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PEER INSTRUCTION

 How would you characterize modern processes vis-à-vis the ancient and classical period?



MODERN PROCESSES

- Units become more interconnected
- System becomes stronger vis-à-vis the units
- Structural forces = greater influence
- Uneven development



MILITARY-POLITICAL PROCESSES

- Global scale
- Acceleration in pace of innovation
- Changes in perception of war



ECONOMIC PROCESSES

- Once again, outpaces military-political processes
- Shift from linear to multiordinate relationships
- Focus on trade
- Often outpaces systems of political control
- Zones -> center/periphery



SOCIETAL PROCESSES

- More resilient to globalization
- Primary focus: Unit (states) and individuals
- International society
 - Diplomacy
 - International law
- Global society - Spread of Western civilization



ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESSES

- Disease increasingly less important
- New process:



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PEER INSTRUCTION

• Does it make sense to talk about structure in all sectors now? Why, or why not?



Units more interconnected - Greater interaction capacity and processes support stronger structure

• System: More pervasive, more penetrative, more powerful

STRUCTURE

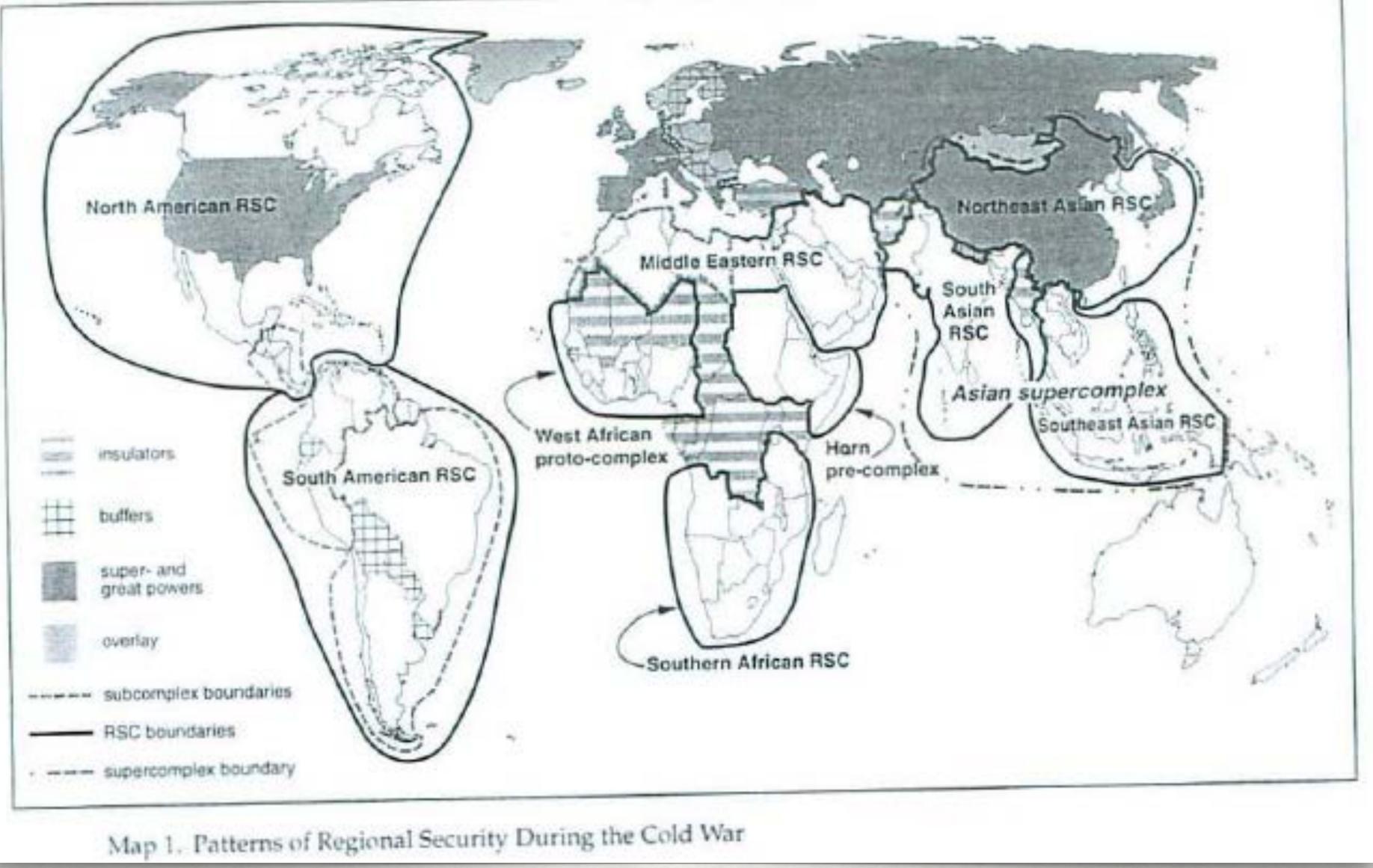


MILITARY-POLITICAL STRUCTURE

- Neorealist predictions and assumptions (finally) fulfilled - One unit, one system
- Logic of anarchy produces unit homogeneity
- Loss of differentiation
- Regional Security Complexes



