

# Future of Globalisation Martin Wolf, Associate Editor & Chief Economics Commentator, *Financial Times*

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"Let China sleep, for when she awakes, she will shake the world." Napoleon Bonaparte

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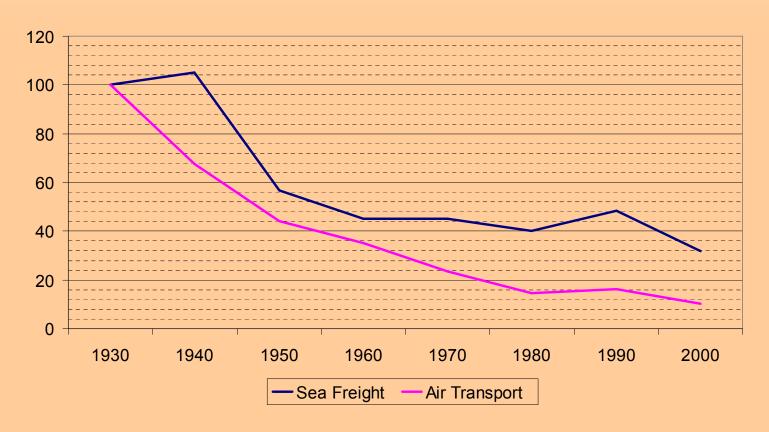
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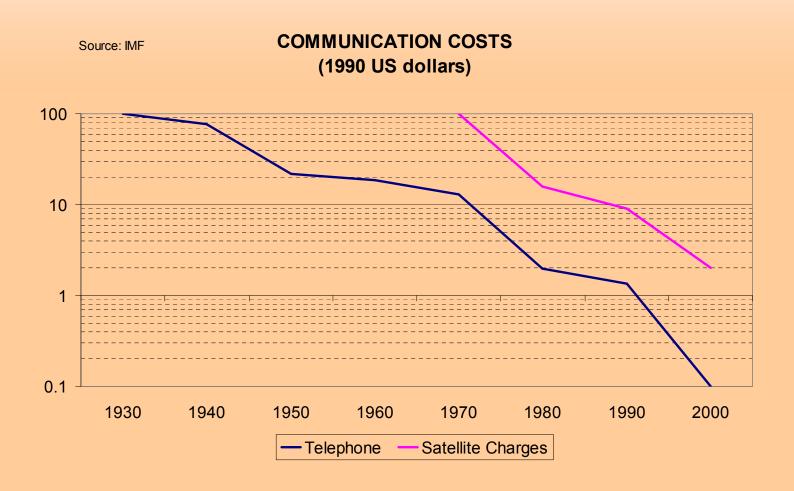
# 2. Drivers of globalisation

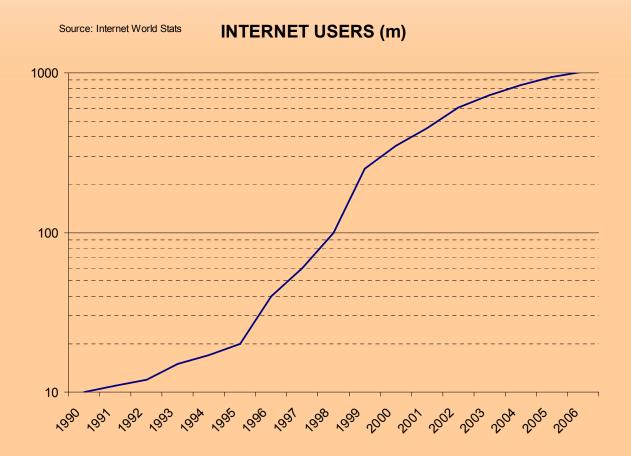
- Behind globalisation are:
  - Declining communication and transport costs
  - Worldwide move to the market
  - Incorporation of billions of people into the world economy

