

Rivalités géopolitique
 Conséquences pour la sécurité de la Suisse

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Arguments

1. Mutations des polarités mondiales
2. Impacts: économie, défense
3. Conséquences pour la Suisse

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Sécurité ?

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The absence of threats to acquired values, in a subjective sense, the absence of fear that such values will be attacked
 Arnold Wolfers

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The pursuit of freedom from threat
 Barry Buzan

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Security threats

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Based on Hough (2012, 20-21)

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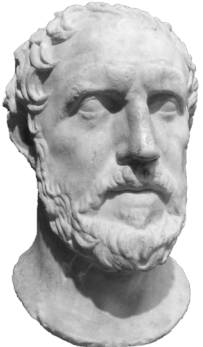
Analytical Frameworks



Interests
«Realism»

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The strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must



Thucydides
Thucydides (s.d., 3)

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Analytical Frameworks



Interests
«Realism»

Institutions
«Liberalism»

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Liberalism

Democracies do not go to war with each other and also generally with other political regimes

Deschaux-Dutard, D. (2018)

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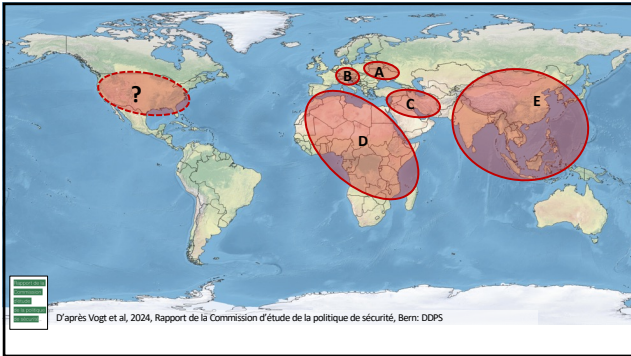
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Security is ultimately based on states respecting international law, including the rules of the UN Charter

Pål Jonson, Minister for Defence
Sweden
Swedish MOD (s.d., 3)

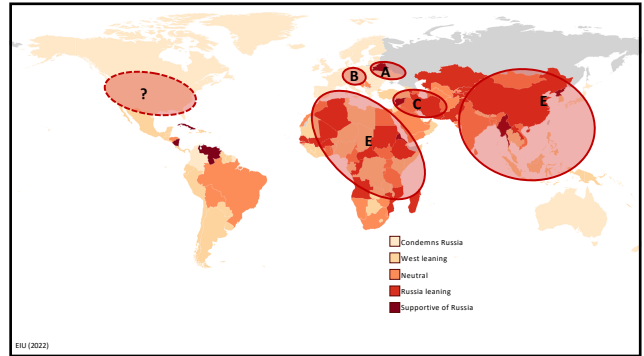
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Geopolitical Rivalries

