

Political Science 12: IR -- Ninth Lecture, Part 2



14

**The Future of
International
Politics**

The Future of International Politics

1. Interests, Interactions, and Institutions
2. The Proliferation of WMD
3. The Rise of China
4. The Sustainability of Globalization
5. Global Governance

The Future of International Politics

1. Interests, Interactions, and Institutions
2. The Proliferation of WMD
3. The Rise of China
4. The Sustainability of Globalization
5. Global Governance

Interests, Interactions, and Institutions

- Changes in interests change actors' strategies
- Actors' strategies change interactions among states
- States adapt by creating new institutions

The Future of International Politics

1. Interests, Interactions, and Institutions
2. The Proliferation of WMD
3. The Rise of China
4. The Sustainability of Globalization
5. Global Governance

The Proliferation of WMD

- Increased availability of WMD
- Do WMD encourage peace, not war?
- Alternatives to the spread of WMD

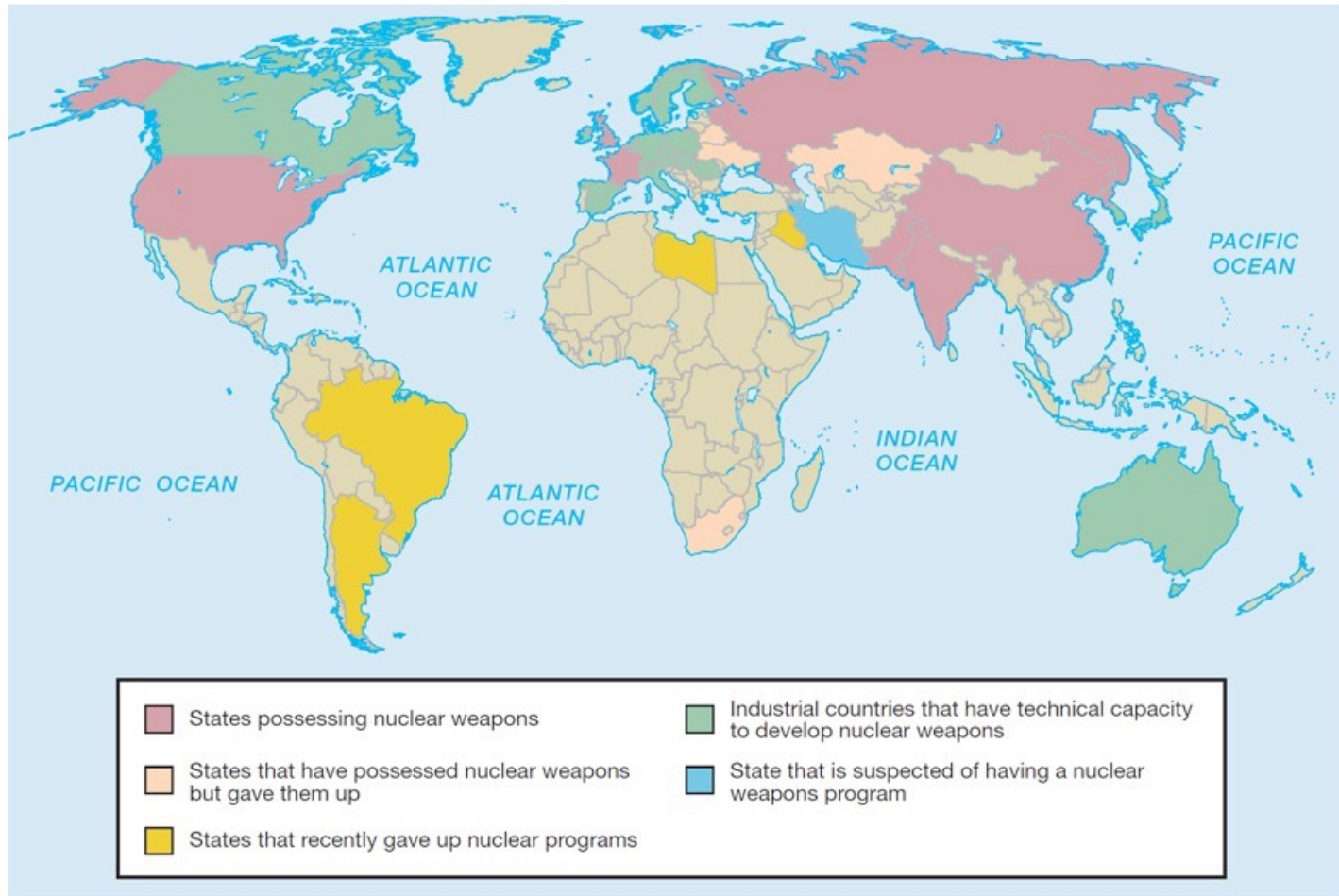
The Proliferation of WMD

- Deaths by WMD are rare
- WMD technology has diffused and become cheaper

The Proliferation of WMD

Proliferation is both horizontal and vertical

The Proliferation of WMD



The Proliferation of WMD

- Increased availability of WMD
- Do WMD encourage peace, not war?
- Alternatives to the spread of WMD

The Proliferation of WMD

Do WMD encourage peace, not war?

- Reluctance to use
- Mutual destruction denies victory

The Proliferation of WMD

Mutual destruction as deterrent

- Cuban Missile Crisis
- States that recently acquired WMD

The Proliferation of WMD



The Proliferation of WMD

- Increased availability of WMD
- Do WMD encourage peace, not war?
- Alternatives to the spread of WMD

The Proliferation of WMD

Alternatives to the spread of WMD

- Nuclear umbrella
- Global treaties
- Coercive disarmament

The Proliferation of WMD



The Future of International Politics

1. Interests, Interactions, and Institutions
2. The Proliferation of WMD
- 3. The Rise of China**
4. The Sustainability of Globalization
5. Global Governance

