

* Structural Theory

A. The Arcs of Causation - From The Whole - Structure of A System - To The Behavior of States (Units) -

B. Structure Induces Conflict And Balancing

C. The Core Concept.

The Balance of Power

D. Assumptions - Efficient, Rational Behavior.

I. Structural Theory

A. First Premise:

Dichotomous Order-Hierarchy

Or Anarchy

B. First Deduction -

If Hierarchy, The Balance of

Power Is A Balance of

Conflict, Given Power-

Maximization of Resource Scarcity

C. Second Premise!

The Unitary Actor (UC) States!

Hypothesis

D. Second Deduction!

Rational Self-Help (Alliances

Second Best Strategy) Rational

Self-Interest, Rational Distrust

I. Structural Explanation of WWI

A. Fundamental Faultline

- Major Power Conflict -
Potential for Systemic WAR

4 Germany

3 France and Great Britain

2 Russia

1 Austria Hungary

B. Armed Anarchy -

Conflict is Militarized

Even in an Economically Open
System (no passports, low tariffs)

1 Balance of Power Breakdown

Can Cause Systemic WAR

C. Alliance Polarization

- Conflict Incentives to Alliances

(Gains from Trade Logic -

re. Surround Germany (2. New West. Strongest

D. Alliance Lock-In

1. No Third Party Balance-
But Can Shift From Alliance
To Alliance To Maintain the
Balance of Power

a. Britain Loses Balancing
Role (1815-1900) (loses Role post 1890)

E. Security Dilemma -

Conflict Increases As
Powers Rationally Suspect
Adversaries' Security Spending
And Counter It

F. Survival Threat -

Austria-Hungary Faces Potential
Survival Threat - Chooses

Mobilization And Rushes Systemic WAR
WAR STARTER NOT WAR STATE

* The Austria-Hungarian Dilemma

A. The Assassination of the Heir is Equivalent to the Destruction of the State (Potentially)

B. The Monarchy is the Core Institution of the State & Bureaucracy and Military Core = Cultural Core

C. A Failure to Punish Serbia Risks Secession by Ethnic Groups, But Punishment Risks Systemic WAR

D. Ethnic Groups Will Opt to Stay In If A. Hungary Guarantees their Security; will Choose Secession If this Maximizes Security