National Perspectives on the Global Security Scene

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The huge topic in 10 minutes challenge
The global security scene: a simplification

- International Relations
- Changing great power relationships in the international system
Major problems on the global security scene are self-evident?

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    - Economy resting on natural resources
    - High technology, manufacturing and innovation limitations
    - Limited potential for ‘hard’ economic power
    - Limited potential for soft power
      - The life expectancy picture
        - Men live 20% longer in the West than Russia
One metric of societal development

Male life expectancy at birth

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<th>Country</th>
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President Putin now 62
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    - Predictable continuing emphasis on military power
      - Even nuclear emphasis

Russian capacity for high technology systems?
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- China
  - Benefits from exports to the US and the wider West
  - But
  - Resentment of past defeats and humiliations?
  - Concern with assured access to raw materials and trade routes?
  - Communist Party need for external adversaries?
  - Obsession with the maintenance and restoration of its perception of Chinese territorial integrity
  - Absence of the concept of the sovereign state in Chinese history/culture?

Chinese defence industry as state-dominated
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- Wider security agenda
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- Set aside for the moment climate change, infectious diseases etc

- Note
  - Failure of the nation-state in some/many parts of the world
    - to deliver economic and social advance
    - to generate effective and tolerable governments
  - inequality within states

- National self-determination results?
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- Failure of the nation-state in many parts of the world
- Islam
  - real hold on and attraction to many
  - failure to deliver in terms of economic and social development
    - especially in comparison with some east Asian states
## Change in per capita GDP over 48 years in $(2005)$

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- growing prominence of extremists who want to
  - re-establish (perceived) earlier Islamic ways
  - demonise the West,
    - (which promotes the sovereign state and democracy: the will of the people)
The contrasting consequences

Economic and political migrants from the Islamic world

Islamic terrorists in Europe

Calais' thousands of migrants waiting, hoping to get to Britain

1,200 migrants – mainly from Eritrea, Sudan and Afghanistan, with groups from Somalia, Pakistan and Chad – are now camped out in Calais' forests, hoping one day to cross the Channel to Britain

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  - Needs a whole of government approach
Some implications

- The private security business has a future
  - Private armed forces
  - Private support for state armed forces
  - Technology and people for the protection of corporate assets
Some implications

- The private security business has a future
- Augustine’s Law needs to be controlled
- US industrial domination of the West?
- Further internationalisation of the defence industrial and acquisition space
- The traditional defence sector seeks access to commercial technology?

Export controls’ future?
Finally

- Increased importance for assurance and agility of supply in military operations
  - Including the ability to modify equipment quickly
- Our book was not the last word!