

The Changing Geopolitical Landscape in Asia

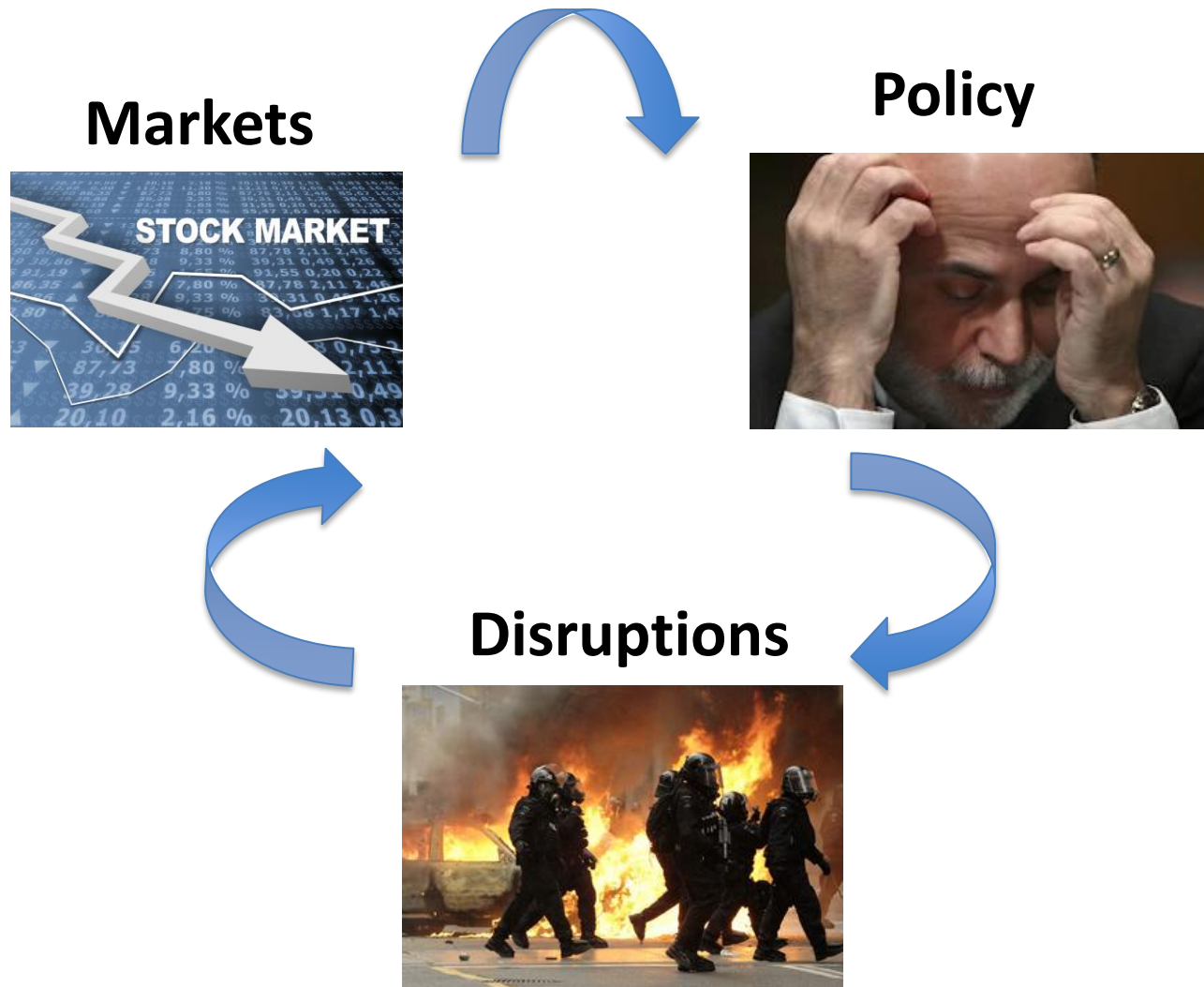
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