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## Introduction

- World/Asian Balance of Power:
  Transformed in 21st century
  - Globalization and Reform
- Projections
  - Index of Power (VIP<sup>2</sup>)
  - New Developments, Global Crisis
  - Old and New estimates
- Asia Peace or Conflict?
  - Build Inclusive Institutions

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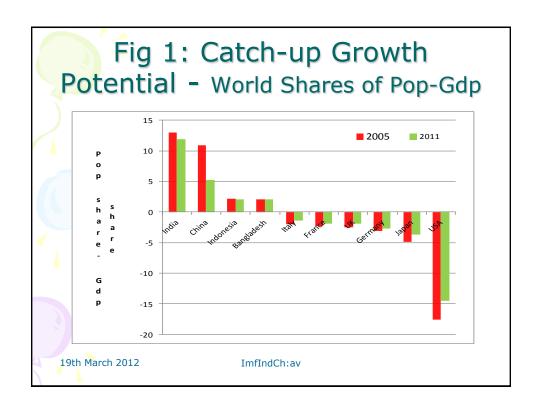
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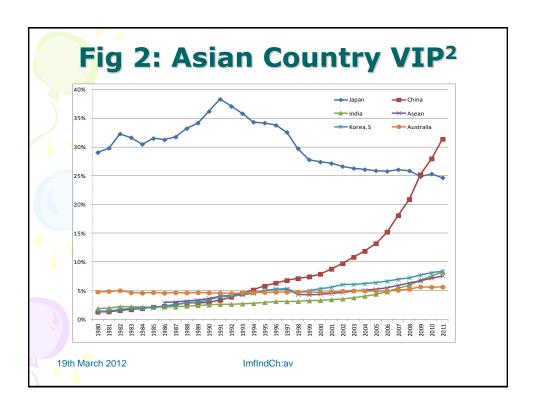
#### Indices of Power: VIP<sup>2</sup>, VIP

- Size of Economy (GdpPpp)
  - GDP = Population \* Per capita Gdp
  - Quantity Comparison: PPP
- Projections
  - Population/Demographics
  - Catch-Up growth
- Economic Power : Index(VIPP/VIP<sup>2</sup>)
- Overall Power: Index (VIP)
  - Strategic Technology and Assets

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#### Uni- Polar to Bi Polar

- US NIC (Dec 2004)
  - Based on Goldman Sachs October 2003
  - China's GDP(US\$) could be 2nd largest by 2020
  - India's GDP(US\$) could be 3rd largest by 2035
- Virmani(2004)
  - China, India rise will be faster than NIC(2004)
    - Demographic decline (Russia, Japan, Ger, Itly, Fra)
    - Kissinger(94): US,EU,Russia,Japan,China,India(?)
  - Bi Polar Transition
    - China: GDP at PPP equals USA by 2015
    - Power potential 70% of USA by 2035

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#### Bi Polar to Tri Polar

- Virmani (2005)
  - "the (current) uni-polar world will be transformed into a bipolar world during the first quarter of this century and into a tri-polar one (China, USA, India) during the second quarter of the century."
  - Rise of India:
    - Third largest economy 2015,
    - Real GDP=USA by 2040
    - Power potential 80% of US by 2050.
  - China's Power potential = US 2030-35
- Virmani (2006) (Academic Foundation)
  - Weakness and threats to China, India's growth
    - China: Export-Investment led growth [Gross->net; Ag->Fdi->Inf->Real Estate)
    - India: Governance/Public Goods e.g. Rule of Law (Police, legal system), Urban (planning land use, parking, public transport)

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## US NIC: November 2008

- "The eight largest economies in 2025 will be, in descending order: the US China, India, Japan.."
- "By 2025 China will have the world's second largest economy and will be a leading military power."
  - A global multi polar system is emerging with the rise of China, India, and others
  - The development of a globalized economy in which China and India play major roles

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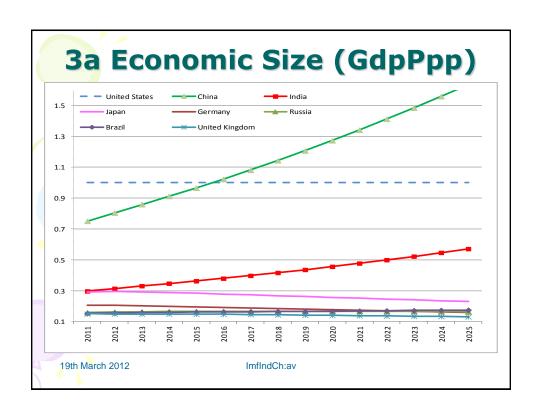
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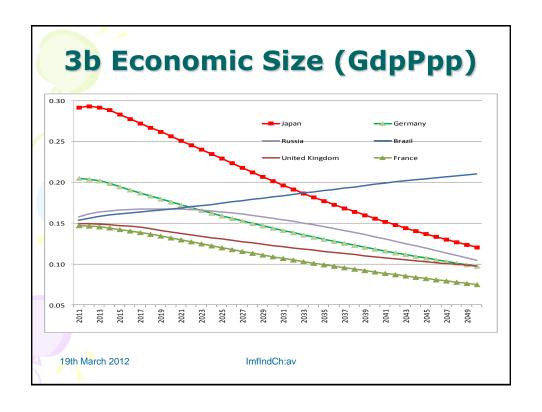
## New Developments: 2008-10

