

Considerations on Society as a Global System - 1

Different perspectives
on global systems

Terminology for "International Society"

- International Society?
- International Community?
- World Society?
- World Community?
- Global Society?
- Global Community?
- International/World/Global System?

Nothing New Under the Sun

“there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. “ [Revised Standard Version] (614, Ecclesiastes, I-9,10)

The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Edition
(Thomas Nelson Publishers 1989)

“ there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before us. “ [King James Version] (1001, Ecclesiastes, I-9,10)

The Old Testament: The Authorized or King James Version of 1611
(Everyman's Library 1996)

Japanese Perspectives in the *Meiji* Era (1868-1912)

- Soho Tokutomi [1863 - 1957]
"The Future Japan" (1886)
- Chomin Nakae [1847 - 1901]
"A Discourse by Three Drunkards on
Government" (1887)
 - Yukichi Fukuzawa [1835-1901] "An Outline of a Theory of
Civilization" (1875), etc.
 - Kunitake Kume [1839-1931] "*Bei-O Kairan Jikki*: Illustrated true
account of the observations of the ambassadors plenipotentiary
of America and Europe" (1878)
 - Munemitsu Mutsu [1844-1897] "*Kenkenroku*: A Diplomatic
Record of the Sino-Japanese War" (1896)

Soho's View on the World

- Dichotomy of the world of power and peace
- Lawlessness in the world of power focusing the force of arms
- Basis for the world of peace
- Development of transportation and communication. Advancement of mutual economic dependency.

Chomin's View on the World

- Trichotomy
- World of Mr. Gentleman
 - Peace achieved through democracy and mutual economic dependency
- World of Mr. Champion
 - World of warfare between superpowers
- Master Nankai's view on the world
 - World of mutual distrust in which wars and systems (International Law) were tangled and interrelated.

Origin of the World of Power and Mr. Champion?

"You know as well as we do that right, as the world goes, is only in question between equals in power, while the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must." (Book V, Ch.17, 89)

Thucydides [tr. Richard Crawley]

The History of the Peloponnesian War (Everyman's Library 1957)

Available at <http://classics.MIT.edu/Thucydides/pelopwar.html>

Justice and Power

"so you thought us till now, when calculations of interest have made you take up the cry of justice—a consideration which no one ever yet brought forward to hinder his ambition when he had a chance of gaining anything by might." (Book I, Ch. 3)

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Better to be loved than feared.

"Upon this a question arises: whether it be better to be loved than feared or feared than loved? It may be answered that one should wish to be both, but, because it is difficult to unite them in one person, it is much safer to be feared than loved, when, of the two, either must be dispensed with. Because this is to be asserted in general of men, that they are ungrateful, fickle, false, cowardly, covetous, and as long as you succeed they are yours entirely; they will offer you their blood, property, life, and children, as is said above, when the need is far distant; but when it approaches they turn against you... men have less scruple in offending one who is beloved than one who is feared, for love is preserved by the link of obligation which, owing to the baseness of men, is broken at every opportunity for their advantage; but fear preserves you by a dread of punishment which never fails.
(Ch. XVII)

Niccolò Machiavelli [tr. Marriott, W. K.]
The Prince (The Project Gutenberg EBook)

Kautilya's Mandala

- "The king who is situated anywhere immediately on the circumference of the conqueror's territory is termed the enemy."
- "The king who is likewise situated close to the enemy, but separated from the conqueror only by the enemy, is termed the friend (of the conqueror)."
- "In front of the conqueror and close to his enemy, there happen to be situated kings such as the conqueror's friend, next to him, the enemy's friend, and next to the last, the conqueror's friend's friend, and next, the enemy's friend's friend. In the rear of the conqueror, there happen to be situated a rearward enemy, a rearward friend, an ally of the rearward enemy, and an ally of the rearward friend."
- "That foe...occupies a territory close to that of the conqueror is a natural enemy"
- "He...who is situated close to the territory of the immediate enemy of the conqueror is a natural friend" (Book VI, Chap. 2)

Kautilya [tr. Shamasastri]

Arthaśāstra: the Arthashastra" (the translated version published in 1915)

<http://www.mssu.edu/projectsouthasia/history/primarydocs/Arthashastra/index.htm>

Reason for the State of War by Hobbs

"From this equality of ability, ariseth equality of hope in the attaining of our Ends. And therefore if any two men desire the same thing, which nevertheless they cannot both enjoy, they become enemies..."

