

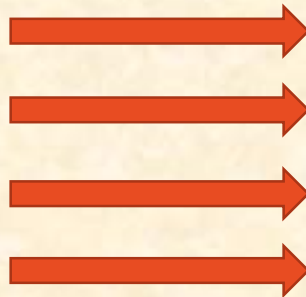
# **ADAPTING ALLIANCES, PARTNERS, AND SECURITY ARCHITECTURE**

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# Setting the scene

- How do we frame the international order right now? How do we frame the regional order?



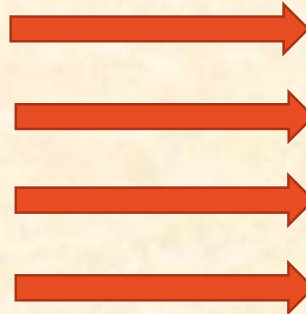
Globalization?

'New' Cold War?

Rise of the Rest?

Strategic Competition?

- What are we defending?
- Where do we want to go?




Rules based order?

US primacy?

Democracy?

Free and Open?



- EXPLORE
- Map 
  - Measures
  - Past Years
  - Countries
  - Compare
  - Weightings
  - Power Gap
  - Network Power
  - Findings Report NEW
  - Share

RANK	SCORE	TREND	COUNTRY/TERRITORY
<b>SUPER POWERS (70+)</b>			
1	80.7	↘	<b>UNITED STATES</b>
2	72.5	↘	<b>CHINA</b>
<b>MIDDLE POWERS (10+)</b>			
3	37.2	↘	<b>JAPAN</b>
4	36.3	↘	<b>INDIA</b>
5	31.6	↘	<b>RUSSIA</b>



<https://power.lowyinstitute.org>



ECONOMIC  
CAPABILITY



MILITARY  
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RESILIENCE



FUTURE  
RESOURCES



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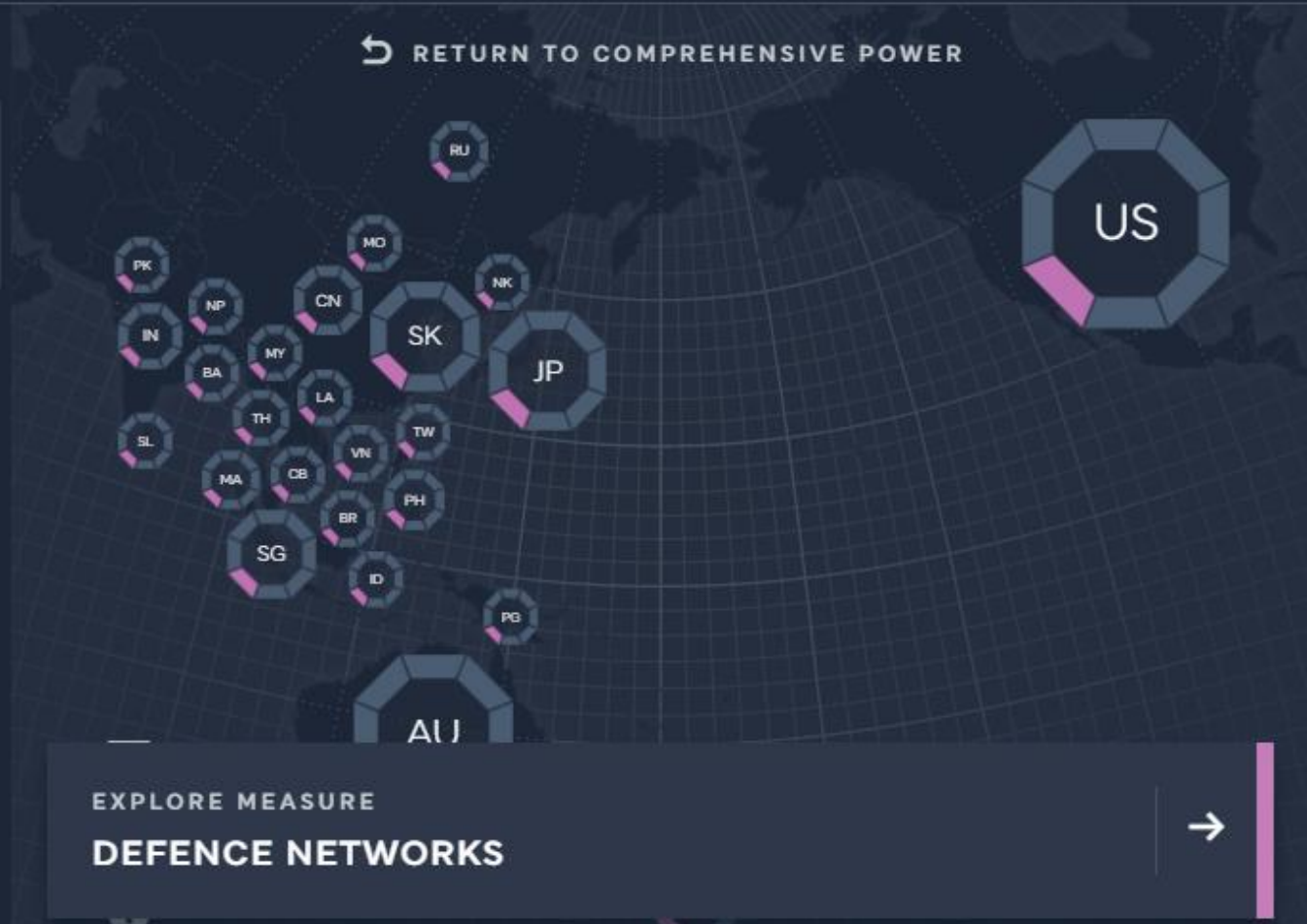


