

(Useful for Mid-term)

I. Structural Theory -

Explanation of WAR (w.I)

A. Focus on the Balance of Power

B. WAR Results From A Balance Breakdown - Unstable Balance of Power

1. Declining Power May Choose WAR To Restore Its Relative Position In the Balance of Power

2. Rising Power May Choose WAR To Preempt Attack

3. Potential Hegemon May Trigger WAR Because of Its Objective Threat Potential

4. S = S = Stable Balance

D. Survival Threat Triggers
WAR. Survival Threat As ^{As Foreign Cause} ^{it Major WAR}
1 Aus-Hungary Must
Respond To Assassination
And Risk Systemic WAR
a. Monarchy As Core Institution
of Administrative Power,
Military, Cultural Focal Point
- Survival Threat

E. Survival Threat -
WAR when No Bargain Is
Available (Russia WANTS
Aus-Hungary Destroyed)

F. Aus-Hungary Ethnic Conflict
And the Security Provided by the State
1 Group will Not Secede If Benefits > Cost
(Benefits of Security)

II. Structural Explanation of W.W.I

A. Balance of Power - Destabilized
by Fundamental Faultline -
Major Power Conflict And
Hegemonic Threat (Germany, Russia)

B. Armed Anarchy (Conflict)
1 Security Dilemma -
All Major Powers

C. Alliance Polarization
And Alliance (sect. Ia)
no "Balance"

1) 4 = Germany

3 = France, Gt Britain

2 = Russia

1 = Aus-Hungary

2 Aus-Hungary & Germany

Alliance As Gains From "Trade".

D. Security Dilemma - Europe-wide

1. Measured by Military
Spending

2. Size of armies based
on conscription (2 million +)

a. Active + Reserve

3. Naval arms race -

4. Destabilization of the
Balance of Power

E. Survival Threat - To Aust-Hungary

1. Will Russia Refrain
from pressuring Aust-Hungary

2. Will Germany Do
Nothing or Follow
Aust-Hungary