

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

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As I read through this article, I kept wondering why there is not more contextualization of the deconstruction and reconstruction of the geopolitical world. For example, why was the influence of the search for riches (colonization for economics and just religion) not brought into the argument sooner? Today has efforts to maintain the global system of economics is not new. *"To reduce this complexity to a specific phase in time (16th Century) and to a very tiny part of the globe (Westphalia in Germany) and draw general conclusions out of it is indeed an adventurous attempt- to say the least. This exclusion of a wider historical and cultural background is bound to lead to faulty conclusions and, eo ipso to faulty recommendations."* I could not agree more with this sentiment. However, the author might consider using the filter of disenfranchisement based on class systems, or systems that define your place in society by e.g., the color of one's skin or more broadly the hegemony of the status quo, at any point and time including today. Doing so, I suggest, would situate understanding of the multiple eras of influence. Pointing out that geopolitical borders are not simply geographical. Borderlands, are fluid spaces of cultures, ways of thinking and languages. One last note, the use of acronyms without first using the full word can lose a reader.