

Geography 4712

Fall 2010

Week 12 Concept list/Questions

**Barnett:**

What is the central thesis of the article?

What is the evidence for this thesis?

What is the evidence against the thesis?

Define "core"

Define "non-integrating Gap" or Gap.

What are the advantages to the US of countries joining the Core?

Roughly what % of the world's population is in the Core?                      In the Gap?

What (approximately) annual per capita income marks the threshold of the Gap?

What is the "security rule"?

What is a "seam state"?

Identify some typical seam states.

Why should the US "shrink the Gap", not "mind the Gap"?

Was Barnett correct in predicting (in January 2003 before the Iraq invasion) that the "Iraq babysitting job would be a doozy"? Why? Why not?

Of his list of trouble spots, which ones are incorrectly "handicapped"?

Flint/Taylor Critical Geopolitics (65-75)

Network society – no longer static states (Castells)

Netwar

Hegemonic decline - > political disorder – lots of challenges to the erstwhile hegemon

Bosnia as “Vietnam quagmire versus Bosnia as a Holocaust – dilemma for Clinton administration

Orientalism

The world in the vision of US “hegemonic nationalism” (EP Thompson) - Captain America

Definitions and visions of “security” in feminist geopolitics

Q. How does a geopolitical analysis of the Cold War differ from geopolitical analysis of GWOT?

Q. Build a conceptualization of geopolitics (p. 8) for

- a. United States
- b. France
- c. Japan
- d. Israel
- e. Iran

Q. How does “feminist geopolitics” differ from “critical geopolitics”?

Lecture Readings – Roberts, Secor and Sparke

Neoliberal geopolitics – definition

Ultimate purpose of neoliberal geopolitics

Central question of the article - Is there a connection between the “warmongering” associated with the Iraq conflict and globalization? How is this related to critical geopolitics?