

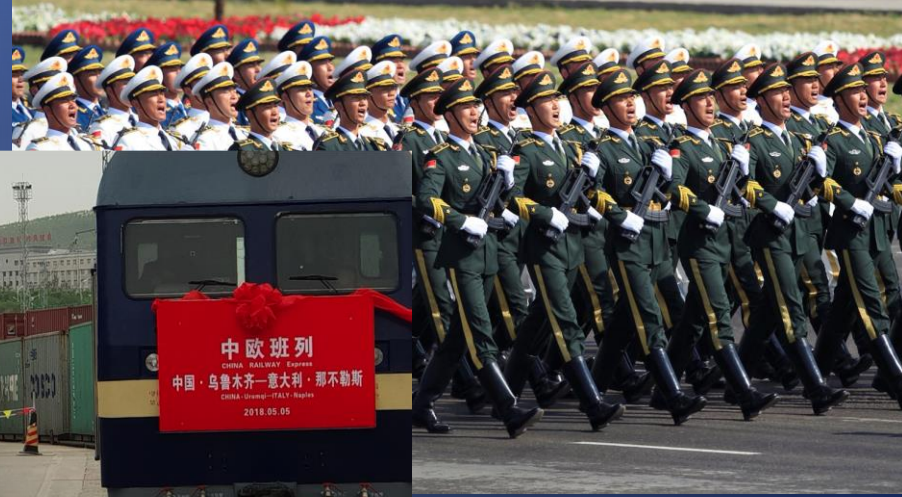
# What drives India's Foreign Policy ?



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# GEOPOLITICS AS A DRIVER

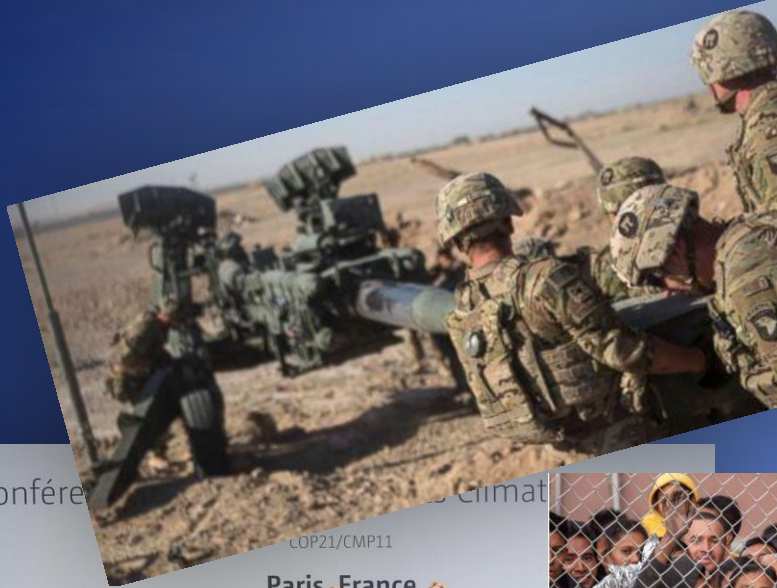
# The Rise of China



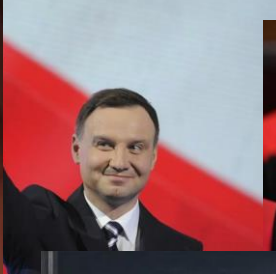


# The Retreat of Pax Americana

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# Growing success of Populists& Populism



# GEOGRAPHY AS A DRIVER



RETREAT OF PAX  
AMERICANA

INDIA-US  
STRATEGIC  
PARTNERSHIP

UNSC/N  
SG/  
CCIT

DIASPORA  
LEVERAGE

SUCCESS OF POPULISM

WEST

RUSSIA  
CHINA

ARCTIC  
COUNCIL

EU-INDIA  
BTIA

ISOLATE  
PAKISTAN

HUNT FOR  
RESOURCES

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
FIRST

SCO

RCEP  
WALKOUT

WUHAN  
SUMMIT

INDO PACIFIC  
PARTNERSHIPS

RISE OF CHINA



TRADE POLICY/PROTECTIONISM AS DRIVER





TRENDS:  
REGIONAL FTAS  
WTO WEAKENS  
SERVICES  
UNWELCOME

# DOMESTIC IDEOLOGY AS DRIVER

# AGE OF REALPOLITIK

- US Major Defence Partner, short of being an ally. NAM discarded
- China as an adversary
- Willingness to flex muscle: Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan isolate.
- Finding resources: West Asia , Africa
- Unshielded ambition for the high table. UNSC & NSG
- Soft power is hard power: use of diaspora
- Modi 2.0. Article 370, CAA, NRC....Impact being assessed



# IDEALISM REALISM REALPOLITIK

A large, semi-transparent globe is centered in the background. The landmasses are visible in a light blue-grey tone, while the oceans are a darker blue. The country of India is highlighted in a solid green color, making it stand out from the rest of the globe. The globe is slightly tilted, showing parts of Asia, Africa, and Australia.

1. Should India make this leap to the high table without bringing up its economic bottom-line?
2. Can India be a world power without taking its neighbours on board?
3. Is the world too intertwined for bilateral alliances or enmities to define our relationships ?
4. If connectivity is the new currency, should India pursue connectivity at all costs?
5. What will India do if it makes it to the world leadership position it so desires?