

The Ideational Impact of Region and Regionalism

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Outline

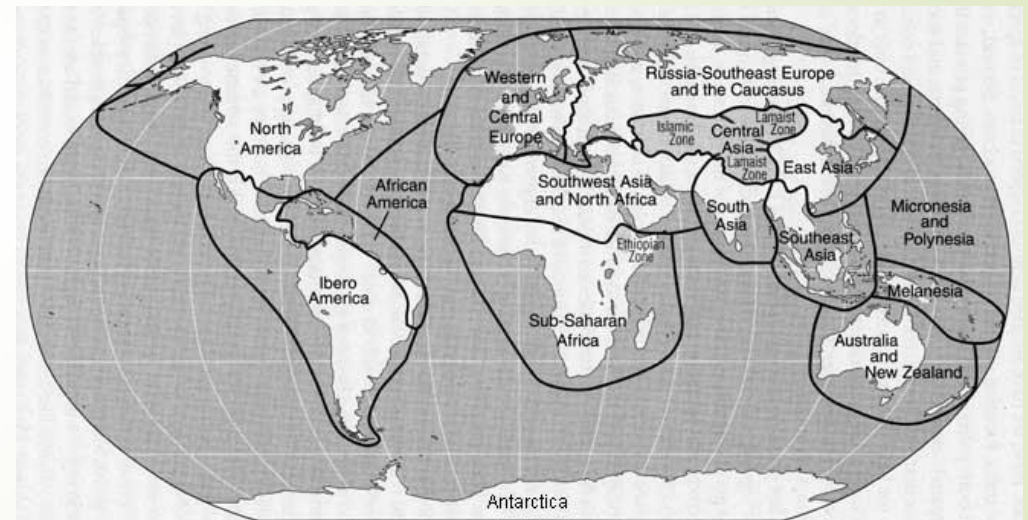
- Understanding the ideational dimension of regionalism
 - Regionalism as an ideology
 - The project and process of regional identity
- Readings materials
- Discussion
 - What is the relationship between regionalism and nationalism in East Asia and Europe?
 - How to explain the politics of regional identity at the elite and mass levels?

Understanding the Ideational Dimension of Regionalism

- Imaging region and regionalism
 - Region as a way of self-understanding
 - Region symbolizes a set of culture, value, and norm
 - Region embodies something unique/special
 - Region identity
- Regionalism as a source of self-consciousness
- Regionalism provides the potential basis of collective action (e.g., social movement, arm conflict, struggle for independence, efforts for economic development)
- Regionalism as an ideology

The Origin of Ideational Region

- Imagining the world through region(s)
- What are the ideas of regionalism?
 - Vision of the future
 - Guiding principles
 - Policy, process, and institution...



Emergence and Impact of Ideational Region

- The emergence of regionalism ideas
 - Historical contingency
 - Tradition, authority, mutual identification
- The impact of ideational regionalism
 - Normative persuasion
 - Constructive mobilization
 - Future guidance

Ideological Regionalism and Regional Identity

- ▶ Regionalism as an ideology
 - ▶ The idea of regionalism
 - ▶ The motivation of regionalism
 - ▶ The historical contingency of regionalism
- ▶ The project and process of regional identity
 - ▶ Regional identity as a top-down project
 - ▶ Regional identity as a mass level process

Reading Materials

- ▶ He, Baogang and Takashi Inoguchi (2011) 'Introduction to Ideas of Asian Regionalism', *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp. 165-177.
 - ▶ Summaries
 - ▶ Critical comments

Discussion

- ▶ What is the relationship between regionalism and nationalism in East Asia?
- ▶ How to explain the politics of regional identity at the elite and mass levels?

Readings for next class

- ▶ Kim, Soo Yeon; Edward D. Mansfield and Helen V. Milner (2016) 'Regional Trade Governance', Ch. 15, in *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Regionalism*, pp. 323-350.
- ▶ McNamara, Kathleen R. (2016) 'Regional Monetary and Financial Governance', Ch. 16, in *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Regionalism*, pp. 351-373.