ~ NOA's Pakistan Affairs Book (Selective Topics)**
- **Chapter 5 ~ International Relations (Part-II Book) by HA Gondal**
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Thematic Understanding of Past-Present

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Discussion Building Theme

Foreign Policy in Transition

Historical Outlook (1947~2017)	Attempt for Paradigm Shift (2018~2022)
Riyadh-Washington Centric	Beijing Centric
Socio-Strategic Lens	Geo-Economic Lens
Nationalism	Multilateralism
Realism (Military/Hard Power Lens)	Liberalism (Economic/Soft Power Lens)
Isolation (Indian Propaganda)	Global Agenda Centric
Bandwagoner (Extra-regional Approach)	Balancer/Inter-dependency (Region Centric Approach)
Client State	Mediator State

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Determinants, Contours & Phases

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Determinants	Contours	Phases
• Security Concerns • Geo-Political Location • Kashmir Issue • Economic Dependency • Regional & Global Alliances • Nuclear Program • Domestic Politics • Global Events • Islamic Identity • Diaspora & People-to-People Ties	• Quest for Security • Survival as Independent State • Troubled Relations with India • Reliance on West • Solidarity with Muslim World	• Formative Years (1947-1953) • Alliances and Non-Alignment (1954-1970) • 1971 and Realignment (1971-1977) • Cold War and Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan (1979-1988) • Post-Cold War Era and Nuclearization (1988-2001) • Post-9/11 and the War on Terror (2001-present) • Engaging with Regional Powers (Recent Years)

Analysis Theme

Build Suggestions on Following Themes

Region Centric Approach	Balancing (Non-Alignment)
CPEC (Economic Lens)	Stability

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Additional Topics

Time Dependent

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Topic: Peace-Making & Peace Building in South Asia ~ Analytical Perspective

Recommended Readings

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Cause-Effect-Solution (Analytical Perspective)

Discussion Building Theme

Construct Arguments in Flow of Following Outline

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1. **Corridor of Instability**
2. Multidimensional Complex Diversity
3. Burden of History
4. Geographical Centrality of India
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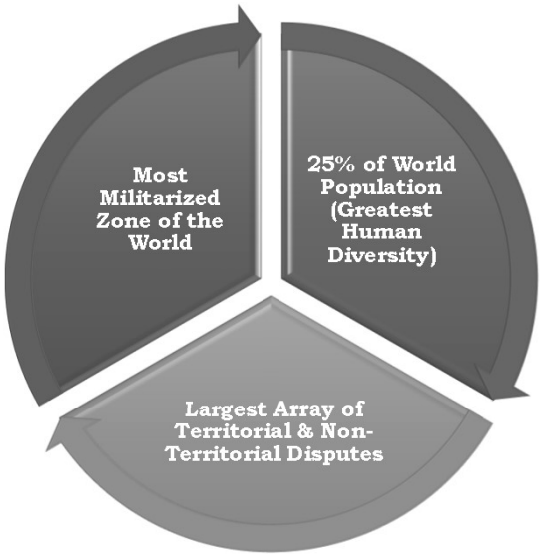

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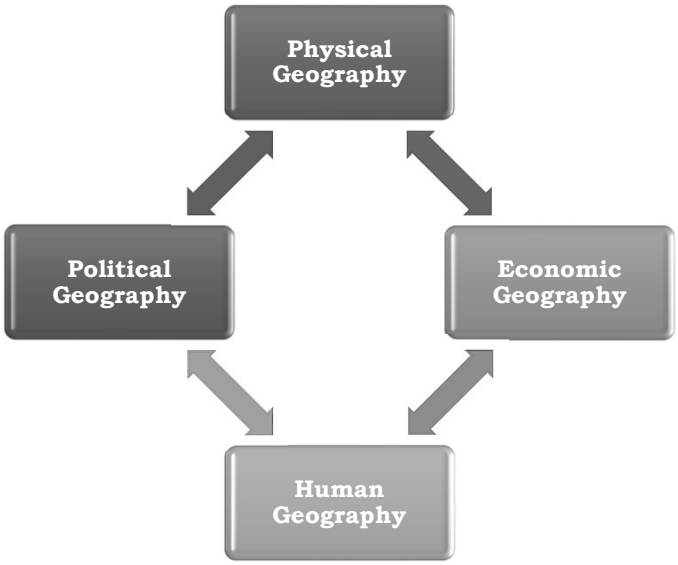

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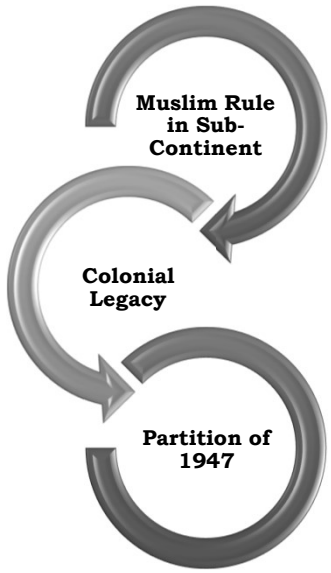

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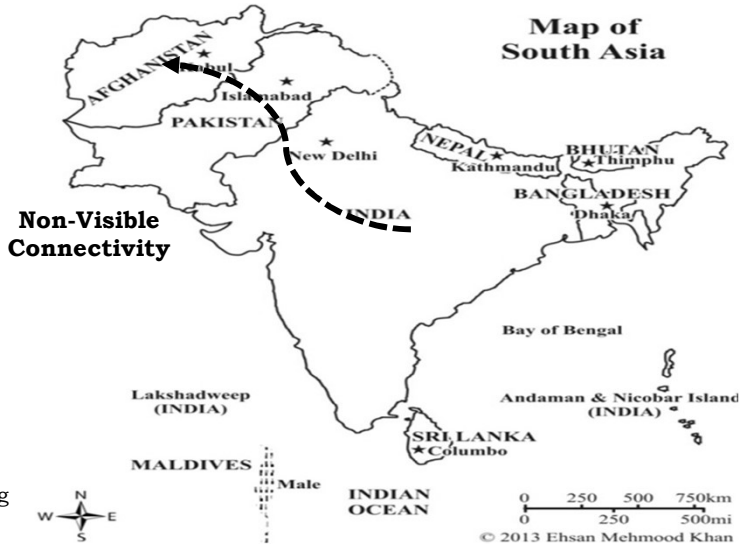

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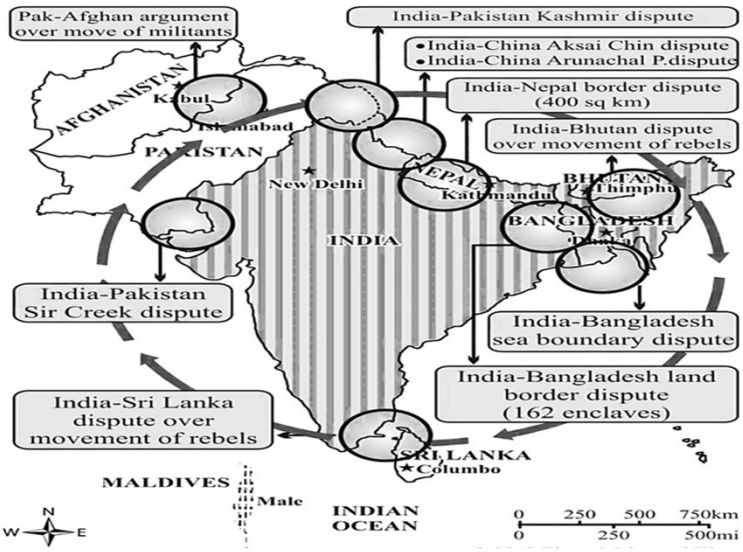

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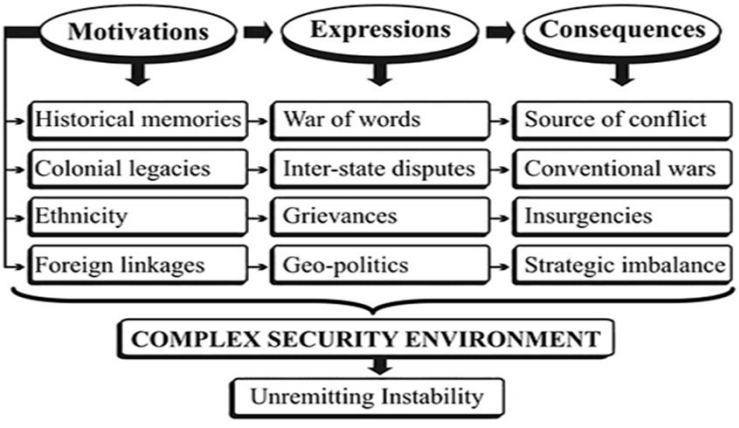