- Transport plays a more modest role in this era of globalisation than in the first one, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries
- The big transformation this time is the reduction in the marginal cost of collating and disseminating information to close to zero
- This "information revolution" is only just beginning
- We do not know its full implications

#### Source: IMF TRENDS IN TRANSPORT COSTS (1990 US dollars)







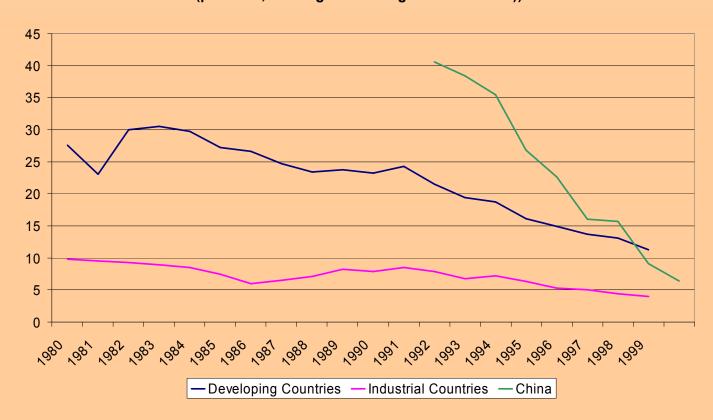
INTERNET PENETRATION JANUARY 2006			
	Share of World Population	Share of Internet Usage	Internet Penetration
Africa	14.0%	2.5%	2.7%
Asia	56.4%	34.1%	9.0%
Europe	11.4%	28.5%	37.4%
Middle East	4.1%	2.2%	8.2%
North America	5.1%	23.4%	68.1%
Latin America	8.5%	7.4%	12.9%
Oceania/Australia	0.5%	1.8%	52.8%
World	100.0%	100.0%	14.9%
Source: Internet World Stats, http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm			

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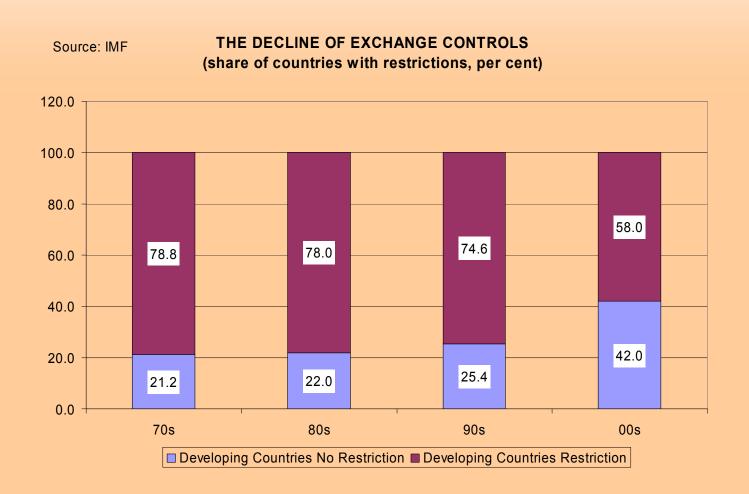
- The last 25 years has seen a global liberalisation revolution
- It culminated with the fall of the Soviet empire between 1989 and 1991
- And the subsequent reunification of Europe
- Despite financial crises, terrorism and war, there has been no reversal of this trend
- The "second globalisation" is still well under way

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## TRENDS IN AVERAGE TARIFF RATES (per cent, unweighted - weighted for China))