DEFENCE  
NETWORKS

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RANK	SCORE	TREND	COUNTRY/TERRITORY
1	84.6	↗	UNITED STATES
2	63.0	↘	AUSTRALIA
3	45.2	↘	JAPAN
4	41.3	↘	SOUTH KOREA
5	32.2	↘	SINGAPORE
6	30.2	↘	NEW ZEALAND





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**NETWORK POWER**

ECONOMY

TRADE

INVESTMENT

CULTURE

ONLINE SEARCH INTEREST

MIGRANT DESTINATIONS

TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

FOREIGN MEDIA FLOWS

DEFENCE

**DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUES**

Which countries are the most active through diplomatic dialogues in the region?

Bilateral diplomatic dialogues, at leader or foreign minister level, held between Index countries (2021)

COUNTRY NONE SELECTED v

DISPLAY FLOW FILL

**TOP INFLUENCERS IN THE REGION**

REGIONAL DATASET

CHINA	UNI...	AU...	ID	SK	JP	SG	IN	RU	V..	OTHERS
46	40	36	30	29	27	26	25	25	21	141



# FEATURES OF ORDER

- Orders
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  - US Alliance System → Evolving or stationary
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## China, US Woo Pacific Island Nations



Leaders of Pacific Islands Forum member states pose for a group photo following the PIF Meeting, Suva, Fiji, July 15, 2022. [China, US Woo Pacific Island Nations – The Diplomat](#)



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## (2) Strengthening Japan's Defense Architecture

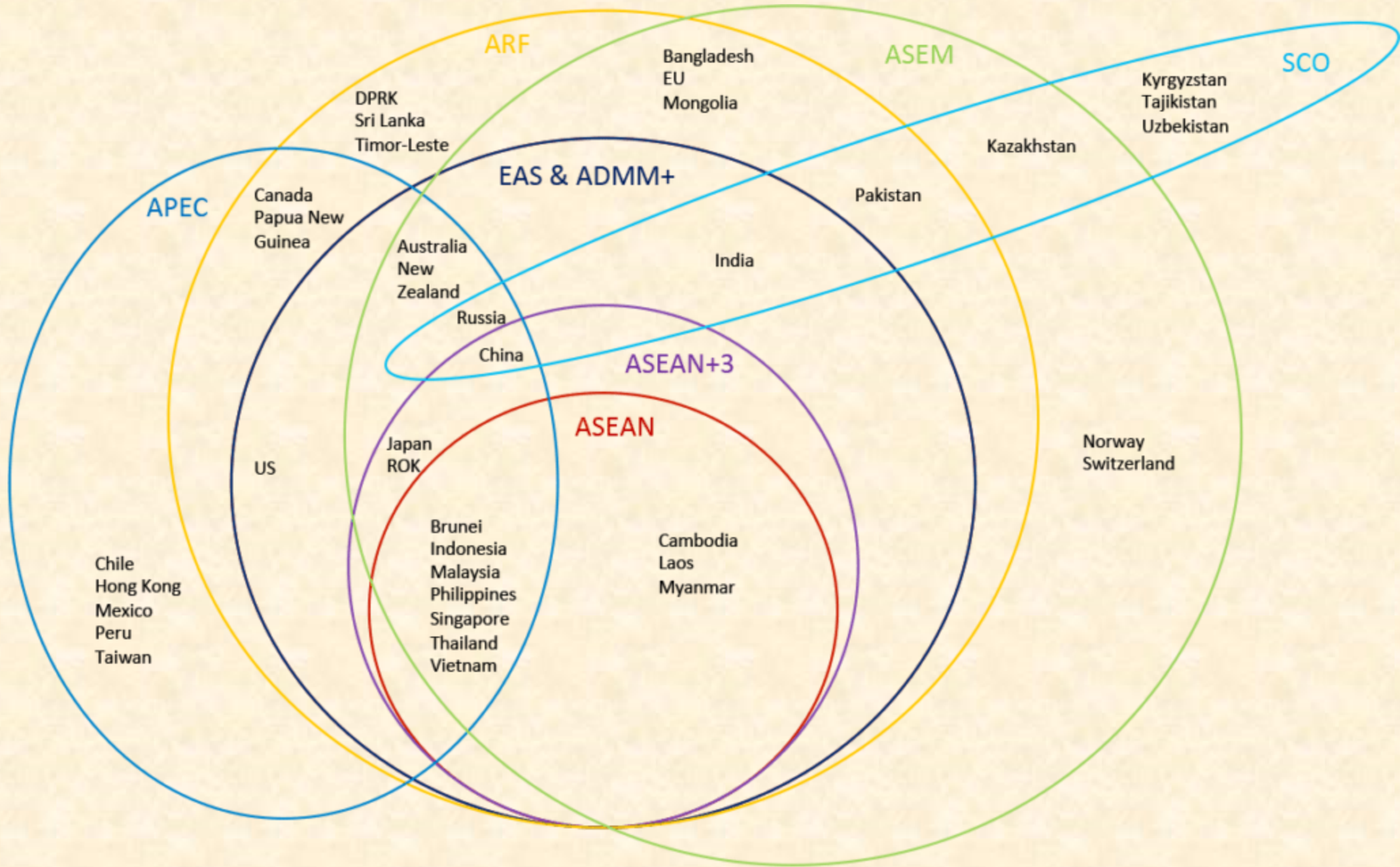
(ii) Coordinating with **Reinforced Comprehensive Defense Architecture**. The core effort in addressing Japan's defense challenges will be to fundamentally Provisional Translation 21 reinforce its defense capabilities. However, because of wide-ranging security targets and fields, Japan will utilize not only its defense capabilities but also its comprehensive national power, including diplomatic and economic capabilities, to defend itself (pp. 20-21).

