

THE POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD WORLD WAR

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THE ESSAY

"The international order is undergoing magnificent amount of changes since 1945," remarked Kaja Kallas, a top diplomat of European Union, in a conference in April 2025. This statement underscores the turbulence currently happening within the world. The world currently is mixed with conflicts all over. Every continent has its own set of disputes pouring out of either old wounds or new festering ones. With disputes in Europe, the middle east, south asia, Africa and the indo-pacific region, the world is in a fragile state. This fragility mimics the one before the second world war. The showdown between the US and China in the quest for Taiwan and in the broader Indo-Pacific region, the tensions between nuclear armed countries of India and Pakistan, the russia-ukraine conflict and deteriorating security situation of eastern Europe, and Israel's belligerent behaviour in the middle

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east threaten to destabilise the entire world. Whereas, nuclear deterrence may play a part in diffusing tensions and the warfare may shift entirely on the digital domain yet military might remains an everpresent threat. Thus, the possibility of a 3rd world war has never been more higher and palpable in history.