



# Strategic Policy *in an Age of Sovereignty Wars*

## **A Six-Part Presentation**

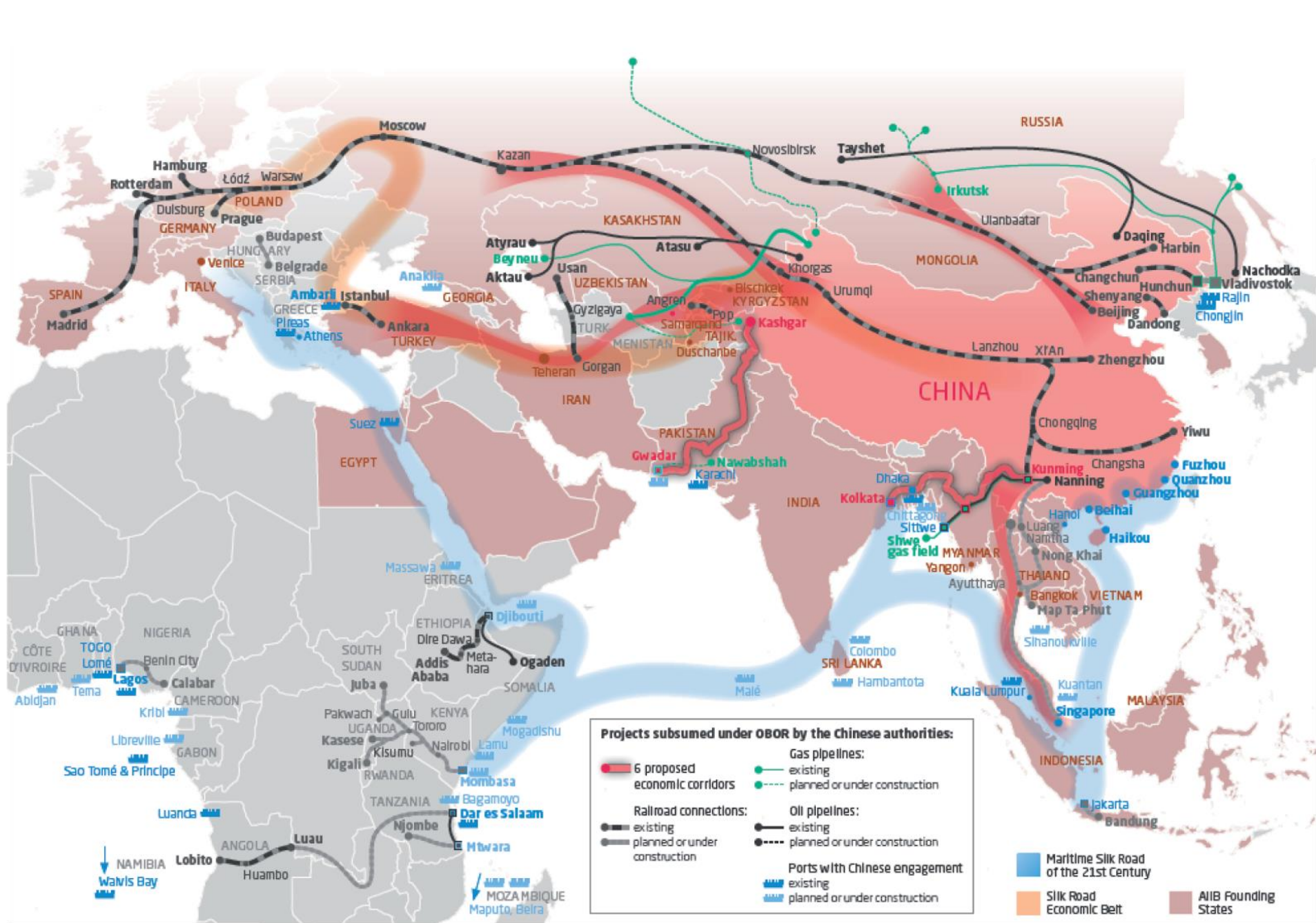
