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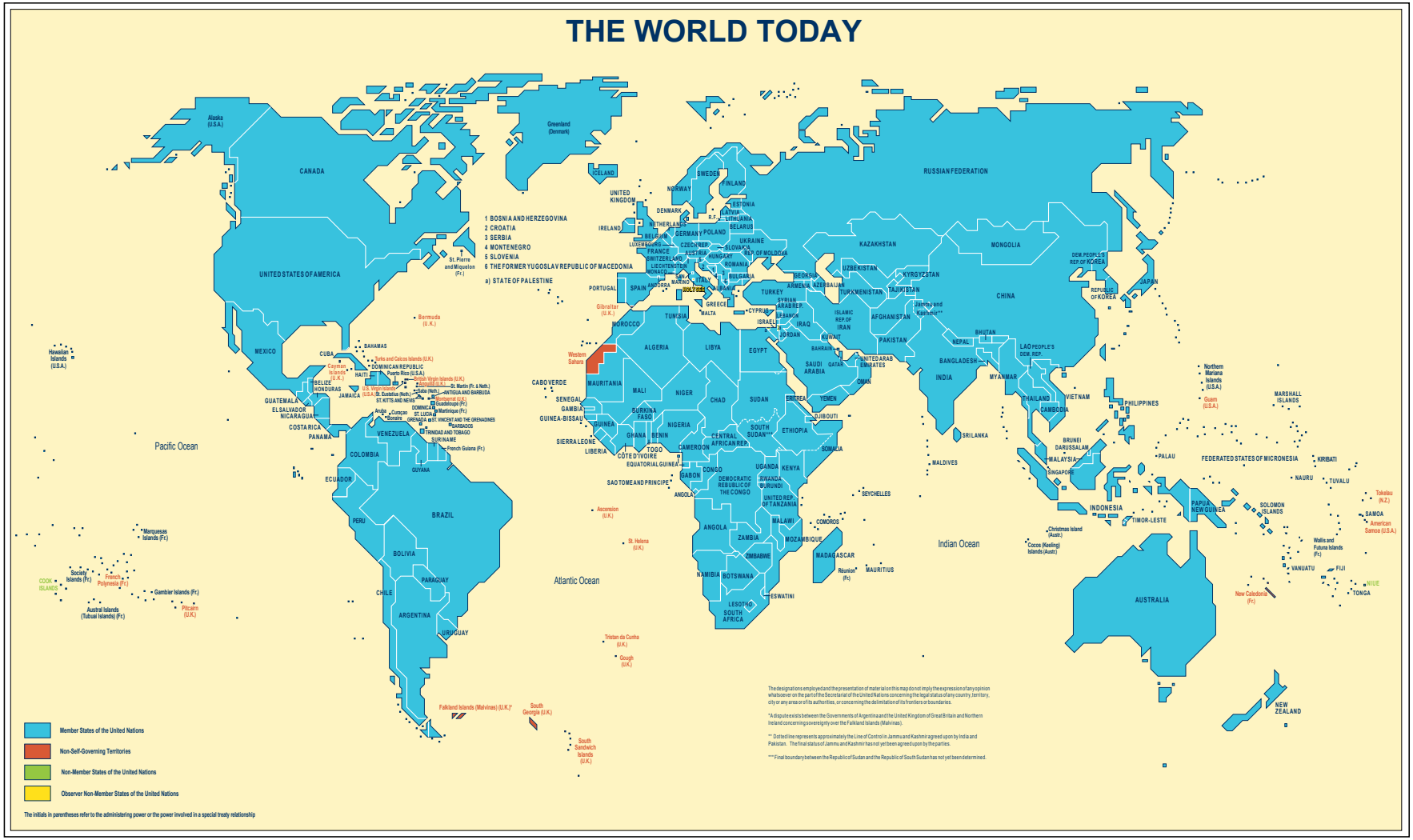
ONE WORLD…

… MANY

INTERCONNECTED WORLDS

*The **whole** is greater and much more **complex** than the sum of its parts. That is why a **systemic** and holistic **vision** is strategic.*

THE UN WORLD TODAY



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THE UN WORLD TODAY

The UNITED NATIONS (UN)

- Headquarters in New York, US
- Offices in Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna
- 193 Member Countries / 196 Countries in the world