The Rise of China

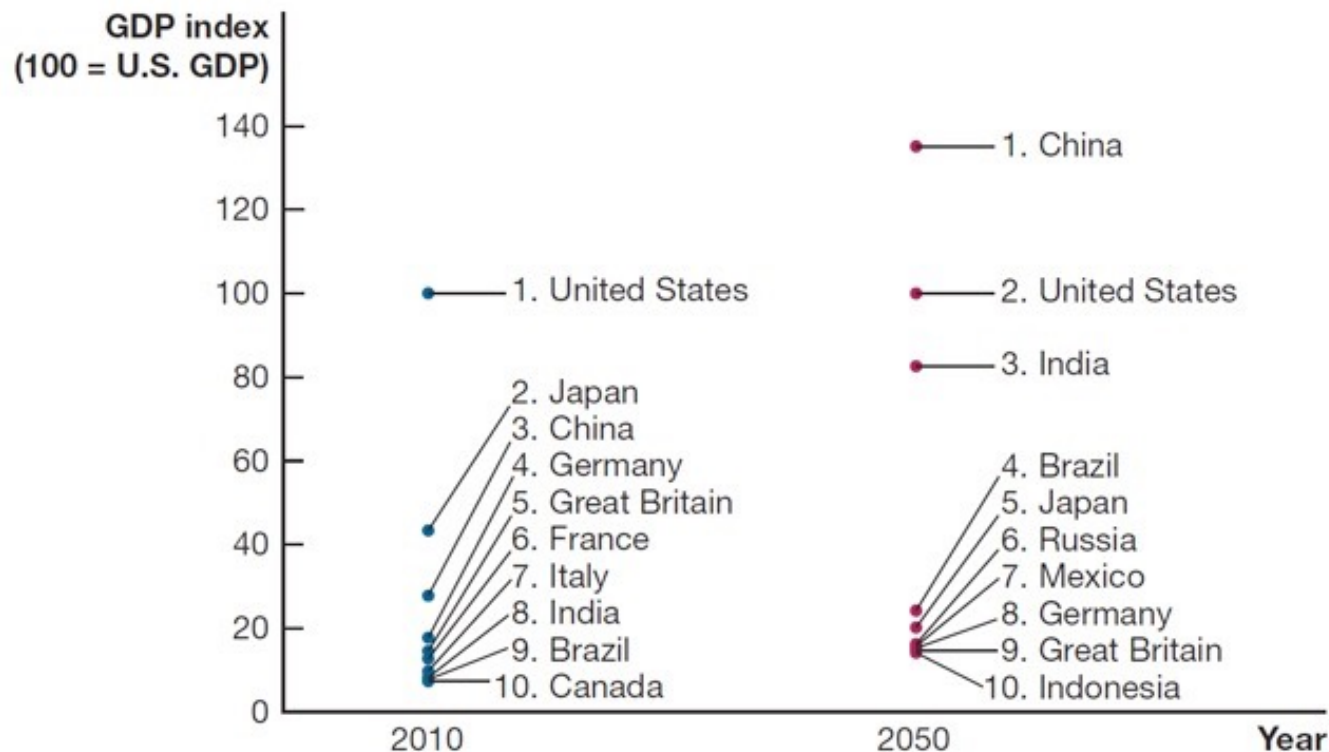


The Rise of China



The Rise of China

Figure 14.1: The 10 Largest Economies, 2010 vs. 2050



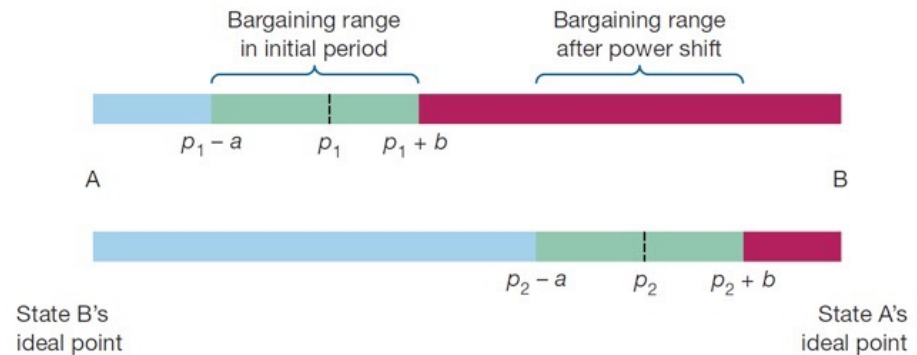
The Rise of China

- Stronger economy led to military modernization
- More diplomatically and politically engaged to project power globally

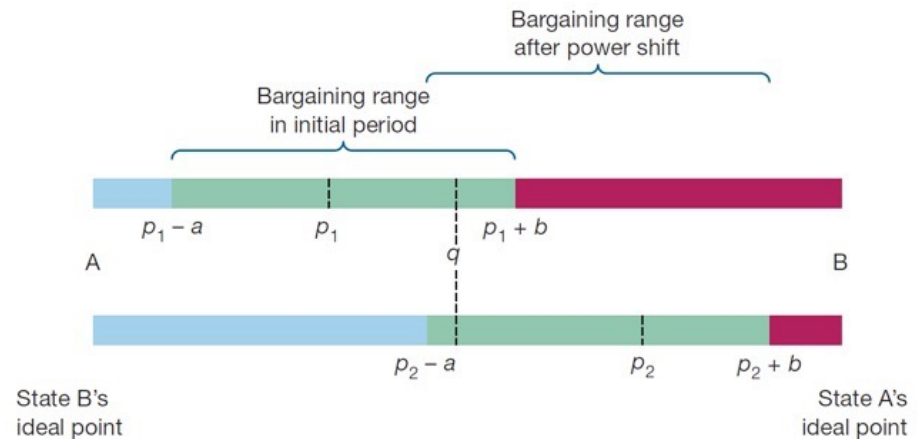
The Rise of China

Figure 14.2: When are Power Shifts Dangerous?

(i) Power shift with low costs of war



(ii) Power shift with high costs of war



The Rise of China

Would a transition to Chinese hegemony significantly change the world?

The Rise of China

Not necessarily . . .

The Future of International Politics

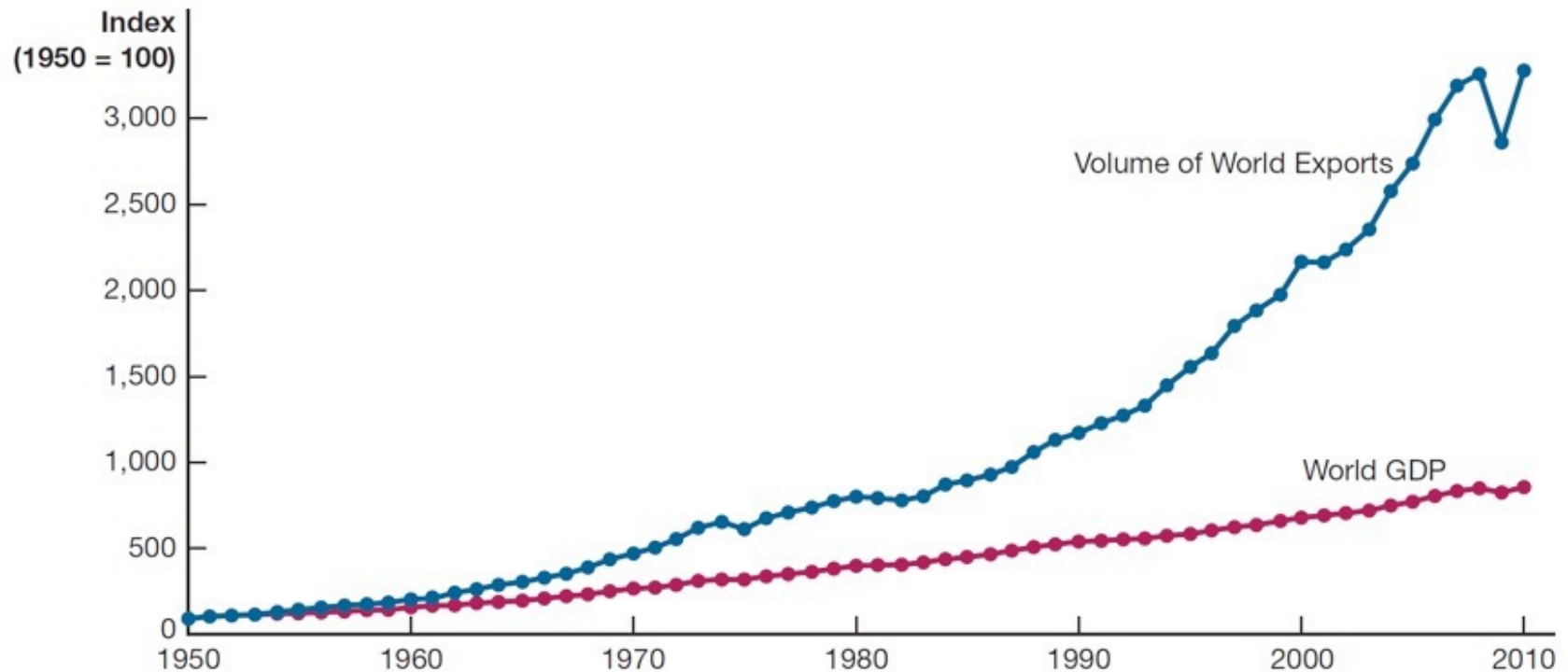
1. Interests, Interactions, and Institutions
2. The Proliferation of WMD
3. The Rise of China
4. The Sustainability of Globalization
5. Global Governance

The Sustainability of Globalization

Current wave of globalization began in the early 1980s

The Sustainability of Globalization

Figure 14.3: The Expanding Volume of World Trade, 1950-2010



The Sustainability of Globalization

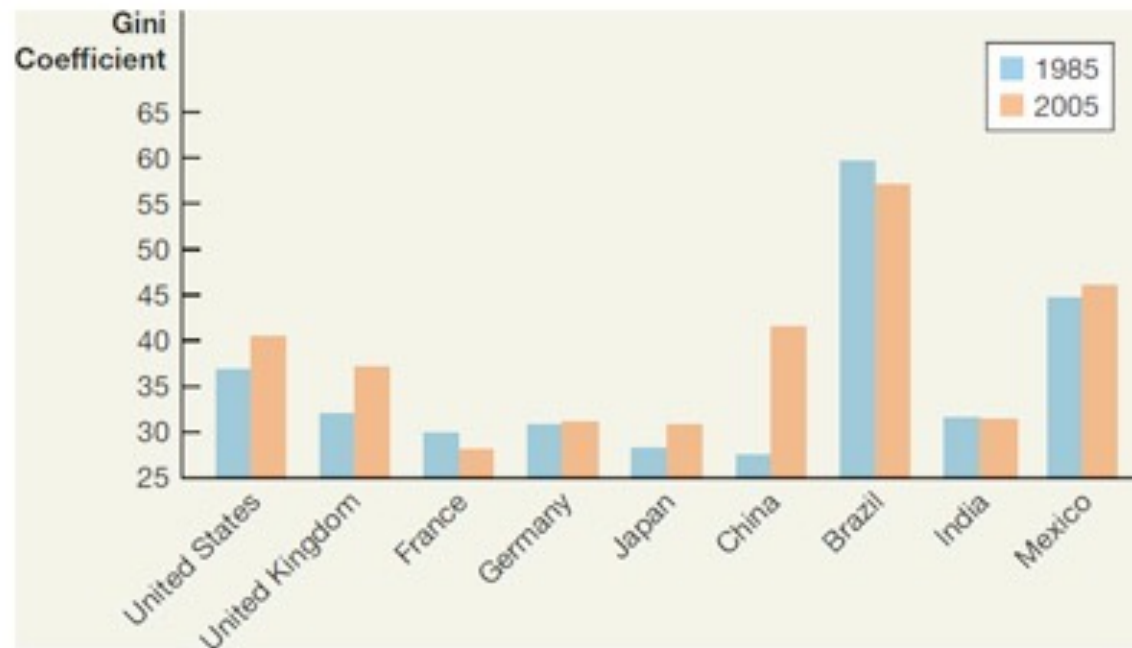


The Sustainability of Globalization

Critiques of Globalization

The Sustainability of Globalization

Figure 14.A: The Change in Income Inequality in Selected Countries, 1985–2005



The Sustainability of Globalization

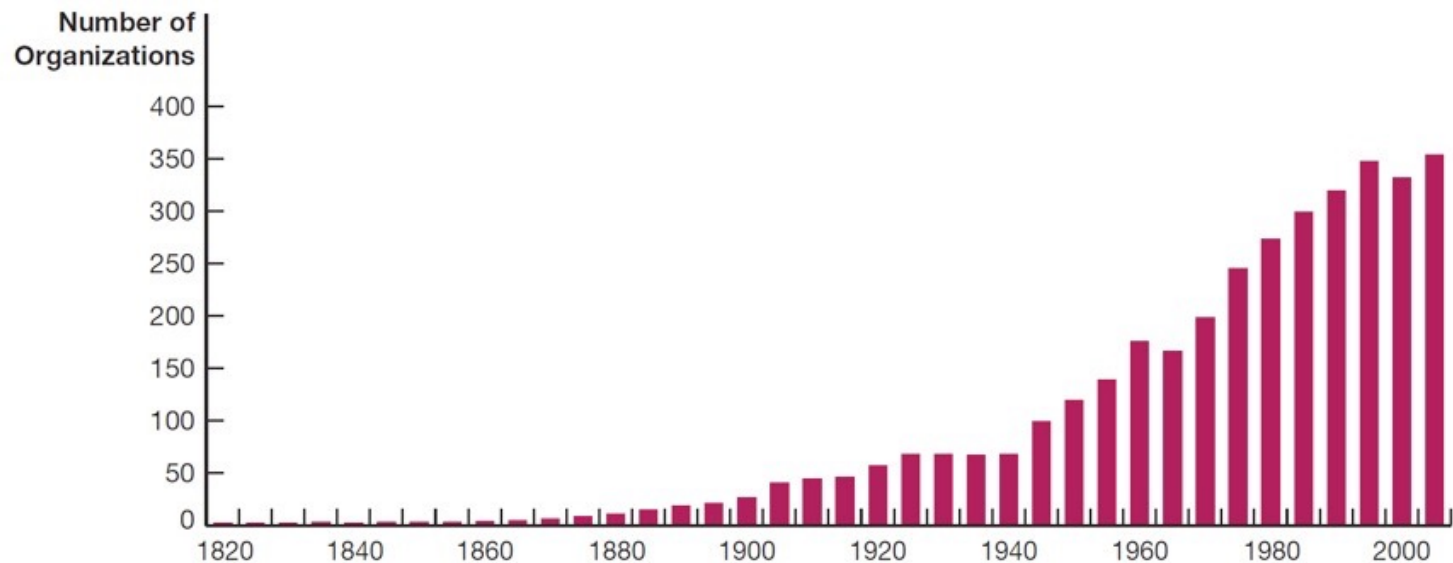


The Future of International Politics

1. Interests, Interactions, and Institutions
2. The Proliferation of WMD
3. The Rise of China
4. The Sustainability of Globalization
5. Global Governance

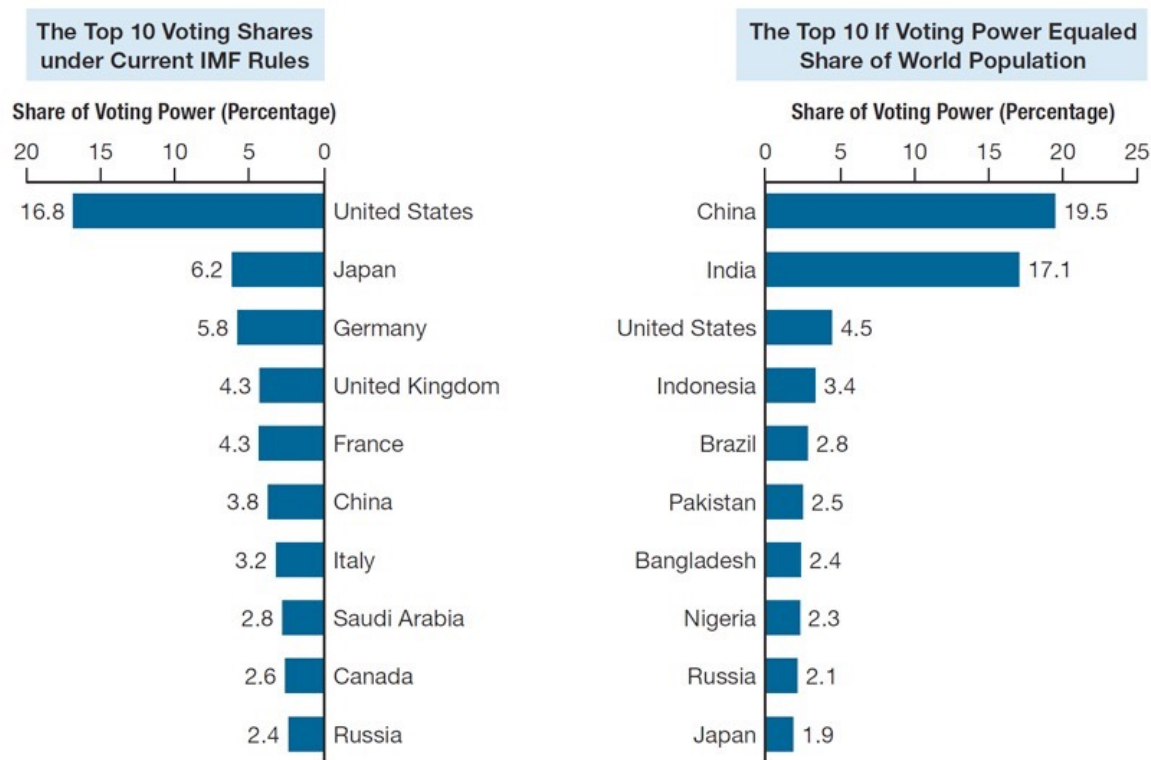
Global Governance

Figure 14.4: The Number of Intergovernmental Organizations, 1815-2005



Global Governance

Figure 14.5: What if Voting Rules in the IMF Countries Counted People Rather than Wealth?



Global Governance



Global Governance

Global governance as a public good

Political Science 12: International Relations

