

# Systemic Approach in the Analysis of the International Relations

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# The Global System

The global system serves as the foundational framework for international relations, shaping interactions, power dynamics, and the behavior of states within the interconnected world landscape.





**BIPOLAR**



**HEGEMONY**



**MULTIPOLAR**

- Theory of International Politics – *Kenneth Waltz*
- The Anarchical Society – *Hedley Bull*
- War and Change in World Politics – *Robert Gilpin*
- The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers – *Paul Kennedy*
- World Out of Balance – *Stephen Brooks & William Wohlforth*

# Each global System has Constraints



# Each Global System has Opportunities

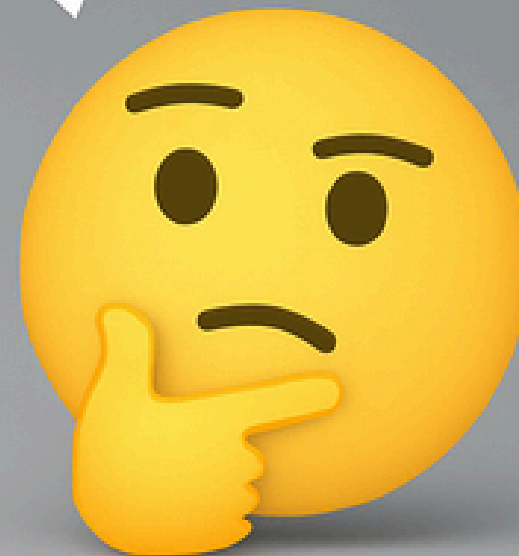
**What kind of opportunities is this system providing?**

Markets

Technology

Diplomatic Attances

Economic Integration



Is the leadership seeing these opportunities?  
How will it use them to create value?

# Sub-systems

Exploring regional dynamics and interactions

## Middle East

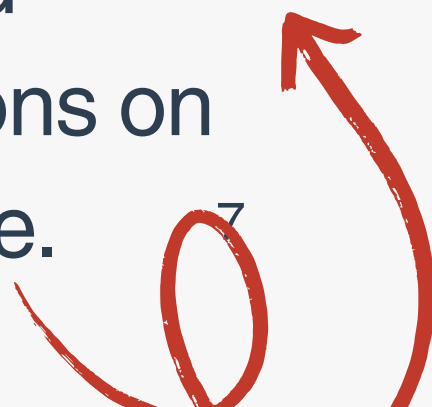
The **Middle East region** reflects complex geopolitical interactions, where historical ties and modern conflicts shape state behavior and influence global foreign policy decisions.

## North Africa

In the **North Africa Region**, states navigate economic opportunities and security challenges, impacting their responses to external pressures and fostering unique alliances tailored to regional interests.

## Sahel Region

The **Sahel Region** faces diverse obstacles, from environmental threats to governance issues, highlighting how sub-system dynamics affect both local resilience and international relations on a broader scale.



# Sub-system Constraints

Regional  
Balance

Regional  
Alliances

Stability  
and  
Instability

Prospects  
of Economic  
Cooperation

Diplomatic  
Alliances

## Examples

REGIONAL  
ARMED  
GROUPS

SMUGGLING  
MOVEMENT

REGIONAL  
CONFLICTS  
AND CIVIL  
WARS

ILLEGAL  
INFILTRATION  
MOVEMENT

REGIONAL  
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NON  
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# Sub-system Opportunities

