

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

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I think that the references to a number of premodern arrangements in terms of the sphere of influence and the modes of their interaction are excellent. I also think that the critiques of the Westphalian system and its modern deformation are valid. However, I hope to read further about how those premodern practices are connected to the rise and involution of the Westphalian system. In the current version, these two threads of discussion appear to be separate. There exists literature on the mutual reconstitution of contemporary international relations by these premodern counterparts. Specifically, please consult the literature threads on pluriversalism, decolonial epistemology, and post-Western international relations. Another suggestion is that the author might consider configurations that are not territorially-based, be they premodern or contemporary. This paper introduces examples that carry site sensibilities. However, have there been any practices that demonstrate certain temporal sensibilities—something that would facilitate a dialogue between the contemporary and premodern ways of relating encountering actors?