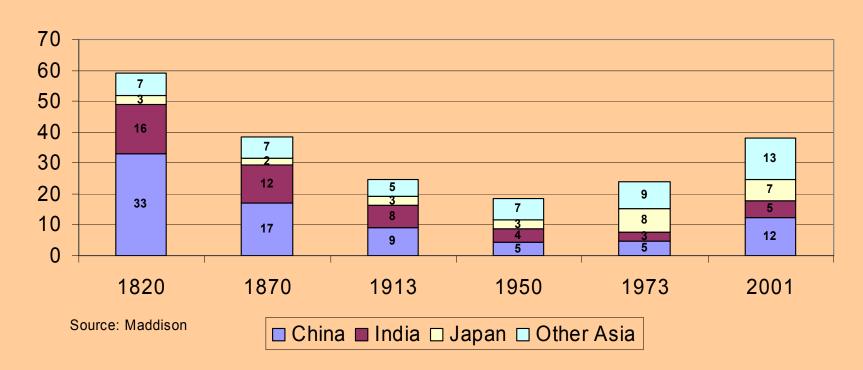


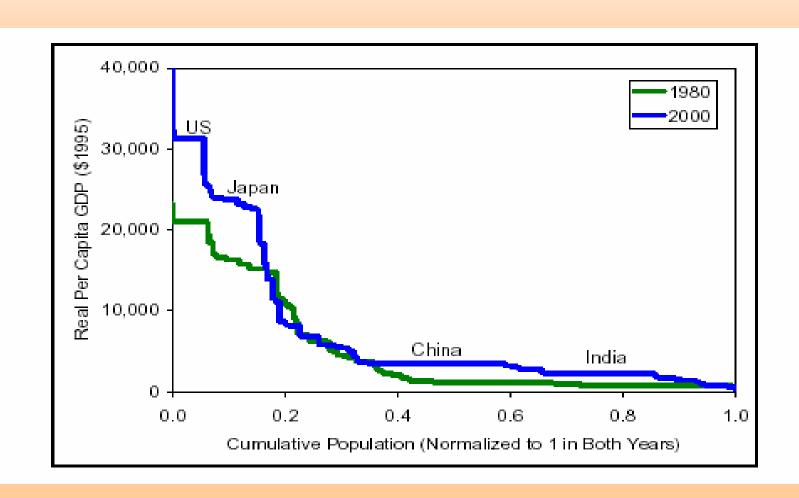
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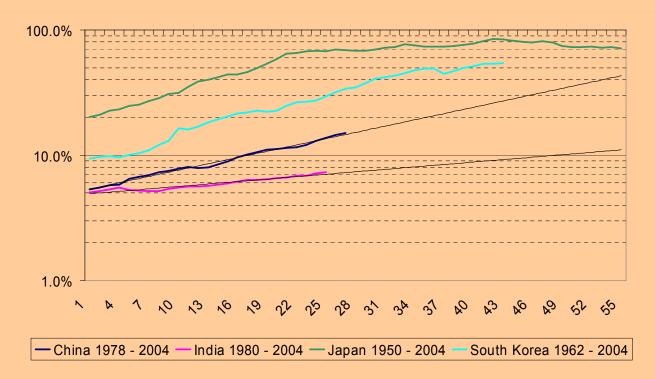
- The final driver is Asia's rise
- This is the third great transformation since the industrial revolution:
  - Early 19<sup>th</sup> century: rise of the UK
  - Late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries: rise of US, Germany, Japan and Russia
  - Post-second world war: rise of Asia from Japan's surge to the rise of China and India
- East and south Asia contain more than half of humanity
- This then must be the beginning of the end of the era of dominance by Europeans and their colonial offshoots

