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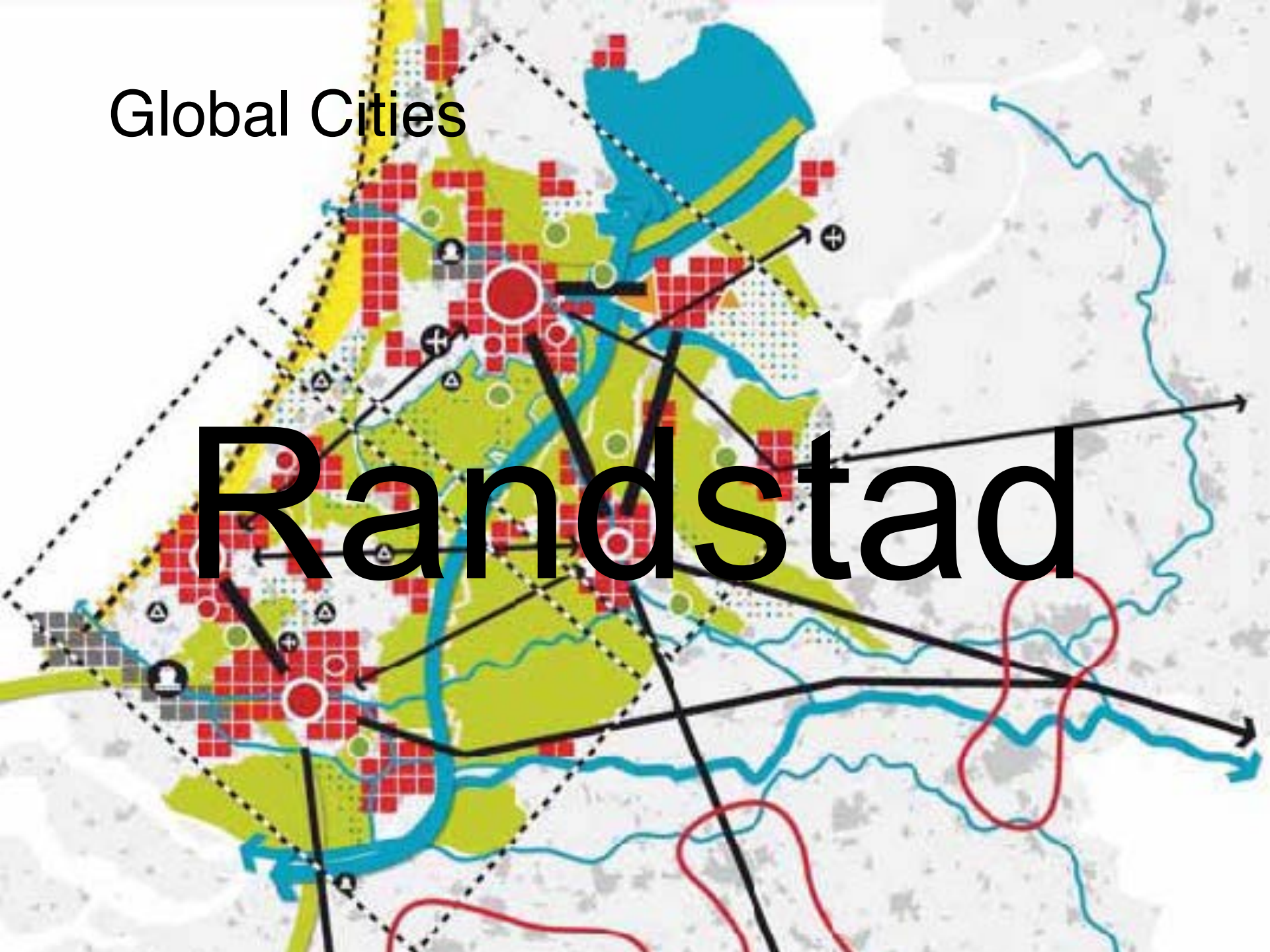
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An aerial photograph of a major highway interchange in Beijing, China. The image shows multiple lanes of traffic, including cars, buses, and taxis, moving through the interchange. In the background, a dense cluster of modern skyscrapers is visible, including a prominent cylindrical building. The sky is hazy, and the overall scene depicts a bustling urban environment.



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# Globalisation

“the process enabling financial and investment markets to operate internationally, largely as a result of deregulation and improved communications

“Globalisation is the idea that the world is developing a single economy as a result of improved technology and communications....the globalisation of business activities around the world” (Collins)



# Globalisation

“Globalisation describes a process by which national and regional economies, societies, and cultures have become integrated through the global network of trade, communication, immigration and transportation”

Financial Times

“Globalisation, as defined by rich people like us, is a very nice thing ... you are talking about the Internet, you are talking about cell phones, you are talking about computers. This doesn't affect two-thirds of the people of the world”

