

The Security Implications of Region and Regionalism

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Outline of the Lecture

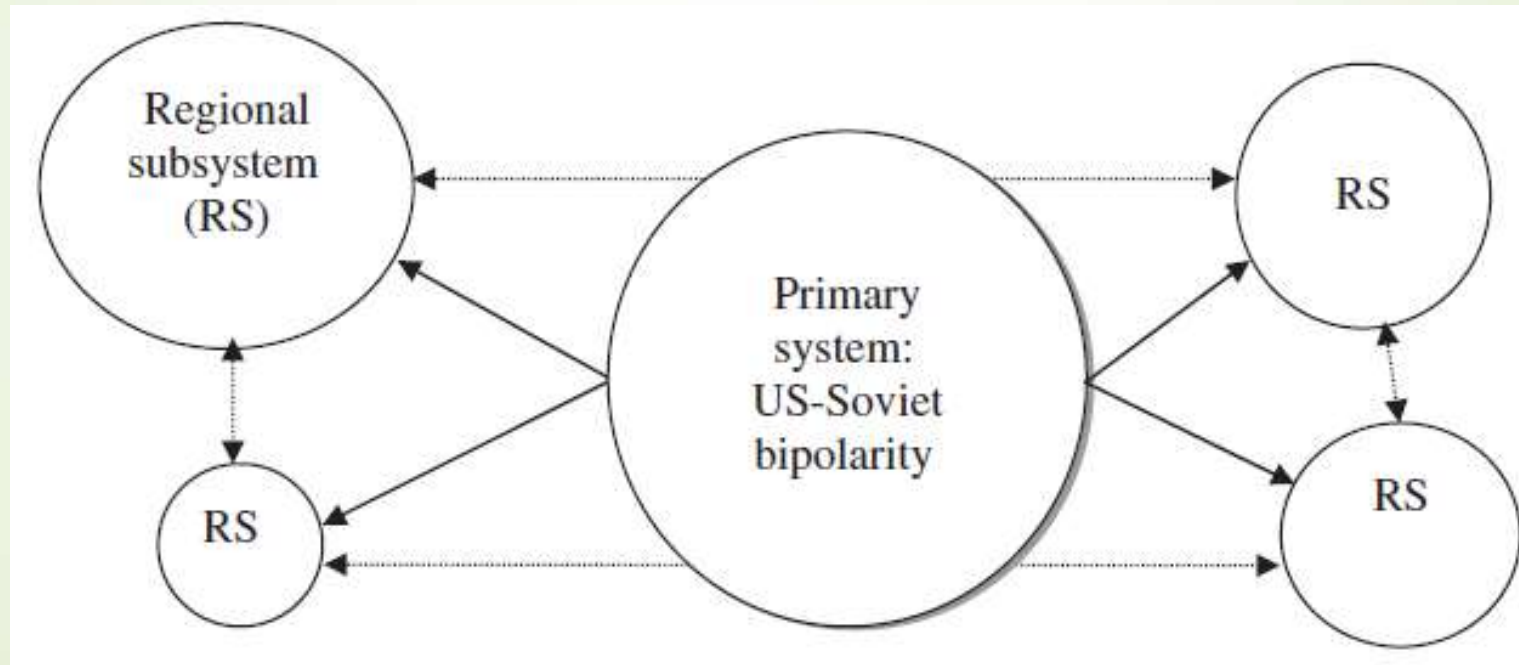
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 - ▶ Assessing the impact of US primacy in a regionalized world
 - ▶ The regional dynamics of inter-state cooperation