# ASIA'S SHARE IN WORLD GDP (at PPP)

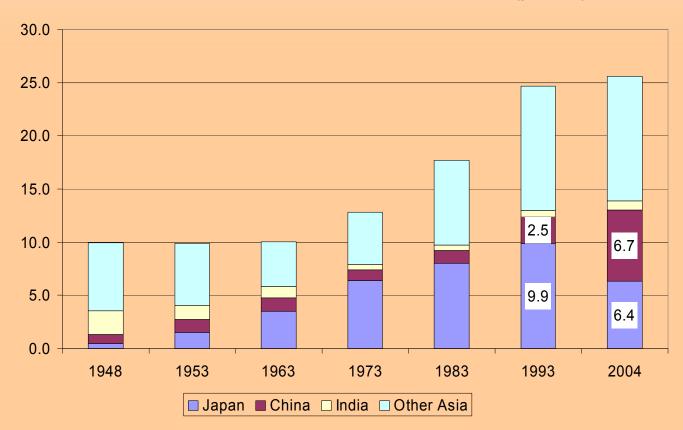




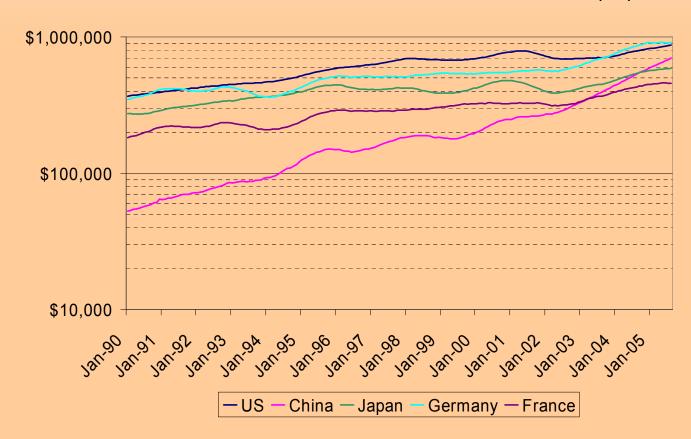
Source: Maddison CATCH-UP IN ASIA (GDP per head at PPP, as a per cent of US levels)



#### **SHARES OF ASIA IN WORLD MERCHANDISE EXPORTS (per cent)**



#### **EXPLOSIVE RISE OF CHINA'S MERCHANDISE EXPORTS (\$m)**



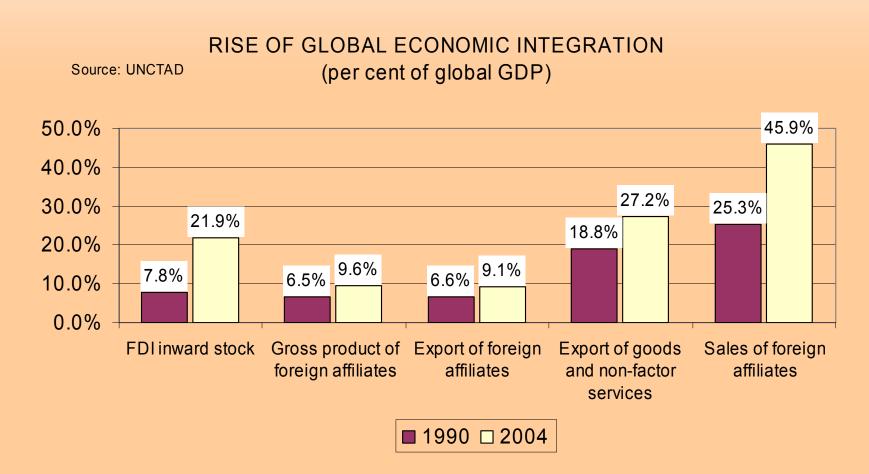
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- What is the impact of these changes?
- Here are a few of the most important:
  - Rising reliance on trade and unbundling of the production structure across frontiers
  - Rising foreign direct investment, as economies rely on foreign know-how and organisational skills and production is integrated across frontiers
  - Rising tradability of parts of services: those parts of services that can be turned into "bits" are now more tradable than manufactures

