

Global Governance in Times of International Order Transformation

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What comes after the post war order?



Westphalia? i.e. rivalry



But is this Westphalia?

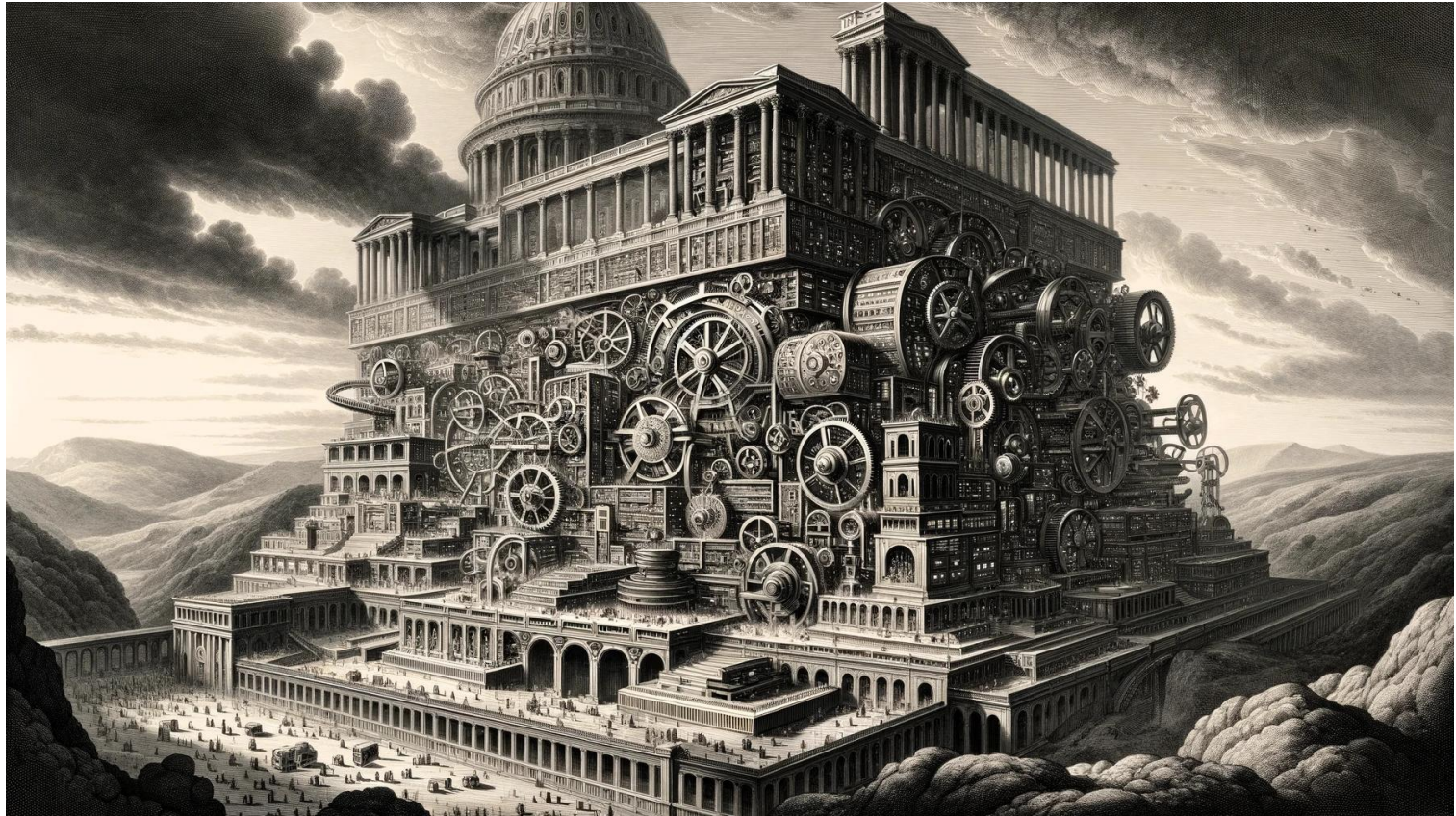
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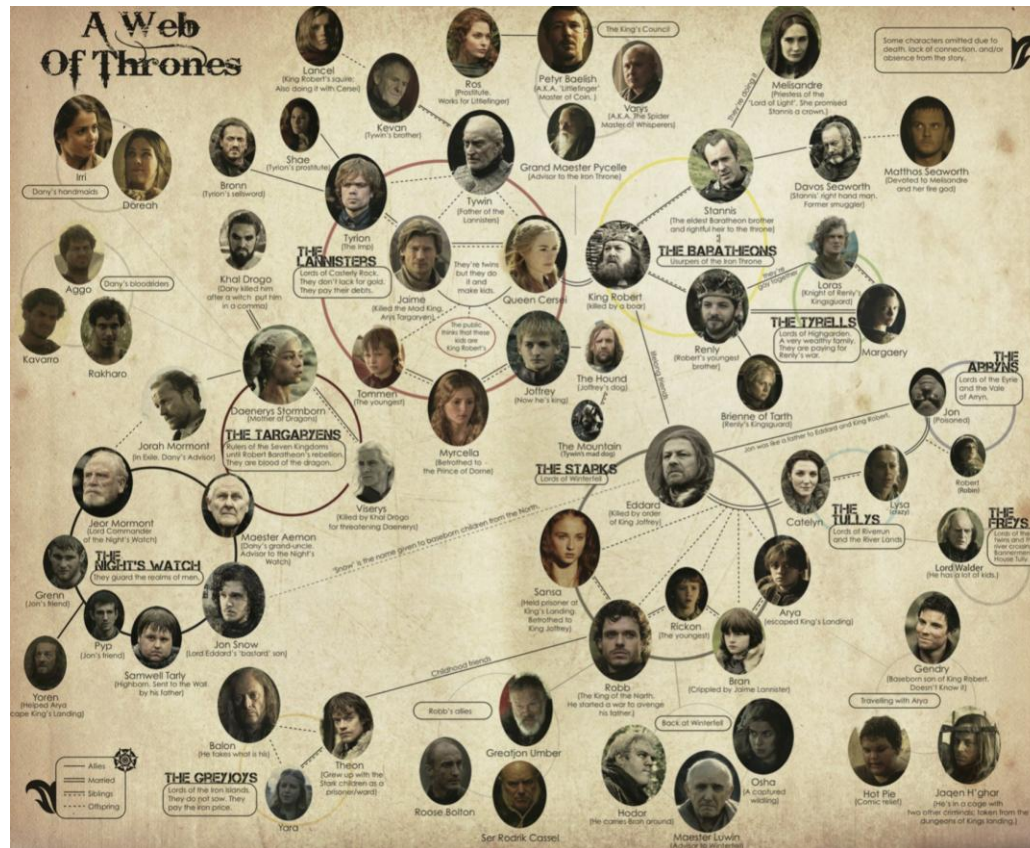