Reading Materials

- Kelly, Robert E. (2007) 'Security Theory in the "New Regionalism"', *International Studies Review*, Vol. 9, pp. 197-229.
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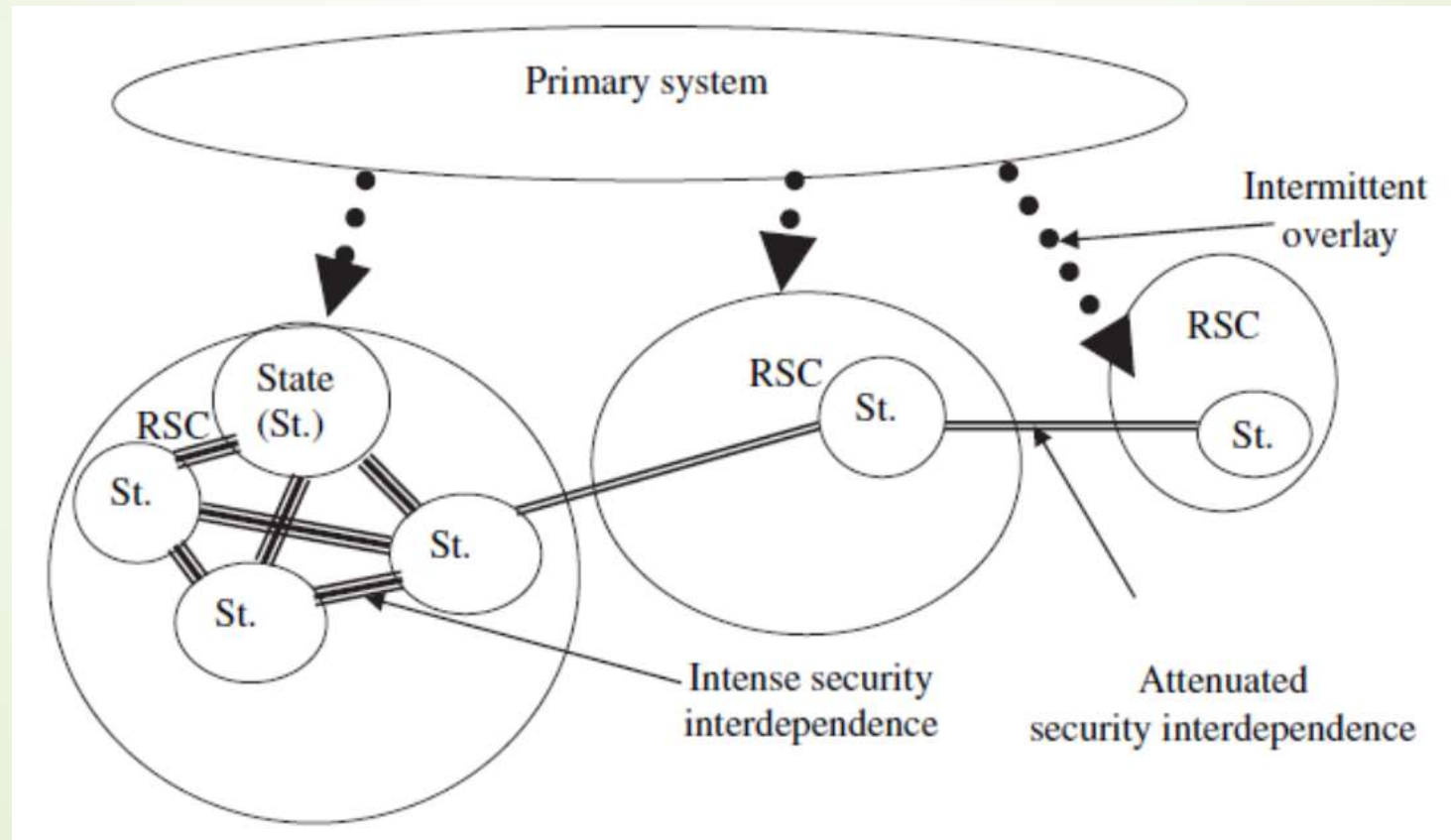
Models of regional security