Common  
Identity

Regional  
Integration

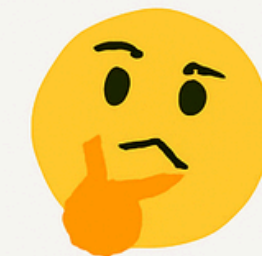
Regional  
Alliances

Natural  
Resources

Strategic  
Location

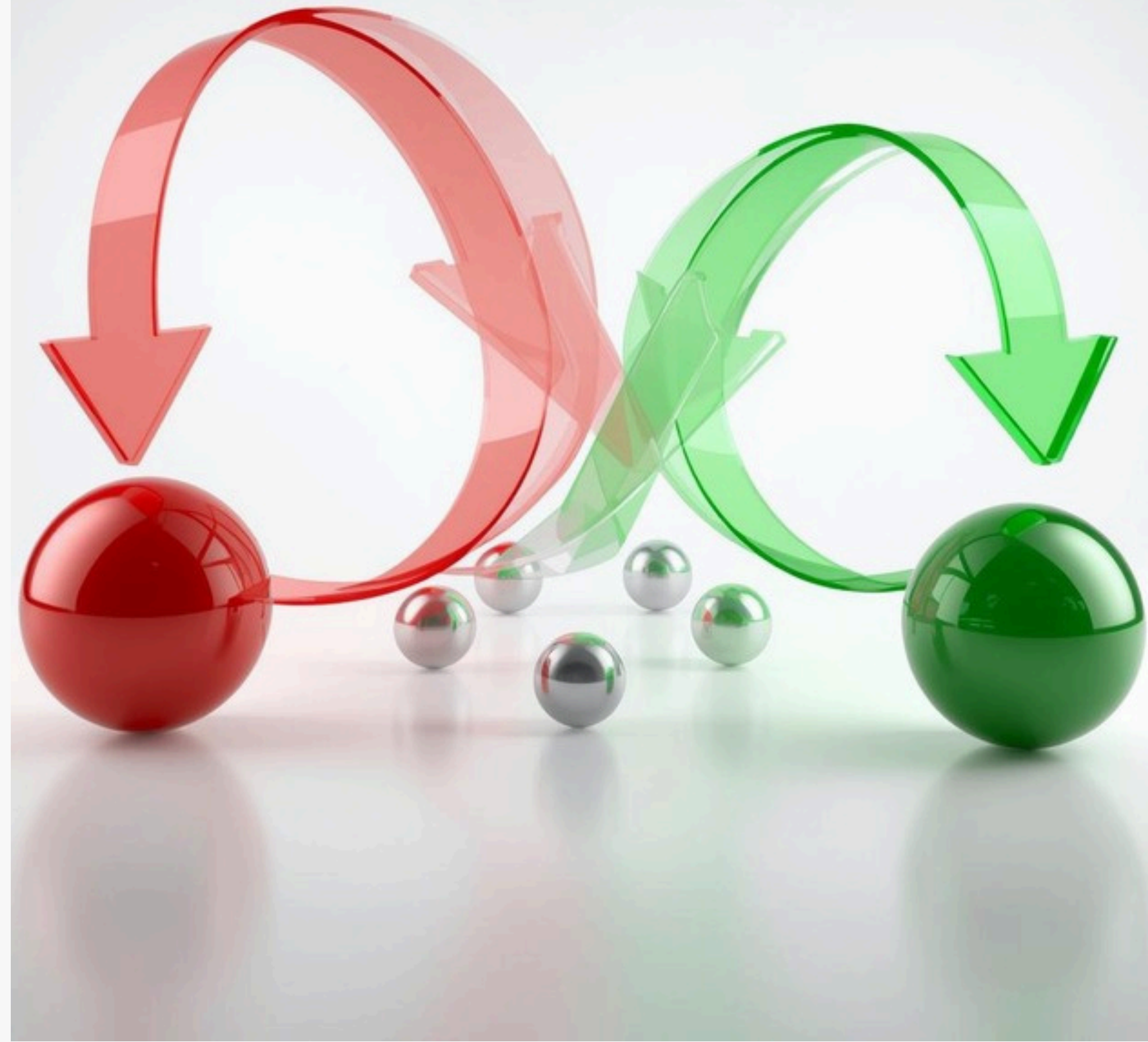
Rational  
Leadership

**The ability of  
national leadership  
to perceive those  
opportunities.**



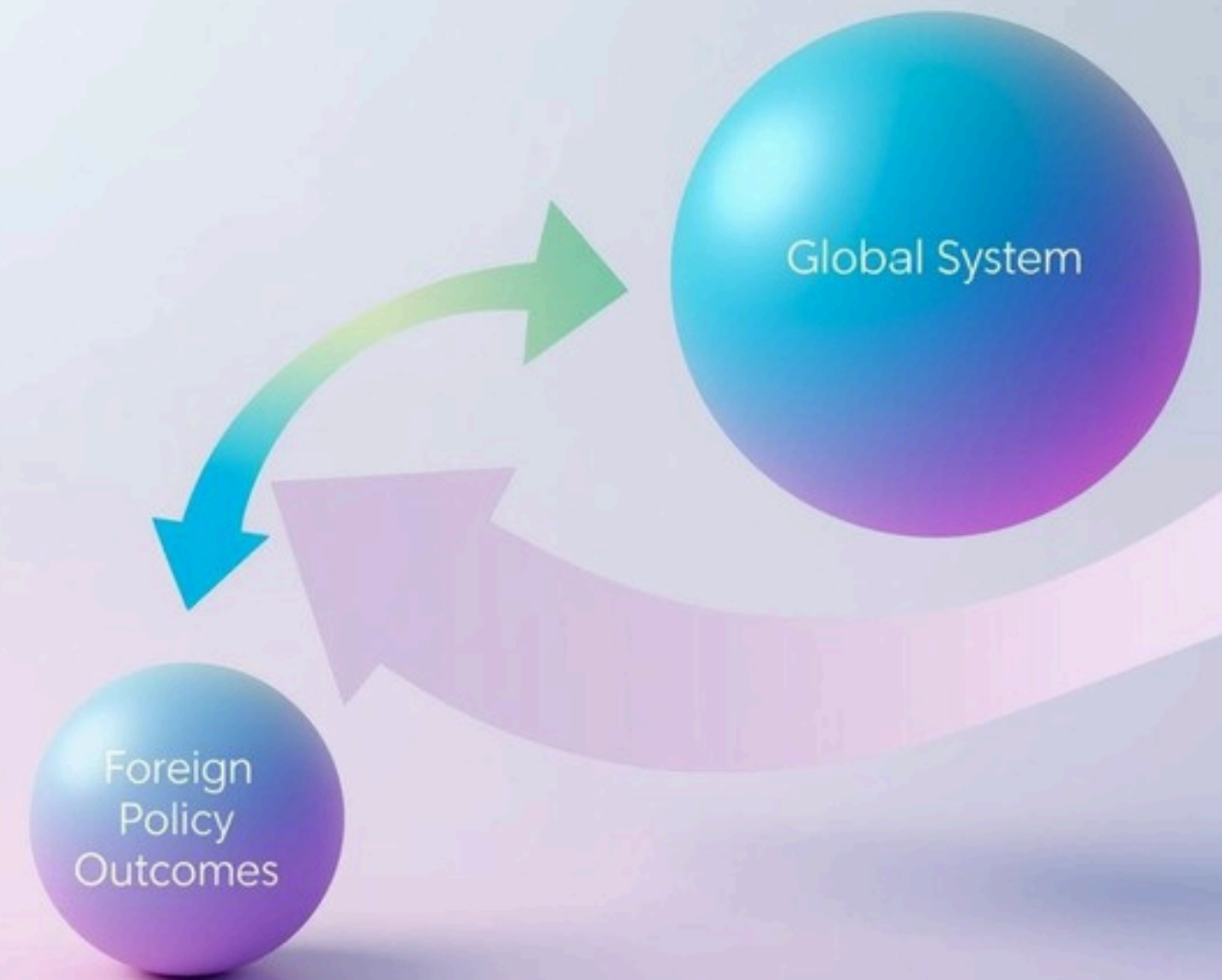
# Flow of Global Influences

Global structures (global as well as sub-system) transmit essential **rules, resources, ideas, and threats** to sub-systems. Understanding these interactions is crucial for comprehending how states navigate their opportunities and constraints within the larger framework of international relations.



# Feedback Loop in Global System

The choices and outcomes from state foreign policy influence the global system, creating **dynamic interactions** that evolve relationships and structures over time, reshaping international relations and state behaviors.



# Final Summary of International Relations

This illustration encapsulates the dynamic interactions of states within the global system, highlighting how they navigate opportunities and constraints at multiple levels to shape foreign policy outcomes effectively.