Need to rethink scope of challenge and ambition of solutions

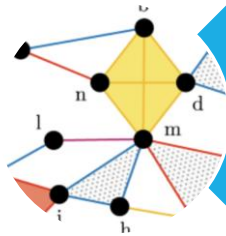
The rapid disassembly of the Weberian state



Imagine an order based not on states but royalist cliques



Royalist cliques



small, bounded, exclusive
networks

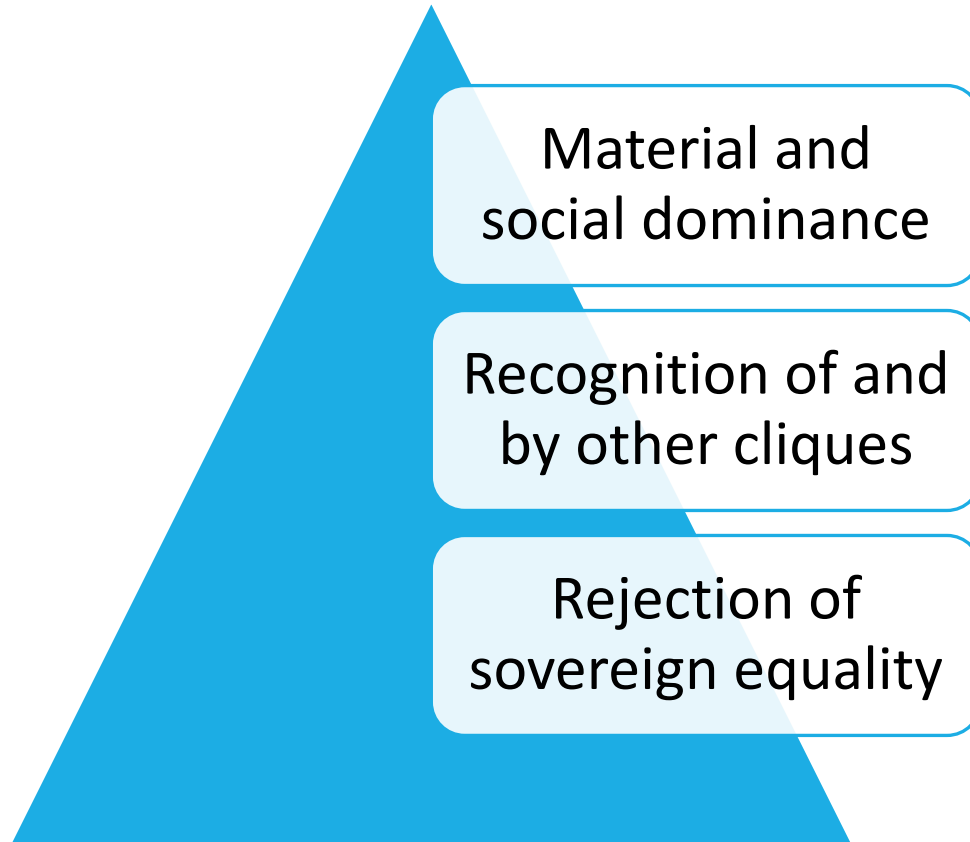


defined through their connection
to an absolute sovereign

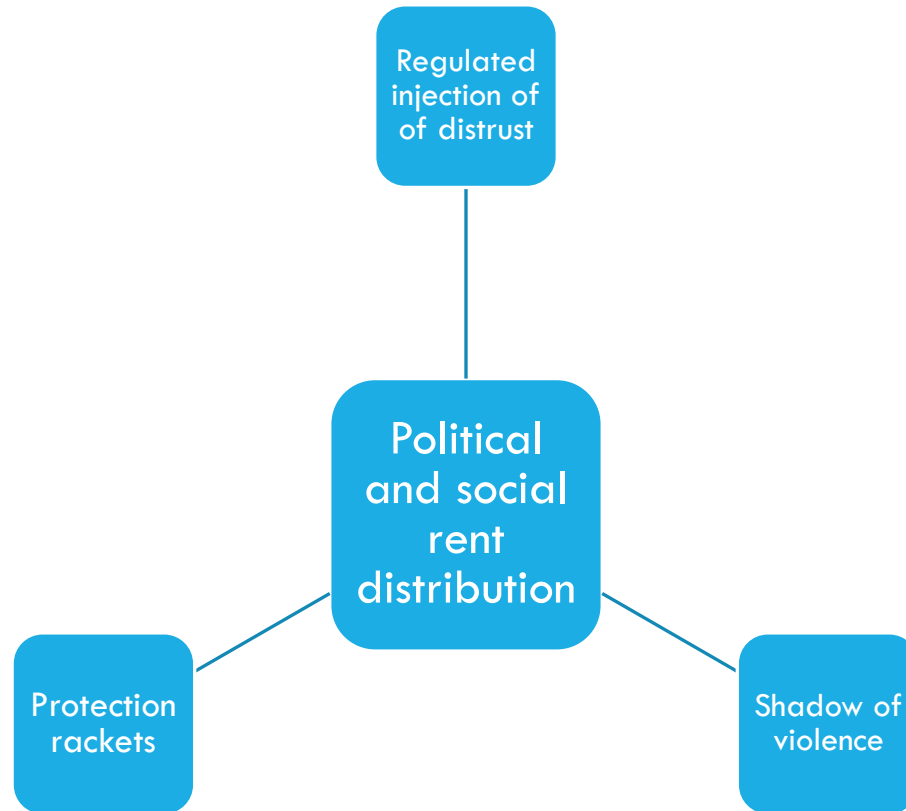


including both social and material
ties

Purpose of order: Hierarchy



Sustaining the order: Extraction



What does this mean for economic governance?

The point is the squeeze



Weaponized Interdependence for Parochial Concerns

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"Let this be a warning to those who would trample on the fundamental rights of their countrymen—judicial robes cannot protect you."



Built on exceptionalism



The crown symbolized the "divine connection between the authority of the heavens and sovereignty on earth," the spoke

