

Geopolitical Hotspots, Global Economy, US War Plans: South China Sea, Yemen and Beyond

Global Research News Hour Episode 178

By [Michael Welch](#), [Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya](#), and [Radhika Desai](#)

Global Research, April 22, 2017

Region: [Asia](#), [Middle East & North Africa](#),
[Russia and FSU](#)

Theme: [Global Economy](#), [GLOBAL RESEARCH NEWS HOUR](#), [US NATO War Agenda](#)

“A good part of what’s happening in the United States and a good part of American policy-making cannot be understood unless you understand that there is a kind of military-industrial complex tail wagging the American policy and economic dog.” – Professor Radhika Desai (from this week’s interview)

LISTEN TO THE SHOW

Americans may have been led to believe through their education systems, their religious institutions, mainstream media and popular culture that their government’s foreign policy is guided by the dictates of conscience, humanitarian considerations, and empathy for chemically mauled infants as well as a national vocation to bring “freedom and democracy” to the world.

A more honest and rigorous review of America’s involvement in military conflicts, and its support for Israel, Saudi Arabia and other rogue states around the world reveal the shallowness of this understanding.

The structure of power in the U.S. as with other imperialist powers throughout history demands certain economic arrangements and military formations on the world stage.

American geopolitical imperatives demand, among other things, [reliable supplies of energy \(oil\)](#) to fuel the empire, [the projection of military power](#) (bases) abroad, [control over major trade and transport corridors](#), access to [strategically important resources like rare earth minerals](#), control of the [currency of international exchange](#), and [dominance of the strategic terrain](#) of the High Seas and outer space.

A lot has changed since the end of World War II. The U.S. labours under a massive [nearly 20 trillion dollar national debt](#). The Soviet Union has collapsed. A resurgent Russia is proving to be a major and defiant player on the international landscape. Now the Russian bear is forging important military and economic partnerships with Iran and China threatening to thwart the advances of a fading superpower under the leadership of its current idiosyncratic commander-in-chief.

This week, on the Global Research News Hour, we examine a number of hotspots and

flashpoints around the globe and put them in the context of larger geopolitical forces. In a conversation recorded at the beginning of April, before the reported Syrian chemical weapons attacks, our guests touch on the U.S. naval manoeuvres in the South China Sea, the ongoing conflict in Yemen, the current elections in France and prospects for the demise of the European Union. Our guests are Professors **Radhika Desai** and **Mahdi Nazemroaya**.

(video credit: [Paul S. Graham](#))

Dr. Radhika Desai is Professor at the Department of Political Studies, and Director, Geopolitical Economy Research Group at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada. She is the author of *Geopolitical Economy: After US Hegemony, Globalization and Empire* (2013) among other books. She co-edits the *Geopolitical Economy* book series with Manchester University Press and the *Future of Capitalism* book series with Pluto Press.

Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya is an award-winning author and geopolitical analyst, author of *The Globalization of NATO* (Clarity Press) and a forthcoming book *The War on Libya and the Re-Colonization of Africa*. He is a Sociologist and Research Associate at the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG), a contributor at the Strategic Culture Foundation (SCF), Moscow, and a member of the Scientific Committee of Geopolitica, Italy.

LISTEN TO THE SHOW

The [Global Research News Hour](#) airs every Friday at 1pm CT on [CKUW 95.9FM](#) in Winnipeg. The programme is also podcast at [globalresearch.ca](#). The show can be heard on the Progressive Radio Network at [prn.fm](#). Listen in every Thursday at 6pm ET.

Community Radio Stations carrying the Global Research News Hour:

CHLY 101.7fm in Nanaimo, B.C – Thursdays at 1pm PT

Boston College Radio [WZBC 90.3FM NEWTONS](#) during the Truth and Justice Radio Programming slot - Sundays at 7am ET.

[Port Perry Radio](#) in Port Perry, Ontario -1 Thursdays at 1pm ET

[Burnaby Radio Station CJSF out of Simon Fraser University](#). 90.1FM to most of Greater Vancouver, from Langley to Point Grey and from the North Shore to the US Border.

It is also available on 93.9 FM cable in the communities of SFU, Burnaby, New Westminister, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Surrey and Delta, in British Columbia, Canada. – Tune in at its new time – Wednesdays at 4pm PT.

Radio station [CFUV 101.9FM](#) based at the University of Victoria airs the Global Research News Hour every Sunday from 7 to 8am PT.

[CORTES COMMUNITY RADIO CKTZ 89.5](#) out of Manson's Landing, B.C airs the show Tuesday mornings at 10am Pacific time.

[Cowichan Valley Community Radio CICV 98.7 FM](#) serving the Cowichan Lake area of Vancouver Island, BC airs the program Thursdays at 6am pacific time.

Campus and community radio [CFMH 107.3fm](#) in Saint John, N.B. airs the Global Research News Hour

Fridays at 10am.

Caper Radio CJBU 107.3FM in Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia airs the Global Research News Hour starting Wednesday Morning from 8:00 to 9:00am. Find more details at www.caperradio.ca

The original source of this article is Global Research

Copyright © [Michael Welch](#), [Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya](#), and [Radhika Desai](#), Global Research, 2017

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Michael Welch](#),
[Mahdi Darius
Nazemroaya](#), and
[Radhika Desai](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca
www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca