

How does the definition and scope of international relations evolves in the light of the ongoing war situations in Ukraine and Gaza? What insights do these conflicts offer into the complexities of global diplomatic, political and socio-economic interactions

Introduction:

International relations is always a evolving subject from the day of westphalia till today. As the global complexities grows the scope of international relations also increased. However, the principles and approaches provided by the subject has been completely evolved after the Ukraine and Gaza wars. The debates between the realist, liberalists and constructivist has changed on practice grounds. On diplomatic arena where negotiation is a ~~two~~ principle changed into the orders by powerful. Additionally, the situations once again led the world to start grouping and need for multi polar political world is becoming reality. The scenario on socio-economic fronts also creating chaotic situation. Therefore, the global order can only be saved with

practical and unbiased intervention.

## 1) Defining international relations :

International relations is the ~~set of~~ scientific approach to study the interaction between two states. It is also involved in the interaction on political, diplomatic and economic issues between states. Additionally, it deals with the interaction of states and international organizations and non-state actors. Moreover, the subject have some core foundations that are derived from treaty of Westphalia. The following principles are sovereignty, territorial integrity, and diplomatic negotiations. Addition to that balance of power, religious tolerance and statehood. All of the principles organize the current concept of nation states.

## 2) Scope of international relation :

The word "scope" is referred to the parameters to examine the range of subject. Initially, it is considered as the sub-domain of political science but by time it is proved that the range of the subject is much higher and it's

Theories and debates of the scholars are practically shaped. As the global communication system becomes stable and into the world entered into the age of globalization. In the modern era the action of one state have implications over its area of influence. For instance, Pakistan's decision of entering in China's economic project OBOR creates opportunities for the countries sharing good ties with Pakistan like Central Asia republics and challenged the United states global order and area of influence. This shows the small or big decisions or behaviours of states have wider implications, therefore, the scope of the subjects evolves accordingly.

### 3) Approaches to study international relations

Theories in any subject provide parameters to analyse the scope on the practical grounds. There three major school of thoughts discussed below.

#### a) Realism:

Realism is the traditional approach that emerged prior to the formation of

international relations. According to realists, the international system is anarchic and every state works for its own interests. To pursue their interests, there are some goals set by the state and states achieve them at every possible cost. The main goals of the state are their survival, security, economy and political influence. Realists argue that security is always the priority of every state. For that, they increase their military capabilities. In response, other states do the same and conflict becomes inevitable.

## b) Liberalism :

Liberalism developed in contradiction to realism. Contrary to realist beliefs, liberals believe in cooperation and the pursuit of common goals. It supports the democratic way of governance where people's power will be admired. Unlike the realist view where the state is a key player, liberals consider international organizations as fundamental actors in global politics. Liberalism's core principles are human rights, democratic values, free market economy, and the right to own property. Basically,

endorses the free will of people.

### c) Social constructivism :

The theory is based upon the behaviour of the society. As the communication grows it became necessary of governments to control public sentiments to pursue their goals. It believes that the states actions are always taken according to the internal social perception. Additionally, the diplomatic engagements also represents the social norms and interaction between people of two states. Moreover, it also endorsed the role of international organisations and global cooperation. Furthermore, constructivists argues that norms are always evolving through the exchange of perspectives. Lastly, it connects the security threat to one state from to other also based on public perception.

However, these theories created new formations on practical grounds particularly during Ukain and Gaza war.

