# Review of: "Geopolitical constructs of international politics - their cultural & ideological roots"

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Badrun Amershi´s paper presents a declaratory rejection of the Westphalian Peace geopolitical model as a Euro-centric construct that is not fit to adress contemporary global geopolitical problems. However, his alternative proposal seems to consist in a mere rearranging of the Westphalian template.into a system of "viable spheres of influence which separate the great powers from each other and keep them at a safe distance." In adition,  Amershi requires a "creation of neutral and robust institutions which can monitor and enforce" guarantees for states in near vicinity of respective great powers.

To my regret, Badrun Amershi´s concept seems to be unrealistic for two main reasons. First, it does not recognize geopolitical problems consisting in the difference between democracies and undemocratic states, resp. great powers. It was their incompatible nature that led the tradition of the Westphalian model into world wars of the 20th century. In other words, any balance of powers between them is untenable in a longer run. Second, no regulatory institutional body above current great powers and other states is concievable to be established, as author himself concedes.  Morover, both the legitimacy and acceptable orientation of such a body is questionable. A sheer request of its neutrality is too vague

In conclusion, the Westphalian model seems to be outdated as aforementioned. Thus, the contemporary and future geopolitical landscape requires a conceptual and political adjustment to a fluid conflicted world of perennial struggles mostly between democracies and undemocratic regimes where also totalitarian challenges aiming at world domination are always present.