



# The World in 2030 Shifting International Relations

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## When I was young...



- 2.5 billion people
- 1 billion middle class or richer
- 1.5 billion poor people
- The Cold War and the bipolar world
- First, Second and Third World
- Holland now 5 x as rich as in 1950

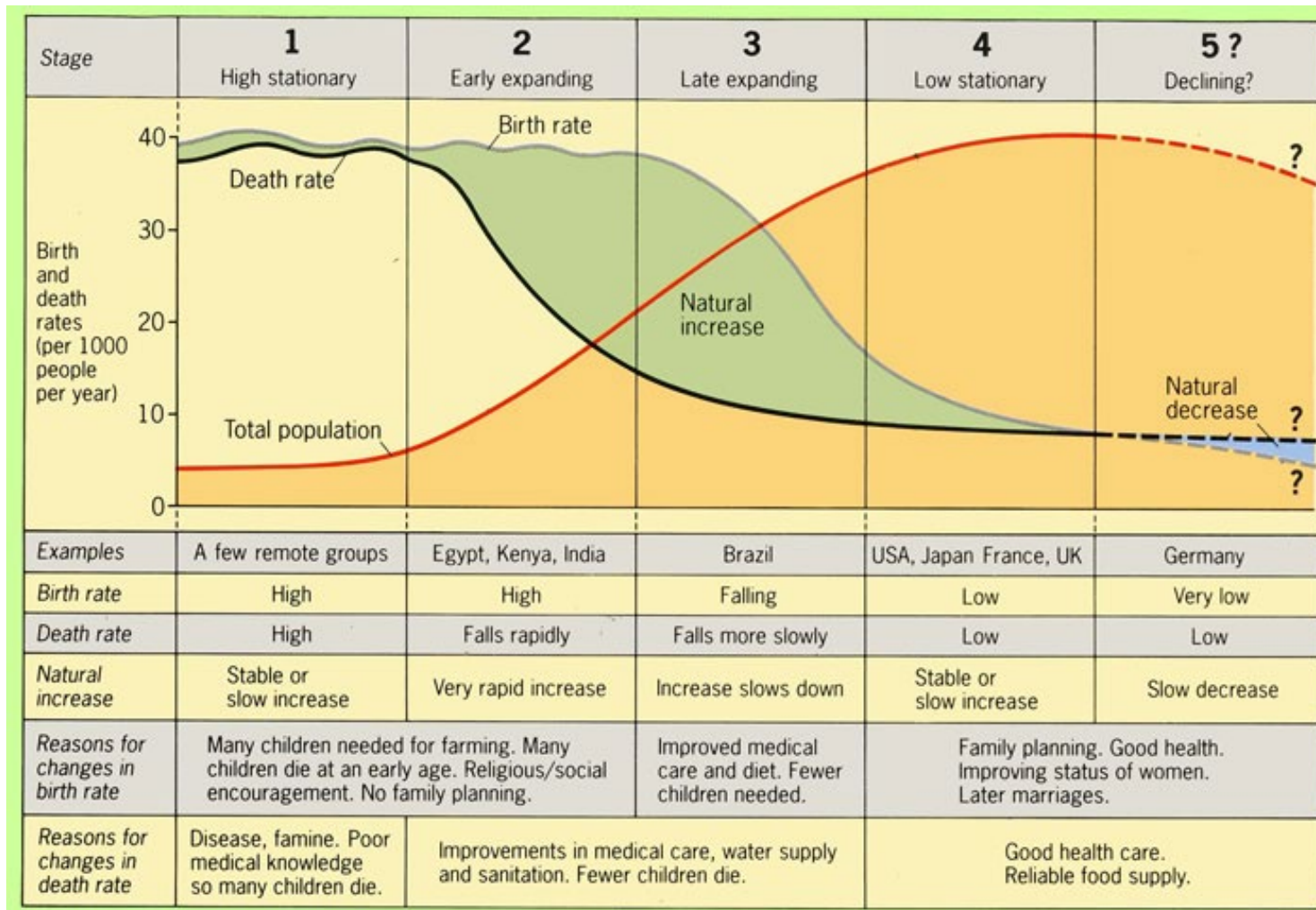
# The world in 2016

- More than 7 billion people
- From bipolar, through unipolar to multipolar or interpolar: several major powers, interdependent, in dynamic equilibrium
- Mankind is better off than ever before
- There are ever more people,  
    who live longer  
    and can spend and consume more

