

Governance and Globalisation

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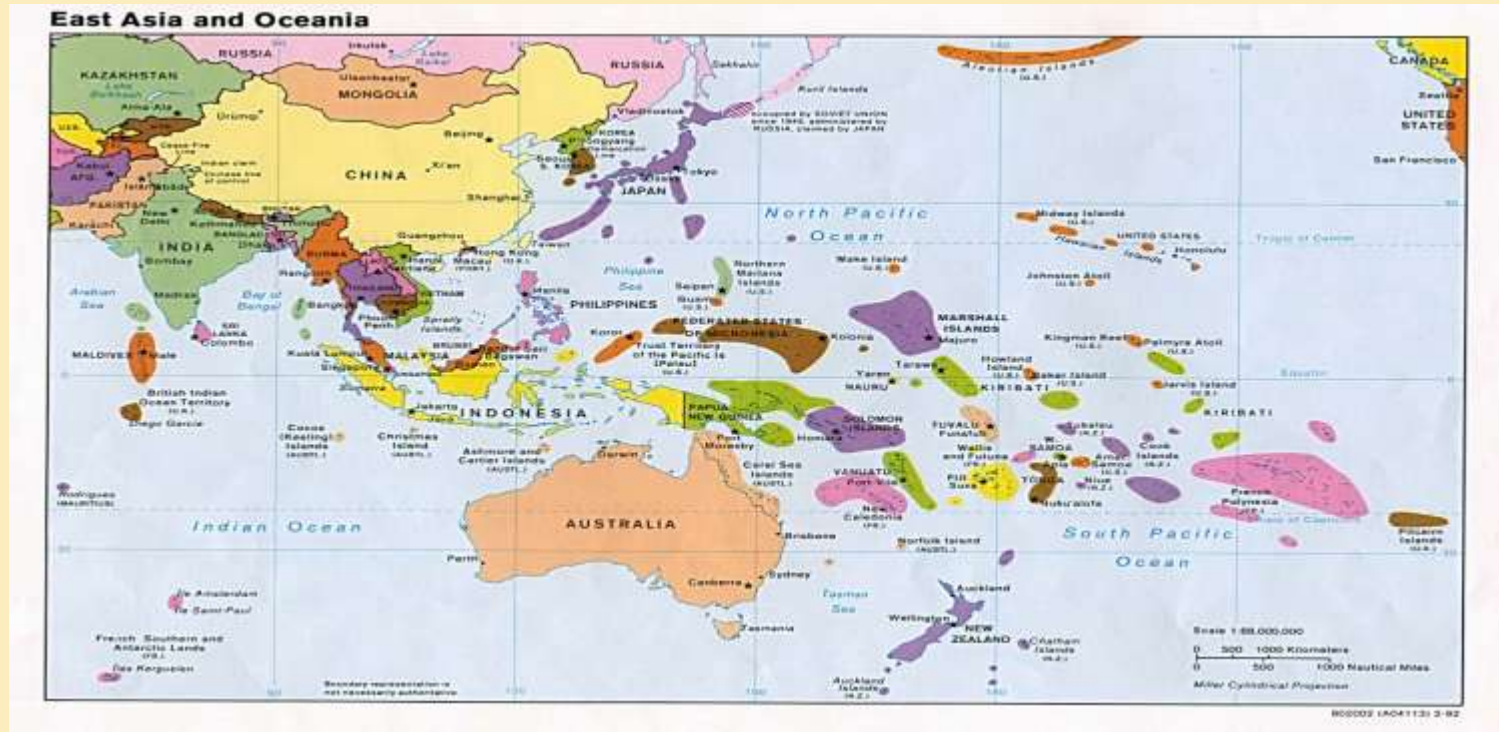
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Statecraft and Public Policy in the Asia-Pacific

The Role of Statecraft



Concept: The Role of Statecraft

- How do nations' policies on the environment, trade, politics, and strategic issues interact?
- Australia, China, Japan, the U.S. and others try to reconcile domestic and foreign imperatives
- Challenges confront international cooperation, and WA, in resolving issues spanning frontiers

