

The Myth of Isolation China In the World

A. Economic Background

1300-1900 - Mass Emigration
To the West (Central Asia)
and to South

1. Merchants & pioneers (foreign)

2. Chinese & East Asian Trade:

1500's - 1700 - Typically A

Positive Balance of Trade: Indirect

Global/Silver Flows (To East Asia)

(Allows China to Monetize and

'Fiscalize' Silver (Used To Pay Taxes)

3. International Expeditions

(1380's - 1410) ZHENG HE'S

Expeditions (Fleets of 2,000 ships -

4. Military Intervention
and Expansion

B. Military Intervention And

Expansion

2 Ming Dynasty (1368-1644);

Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) -

Willingness And Ability To Utilize

Large-Scale Military Force

IF Tributary Diplomacy Fails

a. 1592-98 (Imjin War Korea)

b. 1691 - Destruction of Mongol Power

c. 1790's - Failed Intervention

In Vietnam

d. 1800-1890's - Confrontation

With The West And Japan (Mixed

Outcomes)

C. The "China Years" 1500-1900's

2 Emigration of Chinese Institutions

(Whole Communities) (U.S. 1850's-1900)

I. Proper Order As The Logic of International Politics (“External” Management (900-2000s))

A. The Confucian Core

Assumption: International
Politics As Hierarchy - Anarchy

1. IF Anarchy, The World
Is Generative of WAR

2. WAR Is Animalizing And
Although Necessary In Some Cases,
A Threat to Civilization

3. Peaceful Periods of Order
And Empire Compared to Periods
of Disorder And WAR

4. The WARRING States
Period (7th-3rd Century B.C.)
and Periods of Stable Rule (ZHOU
Dynasty)

B. The Problem - The Low Likelihood of UNIVERSAL Peace

IF WAR IS Sometimes Inevitable and Even Necessary
How Can WAR Be Minimized?

C. Constraining WAR

1. Limiting the Acceptable Causes of WAR:

a. Defensive WAR

b. Punishment WAR

(of Ev./Rulers, Mencius,

Xun-zi (Particularly)

c. Civilizing WARS (Protect

and Expand Civilization)

D. The Morality of WAR (Constraint)

1. Moral Cause

2. Moral Ruler (Trust)

3. Moral Obligation

II. The Confucian Solution To The
Root Problem of Anarchy in
Solutions: Political Unity and Order

A. Three Possible Orders

1. UNIVERSAL Empire

2. Insulation (Great Wall)

Strategy - Minimization of
External Interaction

3. The Long-Term Consensus
Solution: MAGNETIC
Hegemony

B. 1+2 Above Are Minority
Strategies; 3 Has Been The
Majority or Consensus Strategy
of International/Institutional
Design

C. Universal Empire - Criticized
As Too Costly And Self-
Defeating - Generates

1. High Fiscal Costs -
Undermines Prosperity (Flourishing)

2. Resistance Costs - Rule
By Conquest Provokes

Resistance

3. Moral Costs - Conquest
Creates Corruption, Arrogance

D. Insulation - Criticized
As

1. Creating Strategic
Vulnerability (To Conquest)

2. Increases Anarchy By

Eliminating An Ordering Principle -
like Exception

III, The Confucian Solution: MAGNETIC Hegemony.

A. Target - A Stable And
Peaceful/International
Order Created By A
Hierarchy of Cooperation
Managed By A Hegemon
(Hegemon: Predominant Power,
Typically China)

Target 1 The Material And Moral
Integrity of "Lesser" States
a. Recognized By All States
b. Korea; Vietnam; Japan;
Central Asia; Outliers

2. Constituted Through Material
And Moral Incentives

D, 1 Membership In The
Tributary System Defines
The System & Its Functions
a. Analogous To European
Union

b. The Tributary System IS
At The Same Time An Economic,
Military, Political And
Moral Order.

E. Lasting Legacies

1. China & The Fact And
Aspiration of Hegemony
2. Cultural Centrality And
The Asian Values Debate
3. Soft Power (Magentic Hegemony)

2. a Created By Hegemon A. or
The System.

B. Material Incentives

1. Elite Subsidies - Hegemon
Subsidizes Compliance By
Potential Enemies (Tea &
Medicine - examples)

2. Trading Privileges -
High Value Trade In
Exchange For Cooperation

3. Deterrence - Hegemon
Deters Attack, WAR, Invasion

a. The Honorable Soldier -
- Necessary Function

b. Compare with Other Service
Elites

C. Moral / Zaena Lines

1. Centralization And Elite Education

2. Civil Service Examinations
A Global / Justicia

3. Creation of An International
Atmosphere of Trust

(In Hegeon's Credibility)

a. The Zangin WNR/59298
(China, Korea, Japan)

D. The Institutionalization
of MAGNETIC Hegemony
The Tributary System - Ritualized
Diplomacy That Is Bounded
By Ritualized Gift Exchange
And Entwined With Power

* Proper Order -

LASTING Legacies

A. Proper Order As The
Goal or Standard of Politics

B. The People As The Root
of Policy

C. The Family As The Root
of All Order

D. The Necessity And
Danger of Elite Rule

E. The Logic of Co-operation