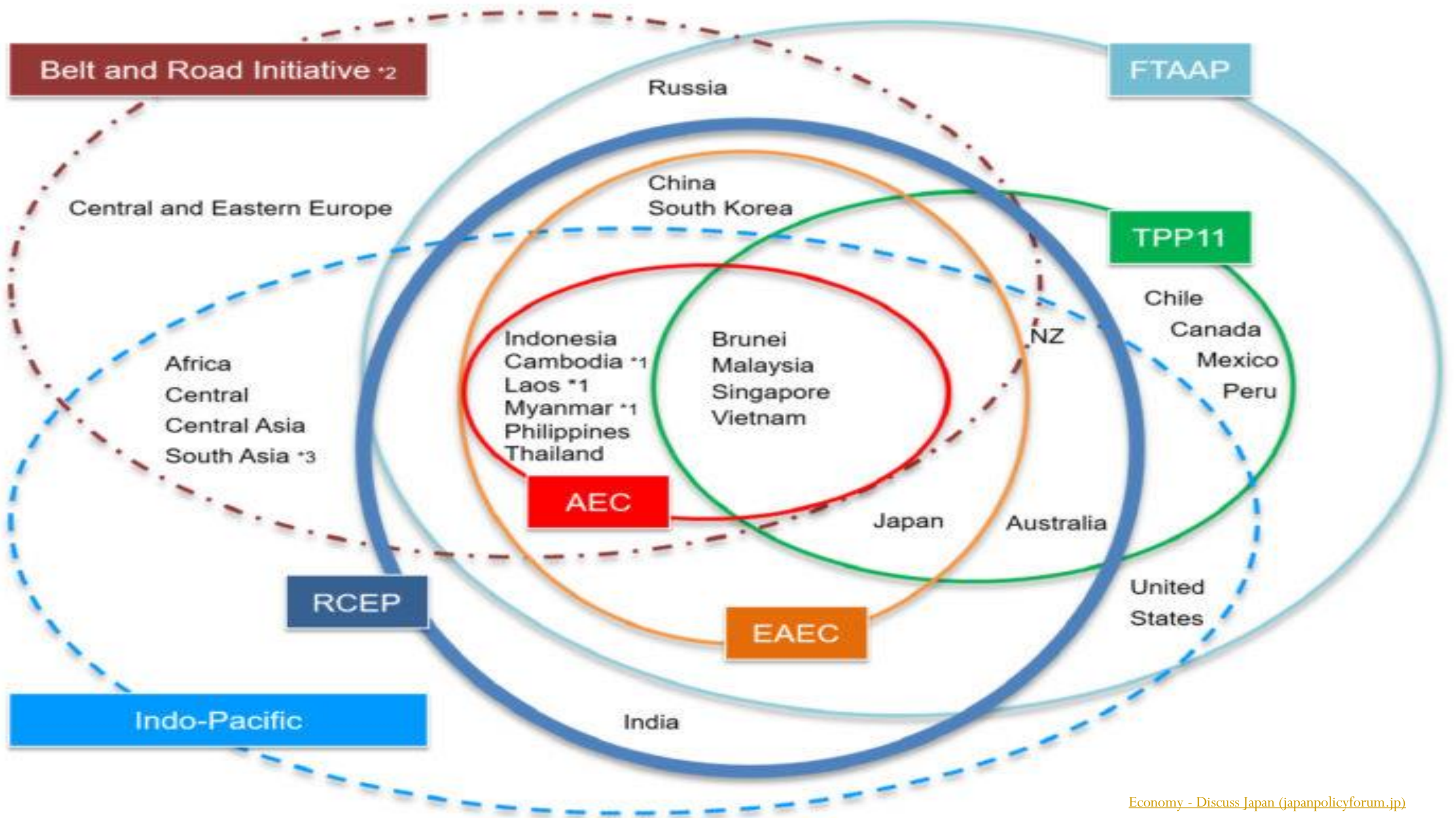
# INTEGRATED DETERRENCE

...will inform almost everything that we do...In terms of integrated ... we mean, integrated across domains, so conventional, nuclear, cyber, space, informational" ... integrated across theaters of competition and potential conflict [and] integrated across the spectrum of conflict from high intensity warfare to the gray zone... also means integration of all instruments of national power,... And integrated across our allies and partners, which are the real asymmetric advantage that the United States has over any other competitor or potential adversary.