THE WHO WORLD

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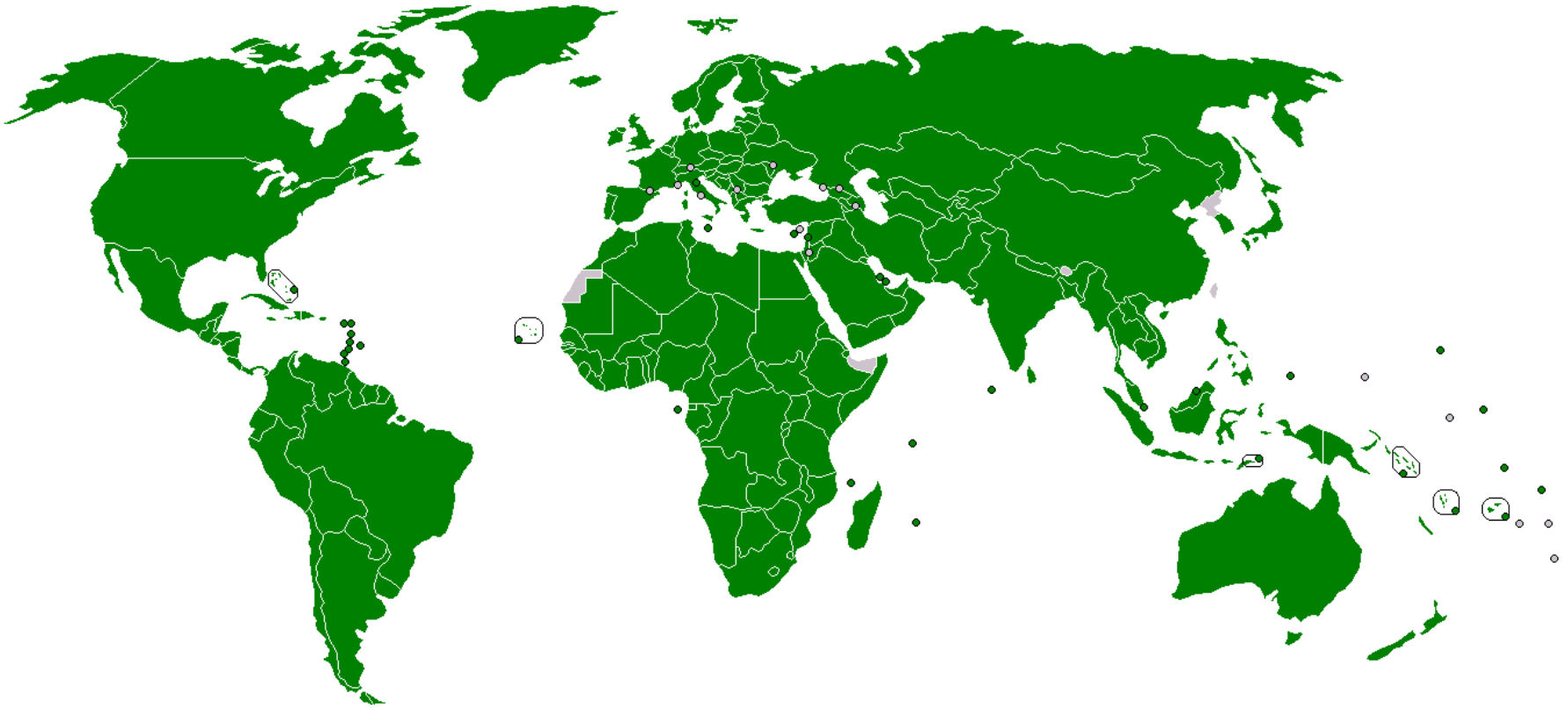
The World Health Organization (WHO)

- Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland
- 6 WHO regions
- 149 field offices in countries/territories/areas
- Countries without a WHO office: covered by nearby field offices or by the appropriate regional office