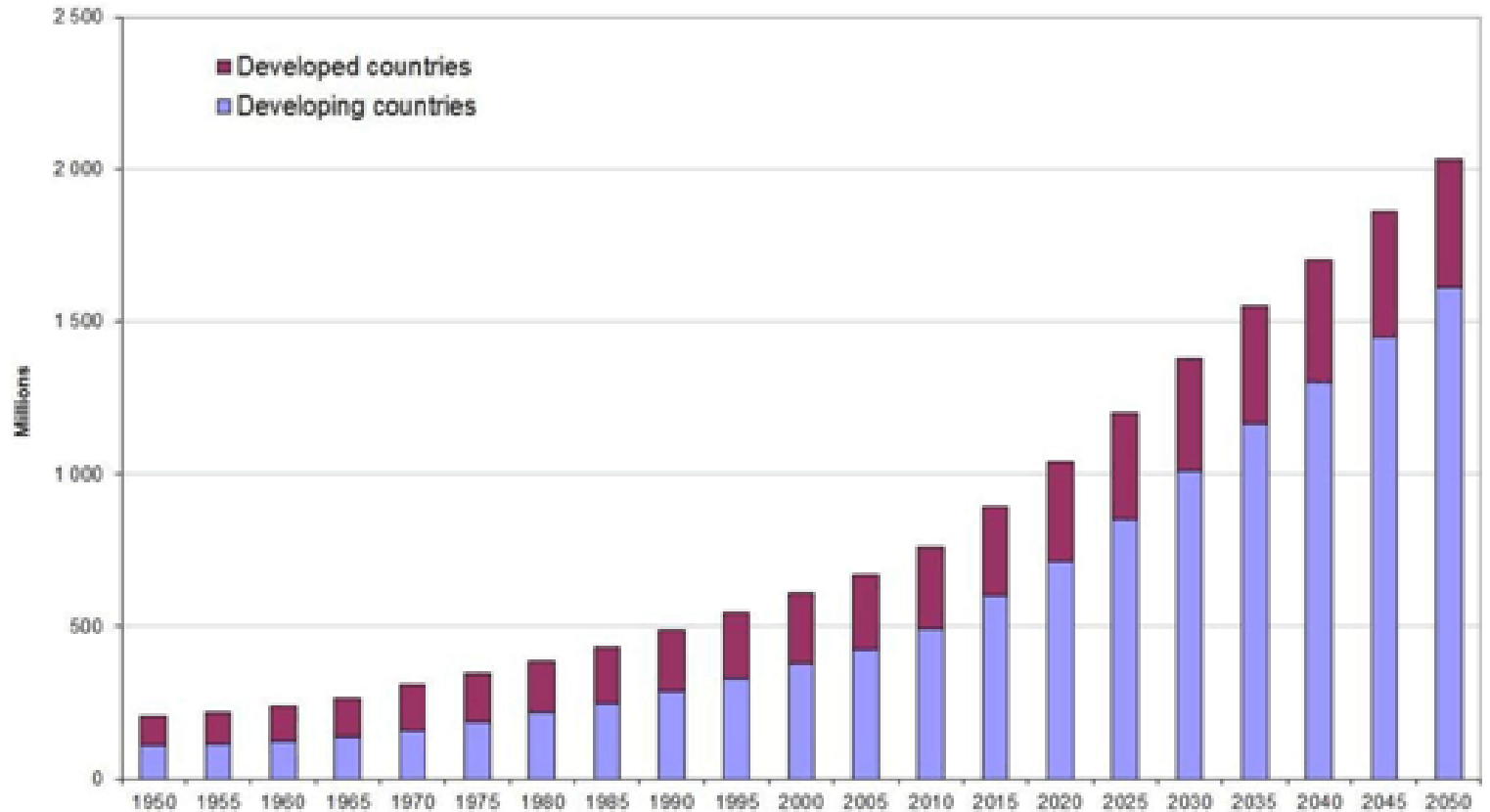
# New developments in the 21st Century

- Globalisation
- Multipolarity: several major powers
- Interdependency: interolarity
- Rise of non-statal actors
- Democratization, more middle class, mass media
- More peaceful than ever.... Although...
- The great convergence
- Growth of world population and wealth
