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National Perspectives on the Global Security Scene

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The huge topic in 10 minutes challenge

The global security scene: a simplification

- International Relations
- Changing great power relationships in the international system

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One metric of societal development



Male life expectancy at birth

Australia	80
Canada	79
UK	79
US	77
Russia	66

President Putin now 62

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 - Predictable continuing emphasis on military power
 - Even nuclear emphasis

Russian capacity for high technology systems?

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- China
 - Benefits from exports to the US and the wider West
 - But
 - Resentment of past defeats and humiliations?
 - Concern with assured access to raw materials and trade routes?
 - Communist Party need for external adversaries ?
 - Obsession with the maintenance and restoration of its perception of Chinese territorial integrity
 - Absence of the concept of the sovereign state in Chinese history/culture?

Chinese defence industry as state-dominated

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- Set aside for the moment climate change, infectious diseases etc
- Note
 - Failure of the nation-state in some/many parts of the world
 - to deliver economic and social advance
 - to generate effective and tolerable governments
 - inequality within states
 - National self-determination results?

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- Failure of the nation-state in many parts of the world
- Islam
 - real hold on and attraction to many
 - failure to deliver in terms of economic and social development
 - especially in comparison with some east Asian states

Change in per capita GDP over 48 years in \$(2005)

	1965	2013	change
Korean Republic	1285	23893	x 18.6
Japan	10358	37573	x3.6
Singapore	2914	36898	x12.7
China	118	3353	x28.4
Malaysia	1173	6998	x6.0
Indonesia	279	1810	x6.5
East Asia all developing	175	3037	X17.4
Algeria	1633	3244	x2.0
Egypt	406	1566	x3.9
Iran	1396	3132	x2.2
Syria	675	1637	x2.4
Turkey	2633	8723	x3.3
ME & N Africa all developing	950	2497	x2.6

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 - growing prominence of extremists who want to
 - re-establish (perceived) earlier Islamic ways
 - demonise the West,
 - (which promotes the sovereign state and democracy: the will of the people)

The contrasting consequences

Economic and political migrants
from the Islamic world

Calais' thousands of migrants waiting, hoping to get to Britain

1,200 migrants – mainly from Eritrea, Sudan and Afghanistan, with groups from Somalia, Pakistan and Chad – are now camped out in Calais' forests, hoping one day to cross the Channel to Britain

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Islamic terrorists in Europe



London 7 July 2007

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 - Needs a whole of government approach

Some implications

- The private security business has a future
 - Private armed forces
 - Private support for state armed forces
 - Technology and people for the protection of corporate assets

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- Augustine's Law needs to be controlled
- US industrial domination of the West?
- Further internationalisation of the defence industrial and acquisition space
- The traditional defence sector seeks access to commercial technology?



Export controls' future?

Finally

- Increased importance for assurance and agility of supply in military operations
 - Including the ability to modify equipment quickly
- Our book was not the last word!