THE ILO WORLD

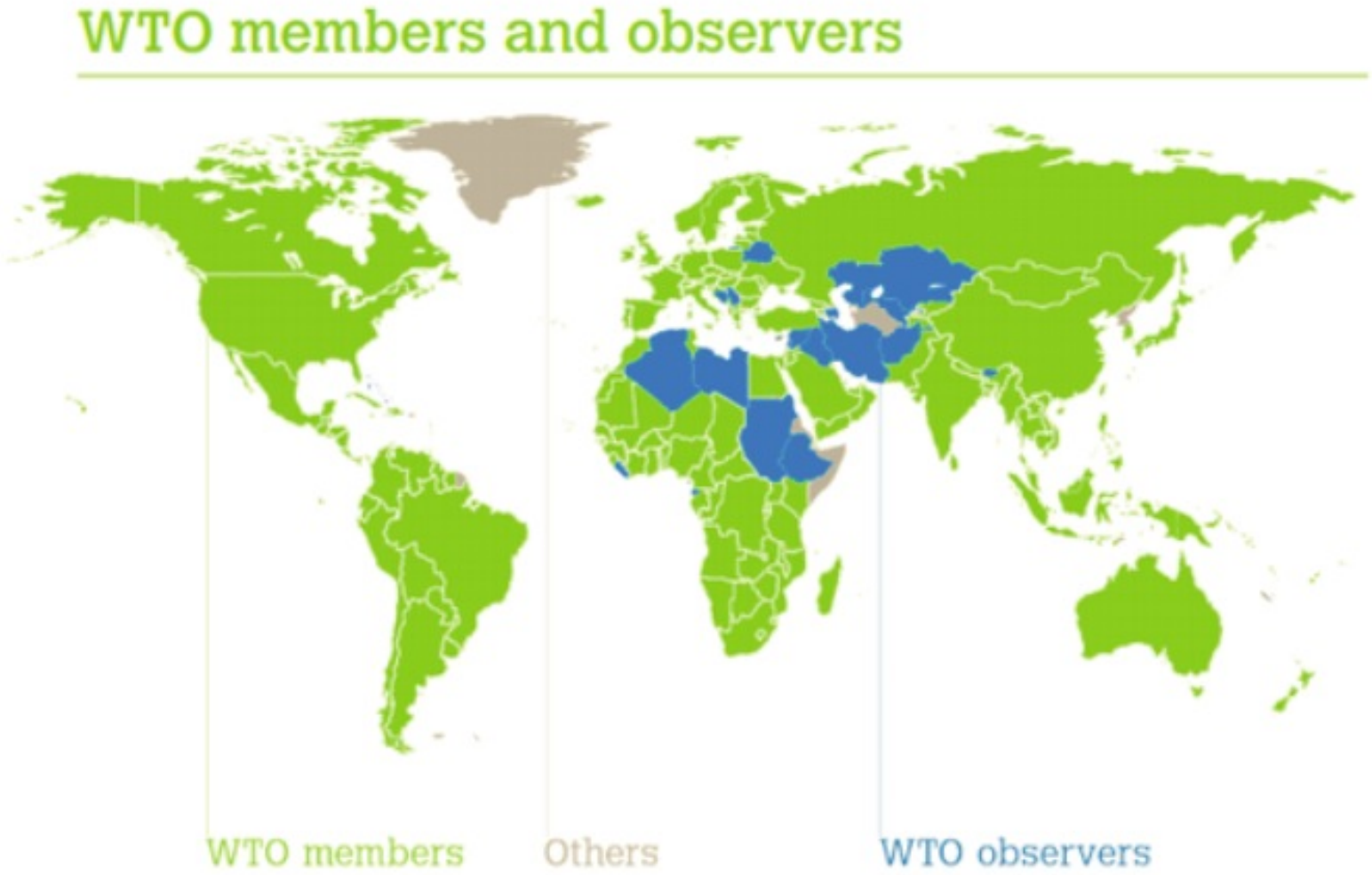


THE ILO WORLD

The INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO)

- Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland
- 187 Member Countries / 196 Countries in the world
- Divided into 5 regions: Africa, Americas, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Central Asia

THE WTO WORLD



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THE WTO WORLD

The WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)

- Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland
- 164 Member Countries / 196 Countries in the world
- 23 Observers

THE OECD WORLD

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The ORGANIZAZION FOR ECONOMIC AND COOPERATION DEVELOPMENT(OECD)

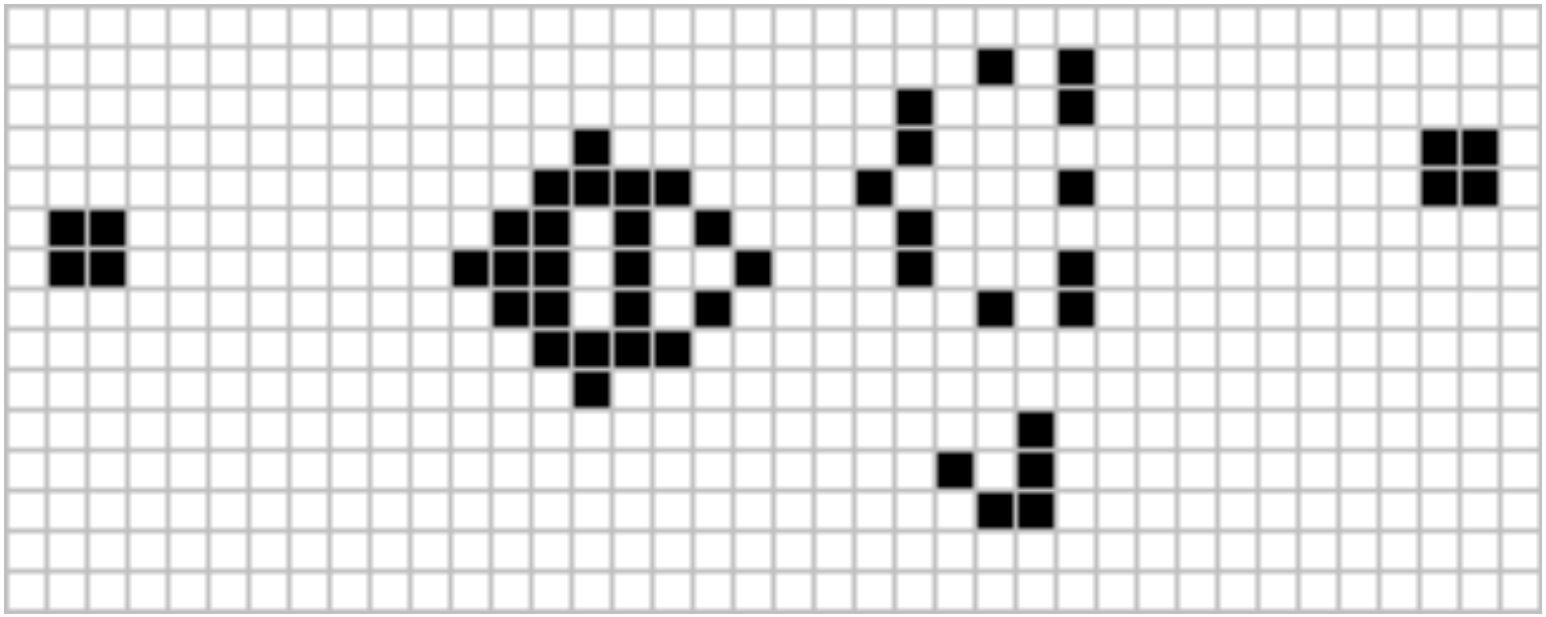
- Headquarters in Paris, France
- 36 Member Countries
- Global Relations reach non-Members
- Key partners: Brazil, India, Indonesia, China and South Africa
- Regional Initiatives: Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia; Asia; Latin America; the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