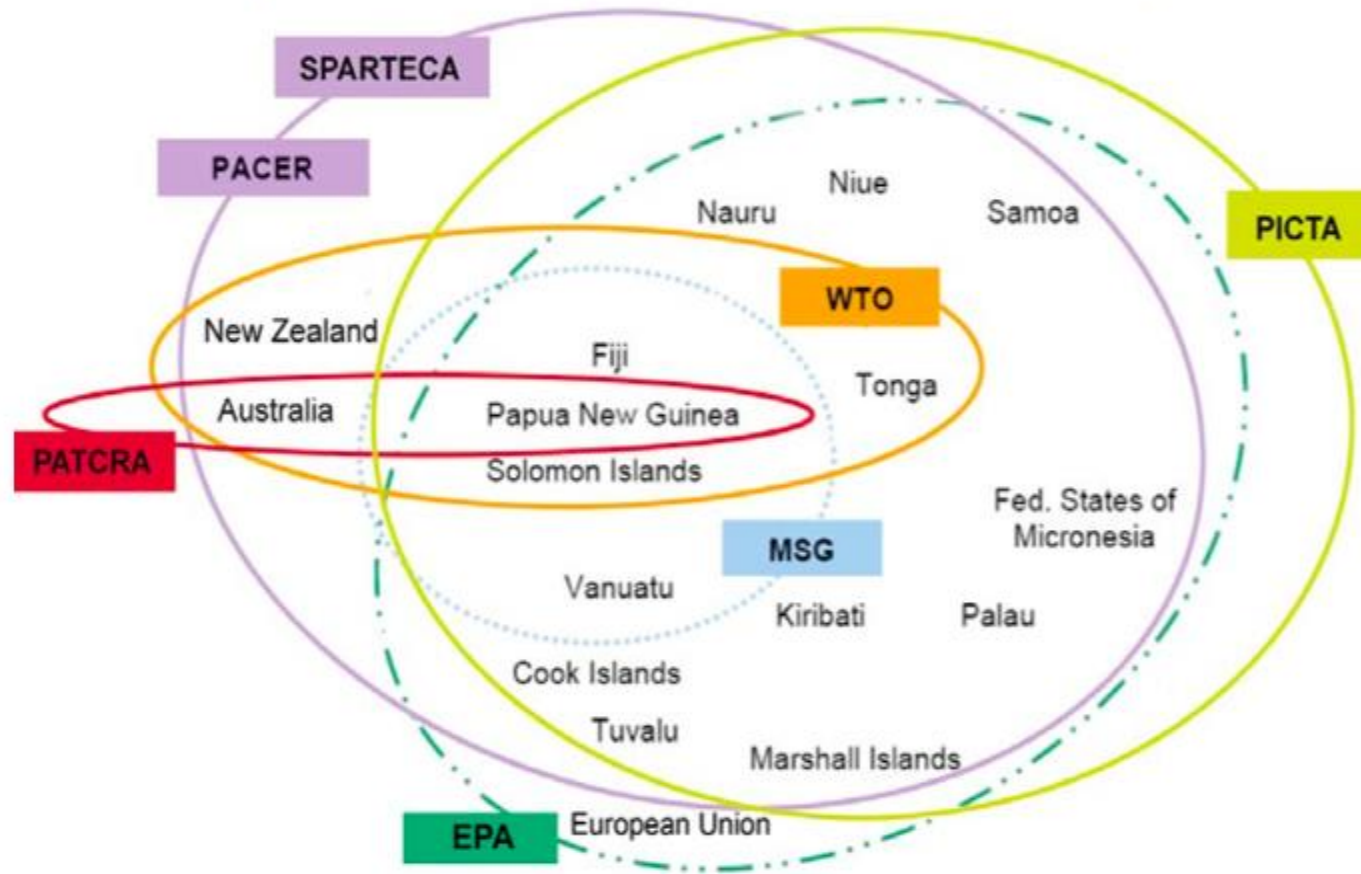
Colin Kahl

Undersecretary of Defense for Policy  
*Defense One Outlook Summit 2022*





## Trade agreements involving PICs - current and under negotiation



**PICTA:** Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (in force