➤ Regional constellation in the Cold War



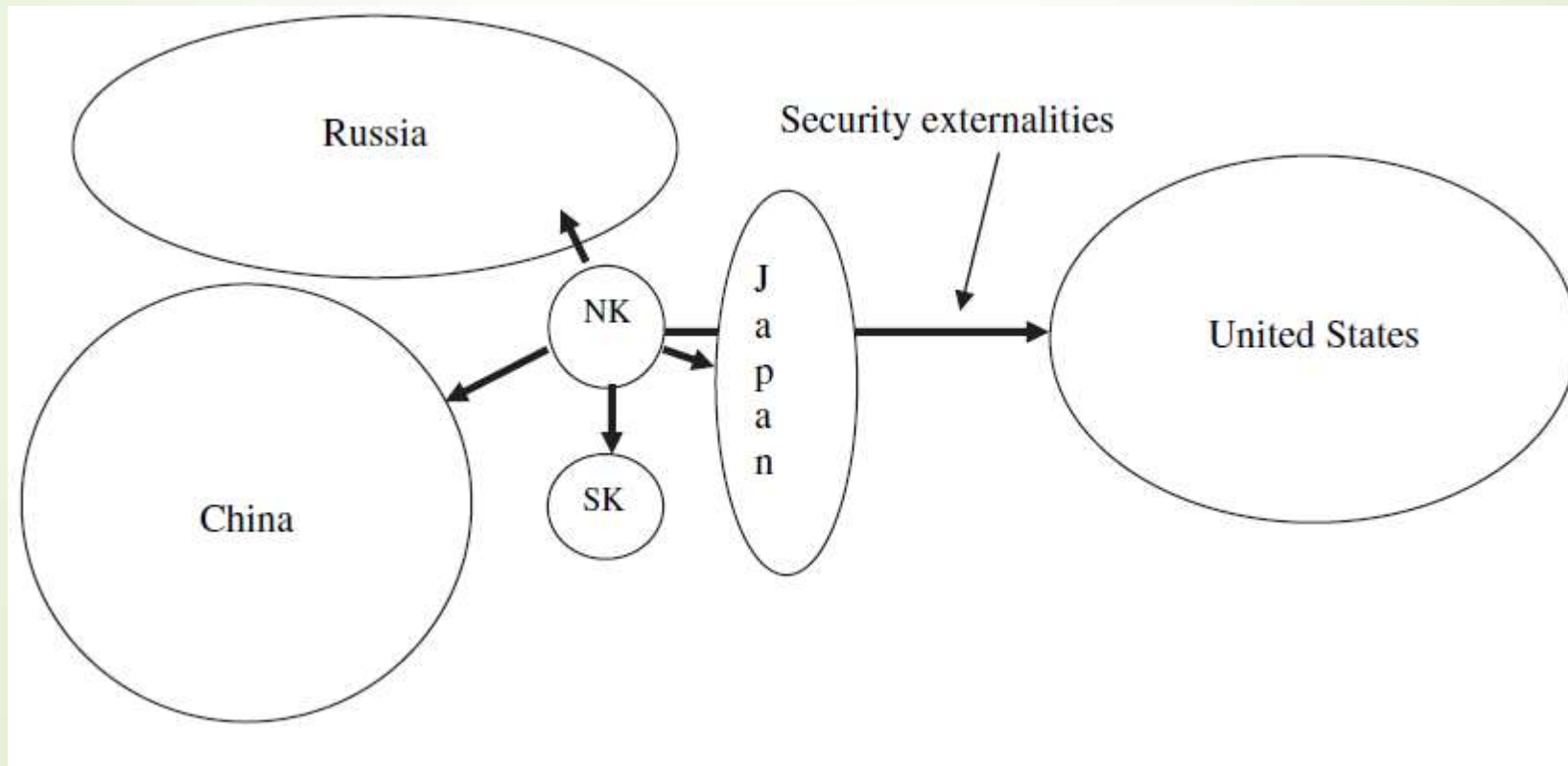
Models of regional security

- Regional security complex (Buzan & Wæver, 2003)



