Recasting Statecraft: International Relations and Strategies of Peaceful Change

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A Visit to Vienna
World War I: Exhibits
World War I: Trench Warfare
Rising Powers and Peaceful Accommodation

“The defence of [the] status quo is not a policy which can be lastingly successful. It will end in war as surely as rigid conservatism will end in revolution. ‘Resistance to aggression,’ however necessary as a momentary device of national policy, is no solution; for readiness to fight to prevent change is just as immoral as readiness to fight to enforce it. To establish methods of peaceful change is therefore the fundamental problem of international morality and of international politics.” (Carr, 1964: 222)

Gilpin’s Argument:

“The basic task of peaceful change is not merely to secure peace; it is to foster change and achieve a peace that secures one’s basic values. Determining how this goal is to be achieved in specific historical circumstances is the ultimate task of wise and prudent statesmanship.” (Gilpin, 1981:209).
Strategy and Grand Strategy

Traditional Focus - War

Needed Focus - Peaceful Change

Appreciation of Structure and Agency

IR Theory’s Weaknesses
IR Theory and Peaceful Change I

Realism
- Classical, Structural and Neo-Classical Realism

Liberalism
- Kantian Tripod
- Need for a Second Enlightenment

Constructivism
- Security Communities
- Norm Entrepreneurs
IR Theory and Peaceful Change II

Critical Theories

Peace Studies

Other Disciplines

Strategy is not all about War

- The Power of Clausewitz
- When Clausewitz meets Sun Tsu
Statecraft for Peaceful Change
Contributions: Western

Western Contributions

- Enlightenment to Concert System

Europe and Peaceful Change

- Helsinki Process/CSCE/OSCE
- Pluralistic Security Community

US Contributions

- From Wilson to End of the Cold War
Non-Western Ideas of Peaceful Change I

Soviet Union/Russia

- Glasnost/Perestroika, Peaceful Dismantlement

China

- Peaceful Rise/ Peaceful Development (Deng’s Contributions)

India

- Freedom Struggle, Non-Alignment, Decolonization
Non-Western Ideas of Peaceful Change II

Brazil
- Non-Hegemonic Regional Order

South Africa
- Post-Apartheid Order
  - Non-Hegemonic Regional Order

ASEAN
Why do Countries Change Peaceful Strategies?

Russia, China, India Examples

How to Sustain Statecraft for Peace

Need for Statecraft for Peace
Conclusions – Avoiding “The March of Folly”
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