

Back to the Future: The Relevance of International Political Thought

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Non est potestas Super Terram quae Comparetur ei Job. 41. 24.



THE STRUCTURE

MACHIAVELLI

HOBBS AND KANT

TOM PAINE

MAZZINI AND RENAN

JOHN STUART MILL

HOBSON AND SCHUMPETER

RUSSELL, WELLS AND BRYCE

MACKINDER

CARL SCHMITT

E.H. CARR

ARNOLD WOLFERS

AND THE RELEVANCE OF THIS
IS WHAT, EXACTLY?



JOHNS HOPKINS
SCHOOL of ADVANCED
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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1948-2023

ANNIVERSARY
SAIS HOPKINS

The Idea of a League of Nations

H. G. Wells,
Viscount Edward Grey,
Lionel Curtis,
William Archer,
H. Wickham Steed,
A. E. Zimmern,
J. A. Spender,
Viscount Bryce
and Gilbert Murray

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE?

THE UNION FOR
DEMOCRATIC AFFAIRS

H. G. WELLS

WAR RESISTERS

THE NEED TO OVERCOME
NATION STATES ACTING
SECRETLY AND ENTIRELY
IN THEIR OWN IMMEDIATE
INTERESTS.

THE NEED TO HARNESS
THE POWER OF SCIENCE
AND ECONOMIC
ORGANIZATION TOWARDS
PEACEFUL ENDS INSTEAD
OF WAR.





GEOPOLITICS?

HALFORD MACKINDER

THE «WORLD ISLAND»

I.E. THE HUGE LANDMASS OF EURASIA AND AFRICA LINKED BY THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE «HEARTLAND». UKRAINE, RUSSIA WEST OF THE URALS, CENTRAL EUROPE.

«HE WHO CONTROLS EASTERN EUROPE CONTROLS THE HEARTLAND. HE WHO CONTROLS THE HEARTLAND CONTROLS THE WORLD ISLAND. HE WHO WHO CONTROLS THE WORLD ISLAND CONTROLS THE WORLD.»

NAZI GERMANY TOOK THIS SERIOUSLY. SO DID COLD WAR THEORISTS IN THE USA. SO DO CHINESE AND RUSSIAN STRATEGISTS TODAY.

«MARITIME POWERS»





THE PURSUIT OF WELFARE

AT THE HEART OF CARR'S THOUGHT IS THE NOTION OF HUMAN WELFARE AND ITS CENTRALITY FOR POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

PRESENTS A PICTURE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION OVER TIME.

THE NATION AS A POSSESSION (ARISTOCRATIC AGE)

THE NATION AS A COMPETITOR (BOURGEOIS AGE)

THE SOCIALIZED NATION (CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE OF THE WORLD WARS).

THE RISE OF THE «GROSSRAUM». MULTINATIONAL STATES OF WHICH USSR WAS FORERUNNER.





A PROTEAN WORLD

SAIS PRODUCT OF PERIOD
USHERED IN BY COLD WAR.

SHARED VALUES WITHIN EUROPE
AND ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

GLOBALIZATION: ECONOMICALLY
BUT ALSO TECHNOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS

CONSOLIDATION OF LIBERAL
INTERNATIONALISM BACKED BY
AMERICAN FINANCIAL AND
ECONOMIC POWER.

SUCH «REGIMES» HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN **PRECARIOUS**.

