

# "Future Arena Of World Politics Is Europe, Not Asia."

## 1. Introduction

The future arena of world politics is Asia, given its growing geopolitical, economical and technological importance. Those who argue that future arena of world politics is Europe, hold misleading claims.

## 2. Why is future arena of world politics is asia?

- A. Growing number of emerging economies
- B. Leading growth in technological advancement
- C. Enormous availability of energy resources
- D. Presence of rare earth minerals for green energy transition
- E. Emerging world order alternative to the western system



F. Presence of important trade routes vital for global trade

G. Increasing number of nuclear states

H. A battle ground for Sino-US new cold war

2. Why is Europe considered to be the future arena of world politics?

A. Tectonic shift triggered by the Russia-Ukraine war.

B. Shifting sands in European politics

3. Refuting opponents' claims

A. Europe has limited scope in future world politics

4. Conclusion



Parag Khanna in his book, titled, "The Future is Asian: Commerce, Conflict and Culture in the 21st Century" writes that the <sup>world</sup> was Europeanized in the 19th century. In the 20th century, the world was Americanized. Now in the 21st century, the world is being irreversibly Asianized. Being the largest continent of the world, Asia is getting importance in the world politics.

Asian countries have made remarkable strides in the economic development and technological advancement of the world. Today, the centre of world politics has pivoted to Asia where Asian countries have become a central players in influencing global policies. Thus, it goes without saying that the future <sup>arena</sup> of world politics is Asia, ~~not~~ given its growing geopolitical, economical and technological importance. Moreover, Asian countries will influence world politics in future because of greater number of emerging economies,



growing technological prowess, occurrence of enormous energy resources and rare earth minerals and the growing struggle for the emergence of new world order in Asia. Similarly, the threats of nuclear proliferation and a battle ground for Sino-US new cold has increased Asia's importance in future world politics. However, there are prevalent pervasive claims that Europe will be the centre of world politics in future. The proponents of these claims assert the importance of tectonic shift triggered by Russia-Ukraine war and ~~star~~ notable shifting sands in European politics. Nevertheless, Europe has a ~~star~~ definite, but limited role in the future of arena of world politics. The main focus of world politics will revolve around Asia. It is important for world leaders in general and Asian leaders in particular to hold the principle of rule-based world order for the benefits of all and sundry. Otherwise, the world might be fragmented into small units, ~~that~~ from which arise the dangers of <sup>war</sup> world.



The future arena of world politics is Asia because of the growing number of emerging economies in the region. Asian countries have made spectacular stride in the economic growth and development. They have not only reduced poverty, but have also integrated themselves in global economy that has paved the way for stable economic growth. ~~The~~ Today, Asia has become home to world's largest economies and is challenging western countries in world politics. For instance, China is the world's second largest economy that challenges American hegemony on global stage. Other than China, Japan, India, Saudi Arabia and Russia are also growing expeditiously. Hence, economic power of Asian countries will the future of world politics.

Moving on, the leading growth of Asian countries in technological advancement has increased their importance



in world politics. The rise of Artificial Intelligence and its pervasive impacts have corroborated the fact that technological advancement has direct bearing on politics. Countries in Asian continent are already leading Europe in cutting-edge technologies like chip manufacturing, and robots. According to the report of the United Nations Commerce and Trade Development, Taiwan supplies approximately 80% of the world's crucial chips needed for running most advanced industrial ~~manuf~~ equipments. The simmering US-china chip war has further triggered the importance of Taiwan. Therefore, technological advancement of Asian countries will determine the future of world politics.

Moreover, the enormous occurrence of energy resources in Asia shows its importance in world politics. Energy resources are important for stable economic growth that directly impacts politics. Asia is home to the world's largest natural resources of coal, oil, petroleum and gas, all are crucial to



to thrive industries. European countries are also dependant on Asian states for their energy supply. For instance, before the Russian untenable war against Ukraine, it was the main supplier of gas to the European countries. However, the war has reduced European dependence on Russia and has increased gas import from other Asian countries like Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Thus, the presence of energy resources has raised Asia's importance in world politics and will decide its course in future.

Similar to the energy resources, rare earth <sup>minerals</sup> metals are also found in Asia that surges its importance in world politics. The growing concerns of global warming and climate change have pushed world's state towards green technology like electric cars. Rare earth <sup>minerals</sup> metals are needed to manufacture

the batteries of ~~the~~ these cars. The global shift to green technology has increased the demand for rare earth minerals that are largely found in Asian countries, thereby



augmenting their role in world politics. According to the report of World Economic Forum, China ~~is~~ owns about 60% of the world's rare earth minerals. As the world will increasing pace for shifting to green technology, the heft of Asian countries in global politics rise concurrently. Therefore, rare earth minerals' present in Asia will shape world politics in future.