- Plagues, scourges and challenges

# More people: the demographic transition

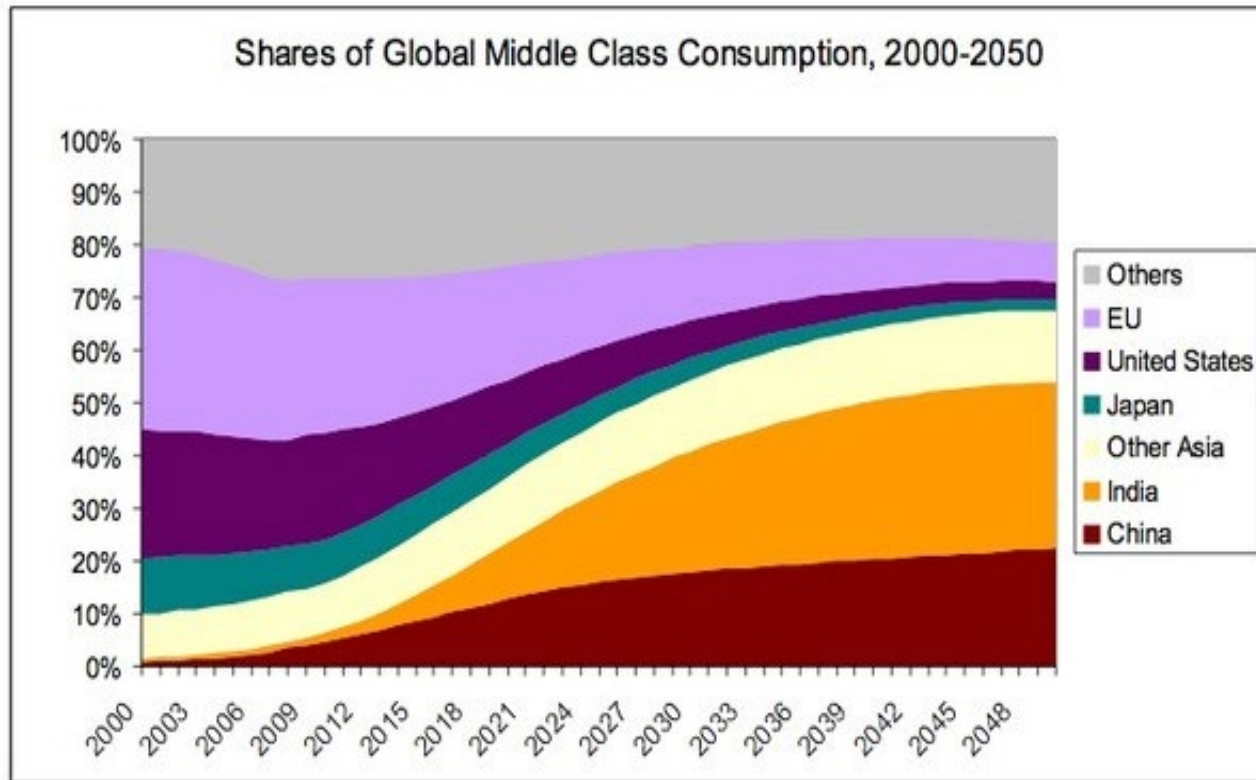


# Demography



# The Great Convergence\*

- Many more people in the middle class



And a better division of wealth between regions

- *Kishore Mahbubani, 2013*

# Challenges to humankind

- Students?