Thomas Hobbes

Leviathan, or The Matter, Forme and Power of a Common Wealth
Ecclesiasticall and Civil (The Project Gutenberg Ebook 2002)

Available at <http://www.gutenberg.org/dirs/etext02/lvthn10.txt>

Anticipation of Preemptive Mutual Attack due to Mutual Distrust

"And from this diffidence of one another, there is no way for any man to secure himselfe, so reasonable, as Anticipation; that is, by force, or wiles, to master the persons of all men he can..."

"...if others, that otherwise would be glad to be at ease within modest bounds, should not by invasion increase their power, they would not be able, long time, by standing only on their defence, to subsist."

"...he cannot assure the power and means to live well, which he hath present, without the acquisition of more"

Thomas Hobbes

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The State of War

"There Is Always Warre Of Every One Against Every One. Hereby it is manifest, that during the time men live without a common Power to keep them all in awe, they are in that condition which is called Warre; and such a warre, as is of every man, against every man."

"(In such condition) the life of man, solitary, poore, nasty, brutish, and short."

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Note

- Hobbes presented a theory on the emergence of sovereign states.
- Which part of his theory is related to the issue of international relations?
- The dissolutions through civil strife had proceeded wars at a higher level. This logic is assumed applicable to international situations.

What is a condition of war?

"But though there had never been any time, wherein particular men were in a condition of warre one against another; yet in all times, Kings, and persons of Sovereigne authority, because of their Independency, are in continuall jealousies, and in the state and posture of Gladiators; having their weapons pointing, and their eyes fixed on one another; that is, their Forts, Garrisons, and Guns upon the Frontiers of their Kingdomes; and continuall Spyes upon their neighbours; which is a posture of War. "

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Origin of the World of Peace and Mr. Gentleman?

- Complaints and dissatisfaction for numerous intensive wars in reality
- Conditions for peace
- Ideas to ensure peace

Kingdoms and Robberies

"Justice being taken away, then, what are kingdoms but great robberies? For what are robberies themselves, but little kingdoms? The band itself is made up of men; it is ruled by the authority of a prince, it is knit together by the pact of the confederacy; the booty is divided by the law agreed on. If, by the admittance of abandoned men, this evil increases to such a degree that it holds places, fixes abodes, takes possession of cities, and subdues peoples, it assumes the more plainly the name of a kingdom, because the reality is now manifestly conferred on it, not by the removal of covetousness, but by the addition of impunity." (Chap. 4)

Augustine of Hippo [tr. Marcus Dods]

The City of God (Christian Classics Ethereal Library 1890)

Available at <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/npnf102.iv.html>

Pirates and Alexander the Great

"Indeed, that was an apt and true reply which was given to Alexander the Great by a pirate who had been seized. For when that king had asked the man what he meant by keeping hostile possession of the sea, he answered with bold pride, What thou meanest by seizing the whole earth; but because I do it with a petty ship, I am called a robber, whilst thou who dost it with a great fleet art styled emperor." (Chap. 4)

Augustine of Hippo [tr. Marcus Dods]

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Available at <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/npnf102.iv.html>

Commerce leads to peace.

Montesquieu [1689-1755]

"Of the Spirit of Commerce. Peace is the natural effect of trade. Two nations who traffic with each other become reciprocally dependent; for if one has an interest in buying, the other has an interest in selling: and thus their union is founded on their mutual necessities."

Montesquieu [tr. Thomas Nugent, rev. J. V. Prichard]

The Spirit of Laws (Constitution Society 1914)

Available at <http://www.constitution.org/cm/sol.txt>

Tyranny as the cause of war

"...if the consent of the citizens is required in order to decide that war should be declared... decreeing for themselves all the calamities of war...load themselves with a heavy national debt that would embitter peace itself and that can never be liquidated on account of constant wars in the future. But, on the other hand, in a constitution which is not republican, and under which the subjects are not citizens, a declaration of war is the easiest thing in the world to decide upon, because war does not require of the ruler, who is the proprietor and not a member of the state, the least sacrifice of the pleasures of his table..." (Section II)

Immanuel Kant

Project for a Perpetual Peace

Available at <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/kant/kant1.htm>

A league of nations is a solution.

Abbe de Saint-Pierre [1658-1743]

- The evolution of collective security
- Monarchs should assemble and agree to create a social framework for entire Europe.
- Monarchs should not wage war against any other nation.
- A monarch, if he starts a war, should be an enemy for all.
- A monarch, if he disobeys a resolution, should also be an enemy.