Besides, the future arena of world politics will be Asia because of the emerging world order in the region alternative to the western order. The growing grievances of Asian states <sup>emanating from their</sup> deeply embedded in dissatisfaction from the existing western-led world order, have compelled them to craft a parallel system that serves their interest. Asian countries have joined hands together to materialize this idea. For instance, <sup>using</sup> ~~on~~ the platform of BRICS, Russian president Vladimir Putin said, "We want to build a system that is "non-western" not "anti-western." The expanding



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number of BRICS testifies the desire of Asian countries to play greater role in politics. Thus, the impending emergence of a new world order will make Asia the centre of world politics.

Additionally, the presence of vital trade routes and the growing importance of these routes for global trade, surges Asia's ~~an~~ integral role in world politics. The openness and safety of these trade routes are indispensable for North American and European countries. These trade routes assist in more than half of global trade and has already expanded the ~~map~~ power of Asian countries in the geopolitical arena. The important routes present in Asia include strait of Malacca, Persian strait of Hormuz and Suez canal. According to the report of World Economic Forum, around 94000 ships pass through Malacca strait and 20000 through Suez canal annually. Any blockade in these areas,



has potential to shake the foundation of world politics. Hence, the geopolitical importance of Asia in the future arena of world politics cannot be undermined.

The growing number of nuclear states in Asia also emphasizes its importance in future world politics.

Today, Asia is home to six nuclear power states out of nine in the world. There are other some states in Asia that are working on the manufacturing of nuclear weapons like Iran or have expressed their wish to become a nuclear power such as Japan and South Korea. The growing affinity for nuclear weapons in Asian continent has shift the world attention towards this region. Many political scientists have already raised alarms for imminent nuclear catastrophe. For instance, Jeffrey Sachs, an eminent American political analyst, says that the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the world will increase



the risks of nuclear its use due to miscalculation. Thus, the issue of nuclear proliferation in Asia highlights its role in world politics in the future.

In addition to it, Asia has become a new battle ground for the US-china cold war, which further brings Asia in the limelight of world politics. Both countries are entangled in ~~g~~ getting dominance in Asia. The USA has adopted ~~to~~ the policy of containment towards china to curtail her growing influence. On the other hand, china is flexing muscles through her economic power by initiating Belt and Road Initiative that will connect china to major markets of the world. Both the USA and china are striving hard to win over the regional countries, thereby increasing their sphere of influence. Hence, the US-china geopolitical competition has exponentially increased the role of Asian countries in the future of world politics.



Despite the growing shift of world politics towards Asia, there are a few people who hold the view that Europe ~~is~~ is the new arena of world politics. These people argue that the Russia-Ukraine war has brought about a paradigm shift in the world politics, turning it towards Europe. The importance of Ukraine for the world in terms of food and energy supply will turn the centre of world politics in European favour. European countries will lead in the primary decisions of the world, owing to their better understanding of the global issues, backed by economic power. For instance, Europe has historically played pivotal role in maintaining balance of power system and stability in world politics. The war in eastern Europe has provided opportunity for Europe to ~~become~~ take lead in world politics. Thus, the Russia-Ukraine war has precipitated the future arena of world politics in Europe.

Furthermore, the shifting sands



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In European politics places greater value on its role in the future arena of world politics. Today, European Union is the only sole organization that has greater integration of political and economic integration and has a unified parliament for 27 countries.

Similarly, European countries constitute 30 out of 32 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) members. These organizations give expansive political, economical and security guarantee to Europe. By representing large number of countries, Europe has already been a linchpin for global policies and prosperity. Given its relative stability, the world politics is likely to shift towards Europe for the progress and prosperity of the world. Hence, the European role in the future of world politics is a *sine qua non*.

Nevertheless, Europe has a limited scope in the future of world politics. European countries ~~are~~ <sup>have</sup> already been caught between the US and China. Their economies are stable and strong.



but has been left behind by Asian countries. Today, all the major trade partners of the European states are Asian countries, on which their economies are dependent. Moreover, given the population gap between Asian and European countries, the importance of Asia cannot be overemphasized. According to the world population reference report, Asia is the home to five billion people comparing with Europe whose population is roughly about seven eighty million. The massive population of Asia displays its political, and military significance in the world politics. Therefore, the Europe cannot be the future arena of world politics.

To conclude, it goes beyond the shadow of doubt that Asia lies in the centre of world politics.

The world's <sup>political</sup> shift to Asia is brought about by miraculous economic growth, exceptional technological advancement and its supremacy in energy resources and rare earth minerals. Furthermore, the geostrategic



importance of Asia, and the notion of new world order have further brought the region in the centre of global politics. Even European countries have now recognized this fact and are scrambling to establish close ties with the countries located in Asia. It is important that Asia's central role in global politics needs to create lasting benefits for all other regions of the world. Only then, the world will witness much needed peace and prosperity, including the people of Asian continent.