Managing the Threat to Whales

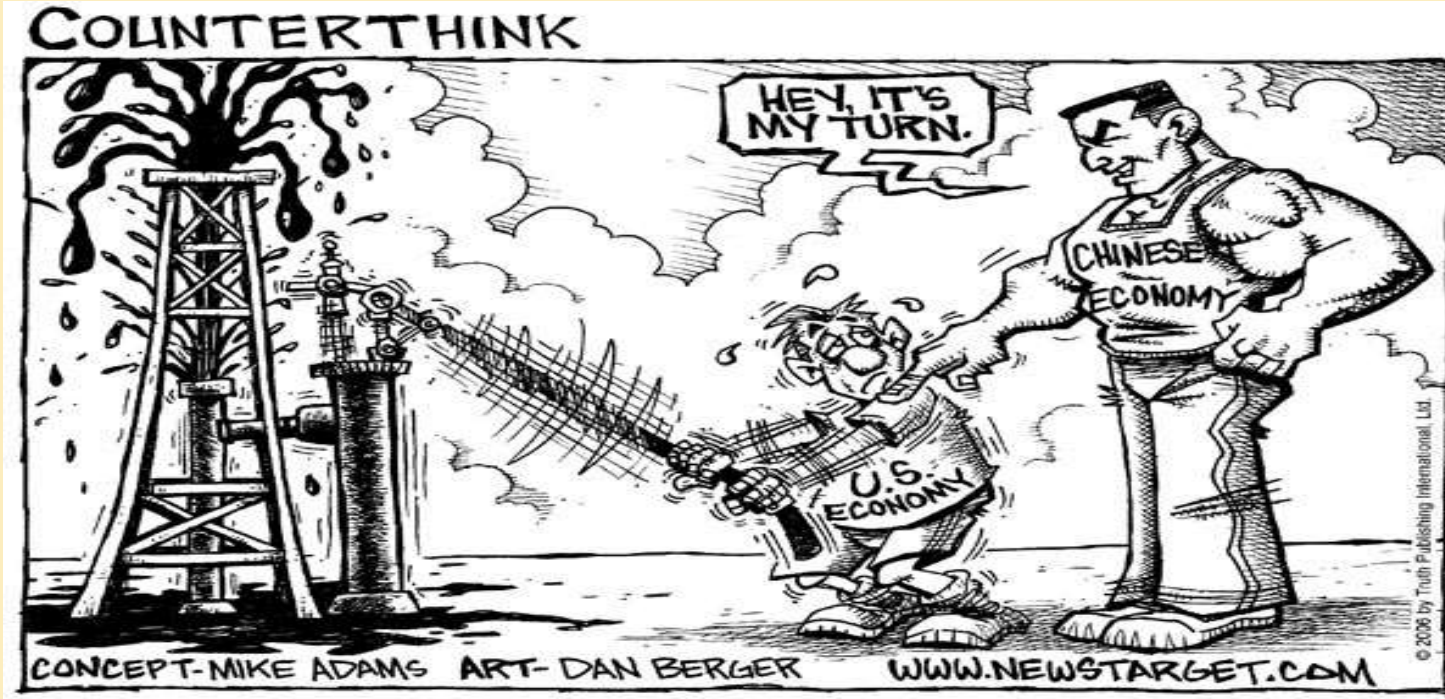


I. Environment: Managing the Threat to Whales



- U.S. policy toward whaling in the late 1980s seeks to keep Japan “in the IWC tent”
- Domestic pressures prompt Australia to take Japan to International Court of Justice in 2010
- Desecration of the Japanese cemetery in Broome spotlights unintended consequences

Coping With the Rise of China



II. Trade and Investment: Coping with the Rise of China



- Vast imbalance in U.S.-China financial ties stokes American protectionist sentiment
- WA and Canberra weigh appetite for Chinese FDI against concern over strategic investment
- U.S. Senate vote to punish China over value of currency reflects politicization of trade issues

Nuancing the Quest for Human Rights



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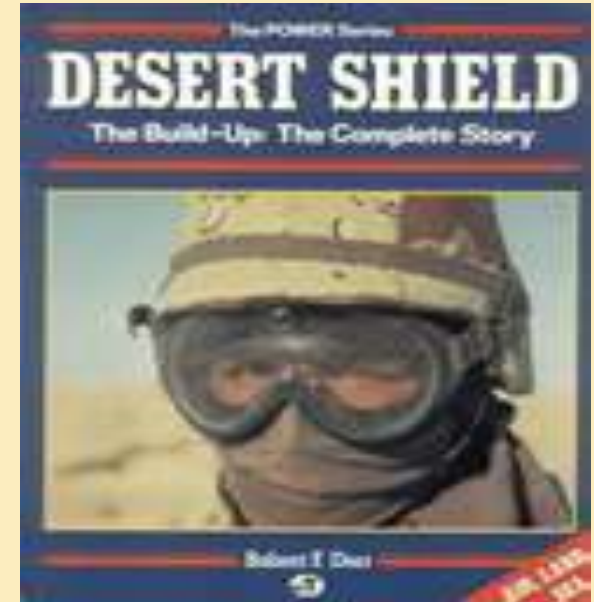


III. Politics: Nuancing the Quest for Human Rights



- Australia, the U.S., and Japan coordinate on pressing China to release political dissidents
- Risk of a China resolution at UN Commission on Human Rights prompts prisoner releases
- U.S. supports China's admission to WTO to corrode structures of authoritarian power

Building Coalitions Against Aggression and Terror



IV. Strategy: Building Coalitions against Aggression and Terror



- Tokyo's slow response to U.S. funding pleas for Desert Shield obscures Japan's major Iraq role
- Australian and U.S. debates on Afghanistan reflect confusion on capabilities and strategy
- Discussion of increased asset deployments to WA suggest the region's growing strategic role

Need for Balance, Flexibility and Principle



Conclusion: Need for Balance, Flexibility, and Principle



- A balance between bilateral and multilateral mechanisms is needed to resolve issues
- Flexibility and imagination in policy approach can ameliorate gaps in culture and interest
- Standing on principle for values or national interests is also key to attaining objectives