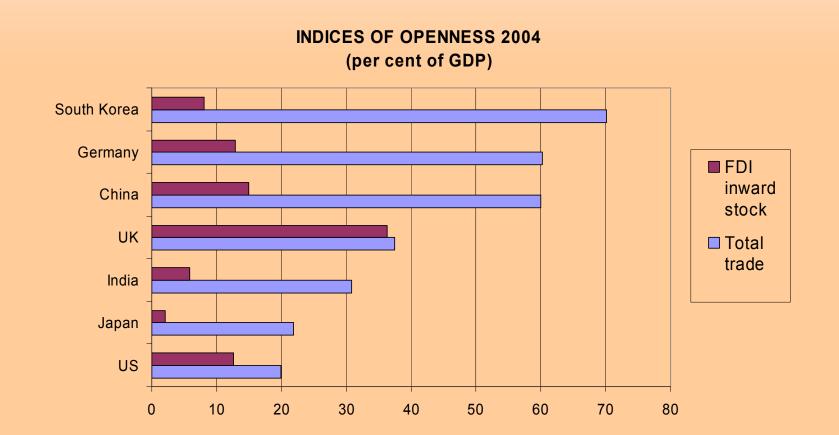
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- Prices of labour-intensive manufactures and tradeable services falling, collapsing prices of information-processing, and rising prices of industrial raw materials, particularly energy, relative to goods and services consumed in advanced countries
- Falling relative wages (or rising unemployment) of the unskilled in advanced countries
- Capital and some highly-skilled labour are becoming more mobile and payments "imbalances" are growing
- Increasing trade in "bads", as well as goods (drugs, trafficking in people, piracy, etc)
- Shifting relative power

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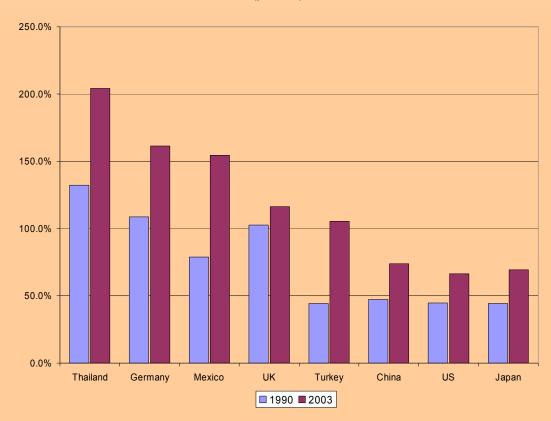


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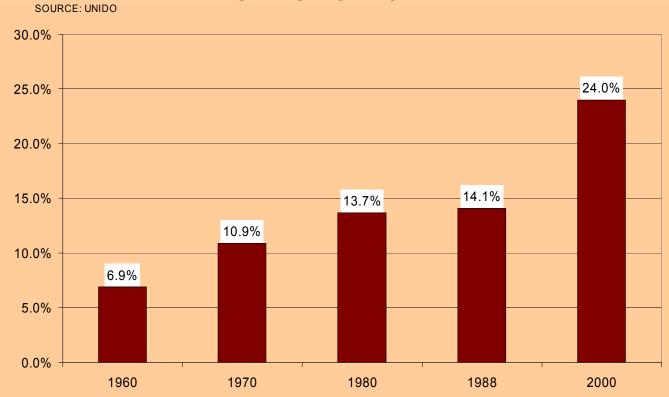
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#### RATIO OF TRADE IN GOODS TO GOODS GDP (per cent)

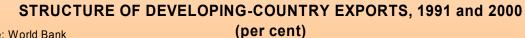


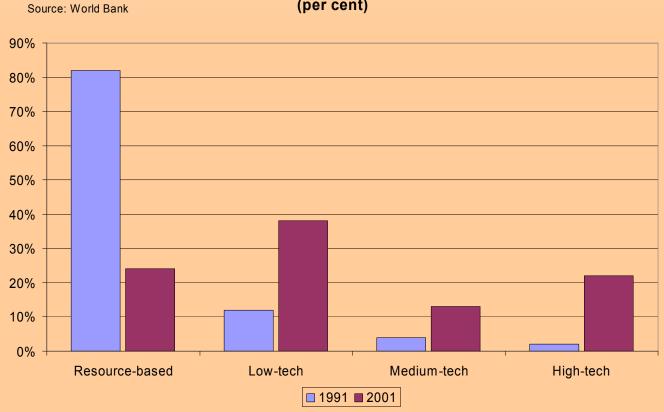
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## DEVELOPING COUNTRY SHARES IN GLOBAL MANUFACTURING VALUE-ADDED