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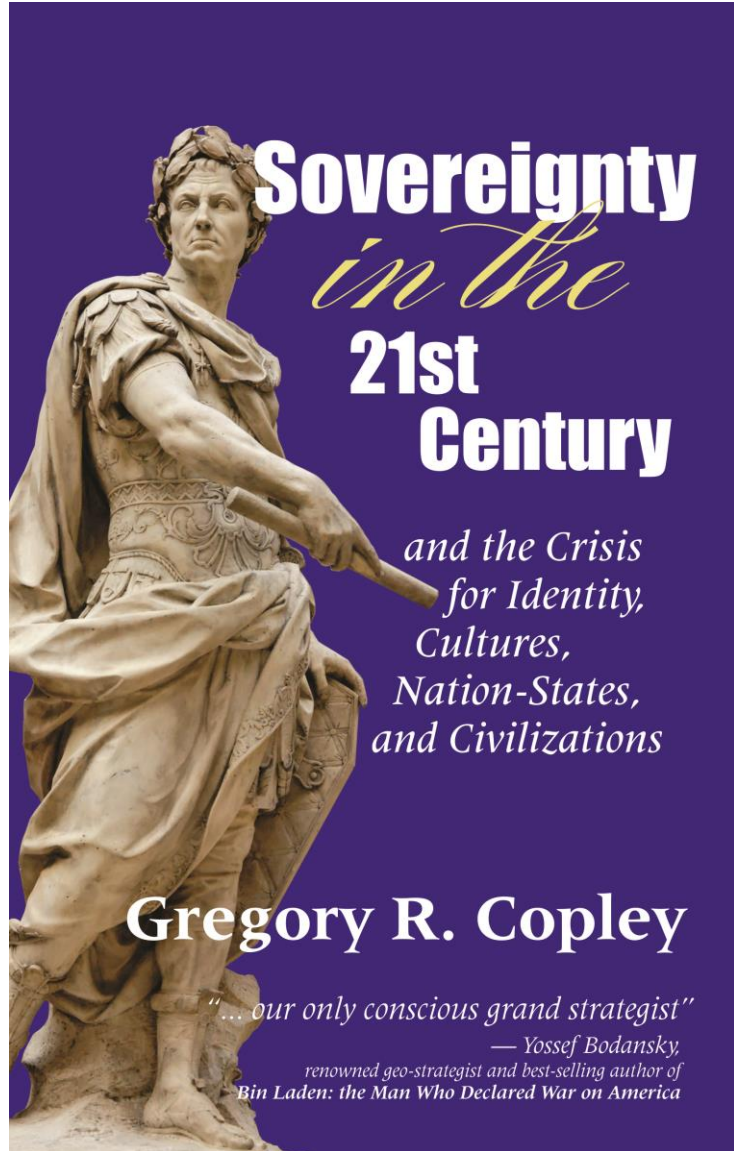
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# I