Not rules

But this economic decline is eclipsed by the real and more stark prospect of civilizational erasure. The larger issues facing Europe include activities of the European Union and other transnational bodies that undermine political liberty and sovereignty, migration policies that are transforming the continent and creating strife, censorship of free speech and suppression of political opposition, cratering birthrates, and loss of national identities and self-confidence.



This is not just about loss aversion but a battle of orders



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Conclusion



Consider alternatives to Westphalia



Neo-royalism isn't inevitable but in competition with other possible logics



Need champions of an alternative logic



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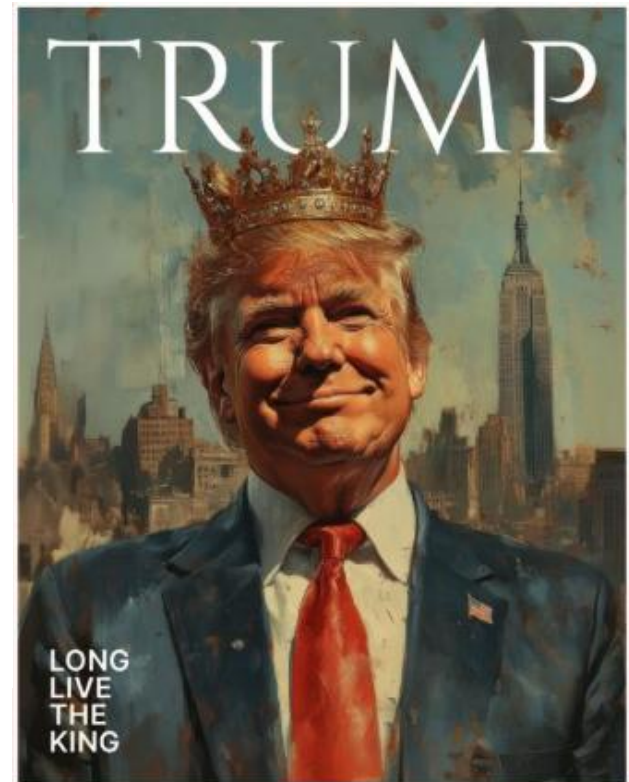
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