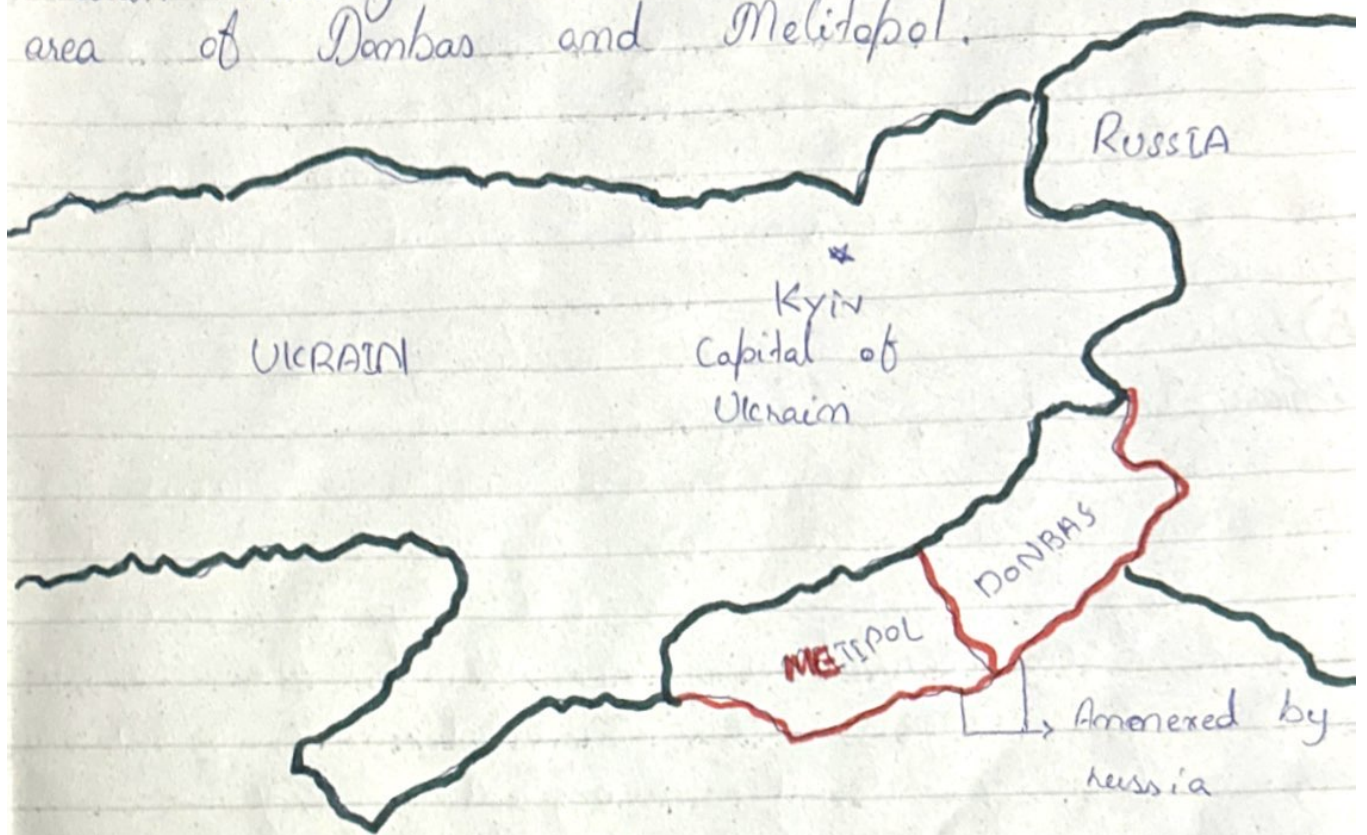
#### 4) Ukraine war and evolving scope of international relations:

In Ukraine war the theory of realism and liberalism has been evolved in new dimensions. Firstly, to understand the application of international relations the brief background and current situation is necessary to direct.

#### a) Historical and current situation of Ukraine war:

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war began in February 2014. Russia annexed the territory of Crimea from Ukraine. This was result of Ukraine dignity revolution, masses in Ukraine wanted to oust the pro-Russian government and to join western camp for better economic development. However, Russia perceived it as a threat that if Ukraine joined the west the American led military coalition will setup their basis to near to Russian borders and Russia can be economically and politically choiced. In response, Russia launched full scale attack on Ukraine in 2022 and resultantly Ukraine lost it territory, people and infrastructure. Currently,

Russian military controlled most of the area of Donbas and Melitopol.



b) International relations scope evolved in a following way in Ukraine war:

First of all the realist theory shows its applicability in the war, that due to the security reason and survival threat led the Russia to attack on Ukraine. It also shows in absence of balance of power the strong state achieve their goals at every cost. But According John Mearsheimer the scholar of neo-realism theory global power uses international relations organizations

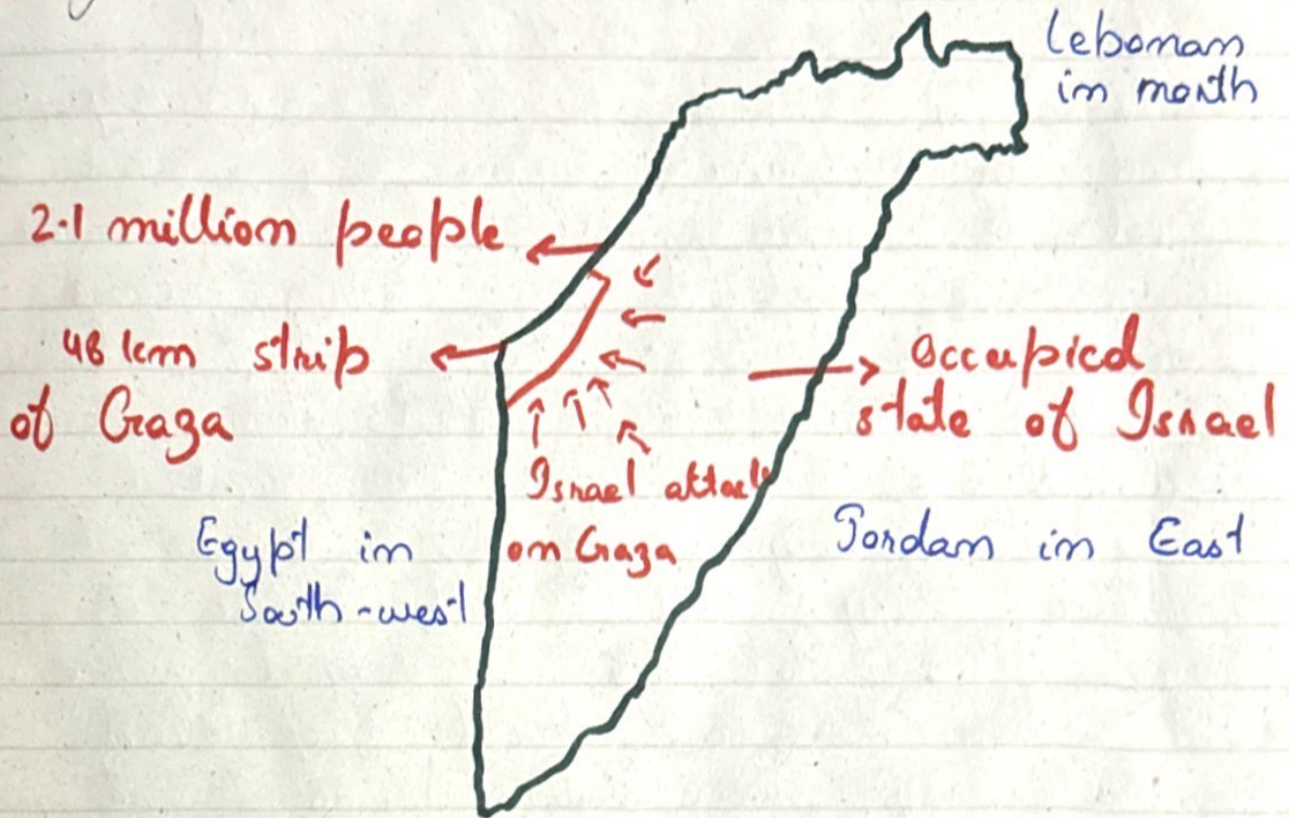
for their own interests. The American support in a collective way is evidence that American area of influence does not tolerate that growing Russian power become threat for it's global order.

