



CJVA454: Week 04

Regional security complexes



Student Presentation

- Ales – ISIS & the Arctic

Homework

- Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations?”

“WORLD POLITICS IS entering a new phase, and intellectuals have not hesitated to proliferate visions of what it will be—the end of history, the return of traditional rivalries between nation states, and the decline of the nation state from the conflicting pulls of tribalism and globalism, among others. Each of these visions catches aspects of the emerging reality. Yet they all miss a crucial, indeed a central, aspect of what global politics is likely to be in the coming years.

It is my hypothesis...”

Homework

- Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations?”

What did you think of the text? Its central argument?

Is it still relevant today? Have any of his predictions proven true/false?

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- Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations?”

“The most important conflicts of the future will occur along the cultural fault lines separating these civilizations from one another.”

“Over the centuries, however, differences among civilizations have generated the most prolonged and the most violent conflicts.”

What do you think of these claims? Has Huntington’s argument proven true? Can we find any data to support/refute it?

Homework

- Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations?”

The Clash of Civilizations & democratic peace theory...

The Clash of Civilizations & globalization...

The Clash of Civilizations & Russia/Iran/China/N. Korea...

Global politics is basically anarchic.

We're ruled by the law of the jungle.

Vs.

Hegemonic stability theory