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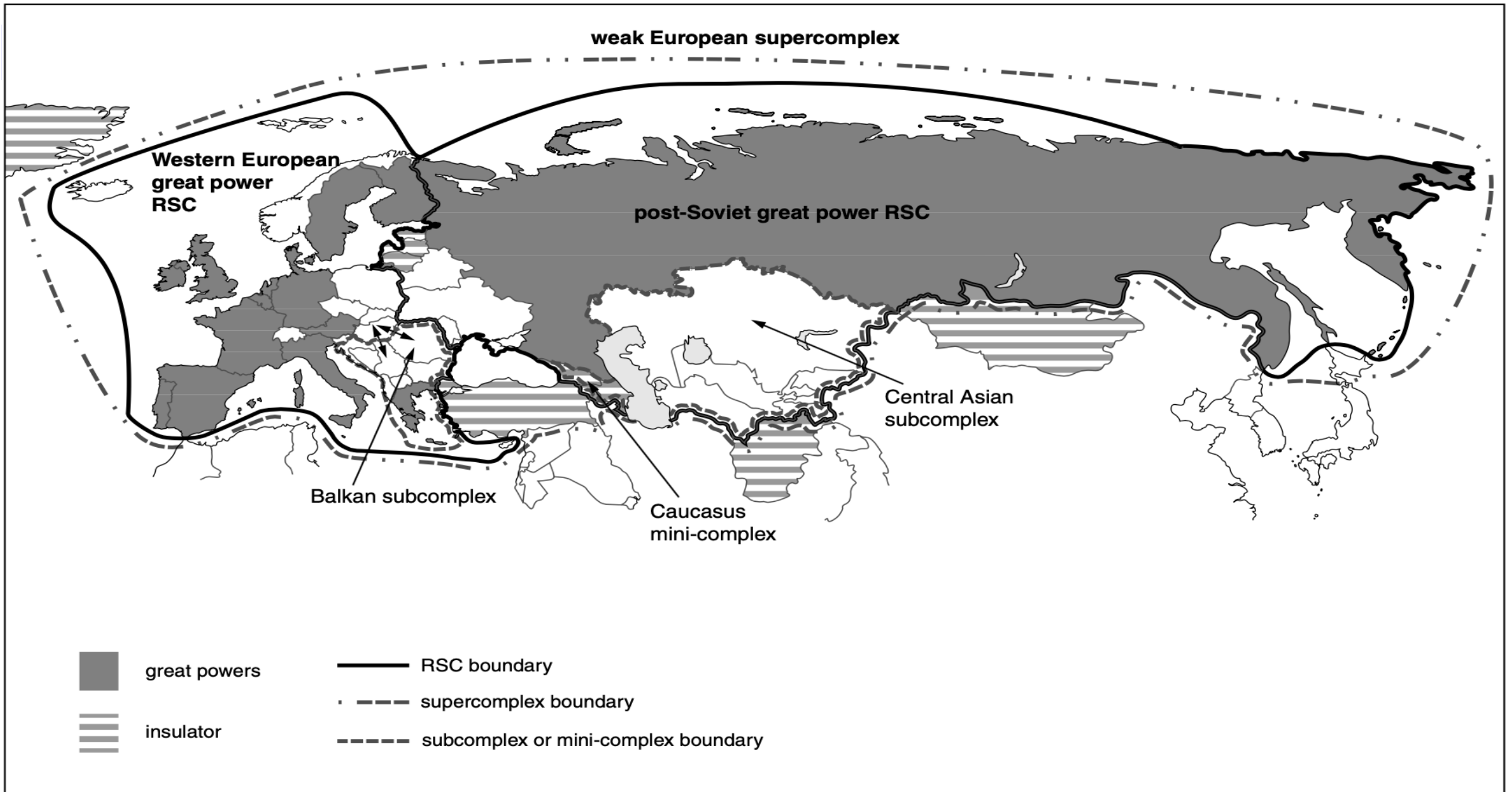
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The Caucasus Mini-Region:

Does it even exist?





- *“The ethnic relations in Caucasus are so complicated that the Balkans and Afghanistan become simple and clear in comparison”.*
- The most complicated pattern in terms of different ethnic groups is in the republic of Dagestan.
- Chechnya is in a sense simpler than most of the other conflicts in the area.

- South Caucasus or *Trans-Caucasus* is defined by a complicated interplay between issues internal to the region on the one hand (Georgia or Nagorno-Karabakh) and the issue of alignments out of the region (foreign influence) on the other hand.
- Abkhazia, South Ossetia, and Adzharia.
- Nagorno-Karabakh used later as an illustration of complex's complexity.

Is the Caucasus a real Security Complex (be it 'mini', 'sub' or whatever else)?

- Is there a common regional identity?
- Are there patterns of cooperation?
- What is the level of influence / interference / interest of *'third powers'*?
- What about centrifugal tendencies and overall heterogeneity of the region?





- First issue: geography (previous slide)
- Region on ethno-religious crossroads
- Heavy foreign interest – triadic relations in multiple layers?





... or
not?

- Solutions of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict? -> Krzysztof's presentation.
- Ethno-religious situation in Northern Caucasus? -> Maud's presentation.
- Abkhazia and Southern Ossetia? -> Vojtěch's presentation.

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Thank you for your attention!

25. November, International day for the Elimination of Sexual violence
against Women.