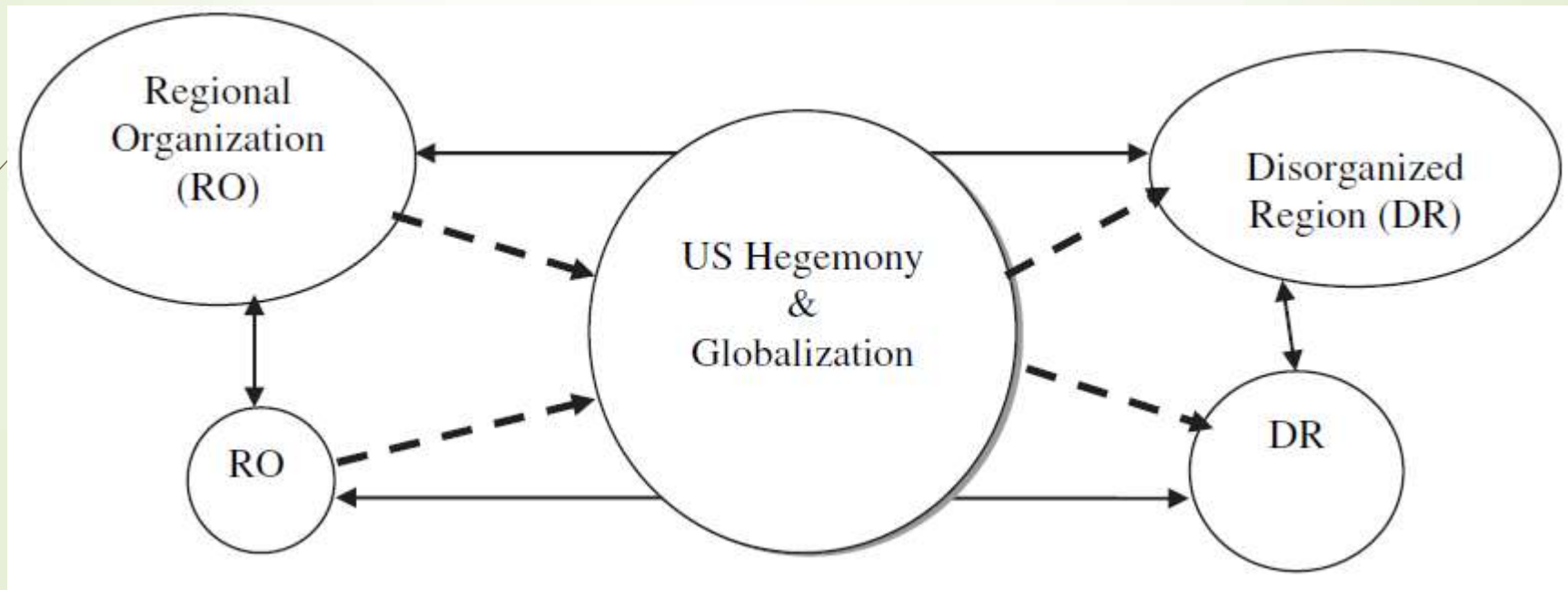
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- 'Shared security externalities' (Lake, 1997)