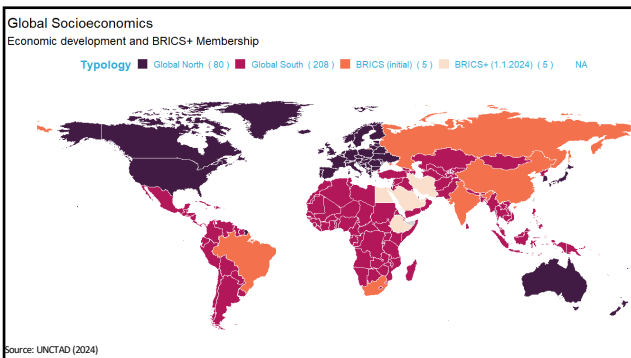
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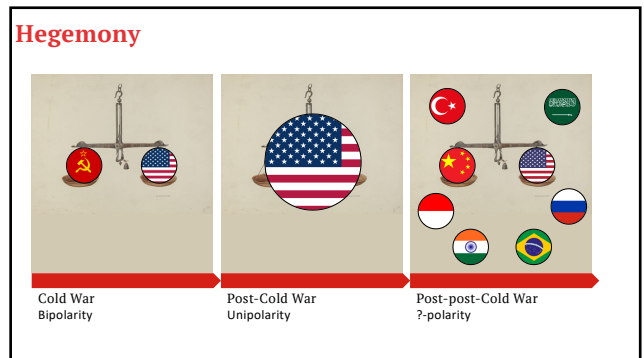
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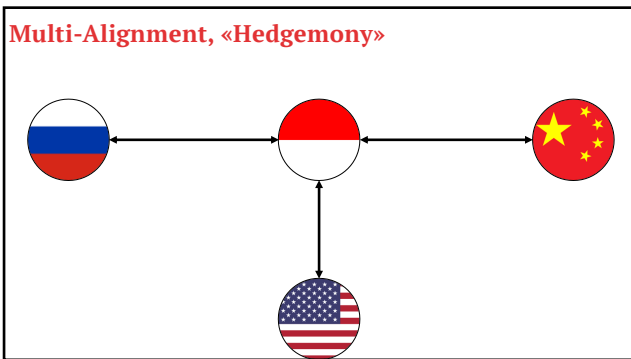
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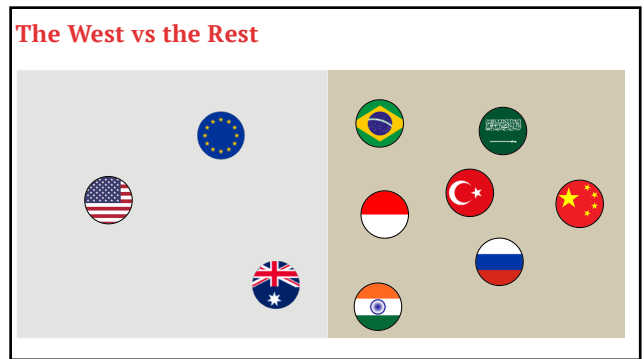
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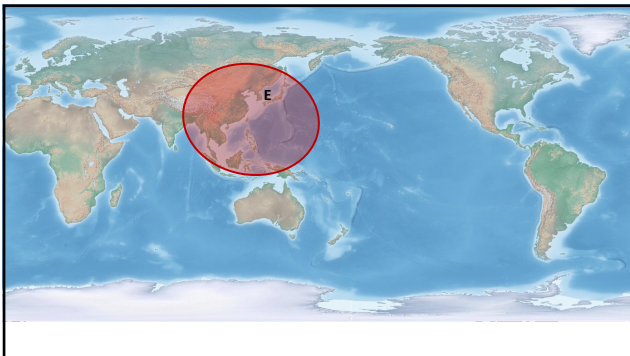
1. L'invention de la Cité, de la liberté... de la science et de l'école
2. Le droit privé et l'humanisme
3. La prophétie éthique et eschatologique de la Bible
4. La révolution papale des XIe-XIIIe
5. Les grandes révolutions démocratiques modernes

Philippe Nemo

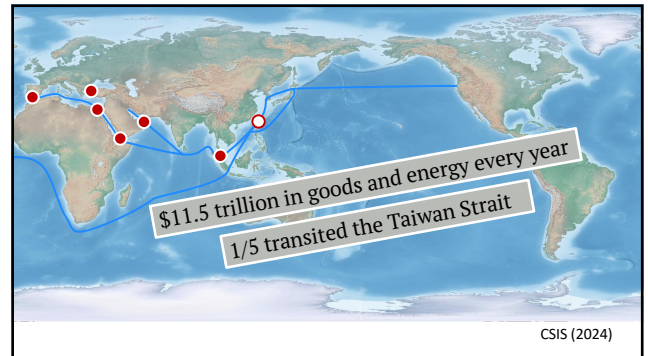
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Sociétés de détachement Sociétés de proximité