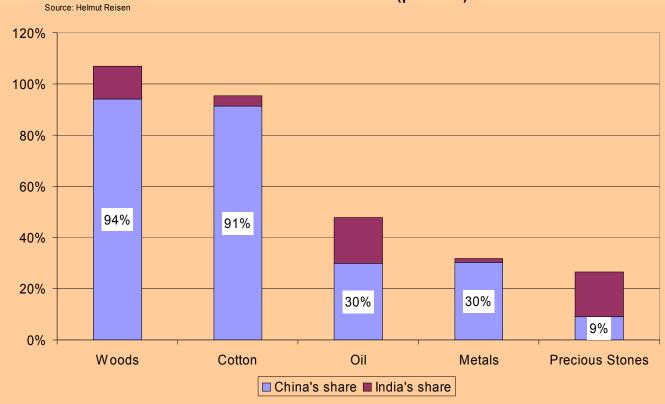
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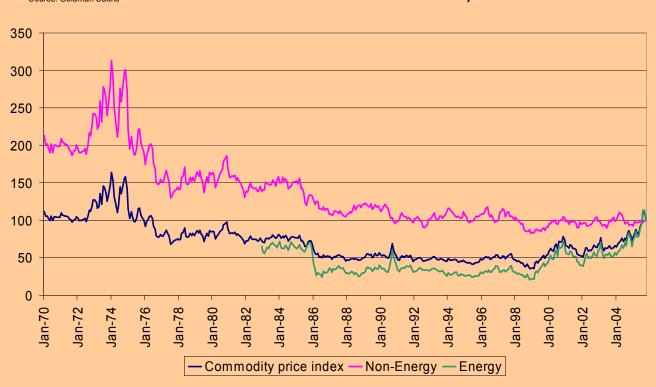


- Another consequence is pressure on resources, particularly energy resources
  - Half of global incremental demand for oil is now from Asia
  - High oil prices have not damaged the world economy . . . yet
  - Will conservation now kick in? Or will prices explode?
  - What will happen in the longer term?

# CONTRIBUTION TO GROWTH OF WORLD IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES 1998-2003 (per cent)

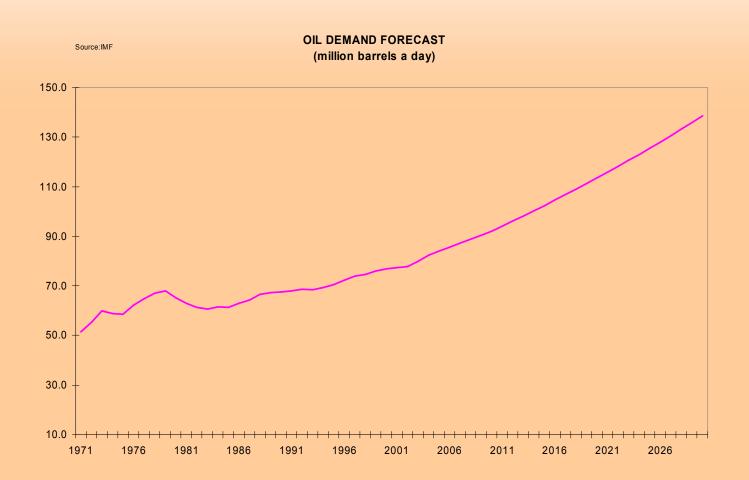


COMMODITY TERMS OF TRADE
(commodity prices, deflated by unit value index of exports of manufactures from advanced countries)



