

UT Academic Overview Lecture2006:

Formation of Society

History of Man's Symbiosis

On The Ecology of Power and Freedom

Lecture 4:

Political Power and Territorial Boundaries
Road to a Sovereign State

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Political Power and Territorial Boundaries: The Road to a Sovereign State

1. Political Power and Territorial Boundaries
2. Sovereign States and International Relations
3. Are We Heading Toward a Post-Sovereign-State Age?
4. Conclusion

1.1 Liquidity of Territorial Boundaries

- *De facto* liquidity
- *De jure* liquidity
- Dispute over territorial boundaries

1.2 The Advent of Sovereignty

- Obvious distinction between state and other organizations.
- To what extent can the state be independent in external affairs?
- To what extent can the state exercise its right of self-determination in internal affairs?

1.3 The Transition of Sovereignty

- Absolute Sovereignty and Popular Sovereignty
- Political participation and territorial boundaries
- Citizens (nation) and people (ethnic groups): Birth of a nation state.

2.1 The Sovereign State and War

- Total war and the system of mobilization
- The extension of state power
- The increasing demands for participation

2.2 The Sovereign State and the International Economy

- System of free trade
- International Monetary Markets
- What limits do sovereign states have?

2.3 The Sovereign State and International Relations

- Enact rules on international relations
- Restrictions placed on absolutism of sovereignty
- International adjudication

3.1 Are We Heading Toward a Post-Sovereign-State Age?

- The concentrated control of cold wars and military buildup
- The revolution in military technology and the supremacy of the USA
- The revival of the “Just War” theory
- Will there be more wars and policing activities?

3.2 The Globalization of the Economy and Democracy

- Will the nation be able to protect the livelihood of its people?
- Will the national economy fall apart?
- Will the power of the state spill out elsewhere?
- Will there be a transition from state finance to money markets?

3.3 Or Are We Moving Toward an Age of Imperialism?

- Will it mean an end to Imperialism?
- Will it call for an organization that is “unfair” but thus international?
- Governing with hard power (economic and military power)
- What about the influence of soft power?

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