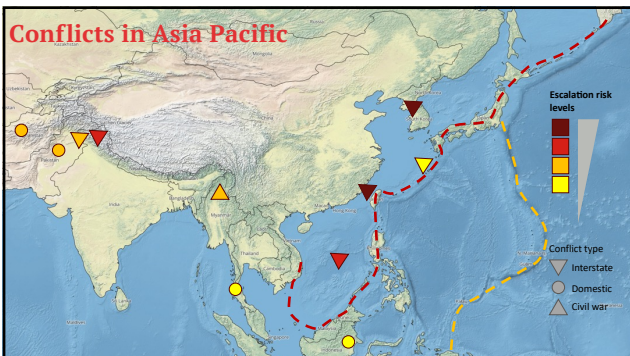
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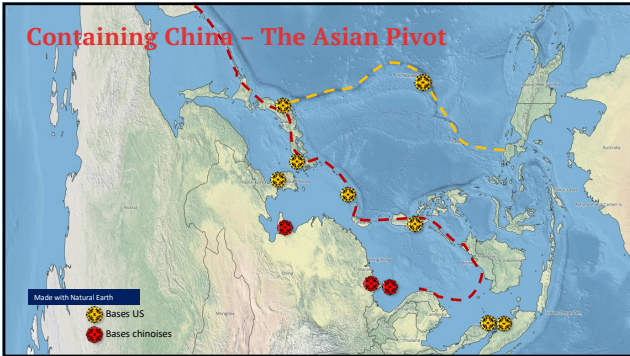


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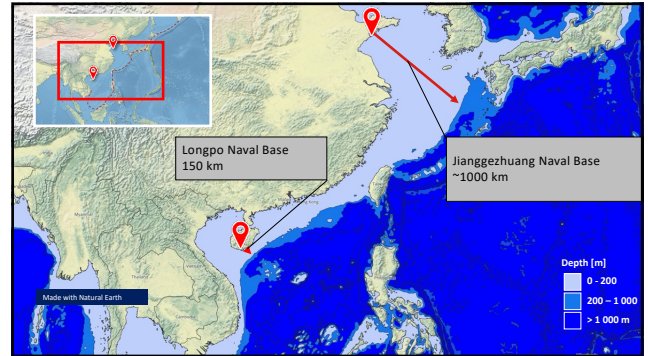
China	USA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last vestige of the "century of humiliation" Main obstacle to projecting military power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last 'Democratic China' Chinese control would open the door to the Pacific
Status: <i>de facto</i> Independence	

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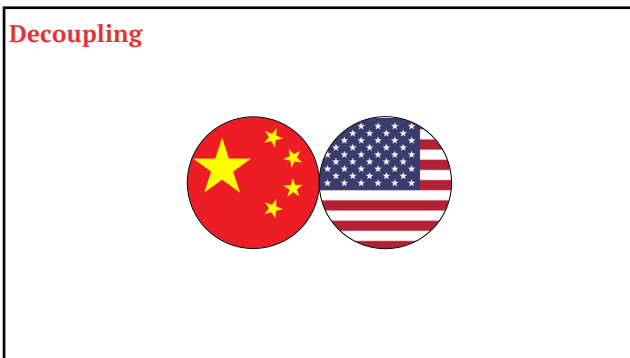
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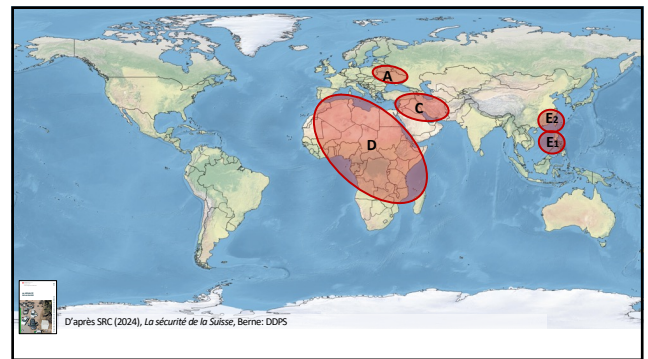
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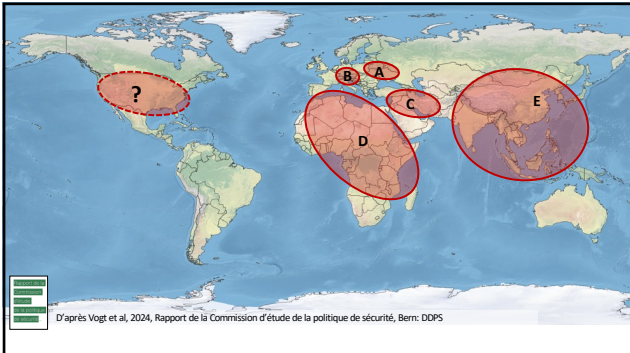
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Switzerland could come under increasing pressure to support the US... against China...