since 2003)

**PACER:** Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (2001)

**EPA:** Economic Partnership Agreement (under negotiation)

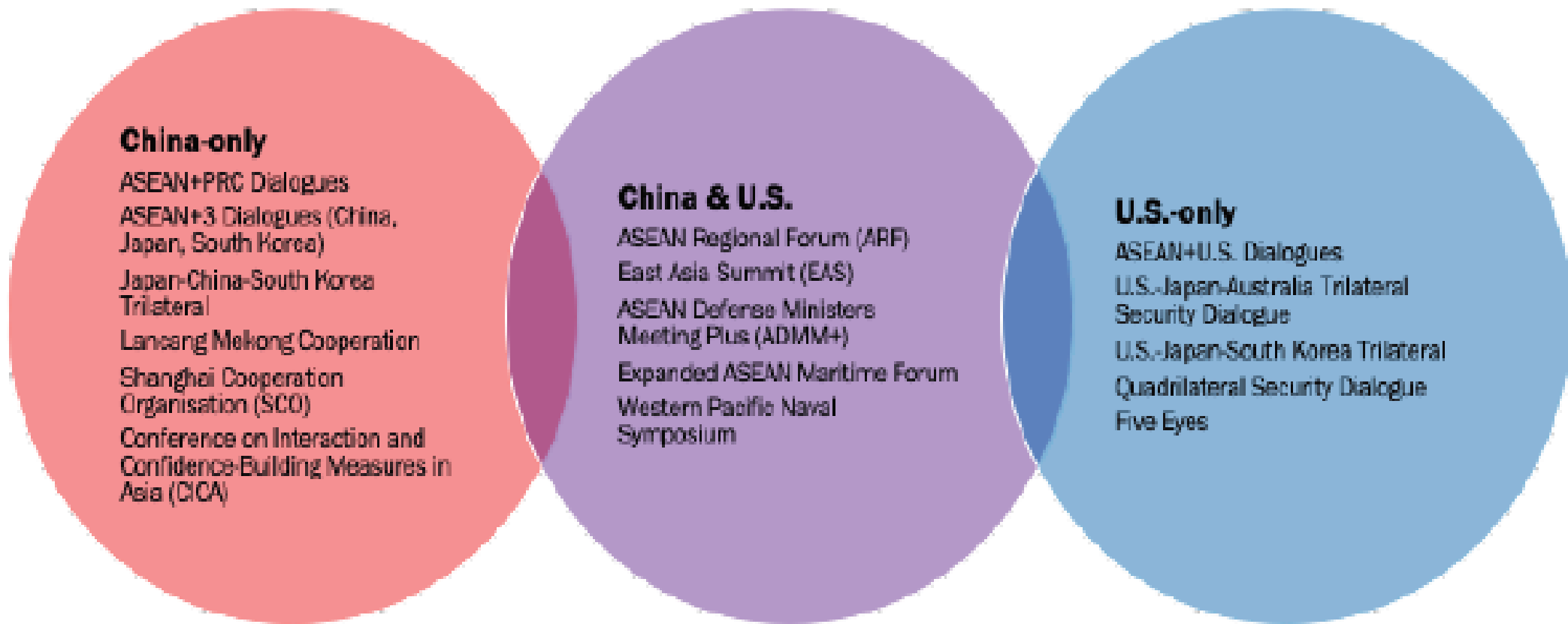
**SPARTECA:** South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement (1981)