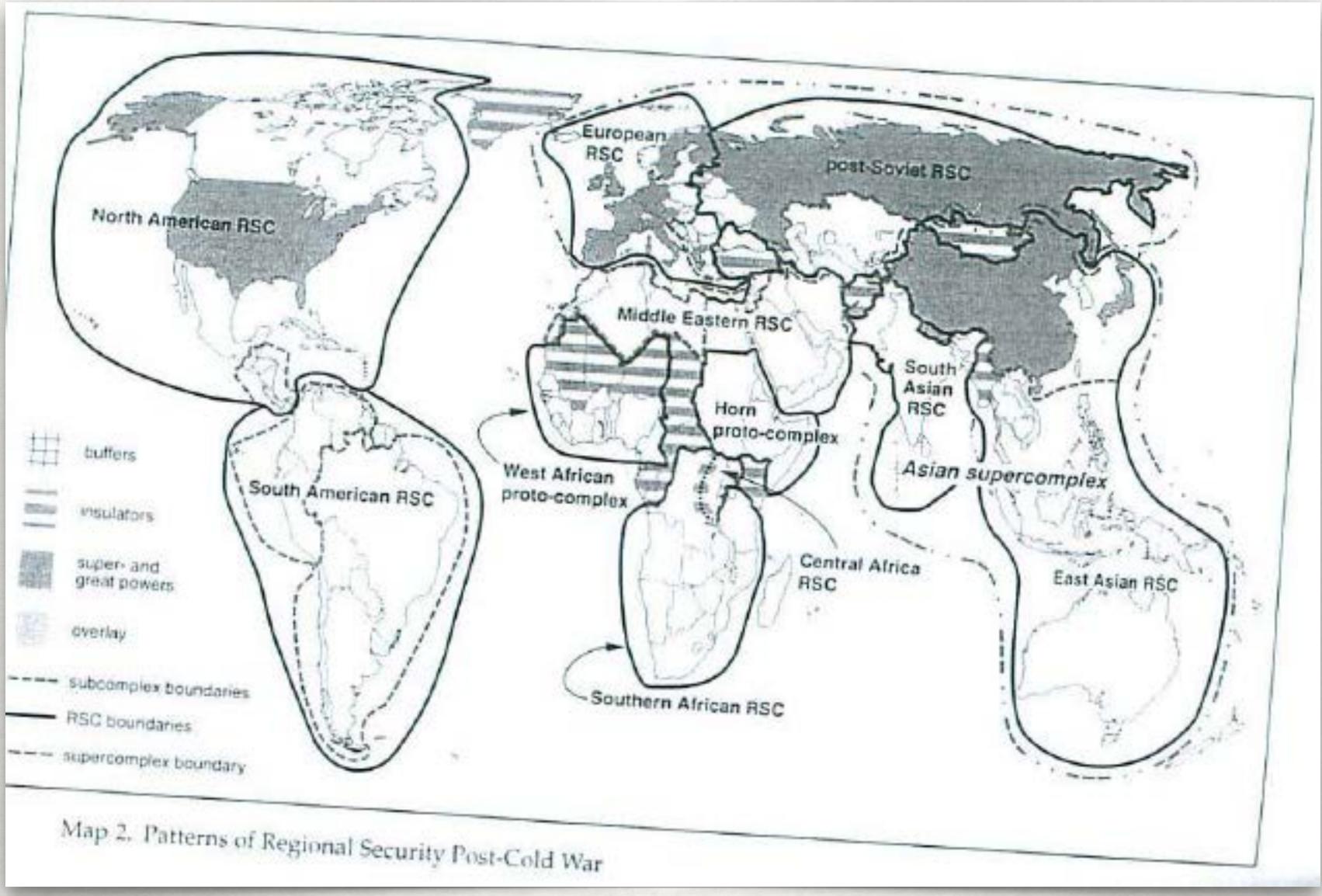
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ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

- Global market attends rise of liberal thought
- Economic regionalization



SOCIETAL STRUCTURES

- More obvious in international society than global society
- Some advances in shared identity - Like units
 - Europe and the West
- Role of nationalism?
- Role of Western civilization?



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