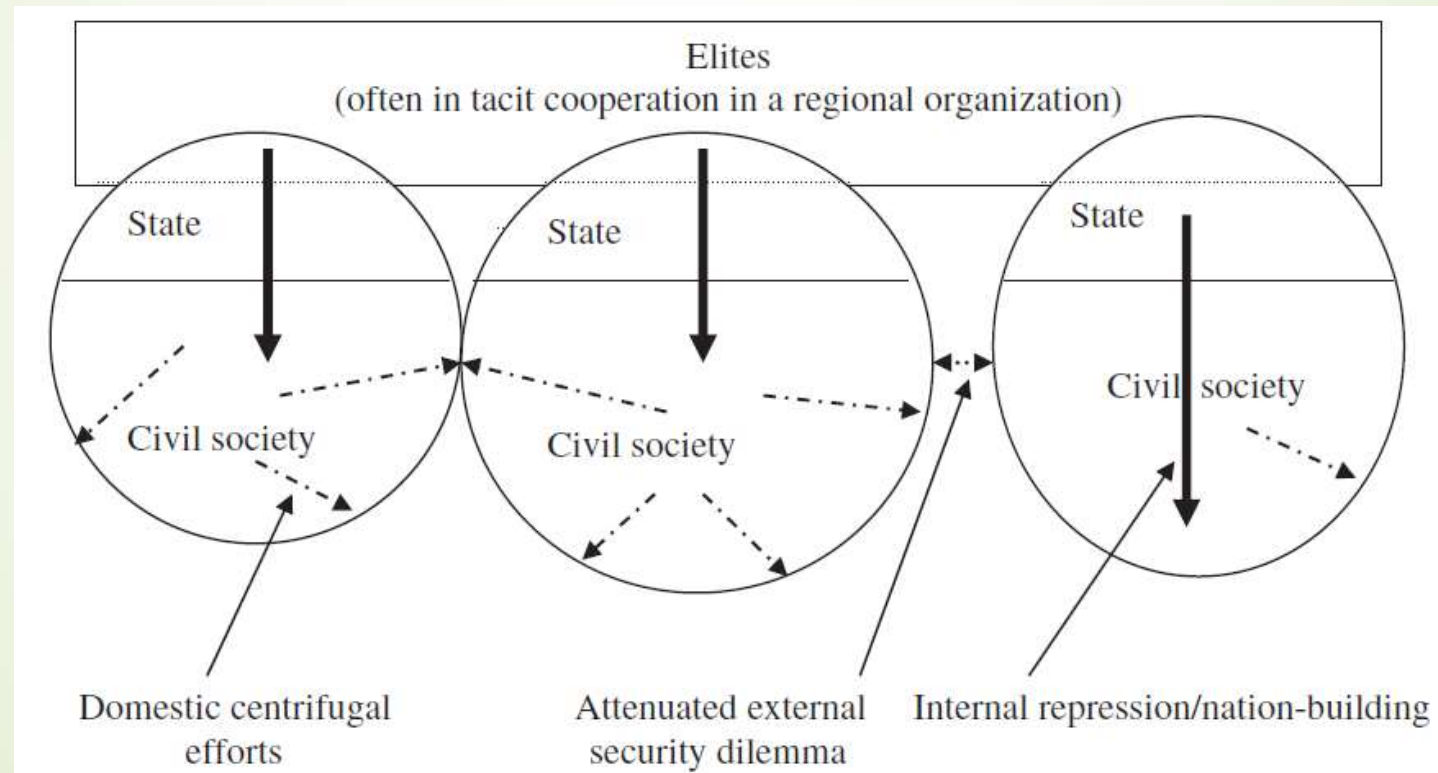
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► 'Defensive regionalism'