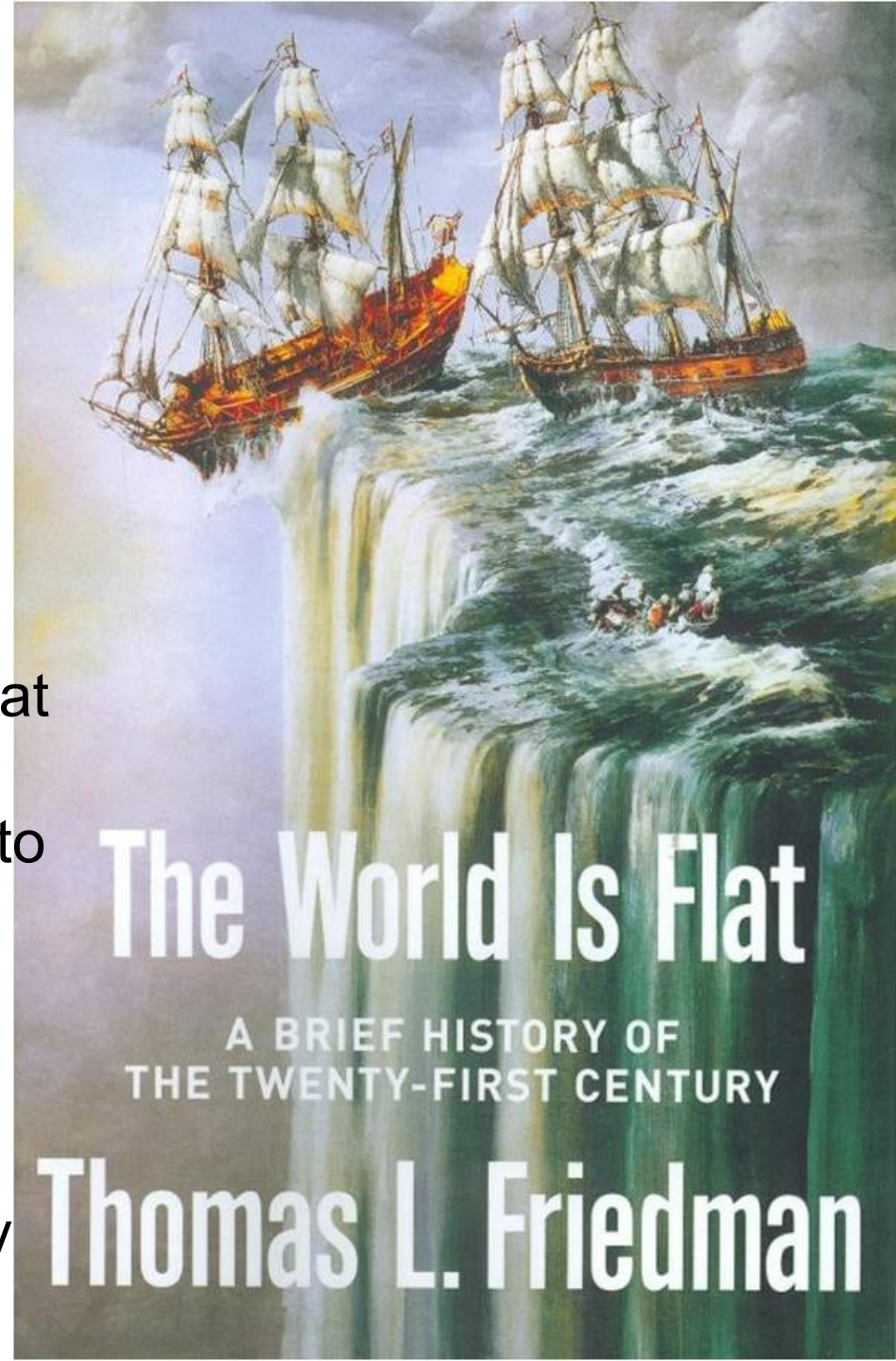
Jimmy Carter



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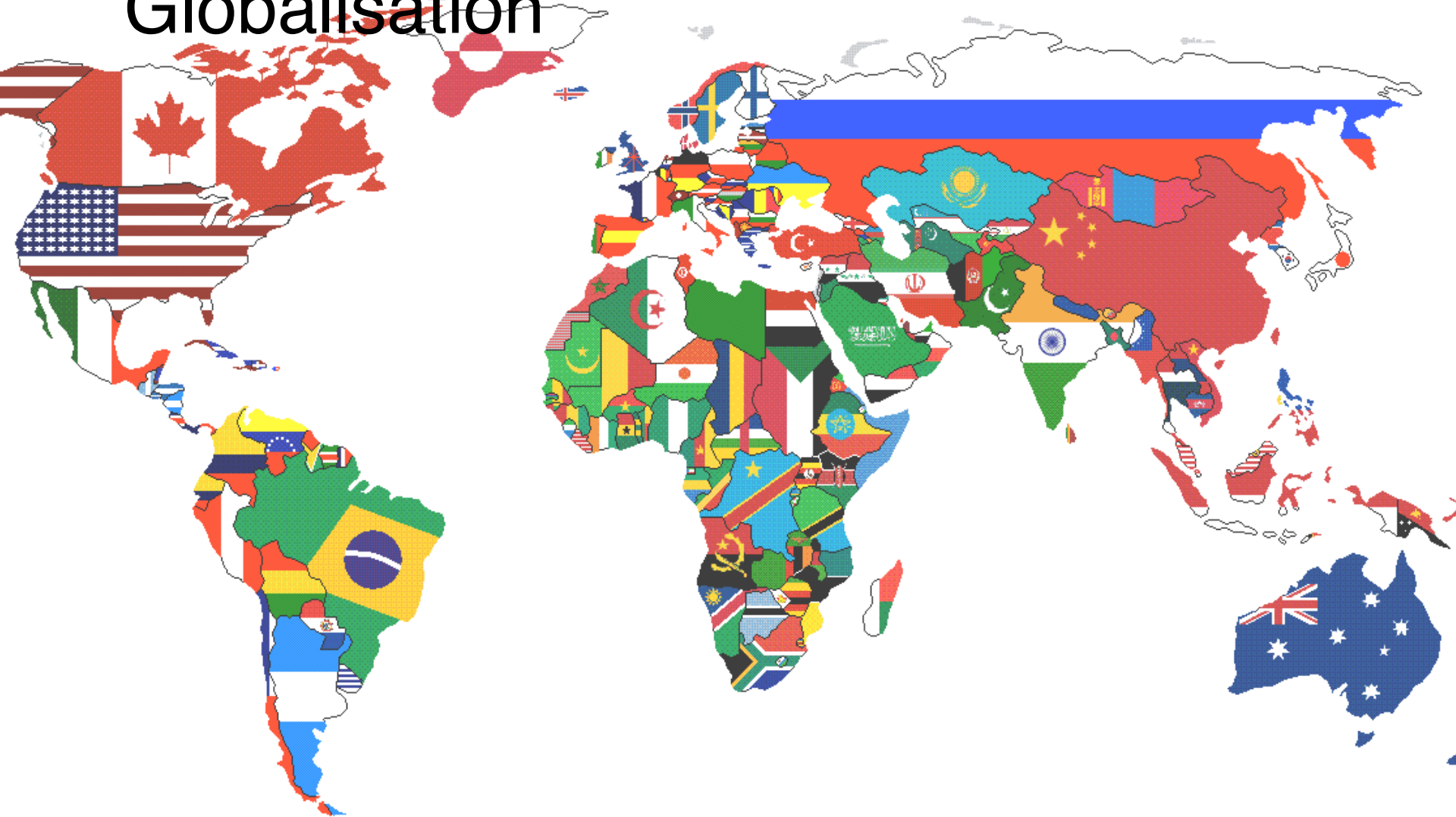
... the playing field is being leveled ... Several technological and political forces have converged, and that has produced a global, Web-enabled playing field that allows for multiple forms of collaboration without regard to geography or distance - or soon, even language.

... talks about the world-changing effects of ... supply chains.





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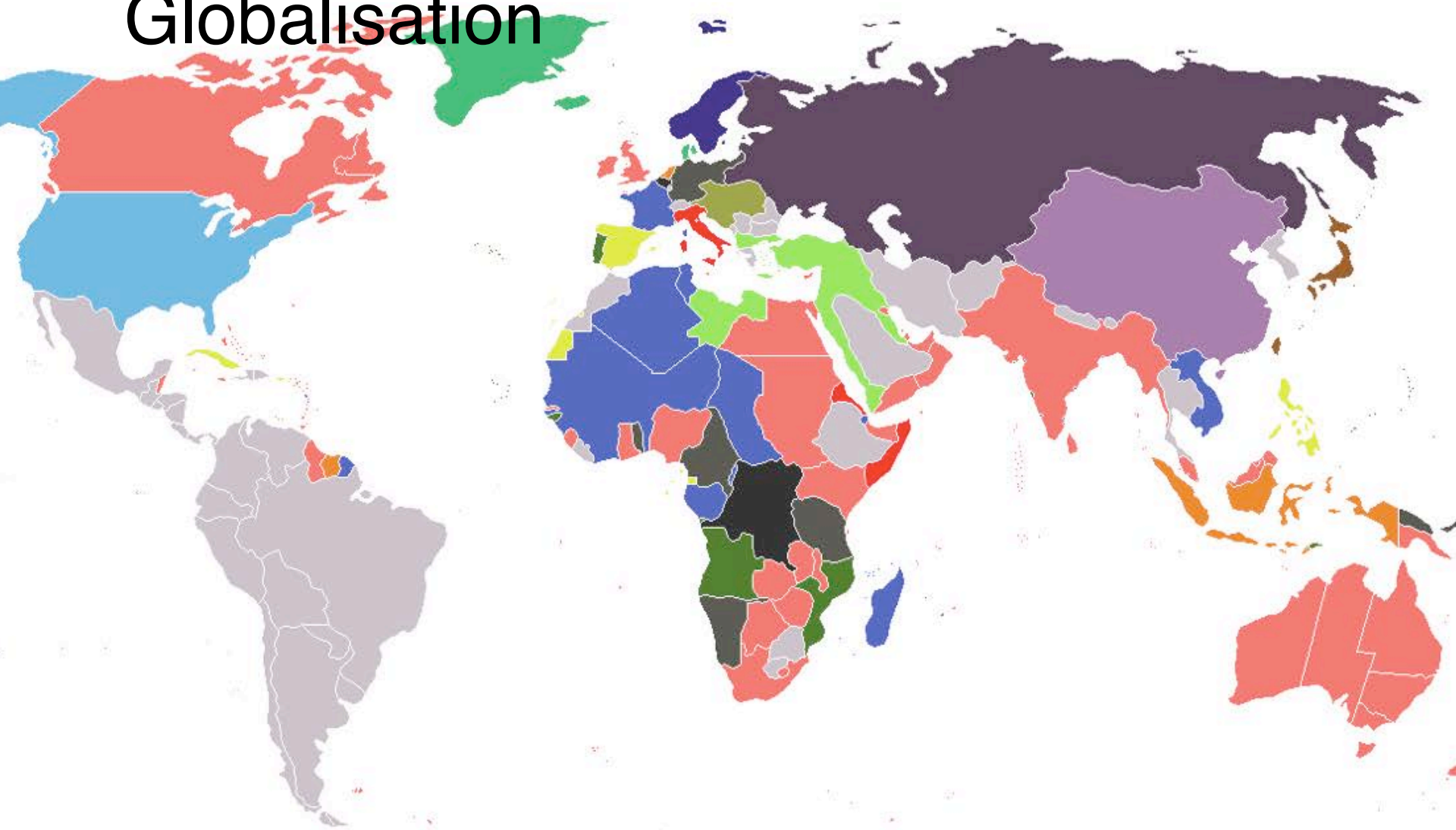
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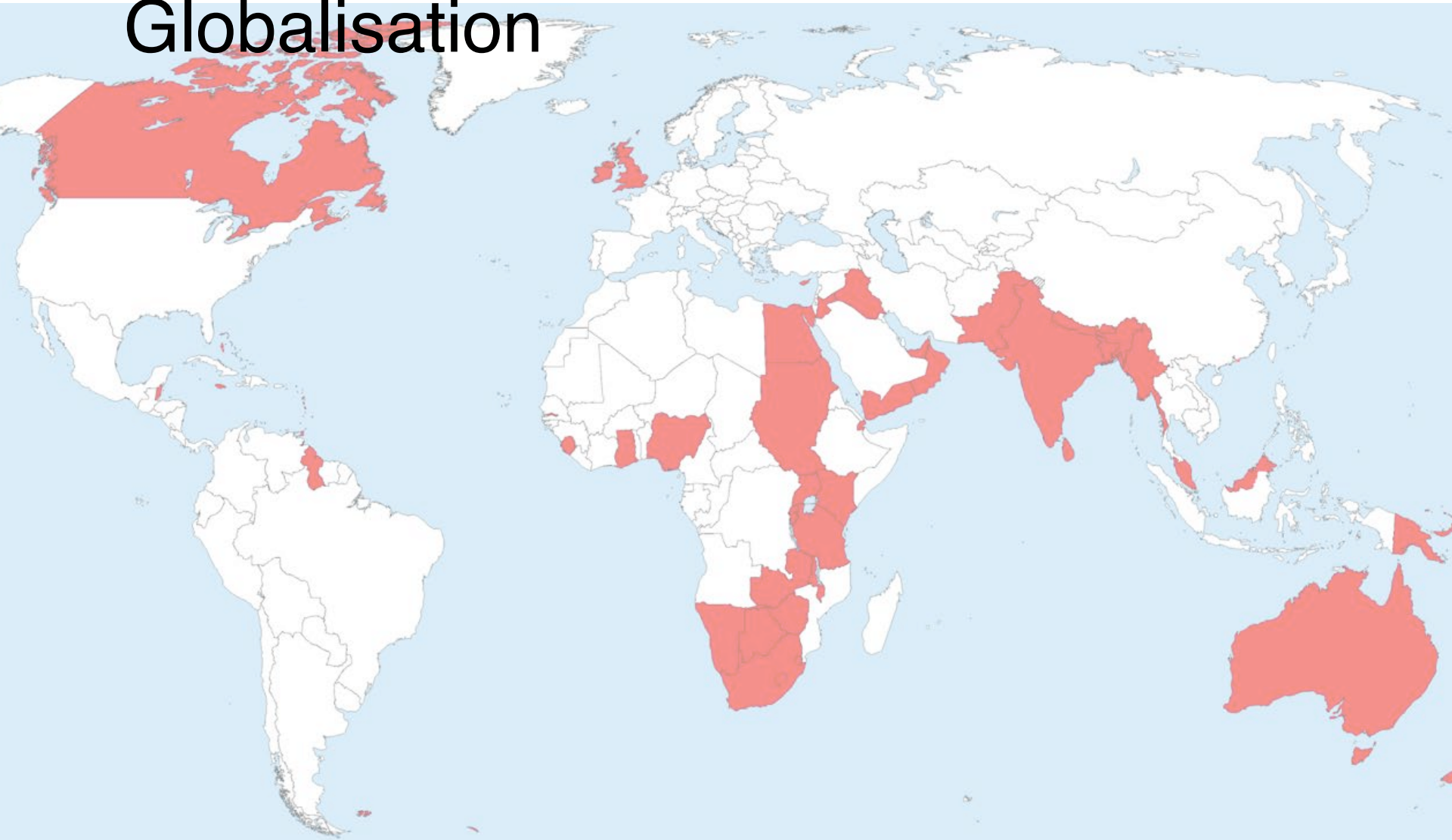
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## European colonisation