Such a scenario would significantly **limit Switzerland's ability to position itself between the US and China**

Source: DOPS
D'après Vogt et al, 2024, Rapport de la Commission d'étude de la politique de sécurité, Bern: DOPS

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Protéger la liberté d'action
L'objectif général de la politique suisse de sécurité consiste à **protéger la liberté d'action, l'autodétermination et l'intégrité** de la Suisse et de sa population ainsi que ses conditions de vie contre les menaces et les dangers, et à contribuer à la stabilité et à la paix par-delà les frontières.

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Conseil fédéral (2021, 29-30)

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La sécurité au sens large
Outre les menaces militaires, les formes de conflits hybrides et les menaces liées au terrorisme, à l'extrémisme violent et à la criminalité, la Suisse prend en considération les conséquences des défis mondiaux en matière de climat, de santé et de migration sur la politique de sécurité. De plus, elle tient compte des interdépendances des menaces et des dangers

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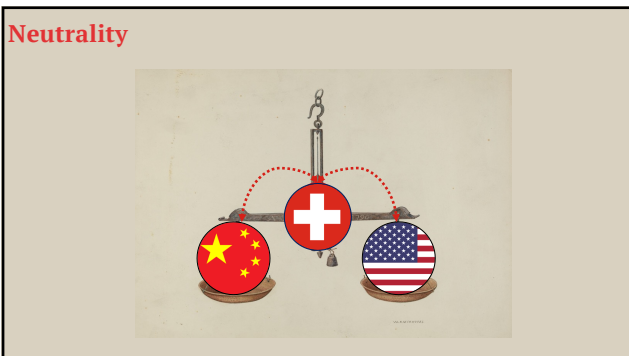
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- 1. Impact sécuritaire et économique
- 2. Pour la Suisse, sécurité < économie
- 3. Focalisation territoriale et intérieure

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La neutralité

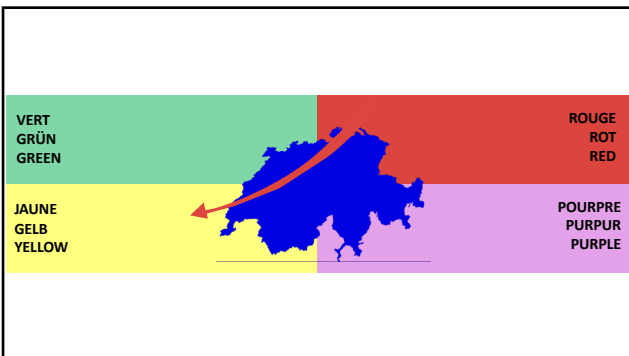
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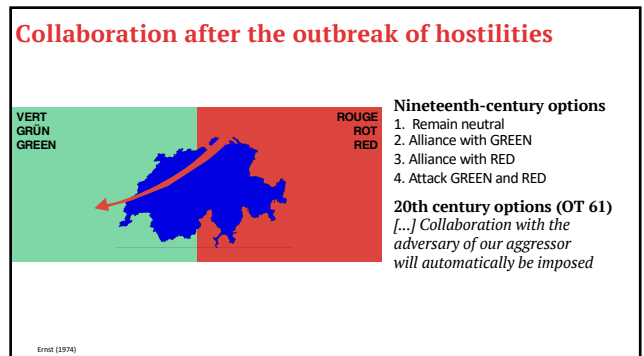
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- 1. Fonction intérieure d'intégration
 - 2. Fonction d'indépendance
 - 3. Fonction de libre-échange
 - 4. Intérêts européens
 - 5. Bons offices
- Alois Ricklin
Ricklin, Alois. Funktionen der schweizerischen Neutralität. In: Passé pluriel. En hommage au professeur Roland Ruffieux. Editions universitaires, Freiburg 1991, S. 363-394.

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Switzerland remained neutral
not only because they chose
neutrality, but because warring
nations permitted them to
remain neutral

Geoffrey Blainey

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Conclusions

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1. Geopolitical Rivalries Impact us
2. The Domestic Focus of Swiss Security
3. Rethinking Neutrality

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