

Phenomenon of New Great Game and its influence on Caspian petrol politics

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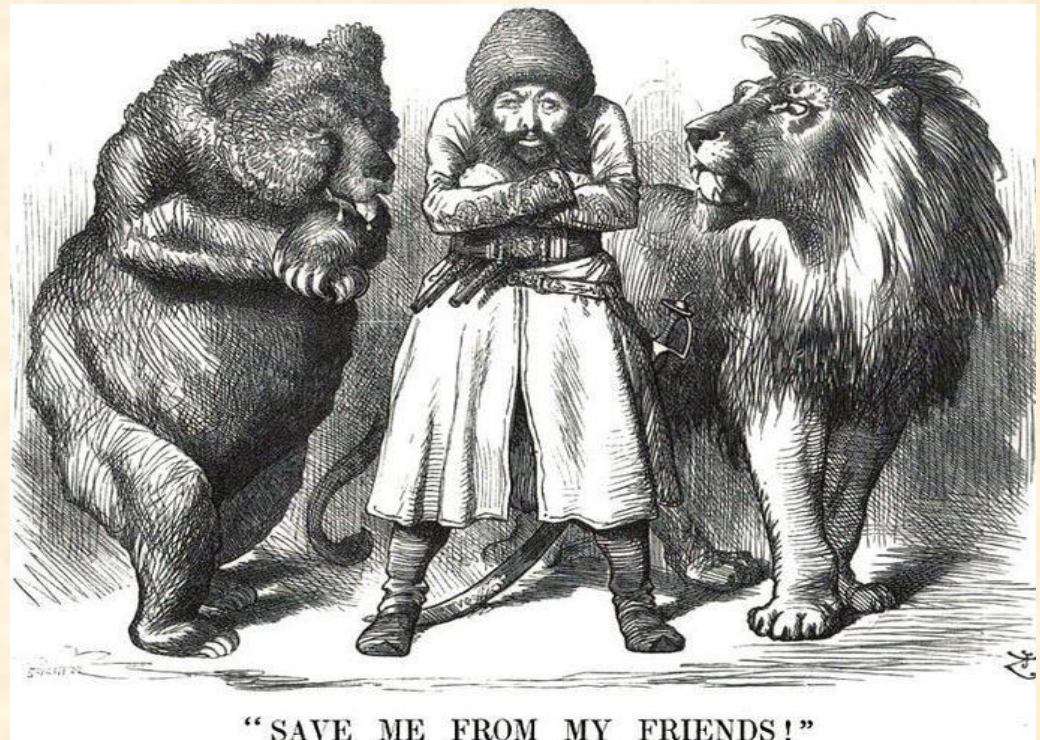
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'Kim' (1901)

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Introduction

- Research Hypothesis
- The phenomenon of New Great Game
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Research Hypothesis

- the phenomenon of New Great Game really exists and moreover this let me say, factor really influences the Caspian petrol politics with all the ensuing consequences

The phenomenon of New Great Game

- Geostrategy in Central Asia
- The Great Game vs New Great Game

3 phases of New Great Game

1. The first phase began after the end of World War II and lasted until the end of Cold War with the collapse of the Soviet Empire in 1991.
2. The second part started with the independence of newly created states on post-Soviet space and lasted till the “color revolutions” of the early 2000’s, when Ukraine, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan opened the door for democratization processes and started to attract foreign investments.
3. The third and current phase began in May 2005 when the governments of Central Asian states raised for the first time question, whether they could trust British and American governments in their desires in the region

“It is not true that were the Soviet Union to disappear the remaining states could easily live in peace”.

Man, the State, and War (1954)

Kenneth Neal Waltz

Neo-Realism theory

- Origins and definition
- Geopolitical issue



Origins and definition of “Neorealism”

- States are the most important actors
- All states within the system are unitary and rational
- National Interest
- Neorealism vs neoliberalism
- Sphere of Influence

Geopolitical issue

- The Great Game – “Heartland”
- Transport routes – “The Great Silk Road”



Shanghai Cooperation Organization



- China and Russia:
Union for
cooperation
- Diversification of
oil routes



The USA –war against terror or war for the Caspian resources

- Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline
- Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum
- Afghan transportation routes



Oil and gas riches of the Caspian



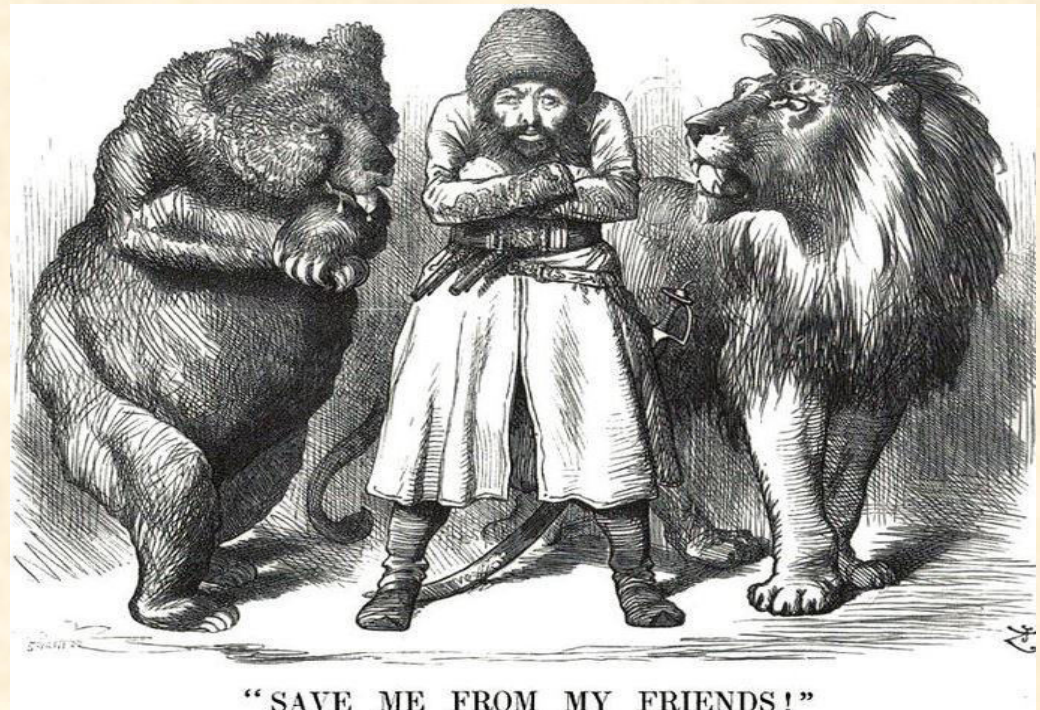
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Conclusion

- The phenomenon of the New Great Game really exists and the Caspian region petrol politics is crucially influenced by this phenomenon



Thank you for attention !