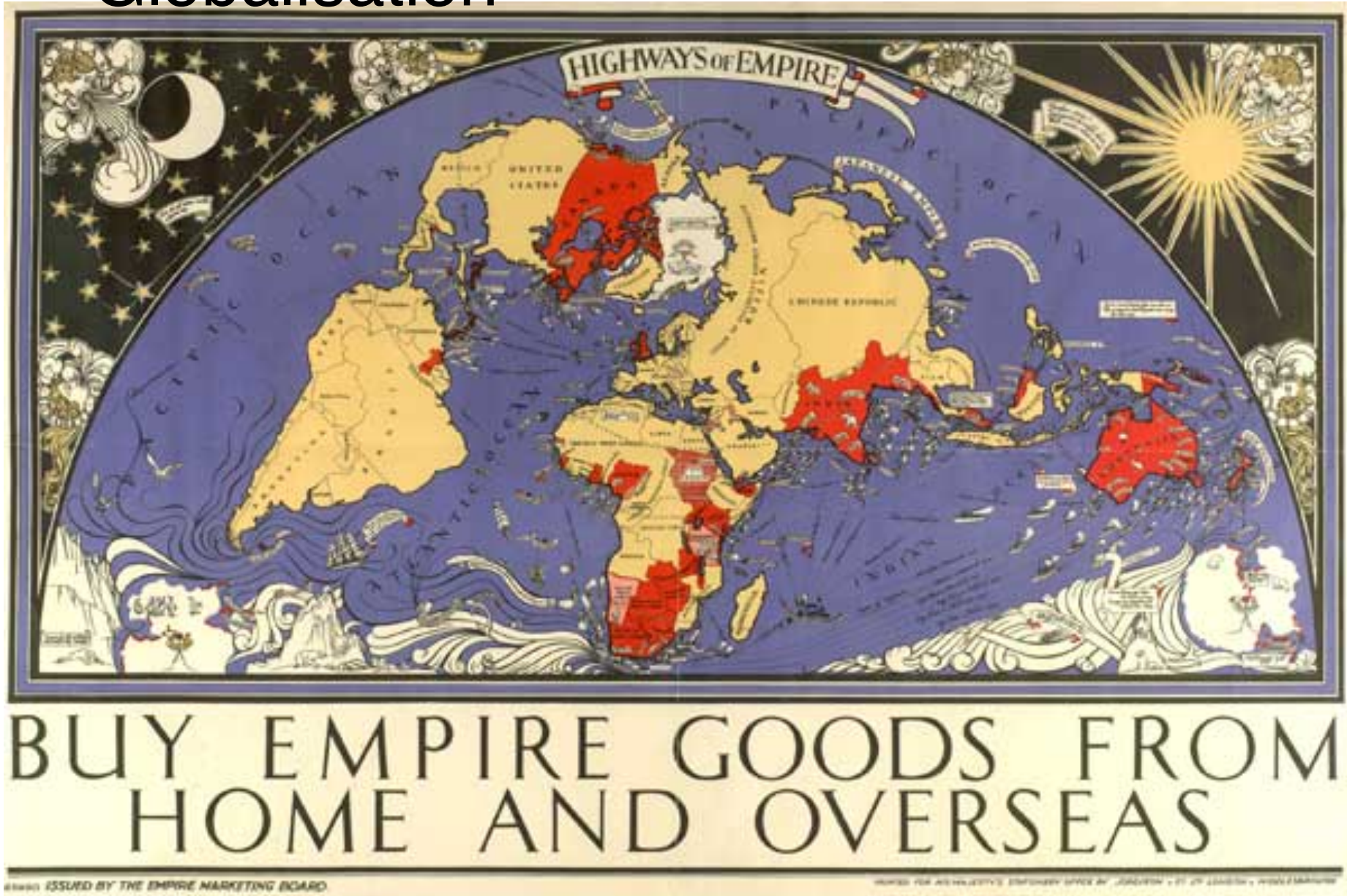
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British colonisation