# REAL PRICE OF OIL (deflated by US CPI)



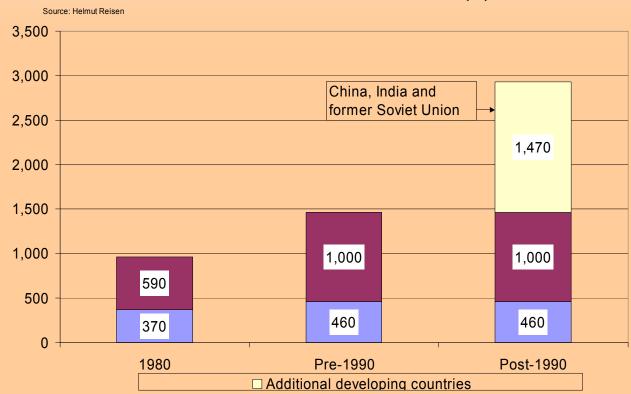


#### 3. Consequences – profits and wages

- A big increase in the global labour supply should shift income in favour of capital and against unskilled labour in advanced countries – and it has
- It will take 30 years to reach the capital-labour ratio that existed in the economies that were engaged in the world economy before 1990

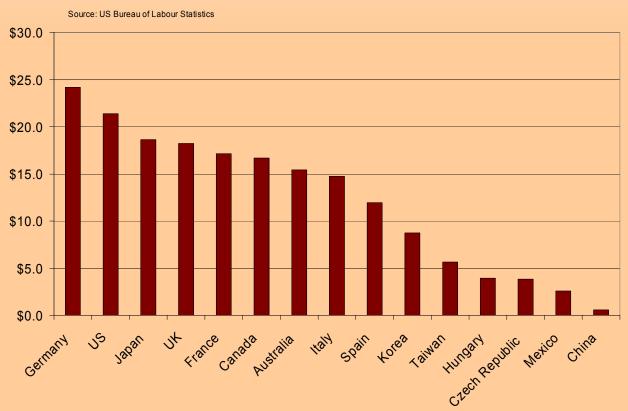
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#### AUGMENTED GLOBAL LABOUR FORCE (m)



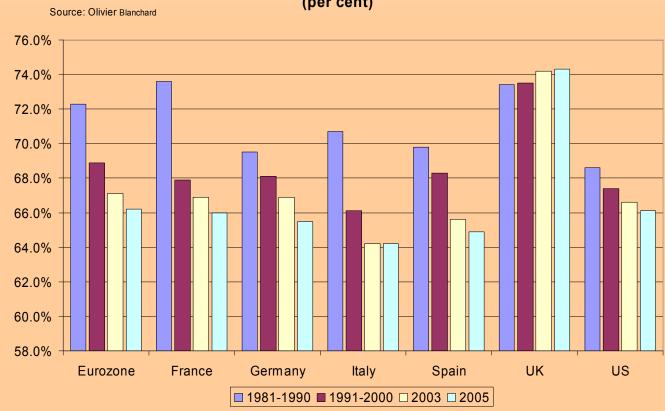
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#### **HOURLY LABOUR COSTS IN MANUFACTURING 2002**



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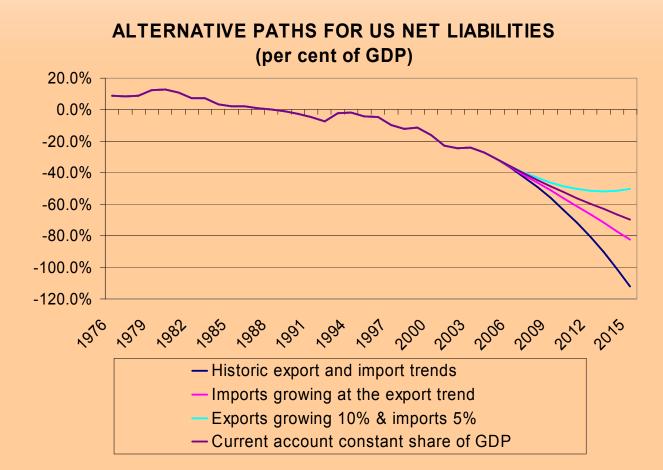
# SHARES OF LABOUR INCOME IN BUSINESS SECTOR VALUE ADDED (per cent)