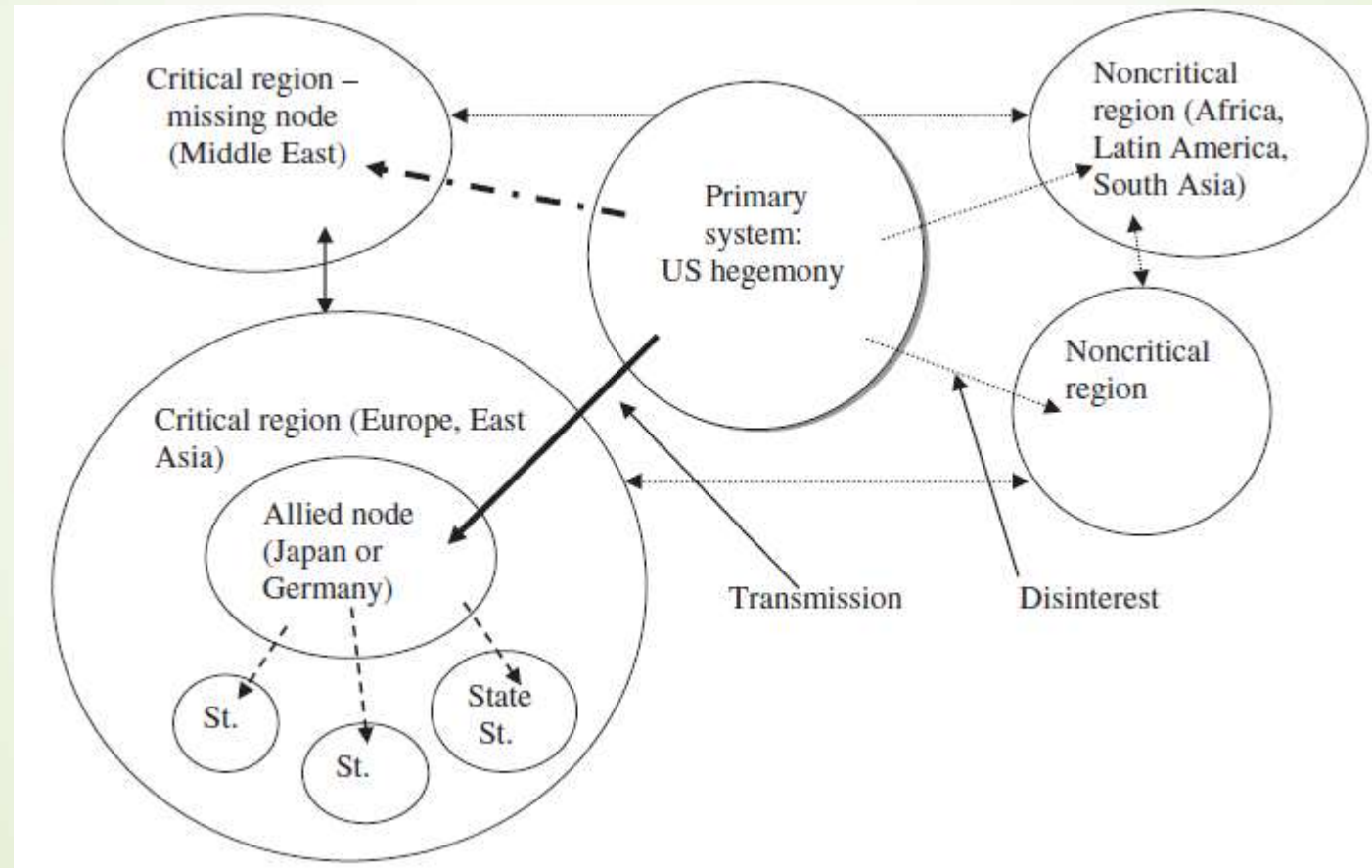
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- Dealing with internal security dilemma
 - Secessionists, terrorists, militias...



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➤ Hegemonic regionalism (Katzenstein, 2005)



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- Buzan, Barry and Ole Wæver (2003) 'Security complexes: a theory of regional security', *Regions and Powers*, Ch. 3, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
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Analysing Security at the Regional Level

- ▶ The viability of a regional-level analysis
 - ▶ The regional dynamics of security
 - Non-exclusive but largely self-contained structure
 - ▶ Analytical variables based on the region
 - Autonomy, boundary, proximity, local hierarchy, shared history/memory, externality, identity...
- ▶ How to accommodate the local and the global in a regional-level analysis?
 - ▶ Superpower overlay or resisting unipolarity
 - ▶ The implications of weak state(s)
 - ▶ intra-state insecurity
 - ▶ Instable (or the lack of) border controls
 - ▶ The structure of domestic politics
 - ▶ Political regimes, political parties, interest (religious) groups, NGOs...

The regional dynamics of inter-state cooperation: an analytical framework

- ▶ The domestic, regional and extra-regional context of inter-state cooperation
 - ▶ domestic negotiation → state interest/policy
 - ▶ Implications of regional cooperation
 - ▶ The impacts of globalization and external intervention
- ▶ Tracing the dynamics of regional security
 - ▶ What kind(s) of states are pursuing regional security cooperation
 - ▶ Regional security structure/framework
 - ▶ The (non-)involvement of extra-regional actors/forces

Assessing the impact of US primacy in a regionalised world

- In hegemonic regionalism theory (Katzeinstein, *World of regions in American Imperium*, 2005), Germany is identified as a nodal state instrumental to US security influence in Europe. However, Germany's diplomacy (e.g., on the Iraqi war) doesn't always fit with this argument. Please use the framework of *regional security complex* to explain it.
- Considering the future of "New Regionalism" under the constraints of unipolarity and globalization. As the US faces growing obstacles in exerting direct influences around the world, the potential for regional initiatives to develop autonomously has grown. Under such circumstances, how would the US respond to the growing influences of new regionalism?