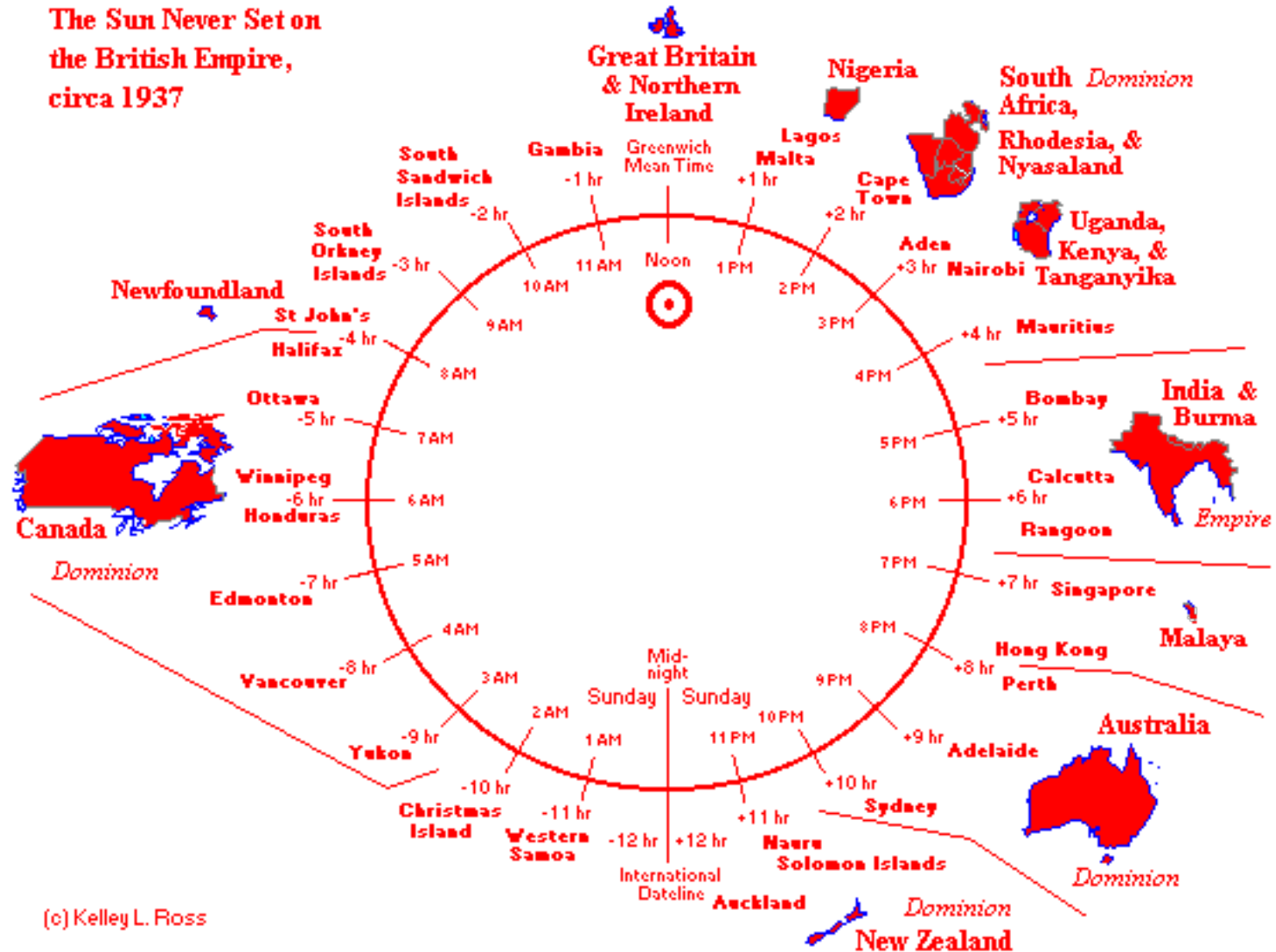
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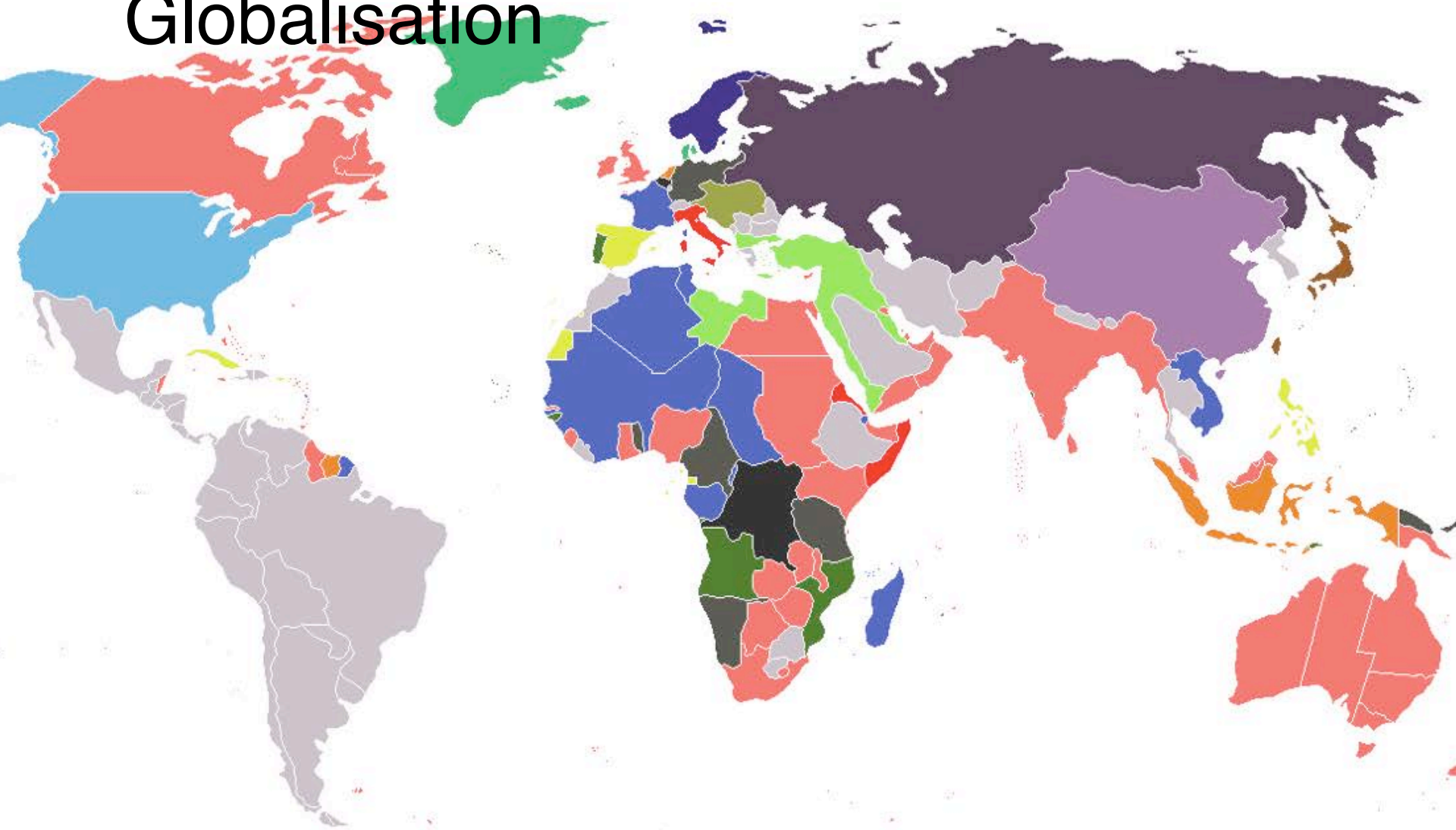
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The Sun Never Set on  
the British Empire,  
circa 1937



