

Anglo-American Geopolitics

Mahan:

- Geographic attributes of power
- Policy Prescriptions for the U.S.

Mackinder:

- Relationship between geography and technological change
- Land Power vs. Sea Power (spatial confinement vs. spatial freedom)
- Heartland Model

German School

- Role of physical geography in affecting geopolitical codes
- Realist, conflictual world
- Theory of organic state → *lebensraum*
- Spatial perceptions (“thinking geographically”)
- Pan-regions
- Theoreticians: Ratzel, Kjellen, Haushofer

Cold War Geopolitics

- Influence of Mackinder and Spykman
- Kennan vs. NSC-68
 - Assumptions
 - Policy Prescriptions
- Truman Doctrine
 - Goals, vision
- Ray Cline
 - Power Index
 - Policy Prescriptions
- Saul Cohen
 - Geostategic regions, geopolitical regions
 - Shatterbelt

Post-Cold War Geopolitics

- Historical context: “The Great Game”
 - Reasons for Russian expansion
 - British response
- Western interest in Yugoslavia
- New Great Game over Caspian Sea oil
- US geopolitical codes in the 1990s

Post 9-11 Geopolitics: Unilateralism

1. Containment of regional powers: traditional state-to-state geopolitics (Russia, China, India)
2. Energy Security for U.S. / World
 - Chokepoints and Pipelines
 - Diversification of U.S. supplies
 - Invade Iraq
3. Prevent WMD proliferation
4. War on Terror: aggressive pursuit of Al Qaeda - a globalist strategy to destroy a non-state actor
 - Network of bases in strategic locations
 - Pre-emptive strikes (Israeli model)
 - An excuse to pursue other goals?
5. Roll-back Islamic Fundamentalism
 - Invade Iraq