Kant`s Trilogy

- Republic internal institutions
- Peace treaty
- Peace through commerce

Immanuel Kant, 1784,
“Idea for a Universal History With a Cosmopolitan Purpose”;
“An Answer to the Question: What Is Enlightenment?”

A possible origin of Master Nankai's thoughts: Locke

“...that is, a state of perfect freedom to order their actions, and dispose of their possessions and persons, as they think fit, within the bounds of the law of nature, without asking leave, or depending upon the will of any other man.” (Ch. II Sect. 4)

“A state also of equality...” (Ch. II Sect. 4)

“when his own preservation comes not in competition, ought he, as much as he can, to preserve the rest of mankind ...” (Ch. II Sect. 6)

“...the execution of the law of nature is, in that state, put into every man's hands...” (Ch. II Sect. 7)

“I easily grant, that *civil government* is the proper remedy for the inconveniencies of the state of nature, which must certainly be great...” (Ch. II Sect. 13)

John Locke [ed. C.B. McPherson]

Two Treatises of Government

(Hackett Publishing Company 1980; The Project Gutenberg eBook)

<http://www.gutenberg.org/dirs/etext05/trgov10h.htm>

No eternal allies

Viscount Palmerston (Henry John Temple)
[1784-1865]

"We (Great Britain) have no eternal allies,
and we have no perpetual enemies. Our
interests are eternal and perpetual..."

Thucydides

"The growth of the power of Athens,
and the alarm which this inspired in
Lacedaemon, made war inevitable..."

(Book I, Ch. 1)

Thucydides [tr. Richard Crawley]

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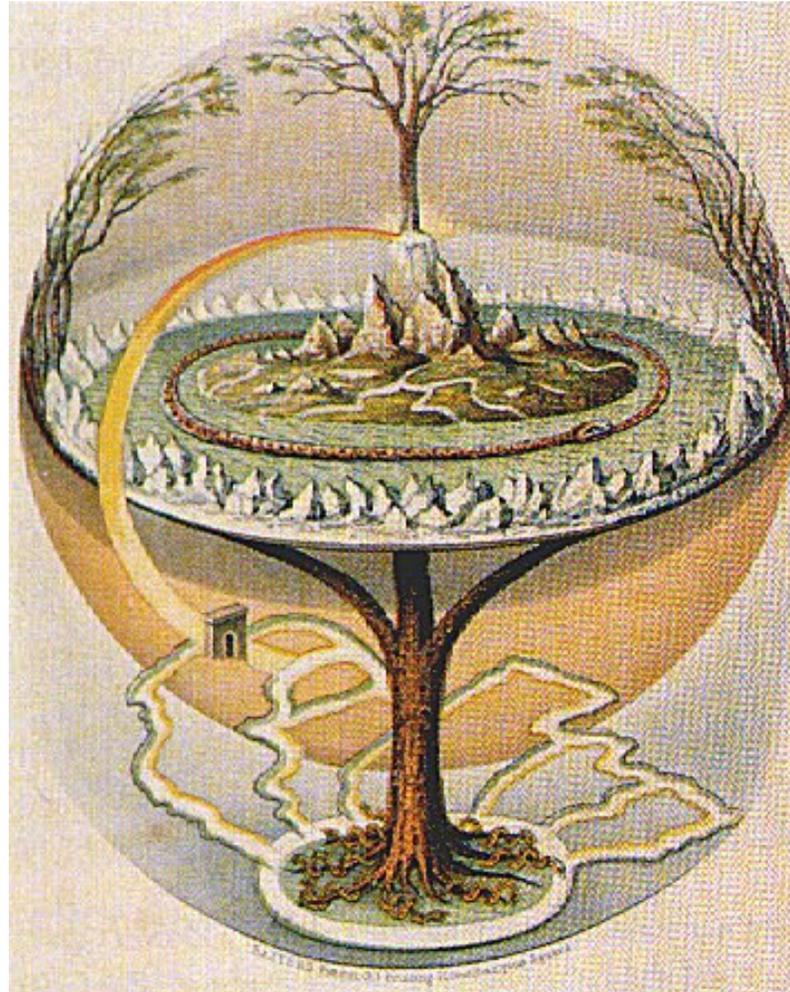
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Any other perspectives on the world?

- The world of power and peace
- Mr. Gentleman, Mr. Champion, and Master Nankai

- Any other perspectives on the world?
- Of course, there are other views.
- Various worlds, a single world, the world grown smaller...

