

The Coming Asian Century: challenges for the West

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***THE FUTURE IS ASIAN:
Commerce, Conflict, and
Culture in the 21st Century***

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1950s - 80s

Japan

Pop: 100M

GDP: \$44B

1970s - 80s

Asian Tigers

Pop: 54M

GDP: \$50B

Today

Pop: 127M

GDP: \$5T

Today

Pop: 90M

GDP: \$5T

1990s

China

Pop: 1B

GDP: \$360B

2000s

South and Southeast Asia

Pop: 1.8B

GDP: \$1.1T

Today

Pop: 1.5B

GDP: \$11T

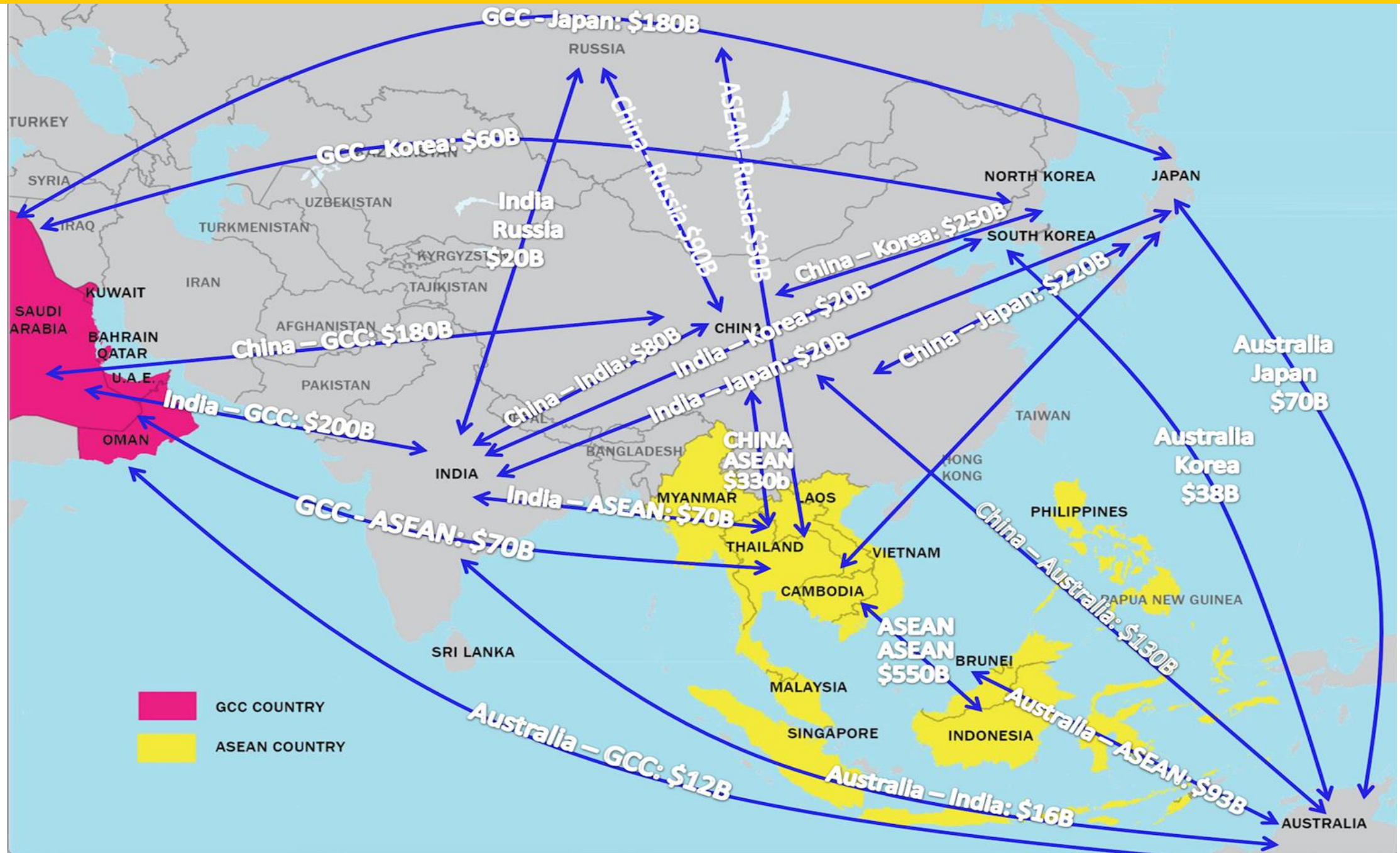
Today

Pop: 2.5B

GDP: \$6T



Can Asia Decouple? Explosion of Intra-Regional Trade



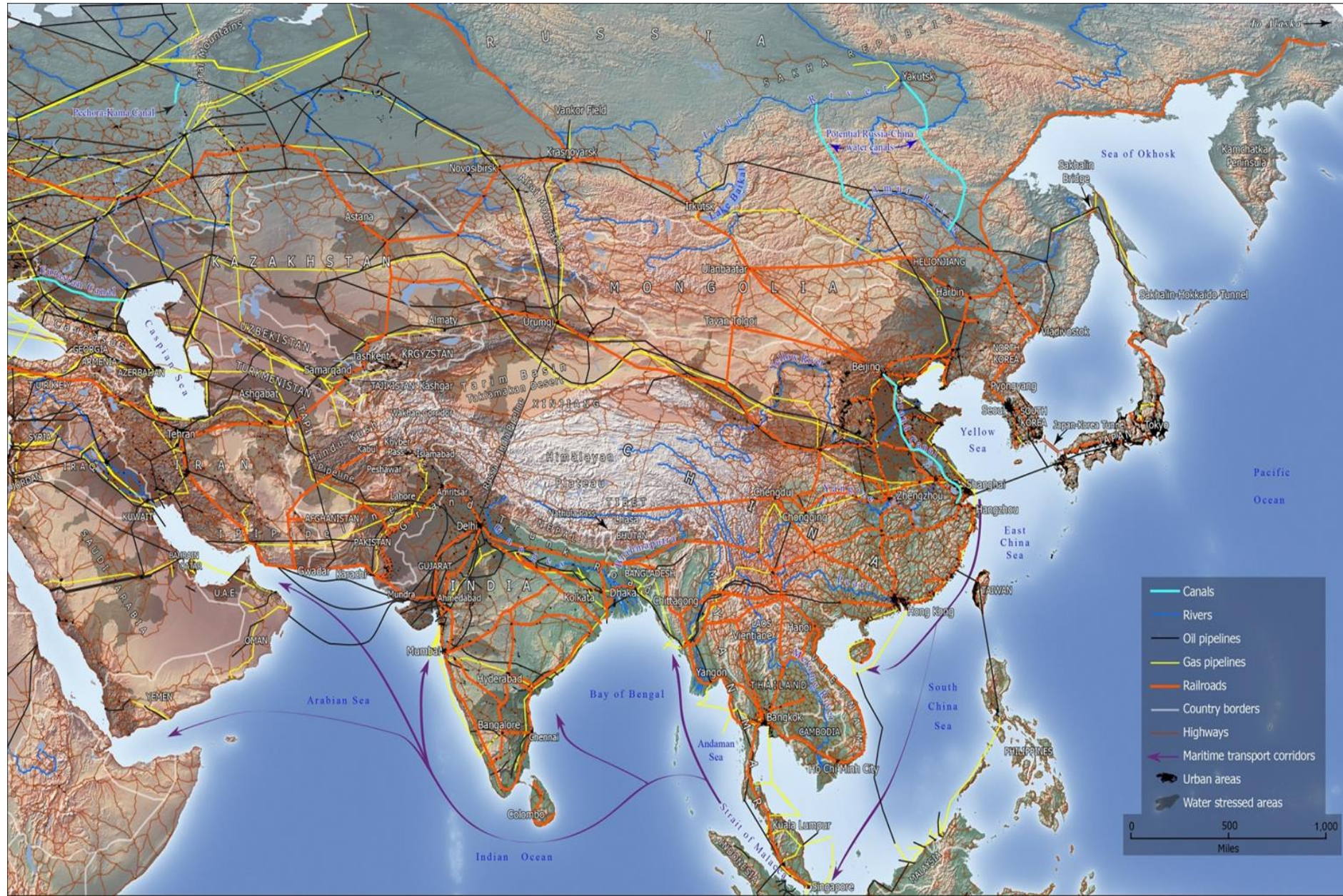
East Meets West: Eurasia's Iron Silk Roads

Infrastructure multiplier for post-colonial and post-Soviet growth / FDI

New growth corridors and emergence of new cities

China aims to win “new Great Game” by building the “new Silk Roads”

Multi-alignment: Eurasian multipolarity via an infrastructure “arms race”



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