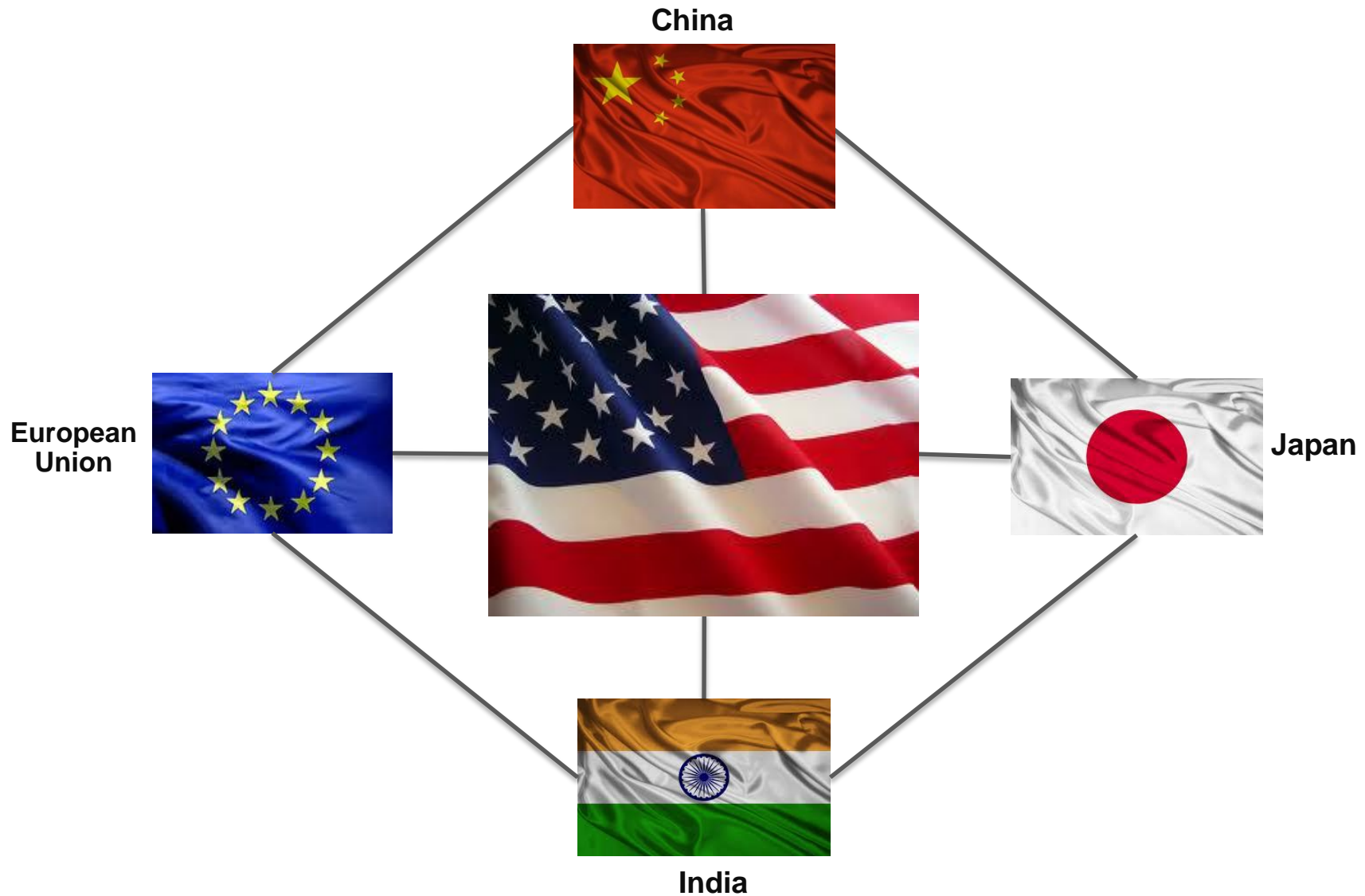
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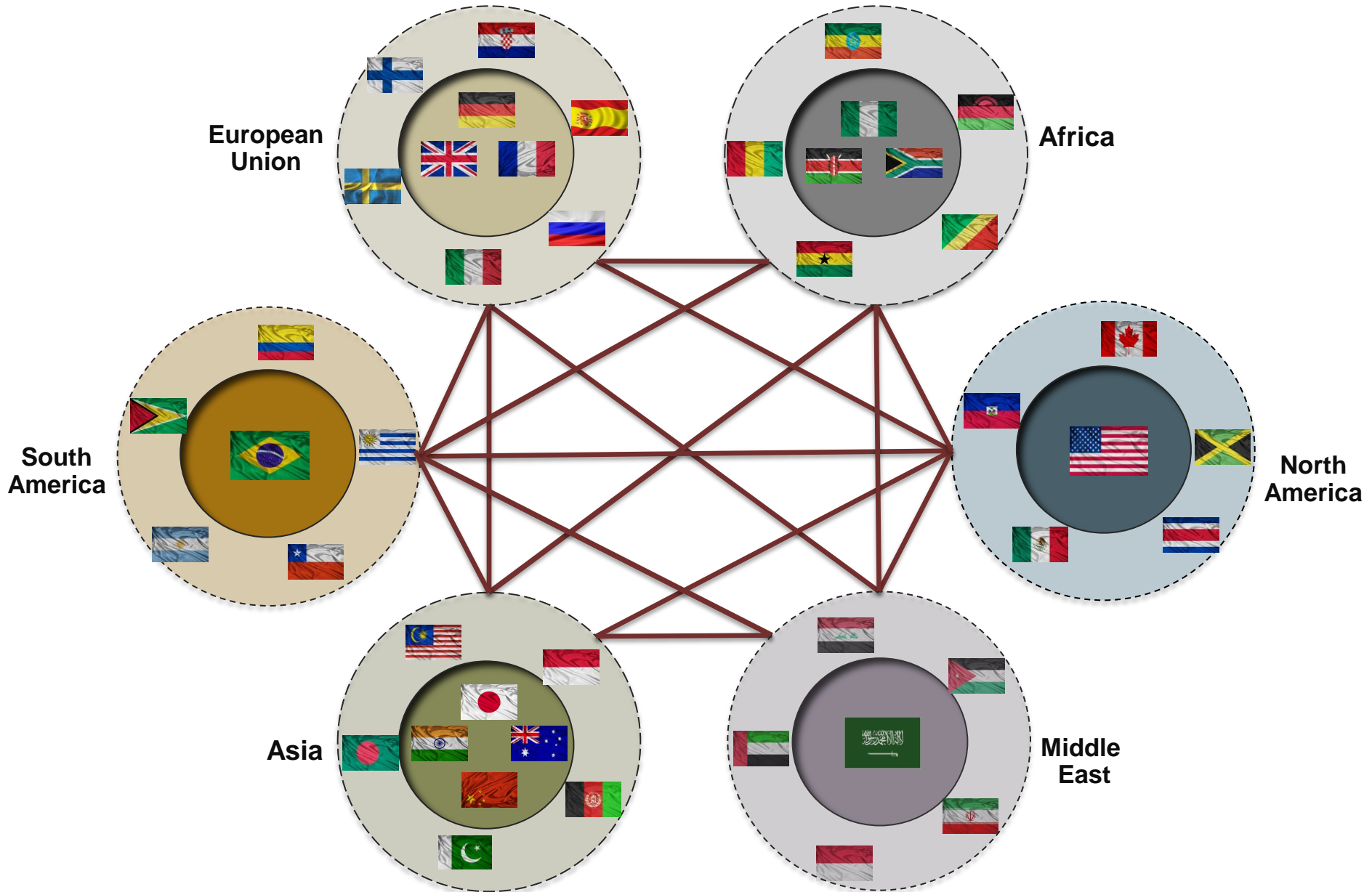
An Unpredictable World