The World of Scandinavian Myth



<http://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E7%94%BB%E5%83%8F:Yggdrasil.jpg>

Japan: “its islands scattered like grains of millet”

”Originally this doctrine had been taught by the Buddha himself. It was then handed down through Menmyo, an ardent adherent of Buddhism in Middle India, and Ryuju, a bodhisattva in South India. Although our country was small, its islands scattered like grains of millet, and the world was degenerate at the time, there were still virtuous men like Choken - he received the secret doctrine and wept for joy.” (Book 2, Ch. I, Exile of *Mei-un*)

Heike Monogatari: The Tale of the Heike

Translated from the Japanese original by Hiroshi Kitagawa and Bruce Tsuchida

University of Tokyo Press, 1975

(Translator’s note: The original version was transcribed in 1371.)

Emperor Qian Long's Letter to King George III

“You, O King, live beyond the confines of many seas, nevertheless, impelled by your humble desire to partake of the benefits of our civilisation, you have dispatched a mission respectfully bearing your memorial.

“In consideration of the fact that your Ambassador and his deputy have come a long way with your memorial and tribute, I have shown them high favour and have allowed them to be introduced into my presence.

“O King, to respect my sentiments and to display even greater devotion and loyalty in future, so that, by perpetual submission to our Throne, you may secure peace and prosperity for your country hereafter.”

Lord George Macartney

An account of Macartney's embassy to China

“Emperor Qian Long: Letter to George III, 1793” is available at
<http://academic.brooklyn.cuny.edu/core9/phalsall/texts/qianlong.html>

Typology of World Views

- Various kinds of world views (the Three Thousand Great Thousand Worlds, the lower nine worlds...)
- World strata (concentric circle)
- World of parallel entities
 - Interpretation of Mr. Champion (World of power)
 - Interpretation of Mr. Gentleman (Ideal and potential of a peaceful world)
 - Interpretation by Master Nankai (Focus on the reality of international society)

The world has grown smaller.

"What do you mean by `once'? Has the world grown smaller?"

"Certainly," returned Ralph. "I agree with Mr. Fogg. The world has grown smaller, since a man can now go round it ten times more quickly than a hundred years ago.

Jules Gabriel Verne

Around the World in Eighty Days (The Project Gutenberg eBook)

Available at <http://www.gutenberg.org/dirs/etext94/80day11.txt>

Capitalist as a world citizen

"A merchant, it has been said very properly, is not necessarily the citizen of any particular country. It is in a great measure indifferent to him from what place he carries on his trade ; and a very trifling disgust will make him remove his capital, and, together with it, all the industry which it supports, from one country to another. " (Book Three, Ch. 4)

Adam Smith

The Wealth of nations, 1776

Available at <http://www.adamsmith.org/smith/won-intro.htm>

Integrated World (1)

"All old-established national industries have been destroyed or are daily being destroyed. They are dislodged by new industries, whose introduction becomes a life and death question for all civilised nations, by industries that no longer work up indigenous raw material, but raw material drawn from the remotest zones; industries whose products are consumed, not only at home, but in every quarter of the globe."

Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx
The Communist Manifesto (The Project Gutenberg eBook)
Available at <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/61/61.txt>

Integrated World (2)

"In place of the old wants, satisfied by the productions of the country, we find new wants, requiring for their satisfaction the products of distant lands and climes. In place of the old local and national seclusion and self-sufficiency, we have intercourse in every direction, universal inter-dependence of nations. And as in material, so also in intellectual production. The intellectual creations of individual nations become common property. National one-sidedness and narrow-mindedness become more and more impossible, and from the numerous national and local literatures, there arises a world literature."

Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx
The Communist Manifesto (The Project Gutenberg eBook)
Available at <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/61/61.txt>

Incompetent Sorcerer

"Modern bourgeois society with its relations of production, of exchange and of property, a society that has conjured up such gigantic means of production and of exchange, is like the sorcerer, who is no longer able to control the powers of the nether world whom he has called up by his spells. (I)

"In the national struggles of the proletarians of the different countries, they point out and bring to the front the common interests of the entire proletariat, independently of all nationality." (II)

Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx [English version ed. by Friedrich Engels]

The Communist Manifesto (The Project Gutenberg eBook 1888)

Available at <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/61/61.txt>

Nothing New Under the Sun?

- Obsolete world views such as isolated world, religious and mystic views
- Is the old trade policy in China under the tribute system also an obsolete world view?
- How about the world views of Mr. Gentleman, Mr. Champion, and Master Nankai? Among modern thinkers, who is following one of their perspectives?
- Does the integrated world refer to the same notion as that of Mr. Gentleman, or the world of peace?