# Globalization and the Erosion of Nation State Sovereignty

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### Some New Countries Since 1991





#### Lecture Outline

- 1. Globalization's Challenge to the Polity: Immigration and Citizenship in Practice
  - Sovereignty
  - Polity and the nation-state
  - Immigration
  - Citizenship in Practice
- 2. Erosion of nation-state sovereignty by International Governmental Organizations, like the United Nations and global governance organizations established to solve transnational problems.
  - Definition of "governance"
- 3. Erosion of nation state sovereignty by growth of global economic networks

#### **Next Lecture**

4. Erosion of nation-state sovereignty by World Culture and World Society

5. Erosion of nation-state sovereignty by International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs)

## Sovereignty is Supreme Authority Within a Territory



### Review the Definition of Nation



"Liberty Leading the People", Eugene Delecroix, 1830

### The Polity



Panoramic hemicycle session of Congress of the Republic of Peru (Wikipedia)

" A polity is the political society comprising both ruler and ruled....rulers and ruled were integrated into a single, unitary body politic that was above any other human law, and it is the source of human law."

Daniel Philpott (https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/sovereignty/)

1. The Polity of a nation is a constructed community

2. The polity gives legitimacy to the ruling authority to exercise sovereign authority.

3. Therefore, the legitimacy of a nation-state's sovereignty is constructed and based on the idea of a common community.

# Challenge 1: Challenge from Immigration and Citizenship



**Passports** 

Source: https://immigrantinvest.com/blog/10-popular-programs-en/

 What happens when a significant minority of a population in a nationstate are not citizens?

What happens when the practice of citizenship changes?

## Challenge 1: Globalizations Challenges to the Polity: Immigration and Citizenship Definitions



US Green Card for Permeant Residency.

Source: https://www.boundless.com/immigration-resources/green-card-number-explained/

- Globalization has created large classes of non-citizen residents and foreigners in nation-states
- UN members do not exercise supreme sovereignty in deciding how to respond to immigration challenges

## Challenge 1: Globalizations Challenges to the Polity: Immigration and Citizenship Definitions



New Canadian Citizens. Canada's 1988

Multiculturalism Act ensures equal treatment by the government and celebrates diversity.

- Minority ethnic or religious groups discriminated against in practice
- Tigray in Ethiopia
- Muslims in Modi's India
- Hutu in Rwanda (in 1990s)
- Globalization may contribute to strengthening identities that challenge shared identity within the boundaries of a nation state



**United Nations** 



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European Union



African Union

#### Governance

"Governance refers to all processes of governing, whether undertaken by a government, market, or network, whether over a family, tribe, formal or informal organization, or territory, and whether through laws, norms, power, or language." (Mark Bevir in Governance a very short introduction).

## THE UNITED NATIONS

- General Assembly
- 2. Secretariat
- 3. Security Council



- 4. EcoSoc
- 5. Trusteeship Council
- 6. Intl. Court of J.



#### FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

- -Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- -Narcotic Drugs
- -Population and Development
- -Science and Technology for Development
- -Social Development
- -Statistics
- -Status of Women
- -United Nations Forum on Forests

#### REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

- -Economic Commission for Africa(ECA)
- Economic Commission for Europe(ECE)
- -Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- -Economic and Social

Commission for Asia and the Pacific(ESCAP)

-Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia(ESCWA)

#### PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS

- -United Nations Development Programme(UNDP)
- -United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP)
- -United Nations Population Fund(UNFPA)
- -United Nations Human Settlements Programme(UN-HABITAT)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees(UNHCR)
- -United Nations Children's Fund(UNICEF)
- -United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime(UNODC)
- -United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
- -United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
- -World Food Programme (WFP)

#### SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

- -International Labour Organization(ILO)
- -Food and Agriculture Organization of
- the United Nations(FAO)
- -United Nations Educational, Scientific
- and Cultural Organization(UNESCO)
- -World Health Organization (WHO)
- -World Bank (WB)
- -International Monetary Fund(IMF)
- -International Civil Aviation
- Organization(ICAO)
- -International Maritime
- Organization(IMO)

- -International Telecommunication Union(ITU)
- -Universal Postal Union(UPU)
- -World Meteorological
- Organization(WMO)
- -World Intellectual Property
- Organization(WIPO)
- -International Fund for Agricultural
- Development(IFAD)
- -United Nations Industrial Development
  Organization(UNIDO)
- -World Tourism Organization(UNWTO)

#### OTHER ENTITIES

- -Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS(UNAIDS)
- -United Nations International Strategy for Disaster
- Reduction(UNISDR)
- -United Nations Office for Project Services(UNOPS)

#### **OTHER BODIES**

- -Committee for Development Policy
- -Committee of Experts on Public
- Administration
- -Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- -Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- -United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

#### RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTES

- -United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute(UNICRI)
- -United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- -United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- -United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- -United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)
- -United Nations University (UNU)

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The International Court of Justice



1. Forum for Disputes



Four Ways the UN Influences **Nation States** 



3. Forums for Communication



4. Peacekeeping

2. International Norms

## Challenge 3: Erosion of Nation State Sovereignty by Growth of Global Economic Networks



 Governance and Coordination without Accountability

**Multinational Corporations** 

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### Readings Associated with this Lecture (26 pages):

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