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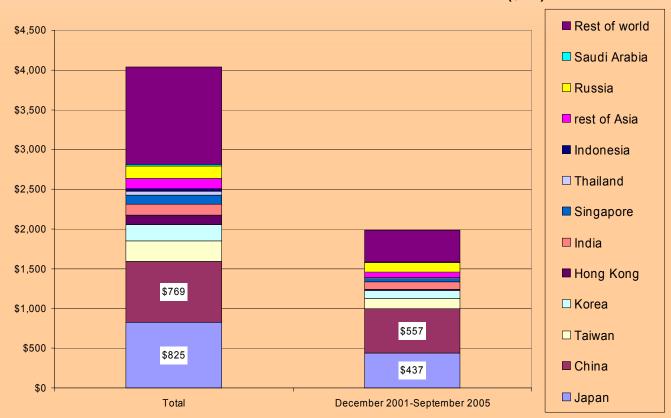
- More mobile capital means more net capital flows
- The big flow now is to the US
- Is it sustainable?
- How will it end?

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#### FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVE ACCUMULATION (\$bn)



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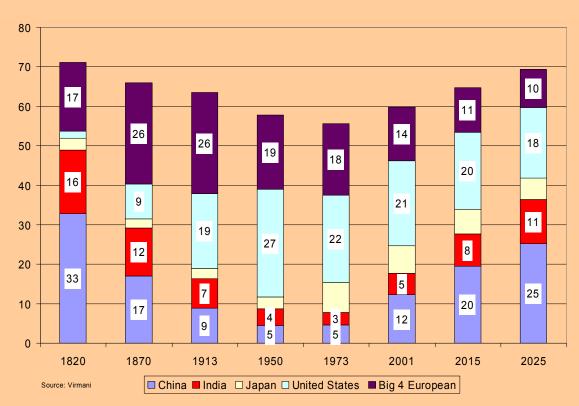
- It is easy to identify globalisation of "bads":
  - Terrorism and mega-terrorism
    - Nuclear weapons smuggled in containers
    - Biological terrorism
  - Spread of disease
  - Crime, drugs and piracy

## 3. Consequences – shifting power

- The rise of the US, Germany, Japan and Russia in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century led to almost a century of conflict, before the US "won" in 1991
- Is there a similar threat from the rise of China and even India?
- Could the struggle be over resources?

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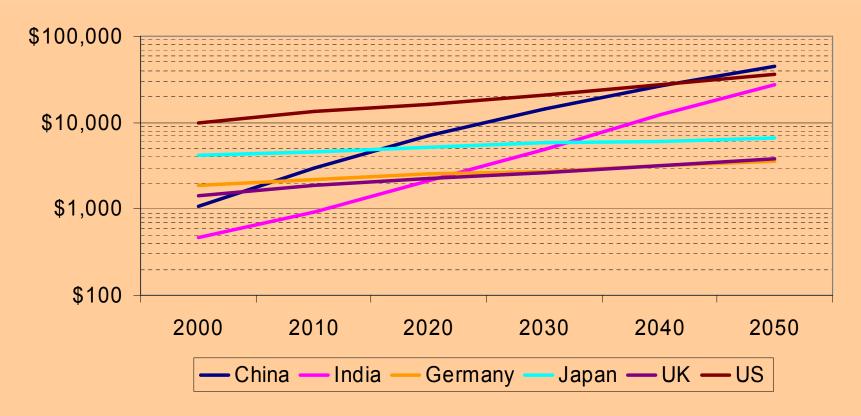
# THE WORLD'S DOMINANT ECONOMIES (GDP at PPP, per cent)



# 3. Consequences – shifting power

Source: Goldman Sachs

GDP AT MARKET PRICES (\$bns)



## 4. Challenges

#### Six big challenges:

- Managing adjustments to globalisation
- Managing the fear of globalisation
- Managing global macroeconomic adjustment
- Managing resource pressure
- Managing the globalisation of "bads
- Managing geopolitical tensions