### 5) War in Gaza and evolving scope of international relations :

Historically, the war in Gaza between Hamas and state of Israel is a result of long resistant movement by Palestinians against ~~see~~ occupation of Israel. The 48km strip of Gaza was converted into open air jail by Israel throughout many decades. In the free world 2.1 million people of Gaza cannot move without the permission of Israel. As the global dynamics changed and Arab states started making ties with Israel through American backing, the Palestinian resistance in Gaza feels nervous that they are not even party in such negotiations. Resultantly, on October 7, 2023 the Hamas fighters launched attack inside Israel. On that Israel launched full scale war with American backing. The cruel Zionist



government killed almost 46 thousand unarmed civilians in the Gaza till today.



a) Scope of international relation evolved in a following way:

According to realistic perspective the war in Gaza can be seen as the result of state's policy to fulfill their goal on every cost and as Israel ignores all the international conventions it confirms that state is always major player in global system. One thing that evolved in the realist perspective

is the importance of non-state actor which is Hammam's liberalist point of view that international organizations have important role in conflicts failed because, the rulings of UNO's security council are applicable when they have support of super power nation. The same rulings are applied in Ukraine because United states supports them but failed in Gaza because the United state supports Israel. During these wars the social constructionist theory emerged as the most compatible theory that social fabric of nations led to the war and peace based upon perception. Israel's population consider every Palestinian as terrorist so, they want to kill everyone indiscriminately. While, Hammam's supporter also consider Zionists should leave the region is the perception created throughout decades and does not want to accept reality.

Global diplomatic way changed as the international relations evolved in the following way:

In current situation, the hypocritical approach of United states diplomatic policy

made the core principle of diplomacy very weak which is "negotiation". The world has one platform UNO which considered as suitable forum for diplomacy has no worth today. The killing of Diplomatic face of Hammam, Ismail Hamriya by Israel clarifies that negotiation between weak and strong is no more valid concept.

7) Political arena changed as international relations evolved:

The unconditional support of Israel's cruelty by the United States President Joe Biden is result of wealthy Zionist society who funds American elections based upon their interests. This shows that traditional principal of democracy "by the for the people" is a long gone concept. Therefore, the nations who feel threat from American camps are now finding other powers to support them like China. This global change is strengthening the possibilities of multi-polarity and in future the American political influence and democratic order can be challenged by the new competitors because the international relations are now more

interest based rather than common goals.

8) Social change due to exchange of perceptions creating chaos:

In social context the evolved theory of constructivism emerged as fundamental parameter. Informationism is now flow much faster than ever before and from one pole of the world the person in other pole perceive ideology. Islamophobia, White supremacy, anti-semitic thoughts all are result of propaganda and negative perception that flows rapidly. By these negative perceptions creates ideology which changed into hate. Today the propaganda in favour of Israel made western population supporter cruelty and haters of Muslims. This shows that international social relation enters into new dimensions which will be dangerous for humanity.

Economic shift from need of people to weapon against humanity.

The world interdependent and tension in one area of world made every

Living on Earth suffers from that.  
Population in Europe is suffering from high inflation, homelessness and unemployment because the major source of energy comes from Russia and Russia used it as a weapon to weaken support for Ukraine. In Red sea the Hamas supporters are doing same, to ~~go~~ stop the genocide in Gaza. Therefore, if it continues the global economy will suffer the same they it suffered in 2008.

Conclusion: