Final Lecture: Thinking About Future Trends Affecting USNSP & Shifting Nat'l Security Paradigms

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Introduction – What Does the Future of USNSP Look Like?

- Why Think about the Future?
 - Increasing rate of historical change.
 - Governments need to anticipate and respond early in order to effectively manage change.
 - As students, we need to practice & enhance techniques of theorizing & forecasting as a regular part of our thinking.
- Forward Emerging Issues The Great "Shift" of Security:
 - Changes in the post-World War II of the US as a global leader
 - Changes to the liberal democratic system
 - Survival of the International State System
 - Changes with / to sovereignty (Is sovereignty over?)
 - Changes with / to conflict
 - Higher level of tensions that result

Future Variables of Interest

Security & Technology	Economics
 Nanotechnology 	 High technology textiles
Genetics	Energy
 Environment 	 Rejection of Capitalism by developing
• Energy	world
• Disease	 India's growth
Artificial Intelligence	 China's growth
 NLW (Non-Lethal Weapons ↑) 	 Environment
	 Developing countries default on IMF loans
Security	Governance
 Increased asymmetric warfare 	 Internet governance
 Geopolitical shifts and alliances 	Water Scarcity
 Revolutionary weapons development 	 Mass privatization
 Surveillance 	 Space colonization
 Demographics 	 Regionalism
 State disintegration 	Disease
	 State disintegration

The Security - "Shift Happens"

- "In times of rapid change, the learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists." - Eric Hoffer
- "The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read or write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn." - Alvin Toffler
- It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.
 Charles Darwin
- We must always renew, change, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
- Evolution of thinking is, thus, imperative.

A New National Security

"The greatest test of global leadership in the 21st century will be the way in which nations act in the face of threats that transcend international borders, from nuclear proliferation, armed conflict, and climate change to terrorism, biological hazards, and abject poverty. Today, national security is interdependent with international security."

- U.S. Global Strategic Assessment 2009

The Cold War – Adversarial Map



The Long War / GWOT Adversarial Map



A Map of Emerging Security Issues? Widespread Troubles?



And Perennial Security Issues - Left Behind The NKPD at Night





An intensitying war





Globalization as Two-Edged Sword Exacerbating Tensions?

The forces of globalization that stitch the world together and drive prosperity could also tear it apart. In the face of new transnational threats and profound security interdependence, even the strongest countries rely on the cooperation of others to protect their national security. No nation, including the United States, is capable of successfully meeting the challenges, or capitalizing on the opportunities, of this changed world alone. But

American security, defense, & foreign policies lag behind these realities.

Examples of this Paradigm Shift

- Natural Resources Challenges
- The Spread of (violent) Islam
- The Changing Nature of War & Conflict
- The Rise of China
- Re-emerging, perennial / traditional issues such as "piracy" & "arms control and proliferation."



Actual Attack

• Attempted Attack



Resources - Specific Regional Challenges

- China, a country with more than 22% of the world's population, only has 8% of its fresh water.
- India's water demand is expected to double by 2025.
- The Middle East's fresh water availability is expected to drop by 50% well before 2025.

Islam - Why We Care: Foreign Policy Implications

- Our interests in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Israel, Palestine, and Iran are inextricably tied to Islam.
- A negative perception of the US and its involvement in the region feeds Islamic extremism

"Ironically, our greatest strength—military power—has become our greatest liability because extensive use of military power can help to mobilize Muslims to become Salafi jihadists. Our most important partners are Muslims, and we will have to continue to find ways to support ongoing Muslim efforts to marginalize the Salafi jihadist ideology across the Islamic world while taking prudent actions to inhibit catastrophic terrorism."

- U.S. Global Strategic Assessment 2009

The Changing Nature of War / Conflict

•As society & technology change, the nature of war also changes, specifically with regard to:

ActorsMeans

"The most capable opponents may seek to pursue what has been called hybrid warfare—the combination of conventional, irregular, and catastrophic forms of warfare simultaneously."

- U.S. Global Strategic Assessment 2009

Changing Conflict, cont'd

- Inter-state conflicts expected to prevail in the next decades
- Most conflicts identity-driven (issues of ethnicity, breakup of federalism, religious violence)
- Chaos, barbarity, complexity
- Traditional methods of intervention (diplomatic pressure, sanctions) fail
- Violence not a means but an end aim
- Lack of legal criteria for international intervention (right of human right intervention) on part of UN, NATO,OECD
- Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA) as an impetus to unilateral actions (e.g.USA)
- Cases of Kosovo 1999 and Iraq 2003

Today's global troubles...



Immigration equal to emigration No data

SOURCE: United Nations (2002)

Diplomacy, Development and Defense

The United States Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, and United States Department of Defense



Thoughts on Doctrine & Policy: Why Bother?

 "The most difficult thing about planning against the Americans, is that they do not read their own doctrine, and they would feel no particular obligation to follow it if they did." Admiral Sergei I. Gorshkov, (Father of the Russian blue water navy)

• "The British write some of the best doctrine in the world, it is fortunate that their officers do not read it." Col (later FM) Erwin Rommel

• "I am tempted to say that whatever doctrine the armed forces are working on now, they have got it wrong. I am also tempted to declare that it does not matter. What does matter is their ability to get it right quickly, when the moment arrives." Sir Michael Howard

The Future of Engagement – Requires Alliances

- What is a peer?
- Will asymmetric, nontraditional means become a commonplace element of war?
- What does it mean to "win"?
- Must we be prepared to fight a war on many fronts?
 - combat abroad, in the face of both kinetic and nontraditional threats
 - attacks at home, to hinder supply and deployment
 - attacks on civilian targets in the US homeland
 - shaping public opinion
- When many more adversaries are nuclear powers, how will it change the equation?
- Employing the private sector? Blackwater?

Traditional Orientation to Security Problems

Executive Branch Agencies

Foreign Governments Congress

Nongovernmental Organizations

Intergovernmental Organizations













Players and Connections The Original "Interagency" (IA) Conception



Current Reality Adds....

- State & Local Governments
- **Multinational Firms**
- Contractors
- Extra-state Actors And then some.....



How are new players leveraged in "Whole of Government" (WOG) strategy?

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What Do These Changes Portend for Europe?





- Backbones of European Security OECD, EAPC, EU, NATO
- NATO only institution, able to manage conflict, enforce peace, provide order (Bosnia v.Kosovo)



- Partnership for Peace
- NATO's enlargement does it promote a common European Security Identity?
- Russia a strategic partner or rival in the new security architecture of Europe?

NATO & Int'l Security

- Should NATO's mission expand outside the European continent and if so, why?
- Should NATO cover more geographic space (pertaining to the debate on enlargement)?
- NATO expansion may incorporate countries with potential new threats (disease, crime, etc.) Does it make sense to take such risks at the present time?
- Is NATO obsolete? Or, are there still enough shared elements (culture, ways of life) between the U.S. and Europe that justify an expanded role?
- Are there other international organizations (UN) that might handle present day security threats more effectively?

What Comes Next? NATO, the US, & Russia

"Though the former superpower is an IR actor of regional character with a vast decrease in military power and profound economic and political problems, long term stability on the European continent can only be achieved with a clear strategy towards Moscow."

Kurt Spillman, "Towards the 21st Century: Trends in Post-Cold War International Security Policy", Bern, 1999, p. 324







Final Ideas to Consider

- How is USNSP changing going forward? Should (can?) the U.S. continue to play the role of world policeman?
- Is there a need for a new overarching security arrangement (maybe a NATO-Russia Council)?
 - Does the U.S. (do other nations?) require a mandate from the UN to defend itself? How is legitimacy achieved when a nation acts without some form of international authorization?
 - How does one tighten security (improve security provisions) without infringing upon basic human rights? Is there a need for changes in international organizations, deployment, communications, information processing?