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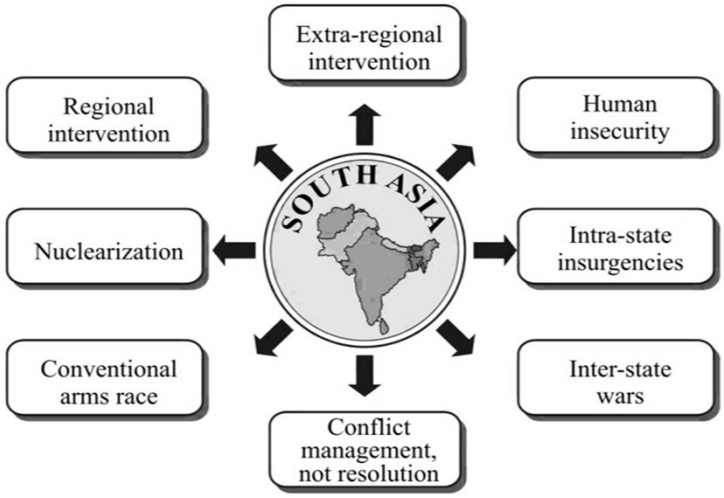

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Functional Restructuring of SAARC
Reforming and Revitalizing SAARC
South Asian Security Dialogue (SASD)
South Asian Nuclear Dialogue (SAND)
Conventional Arms Reduction Dialogue (CARD)
South Asian Parliament (SAP)
Confidence Building Measures (CBMs)
People to People Contact (PPC)
Multi-track Diplomacy (MTD)
Inter-Regional Trade (SAFTA)
South Asian Literacy Commission (SALC)
South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA)

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Topic: Foreign Policy of USA

Recommended Readings

- **Chapter 5 ~ International Relations (Part-II Book) by HA Gondal**

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USA Foreign Policy Analytical Overview

Discussion Building Theme
Balancing Dilemma

Mindset Drivers	**American Project**	**vs.**	**American Vulnerability**
Leadership Approach	**Hawkish**	**vs.**	**Skeptical**
Orientation	**Externalized**	**vs.**	**Internalized**
Vision	**Jackisonian Vision**	**vs.**	**Isolationism**
	Jeffersonian Vision		
	Hamiltonian Vision		
	Wilsonian Vision		

Assess Foreign Policy Tools
- **Stick Diplomacy**
- **Carrots Diplomacy**

Exemplar Case Studies

Israel-Palestine → **Iran Case** → **China Trade War** → **Uk-Russia War**

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Topic: Pak-Afghan Relations

Recommended Readings

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Pak-Afghan Relations ~ Key Contours

Historical Disputes
- **Durand Line & The Pashtunistan Issue**

Afghan Cold War Theatre
- **Communism vs. Capitalism ~ Soviet Invasion, 1979**
- **Mujahedeen vs. Northern Alliance**

Post-Soviet Conflict
(Mujahadin vs. Northern Alliance)
- **Ideological Differences**
- **External Support**
- **Post-Soviet Vacuum**

Pakistan Conundrum
(During~After Soviet Invasion)
- **Pakistan as a Safe Haven**
- **Refugee Crisis**
- **Changing US-Pakistan Relations**
- **Impact on Regional Stability**
- **Soviet Withdrawal and Aftermath**

Post 9/11
- **Cross-Border Militancy, Safe Havens, Border Management & Fence Construction**
- **Accusations of Proxy Warfare & Spillover of Violence**
- **Refugee Crisis and Repatriation Challenges**
- **Peace and Reconciliation Efforts**

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Pak-Afghan Relations ~ Analytical Framework

Analysis Technique

Strategic Need Analysis

Why Pakistan Needs Afghanistan?	Why Afghanistan Needs Pakistan?
Energy Security (CARs Access)	Refugee Crisis
Pro-Pakistan Regime (Strategic Depth)	Loose Employment Opportunity
Cross-Border Terrorism & Border Management	Landlocked State
CPEC ~ Stability on Afghanistan Borders	International Recognition
Export Potential	Inclusive Government