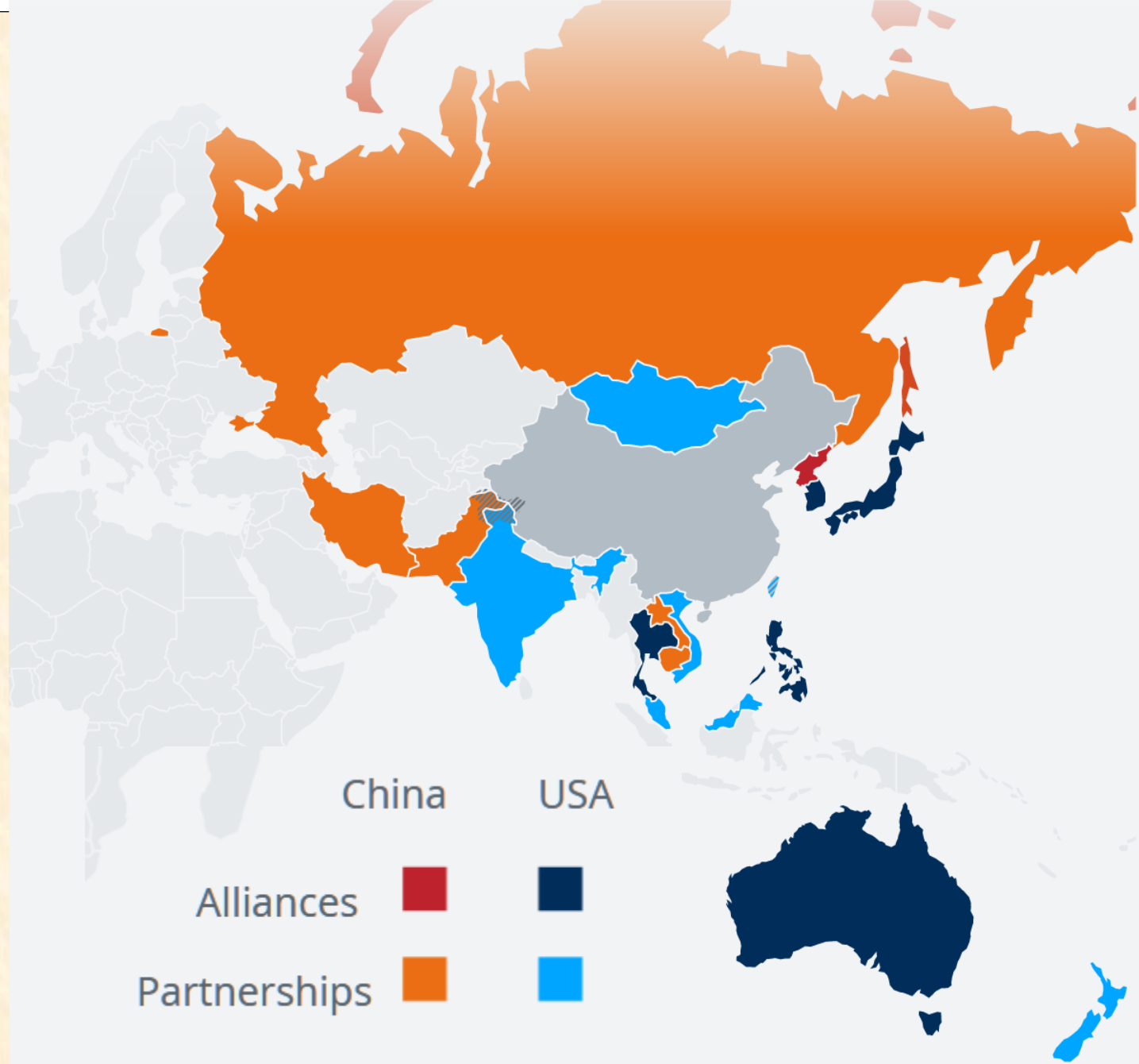
**PATCRA:** Papua New Guinea-Australia Trade and Commercial Relations Agreement (1976, revised 1992)

**MSG:** Melanesian Spearhead Group (1994, Fiji joined 1998)

**WTO:** World Trade Organisation (Australia, NZ 1995; Fiji, PNG, Solomons 1996; Tonga 2007; Samoa and Vanuatu negotiating entry)

