

# Future of Warfare

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## **Geopolitical Developments**

Future Force Study NL

## **Fourth Space Age**

Space: from exploration to (support of) Military Operations

## **Technological, Doctrinal and Cognitive Developments**

R4Y

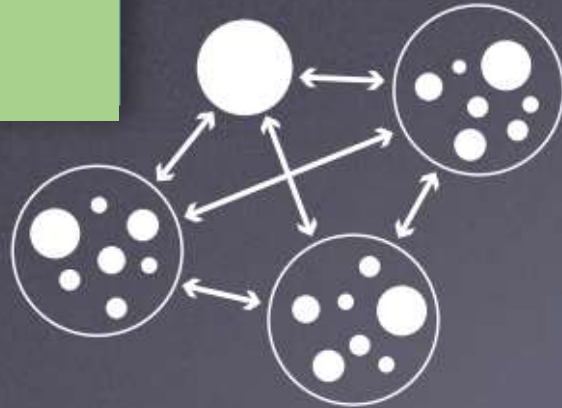


## Multipolar

Major powers and blocks

Economic and Political competition

Protectionism



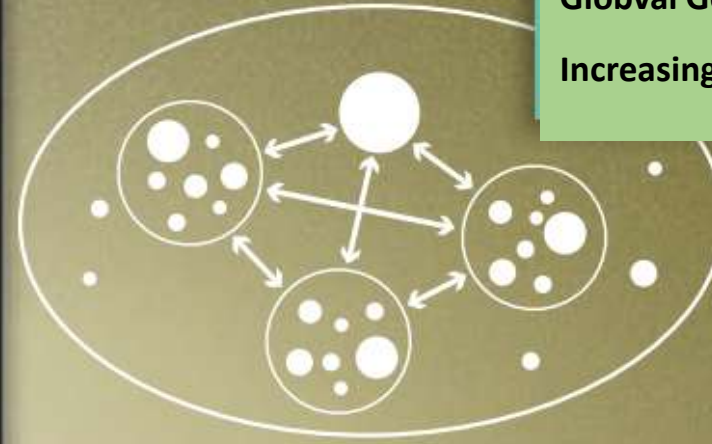
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## Multilateral

Strong position 'West' next to rising Brazil, India, China

Global Governance re-invented

Increasing Mondialising



non-cooperative

cooperative

## Fragmentation

Stagnating Mondialising

Societal insecurity

Identity Politics first



diverse actors

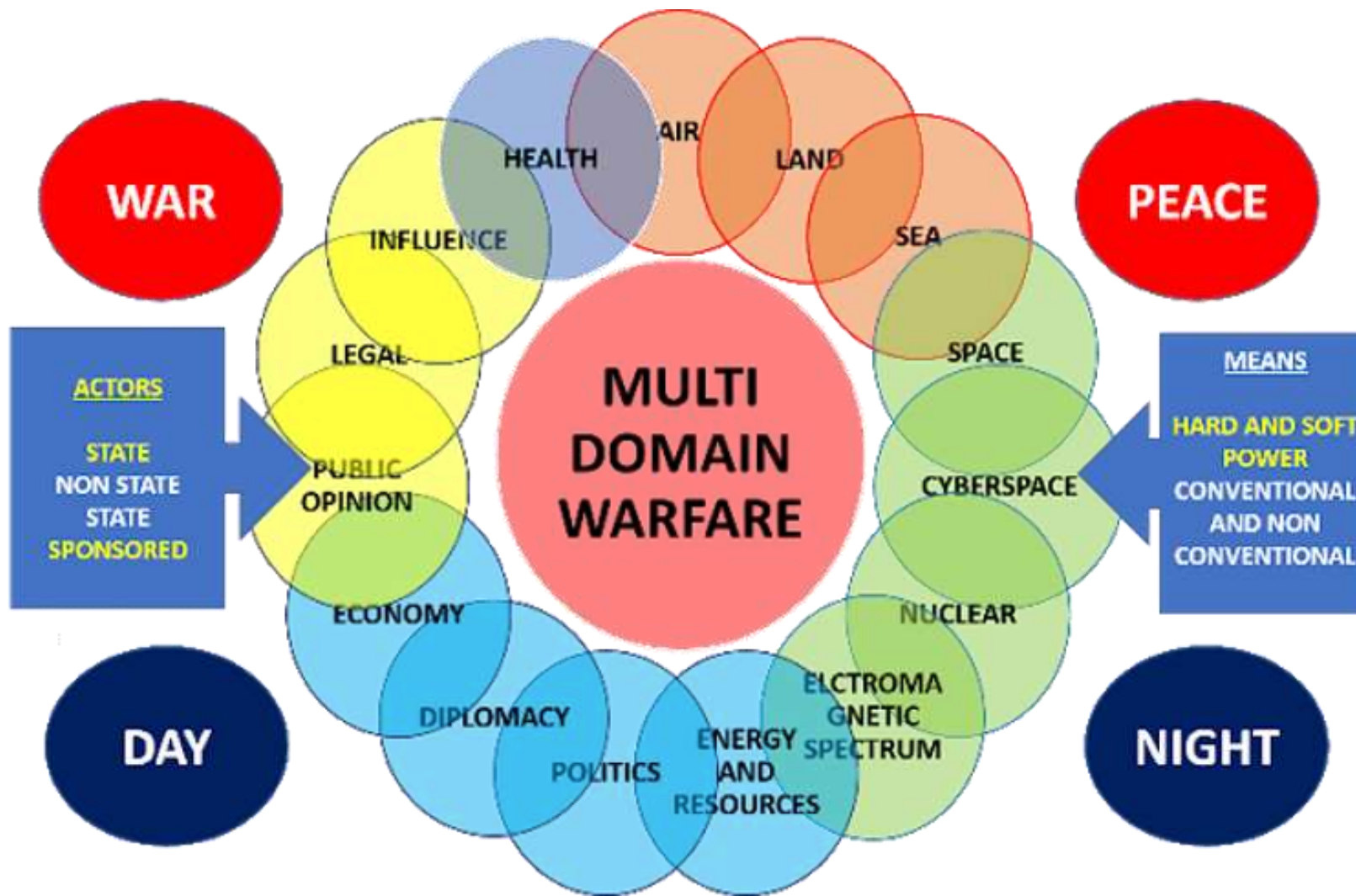
## Network

Non-polar world order

Mondial market economy and civil society

Inherent unpredictability





# ‘Domain Widening’



# The Fourth Space Age

- 1957 Sputnik was launched and with that the **First Space Age** began
- 1960-70s Further exploration of Space for bettering of human life, **Second Space Age**
- 2010's Commercial firms into Space Development: **Third Space Age**
- 2020's Space; not only supporting military operations, but will become a warfighting environment in itself: **Fourth Space Age**



# Technological, Doctrinal and Cognitive Developments

**R4Y**

**R**emote

**H**yper

**H**ybrid

**C**yber

**A**I



# Future of Warfare

- Breakdown existing international world order
- Multipolar order/Blocks of power/Spheres of Influence
- From Might of Right to Power of Might
- Fourth Space Age
- From More Domain Warfighting to All Domain including Space
- R4Y theory