From the “Unipolar Moment” of the 1990s....



....To Today's Global Marketplace



Asia for Asians?



Asia's New Iron "Silk Roads"



Anti-Chinese Blowback Across the Region



Obama's Foreign Policy Headaches



Obama's Latest Asia Trip in November 2012

1. Sun., Nov. 18 Arrives in Bangkok, Thailand; audience with King Rama IX; meets with Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra; press conference

2. Mon., Nov. 19 Arrives in Rangoon, Myanmar; meets with President Thein Sein, Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi; departs for Phnom Penh, Cambodia; attends ASEAN Summit

3. Tues., Nov. 20 Meets with Asian leaders; attends ASEAN Summit; returns to U.S.

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What is the Pivot? (And what is it not?)

- Words as Strategy: “Pivot” versus “Rebalancing”
- Is it all about China?
- Burden-Sharing: Promoting Self-Defense
 - Australia, Japan, South Korea, India expanding military expenditures and re-framing own grand strategies
- Economic Dimensions
 - Beyond APEC: Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
 - Exports and FTAs

America's military presence in the west Pacific

Troop deployment: **25,374***

Beijing

Deployment: 35,598*

Navy	Air force
NAF Misawa	Kadena
NAF Atsugi	Misawa
CFA Yokosuka	Yokota
CFA Sasebo	
CFA Okinawa	

Deployment: 117

Subic Bay US Naval Station was closed in 1992, but the Philippines said last month the US military would be able to use it again to dock its ships and submarines.

Deployment: 2,982
Joint Region
Marianas facility

SINGAPORE
Deployment: **122**
Navy Region
Centre Singapore

Robertson Barracks, Darwin — ● Troops rotated through barracks each year; number to be 2,500 by 2016

AUSTRALIA
Deployment: **129**
**Pine Gap Joint
Defence Facility**

- Cocos Islands (Australia)
US said to be eyeing islands as future surveillance aircraft base

*Numbers include army, navy, air force and marine corps

Note: NAF = Naval Air Facility, CFA = Commander Fleet Activities

Sources: Military Balance 2011, Commander Navy Installations, Pacific Air Forces, Reuters

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Used by the U.S. military as a major staging base for flights to Vietnam during the 1960s and 1970s. U.S. and Thailand now considering a joint military center to respond to natural disasters in the region.

Served as vital naval and air base for the United States during the Vietnam War, later became a major Soviet installation. U.S. Navy ships can now visit to re-supply and make repairs, but Pentagon would like more regular access.

Largest U.S. bases in Asia for much for the 20th century until evicted by the Philippines two decades ago. U.S. Navy has increased ship visits in recent years. Philippines now signalling it is open to greater access.

A Norwegian Solution for the South China Sea?



2013: The Next Chain Reactions?

Iran conflict in Persian Gulf



North Korea collapse



Avian flu pandemic



South China Sea dispute



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US “Fiscal Cliff”



Blowback against China in Myanmar



South China Sea dispute



What's Next?

- Every region pivots to Asia: Europe, Mideast, India, South America, Russia
- Is the U.S. credible? South China Sea as “core national interest” versus “neutral mediation”?
- Beware of “Taiwanization”
- Keep focus on “Asia for Asians” regionalism: EAC, ASEAN FTA
- Trade Globally: Decouple from slow-growth Europe
- US-China Relations: Beyond the SED?
- ASEAN: From Non-Alignment to Multi-Alignment

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