**FIGURE 1: U.S. AND PRC PARTICIPATION IN SELECT ASIAN SECURITY FORUMS**

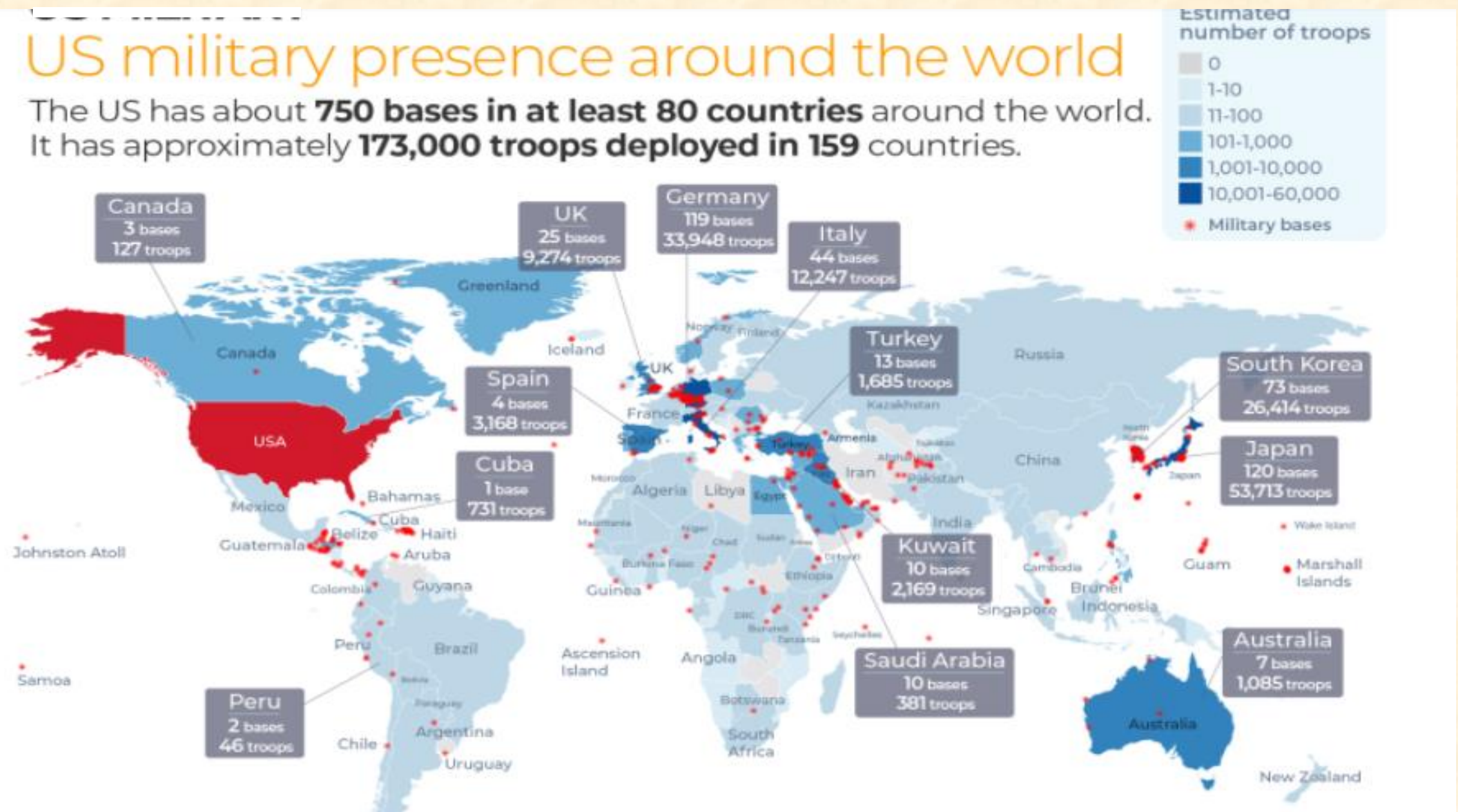






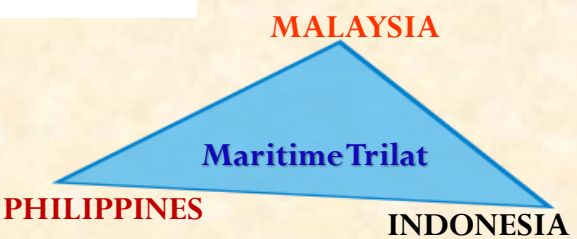
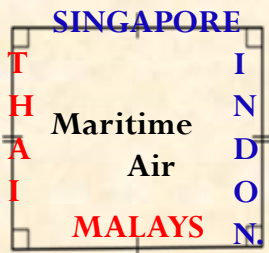
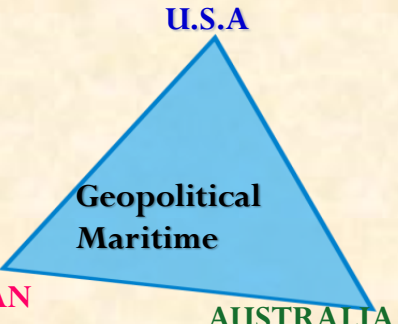
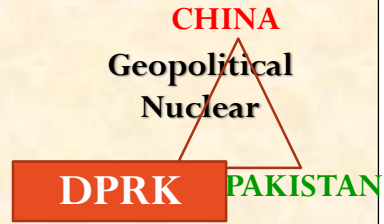
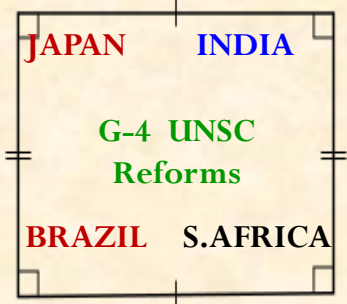
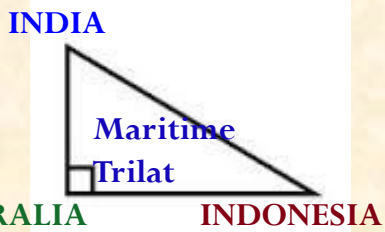
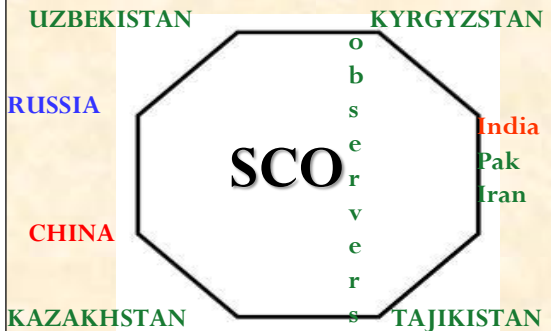
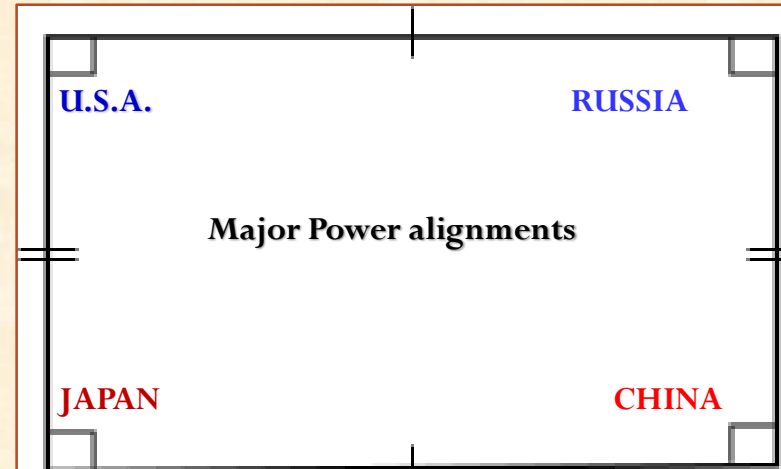
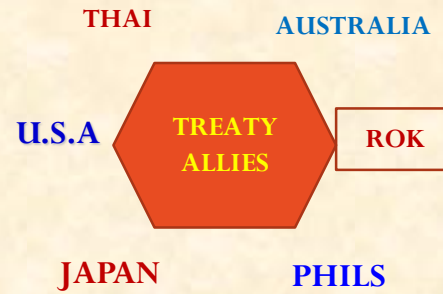
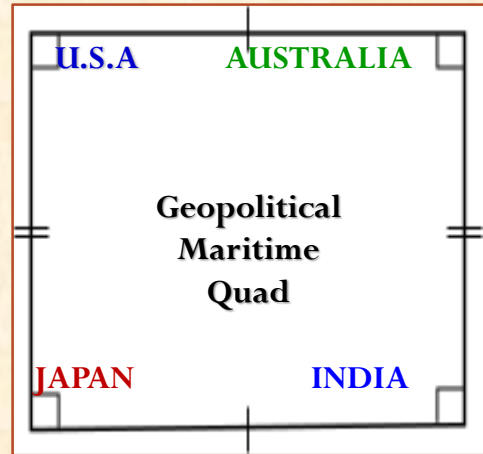
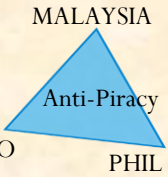
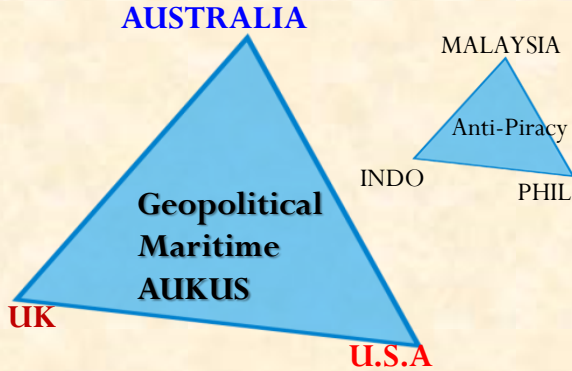
# US military presence around the world

The US has about **750 bases in at least 80 countries** around the world. It has approximately **173,000 troops deployed in 159** countries.



# Geometries of Geopolitics\*

Cooperation in triangles, quads, squares, hexagons...



# Mentimeter

Alliances, partnerships, and security architecture today are....



# CONSIDER

- New, non-ASEAN / -PIF / -SAARC-centred means
  - Place of existing organizations?
- Small-scale, narrowly focused, result-oriented
  - vs inclusive, process-focused
- Smaller powers as sovereign equals
  - Knowledge, resources
- Know your lines
- The lessons of Ukraine
- Role of emerging technologies
- Trust
- Vision of the future

# Modernization

- Creates or increases value
- Not a one-size-fits-all
- Retooling (innovation)
- Altering the nature of relationships
- A new paradigm



# STRUCTURAL POWER

- The power to decide how things should be done, the power to shape frameworks within which states relate to each other, relate to people, or relate to corporate enterprise (Susan Strange)
- the power to change the rules of the game for others, the power to structure the choices of other actors  
(<https://lawin.org/structural-power/>)

**THANK YOU!**