Week 2 - The Study of International Relations IR inclusive of international security and economy. Minor subfields of international ethics and law. Levels of analysis: individual level, substate level (groups/collectives below state), state level, subsystem level, system level (pining causation on the structure).

Len Scott: Both the cold war and the age of empire are over, although across the globe their legacies, good and bad, seen and unseen, persist. The age of 'the bomb', and of other weapons of mass destruction continues. While the threat of strategic nuclear was has receded, the global problem of nuclear weapons remains a common and urgent concern for humanity in the 21st century.

Michael Cox: Remarkable impact of the end of the cold war, terrorist attacks of 9/11, 2008 economic crisis, and the Arab Spring, have all have and are still having effects on the international system. The market now rules nearly everywhere, creating vast wealth, great inequalities, and enormous opportunities for some economies that many once assumed would remain underdeveloped forever. It is not clear that the world is undergoing a major revolution leading to what some now believe will become a 'post-western' world.