## Defining Vital Terms

### Sovereignty and Prestige



# Sovereignty

*in the*

# 21st Century

*and the Crisis  
for Identity,  
Cultures,  
Nation-States,  
and Civilizations*

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*"... our only conscious grand strategist"*

— Yossef Bodansky,  
renowned geo-strategist and best-selling author of  
*Bin Laden: the Man Who Declared War on America*

## II

# The Nature and Meaning of *Grand Strategy*

- *Goal-setting and goal achievement at the largest scale and into the indefinite future.*
- *Preoccupation with process and means is tactical; preoccupation with outcomes and future context is strategic.*

## Grand Strategy

*Policies remain unchanged until destroyed by realities, usually generated by external forces*

## Grand Strategy

1. Achieves situational awareness in the broadest and deepest senses.
2. Defines national goals in the short-, medium, and long-term.
3. Coordinates goal-setting and implementation using strategic information dominance (ID) as its principal organising tool.

# III

## Toward a Perspective on the Next Era of Global Security

Why the End of the Age of  
Consumerism and Scale Changed the  
Balance of Power



## The Next Era of Global Security

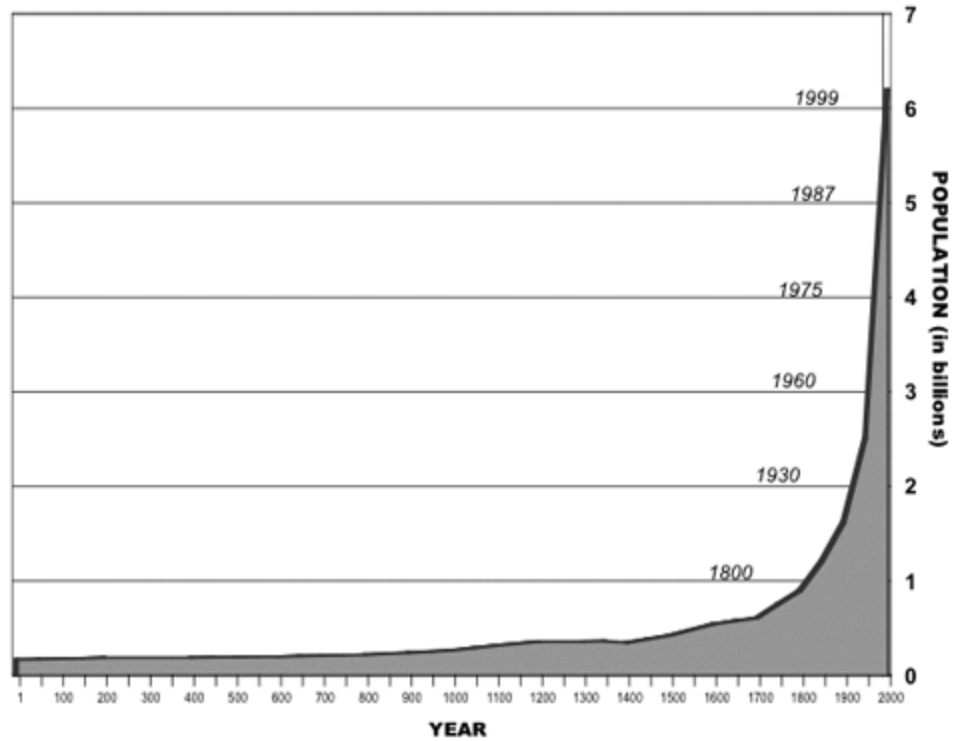
The second half of the 20th Century was characterized by unprecedented **increase in scale** married to several equally unprecedented, absolutely mutually-reinforcing and interdependent phenomena

## The Next Era of Global Security

1. Compounding technological evolution;
2. Dramatically rising *per capita* wealth;
3. Scaling of an open global trading and supply chain architecture;
4. The urbanisation of the majority of the population; and
5. The temporary bubble of the trebling of the world's population.

# The Next Era of Global Security

## Human Population Growth Since 1 A.D.



## The Next Era of Global Security

Keep in the back of your mind that **everything** (*everything!*) now depends on the unbroken delivery of electricity.

## The Next Era of Global Security

The principal security doctrine for survival and growth must reflect a “whole of government” strategy in which **information dominance (ID) plays the umbrella rôle.**

## IV

# Addressing the Dangers of a Terrorism-Preoccupied Era

*Reaction is not a war-winning  
strategy or a strategy for national or  
global leadership.*

## The “Terrorism Era”

No terrorist phenomenon has ever sustained itself for any meaningful duration — or achieved strategic outcomes — in the absence of support from a nation-state or wealthy society

# V

## Strategic Will: Back to Fundamentals

**“War is waged to affect and alter the will of the opponent. War’s only goal, and its most important method, is psychology rather than accurate shooting.”**

— Dr Stefan Possony, 1975



# VI

## Current Factors

1. The rise of the PRC and India: Not inevitable.
2. Global population trends are creating new social/sovereign, economic, and technology trends.
3. Identity politics is driving most trends.
4. Tomorrow will resemble the old, not the recent.
5. “One Belt, One Road” has been replaced.
6. Turkey, Saudi, others: fighting for life.
7. Beijing’s *démarche* in stealing dominance in Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific, and Caribbean.



# Over to you for Q&A

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