THE EMERGING GLOBAL PLAYER SCENARIO (EGPS)

Is shaped as
Conway's Game of Life
(Dennett, 2004)

- With **few GP interconnected**
- By a relatively **small amount of links (L)**
- Where each GP is free to **empower** and **evolve** some links and **weakening** others
- But is predetermined in the whole amount of **potential link (P)**
- **Where L=(f)P**

CONWAY'S GAME OF LIFE



THE EGPS AS A COMPLEX SYSTEM

The Emerging Global Player Scenario-EGPS

AS A UNITAS MULTIPLEX OF

- Global cosmopolitanism
- Science intensive, knowledge-based policy modeling, and procedural decision making
- Entrepreneurial self-constructing, wide horizon spirit
- Social autonomy structuration to a systemic global level

THE EGPS

The GLOBAL PLAYERS (1) are

- The **NAFTA** GP
- The **BRICS** GP
- The **TURKISH AREA** GP
- The **EU** GP
- The **UNITED AFRICAN MARKET** GP
- The **CHINESE – JAPANESE AREA** GP

THE EGPS

GLOBAL PLAYERS (2)

- They are «**LEGO**» shaped
- In a very **interconnected way**
- **BRICS** and **MERCOSUR** are both **GPs**
- **Brazil** belongs to **both** of them

THE EGPS

GLOBAL PLAYERS (3)

In brief…

- Some areas remain outsiders

  (Bahamas, Singapore, Switzerland, for example)

- But are not autarchically closed

- They remain independent as they bridge the GPs

- Thus, they are **CONVERGENCE KNOTS**

THE PROCESS VISION ON GLOBAL CHANGE

- MACRO: The EGPS
- MESO: Each GP “scanned”
- MICRO: National states and their fragments
- PSYCHO-SOCIAL: Gemeinschaftliche

  Lebenswelt (Elias, De Swaan, Goudsblom)

IN THESE EGPS

The WCSA as

A THINK AND DO TANK (TDT)

FOR RESEARCH & POLICY

IN THE EGPS and on

THE KEY FEATURES of the TDT (1)

1. Interdisciplinary among the social, political, legal and economical sciences
2. Policy determines politics

(Lowi, *Arenas of power*, 2009)

3. Policy is design-based research, not subjected to political selection
4. Mind Elias - De Swaan's Process from macro to psycho-social

THE KEY FEATURES of the TDT (2)

5. All four steps are required in a correct and viable systemic complex process design, but not all the four matter in the same way
7. Political decisions = (f) science based research design is viable
9. Turned upside down is rhetoric manipulation on masses (back to Canetti?)

THE ROAD AHEAD AND THE CAPITALS OF THE EGPS

STANDARDIZING RESEARCH DESIGN

FOR POLICY MODELLING

" research determines policy, policy determines politics"

THE EVOLVING TDT

However you shape our planet

it is UNITY

In complexity

a "UNITAS MULTIPLEX"

but the **multiplex** exists

functionally to the unitas

THE UNITAS CAN HAVE DIFFERENT SHAPES EVEN

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