Converging Factor

Converging Factor of China & Exit of USA

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Topic: Pak-Iran Relations

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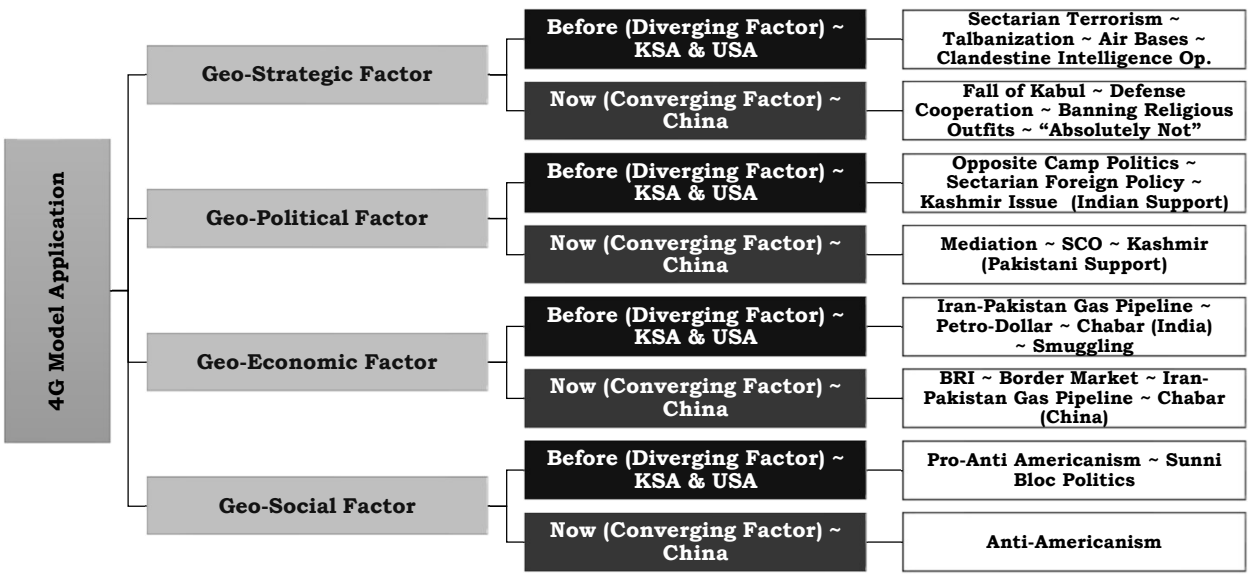

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Topic: Pak-Saudi Relations

Recommended Readings

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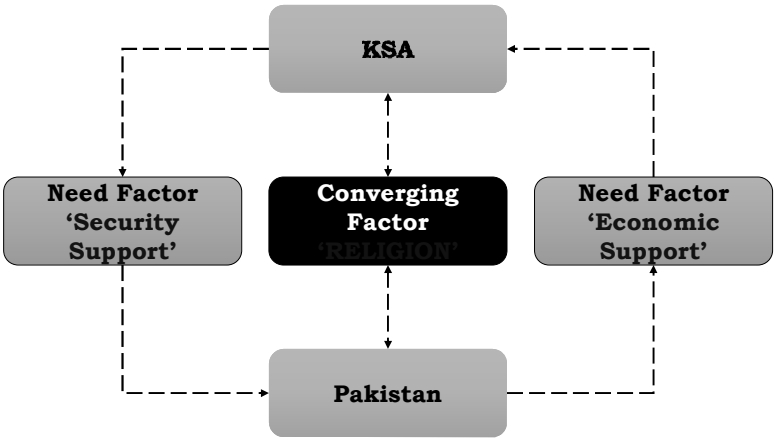
Pak-Saudi Relations ~ Analytical Framework



IK ~ MbS Short Term Romance
- Jamal Kashogi (Davos in the Desert)
- Saudi Support (3 + 3) + 2 Bn $

Impasse (KSA End)	Impasse (Pakistan End)
• Yemen Crisis • Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition (IMCTC) • FATF Grey List Support • Non-Maturing of KSA FDI Commitment ($35 Bn.)	• Kashmir Issue • New Islamic Bloc • IK-Rouhani • Abraham Accord • Postmodernist Perspective • CPEC ~ 3rd Strategic Partner

Bilateral Two-Way Dependency complemented by identity politics.

Historical Feature:
- **KSA always there for economic support.**
- **Pakistan always there for strategic support.**

Renewed Opportunity
- Saudi Vision 2030
- Normalization of Ties bw KSA & Iran

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Balancing KSA-Iran Post Ties' Normalization

1. **Diplomatic Opportunities and Strengthening Ties**
2. **Flexibility for New Ventures**
3. **Potential Support from a Stronger OIC**
4. **Economic Opportunities through China-Iran Deal**
5. **Strategic Importance of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)**
6. **Promoting Soft Power and Cultural Exchanges**
7. **Learning from China's Success**

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Current Affairs (Relations)

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