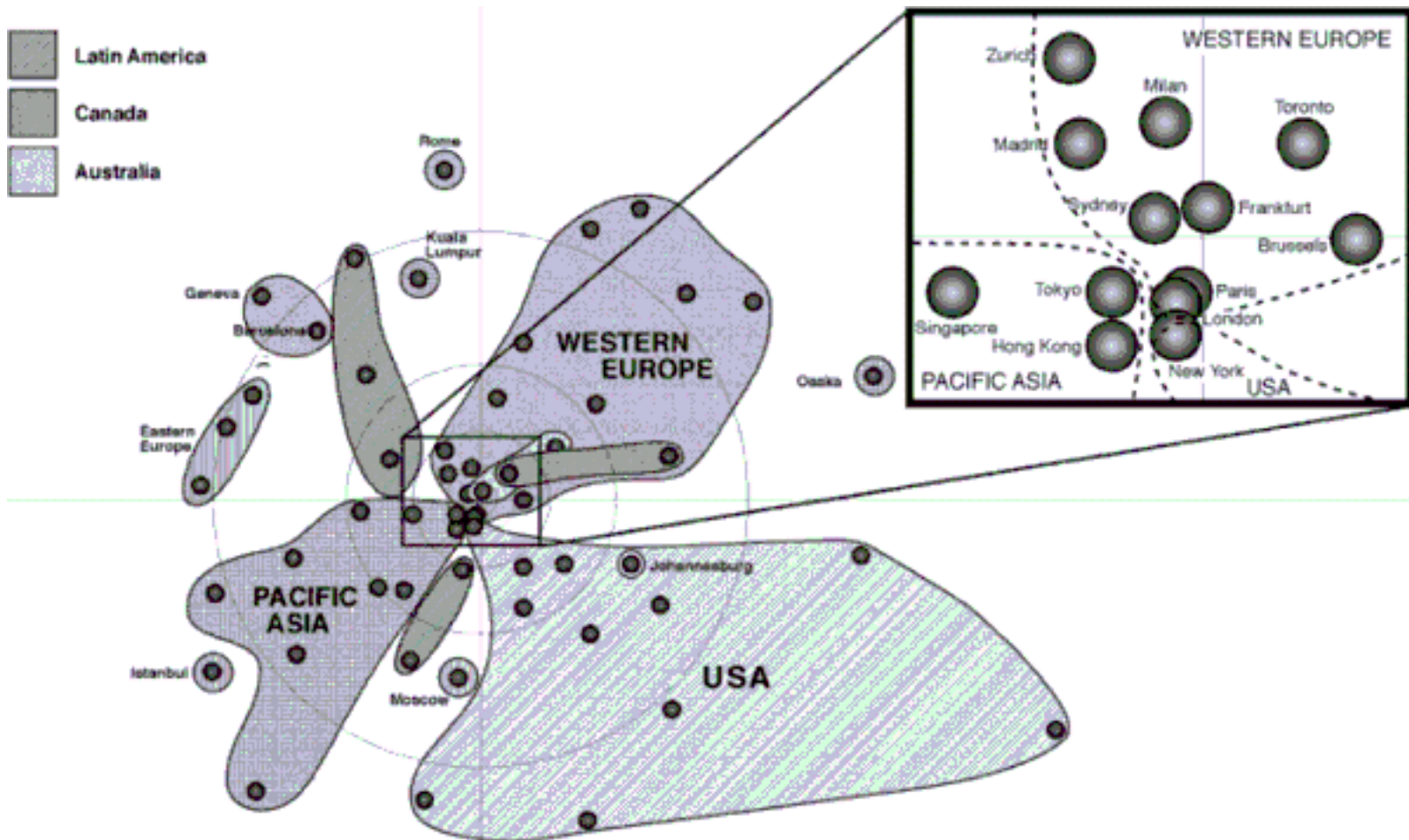


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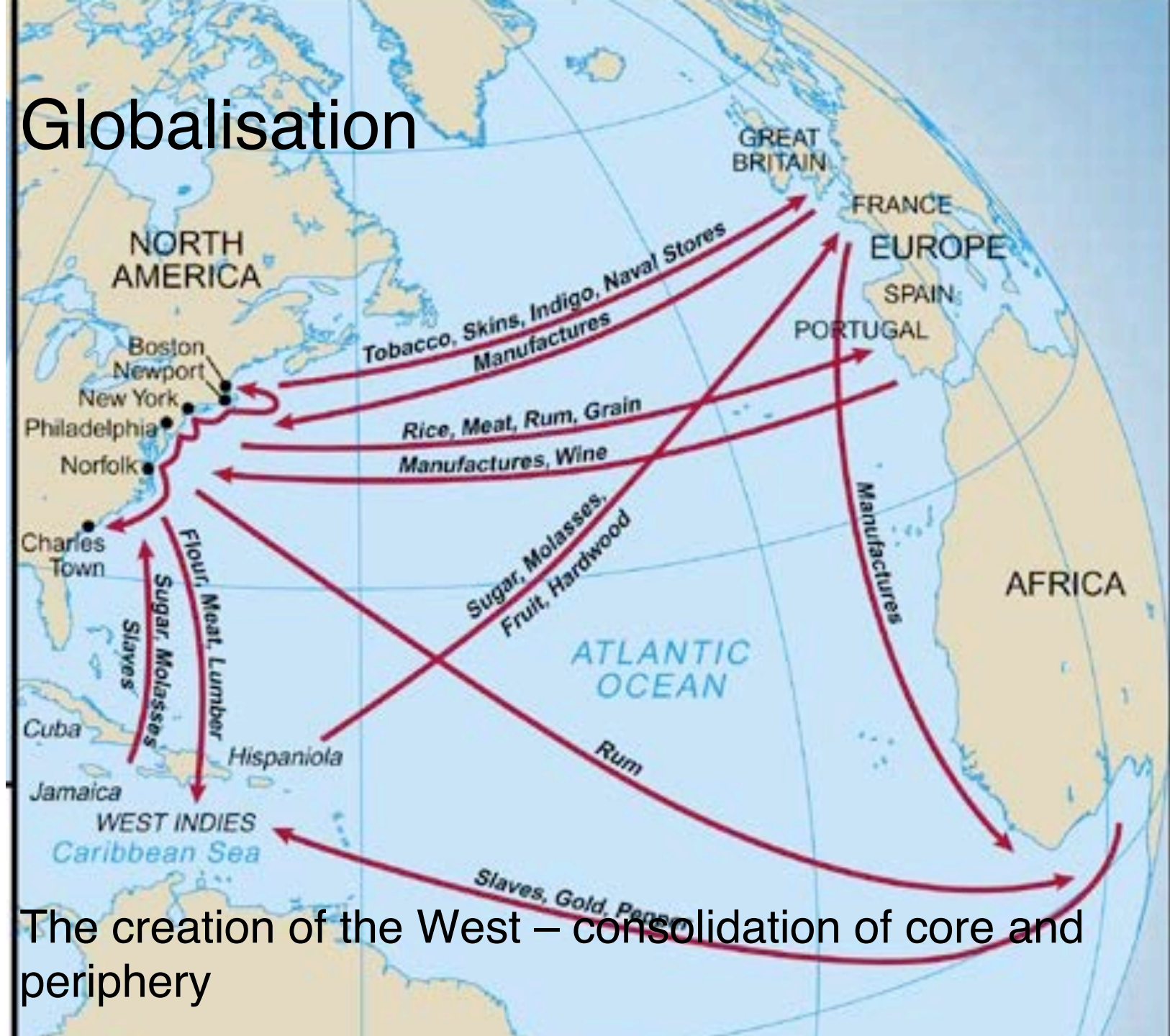
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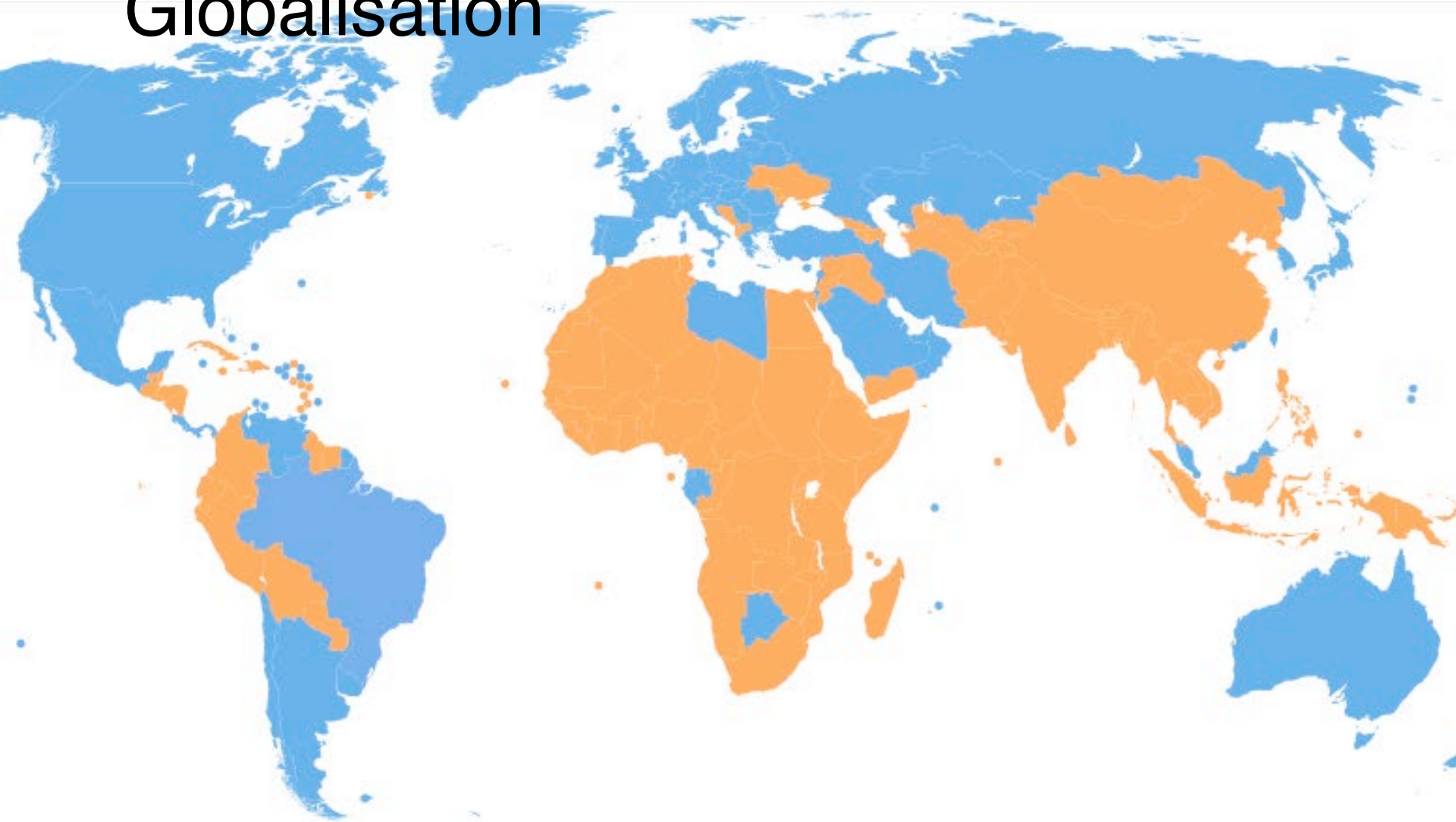


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The creation of the West – consolidation of core and periphery

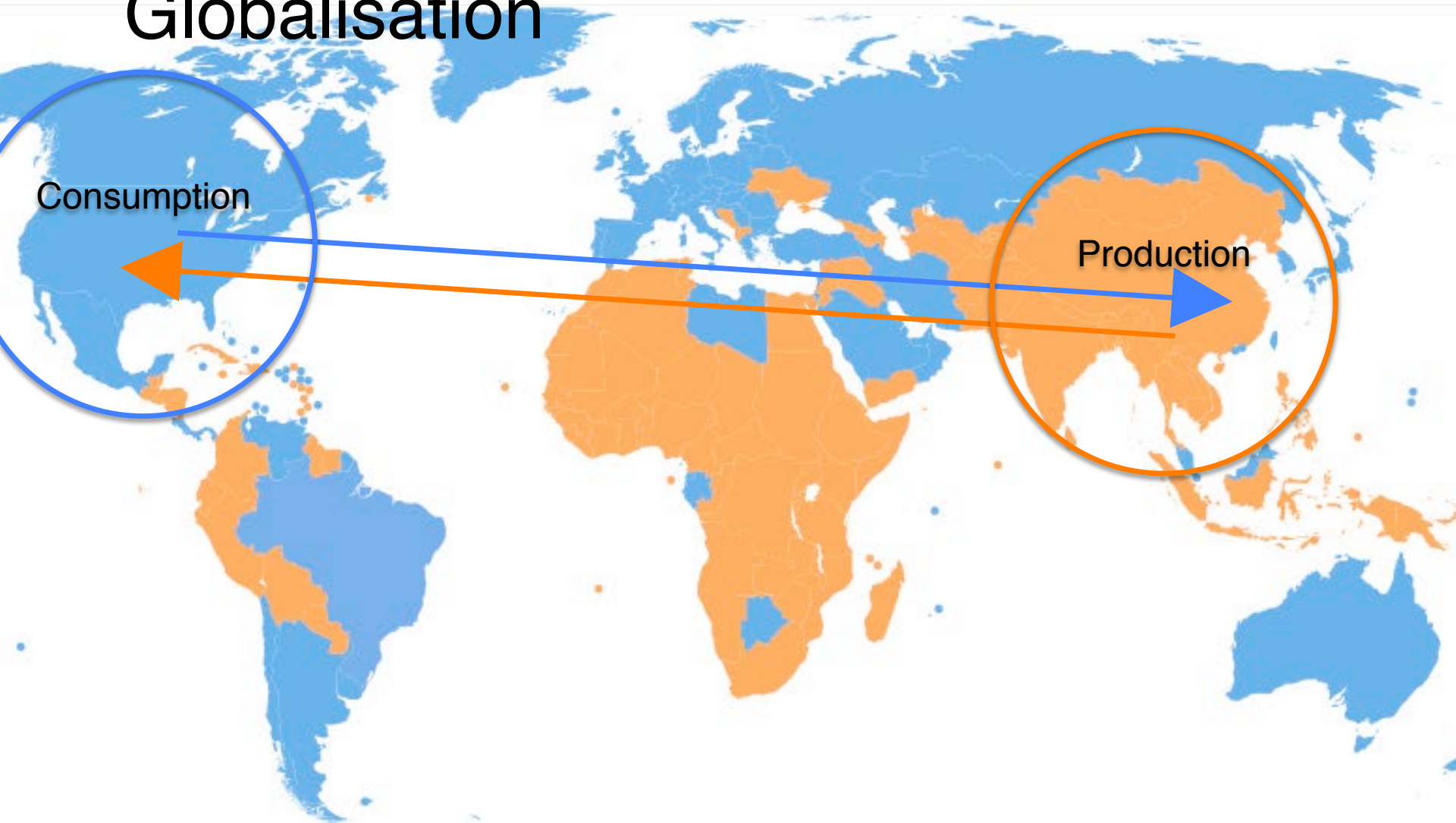
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Core and periphery – a bifurcated world



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Flows of 'value' and 'waste' between core and periphery



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# Technology





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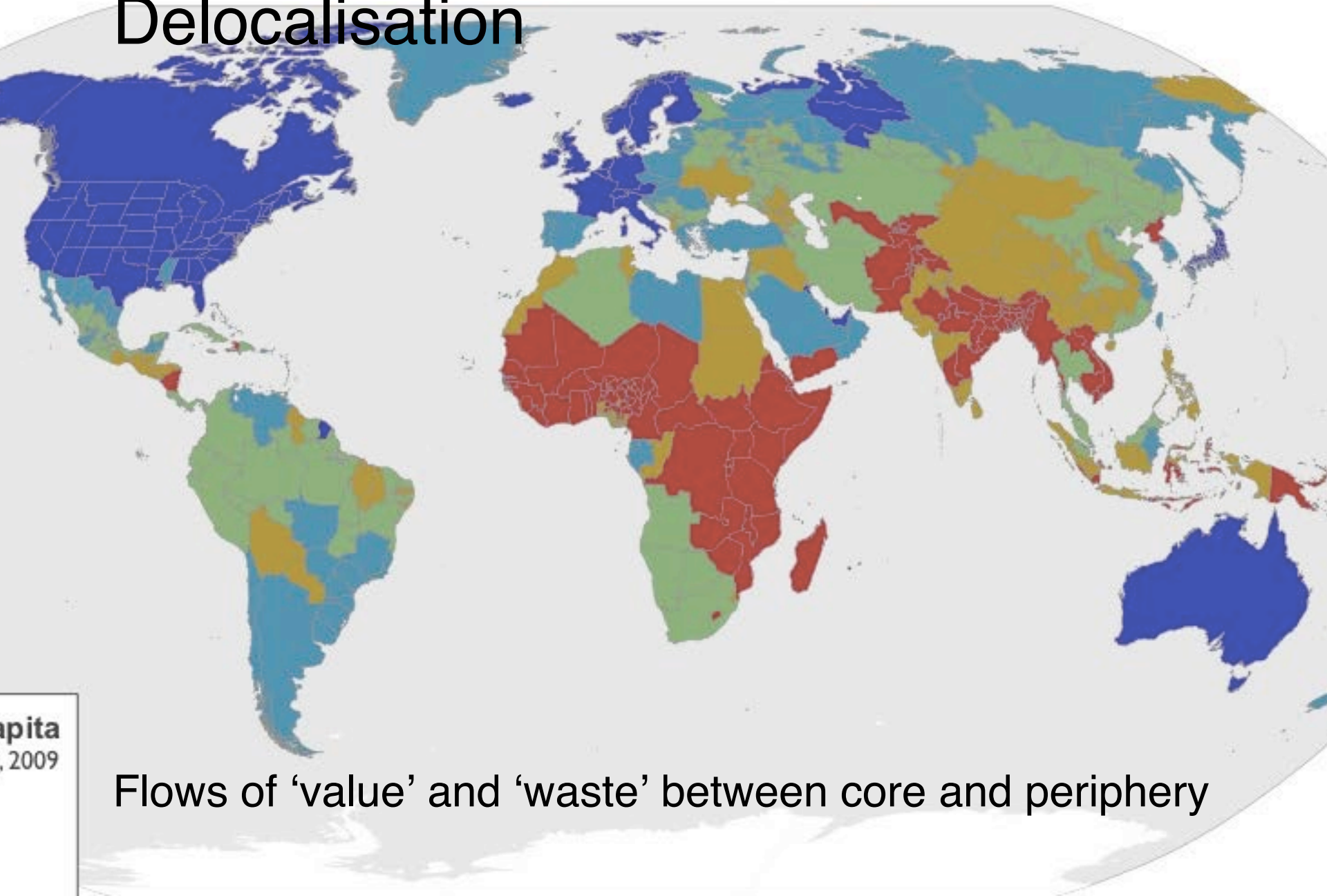
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## Frameworks:

- local economic development (World Bank)
- integrated development plans (South Africa)
- local plans / local development frameworks (UK)
- big projects (Barcelona Olympics)
- learning regions (Florida; Maskell et al.)
- innovative milieux (Aydalot; Maillat and Perrin)
- shrinking cities
- community-led local development (Soto and Ramsden)
- infrastructure-based development (New Deal / Neo-Keynes)
- regional motors (Scott)
- Ecopolis (DRC SUA)
- sustainable neighbourhood transformation (Gruis et al.)



# Local development Frameworks





## Frameworks



source: author's own diagram

EXISTING  
SITUATION

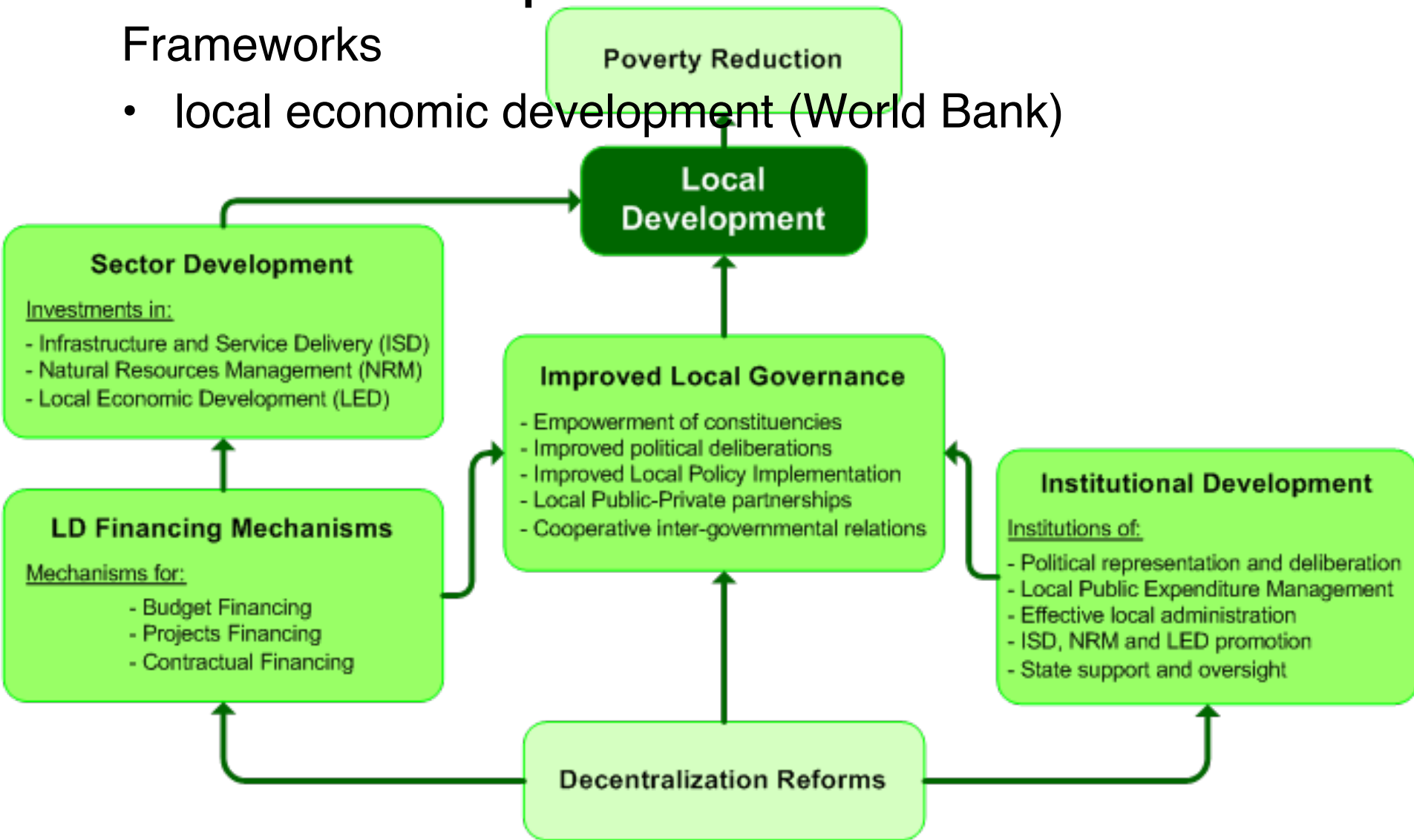
PROPOSED BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE SQUARE



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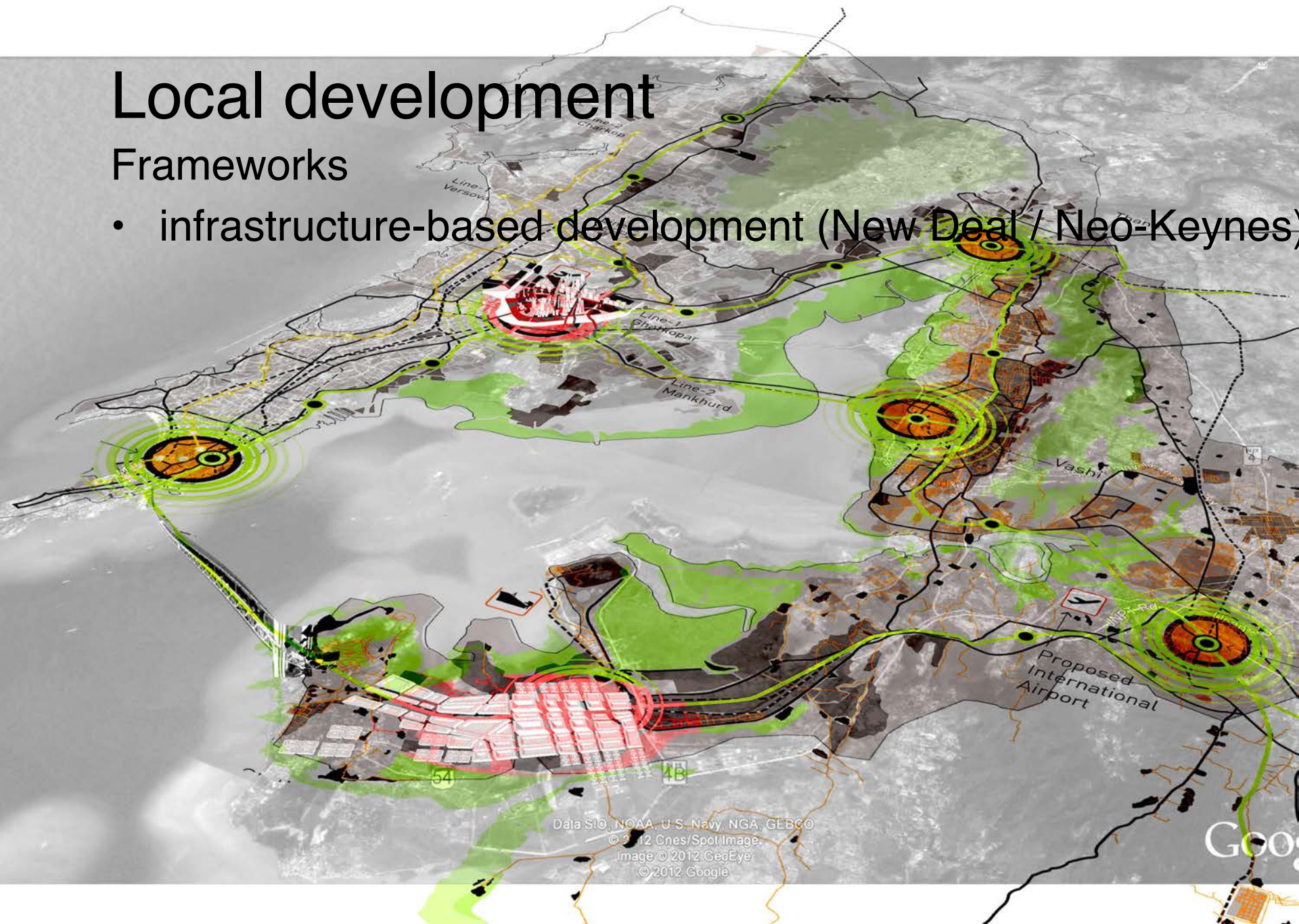




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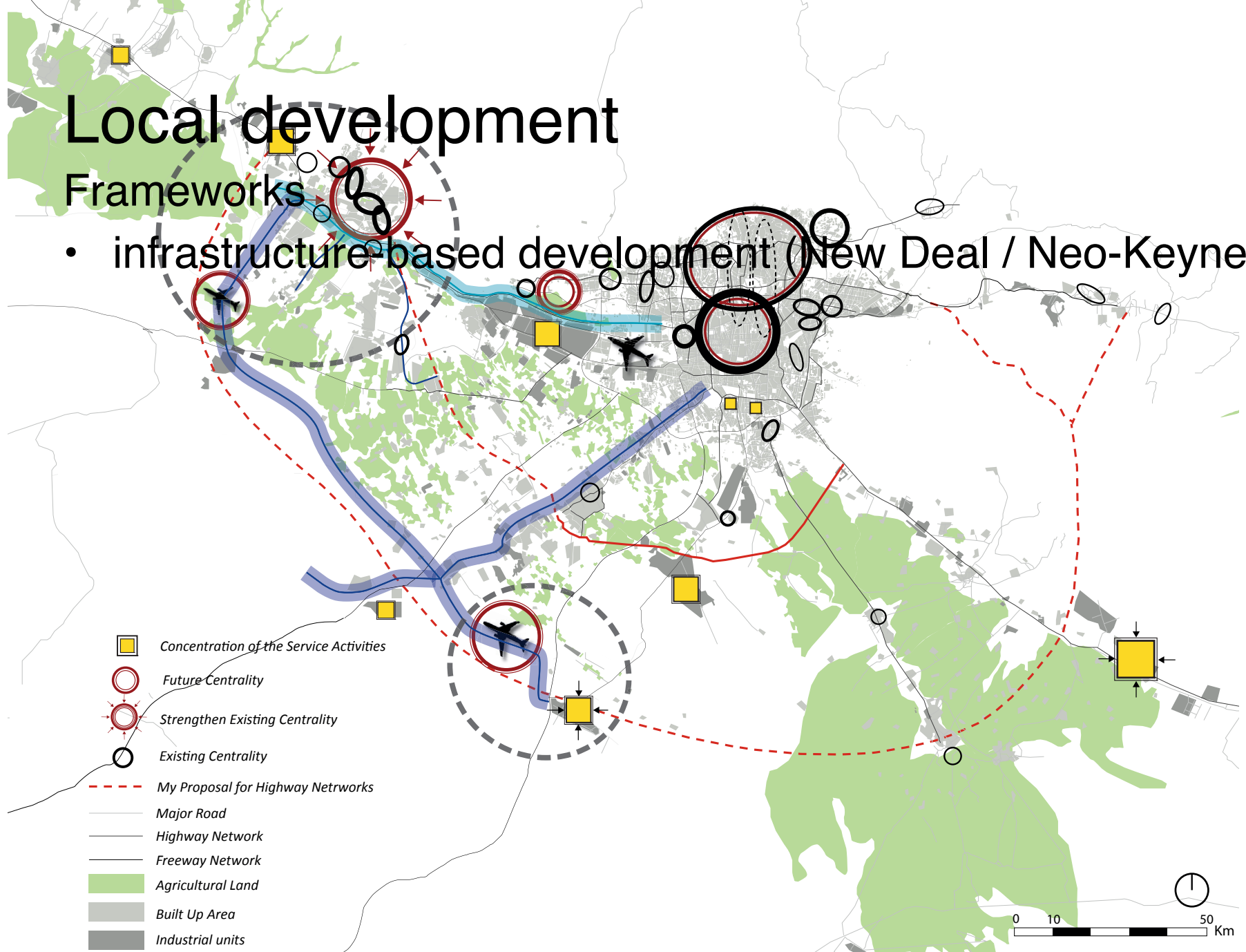
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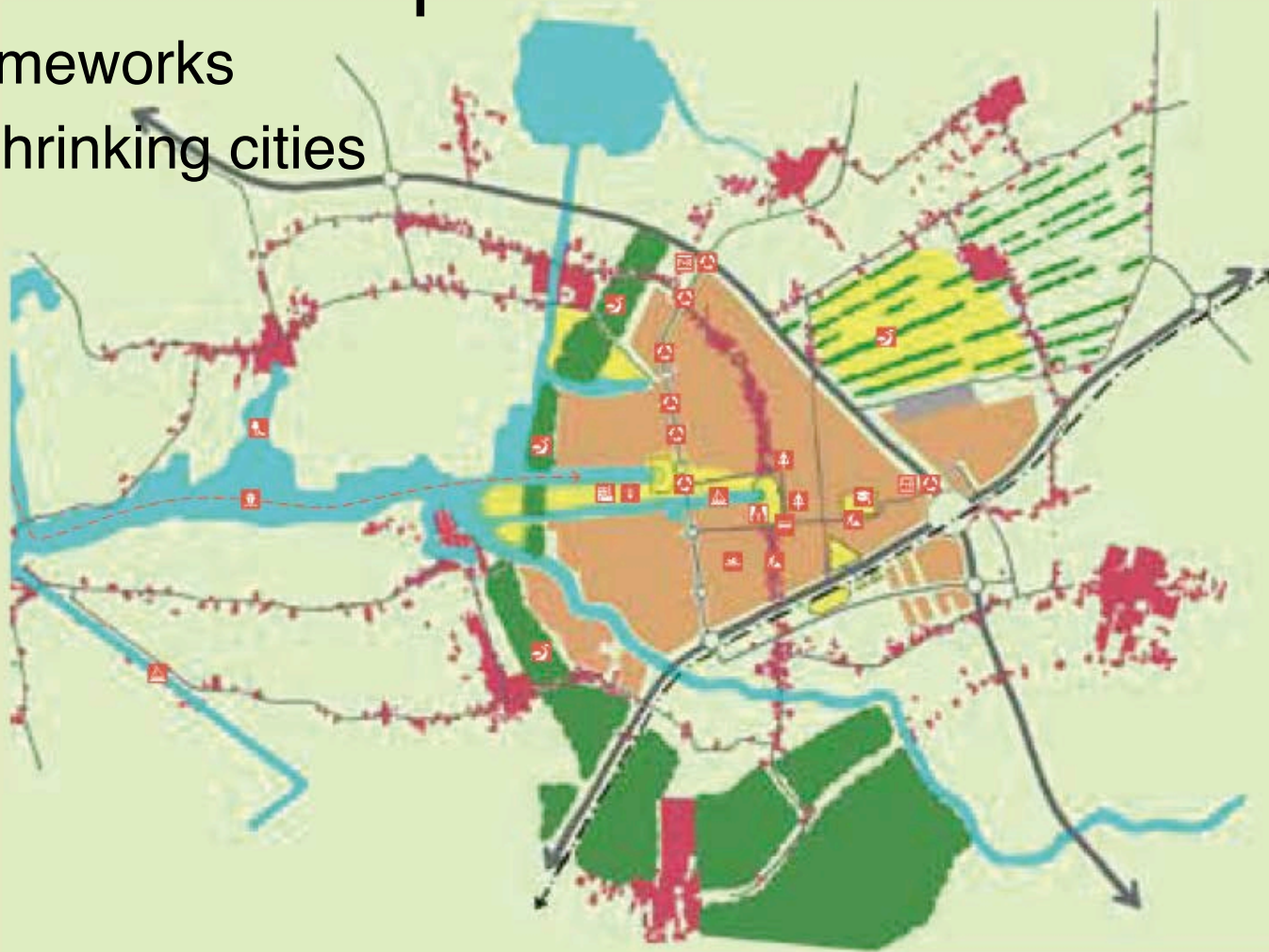
Map 5.7: This map presents the existing, planned and proposed train and metro lines for the TMR (Source: Illustrated by author).



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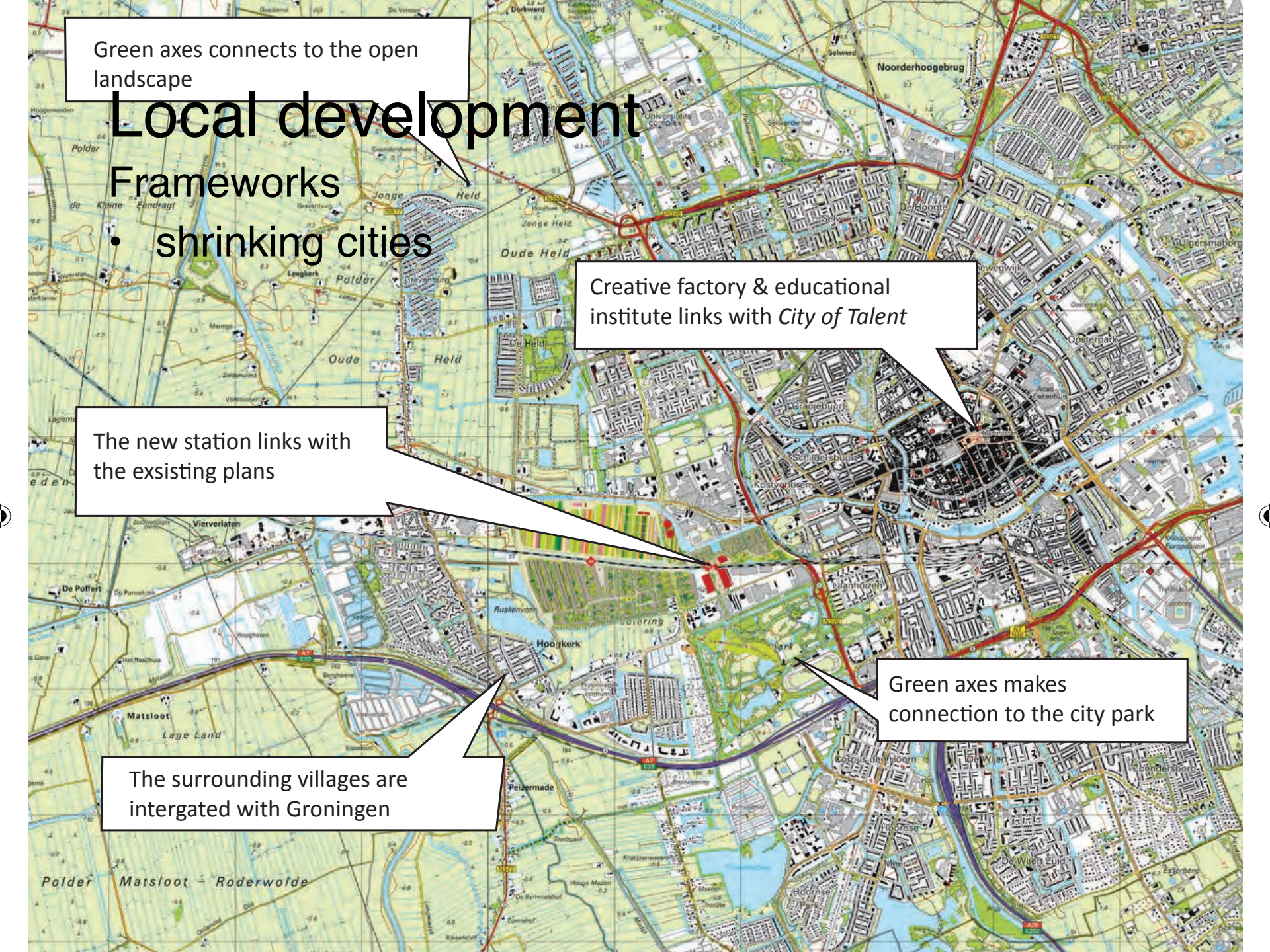
- shrinking cities



**STRUCTUURPLAN SMALLINGERLAND +  
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BRON: STRUCTUURPLAN GEMEENTE SMALLINGERLAND (2013); SAMENWERKINGSVERBAND PR. FRYSLÂN – GEM. SMALLINGERLAND (PROVINSJE FRYSLÂN, 2013)





Green axes connects to the open landscape

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## Frameworks

- shrinking cities

Creative factory & educational institute links with *City of Talent*

The new station links with the existing plans

Green axes makes connection to the city park

The surrounding villages are intergated with Groningen



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- ...