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Human Security

Practical Possibilities

# 'Morbid Symptoms'

- Physical not Social Security. Insecurity from war, violent crime, terrorism, human rights violations, domestic violence.
- Turbulent Period. Morbid symptoms used by Gramsci to describe what happens when 'old is dying and new cannot be born'.
- Mismatch between political institutions and far reaching economic, technological and social change.

# Role of War in transforming institutions

- 'Old War'
- Deep-rooted political contest tended to extreme levels of violence. Importance of battle.
- Played a key role in restructuring states and the international order. Tilly: 'The State made war and war made the state'
- 'New War'
- Social condition or mutual enterprise that tends to persistent and spread. Violence directed against civilians
- Numerous armed groups, both state and non-state, who gain from violence rather than winning.
- Also spreads through displacement, ideologies and organised crime.
- State Unbuilding. Extreme form of neo-liberalism

# Conventional Approaches

- Military Intervention. Exacerbates Violence, eg Syria
- Humanitarian Intervention or Responsibility to Protect (Kosovo, Libya) may stop worst of violence but empowers armed groups and increases polarisation
- Liberal Peace: Centre piece: Top down Peace Agreements very difficult to achieve and entrench social condition.

# Human Security: Three Paradigms

- UNDP Version: social, material, environmental as well as physical security. Development discourse.
- Canadian Version: Protection from genocide, ethnic cleansing and massive violations of human rights. Human Rights discourse
- Barcelona version: Global spread of 'Inside ' security based on law and policing. Adopted in EU Global Strategy.

# Complex Multi-dimensional approach I

## *Politics*

- Legitimate Political Authority
- Islands of civility including local peace agreements
- Talks as Process (Inclusive, multilevel, focussed on security not constitution)

## *Economy*

- Legitimate livelihoods instead of humanitarianism
- Addressing corruption
- Provision of public services

## *Justice*

- Central both war crimes and economics crimes
- Important for reversing the social condition

# Complex Multi-dimensional Approach II

- Security
- Human security response force both military and civilian. Aim to help create humanitarian space.
- Use of force more like policing than war fighting. Different from both war-fighting and conventional peace keeping. Aim is to protect civilians rather than to defeat enemies and to reduce violence rather than win.

# Future of Political Institutions

- Security linked to legitimacy
- Nations state security based on old war assumptions
- Multilateral institutions like UN and EU will gain legitimacy if they adopt human security approaches



# Prognosis

- Persistence and spread of morbid symptoms
- Chinese Inside: Infrastructure plus stabilisation, global surveillance
- Rights based Inside