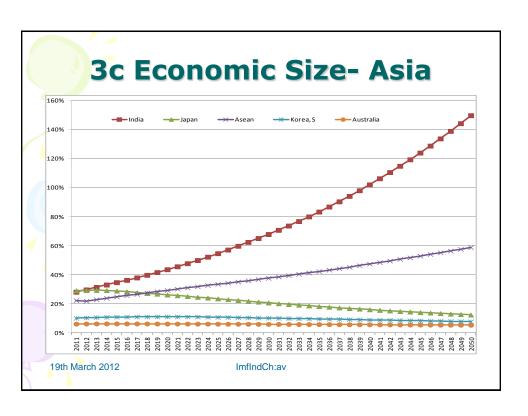
- Oil, Energy Price Boom
  - Russia's comeback, Brazil
- New PPP estimates from ADB-WB
  - India, China: -36%/40%
- US-EU FinancialCrisis
  - Differential Impact on economies
    - Domestic vs. Export oriented
    - Fiscally constrained vs. non-FC
- Forecasts (Ch,Ind) = Outcomes

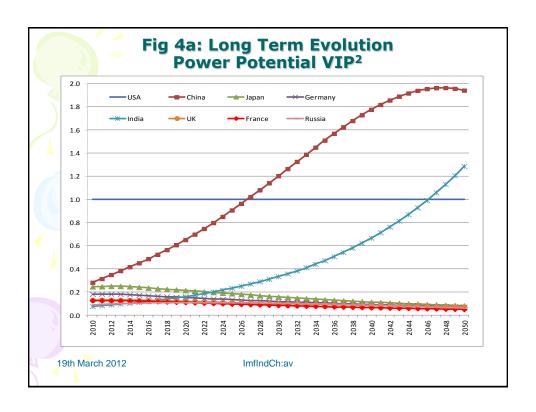
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## Global System: Long Term

Global Power: VIP<sup>2</sup> > 25%

- China 2010, India 2027 (Japan -09)

Super Power: VIP<sup>2</sup> = 50%

- China 2016-17

- India 2036-37

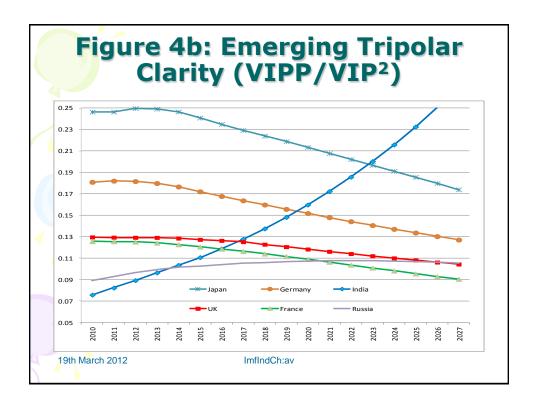
Uni-polar: US Sole super-power

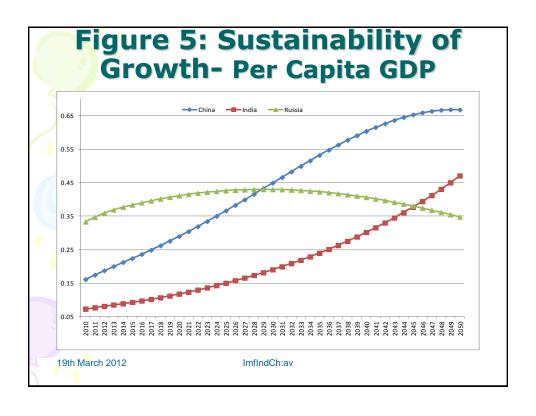
- Peak 1999 (1990-2010)

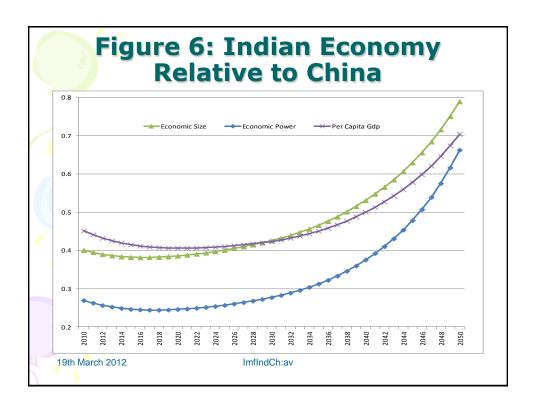
Bi-Polar: 2025, Tri polar: ~2040

ASEAN: Not a virtual state

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#### Changing Power Balance: Risks and Opportunities

- History
  - Heightened Risk of conflict, Attitude(s) of rising and declining power(s), corresponding institutional response
- Europe lessons
  - Pre-WW, Cold War: Attitude of Rising power(s) 'Might is Right,' => Balancing of Power => Exclusive institutions (Seato,Cento)
  - Post-War: Global Rules for Conflict Minimization / Resolution -> Inclusive Institutions (EEC, EU, IMF, WTO)

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## **Institutional Change**

- Exclusive Institutions
  - 'Tributary System' (Frieberg)
  - Balancing Coalitions
- Inclusive Reform: New Reality
  - Security Council
  - Asian Security Forum

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## **Inclusive Institutions**

- Equal Partnership (China, Japan, India, Asean, Others)
  - Asian Economic Community
    - Asian Energy community
  - Asian Monetary Arrangement
  - Asian Social Assembly: e.g. NGOs

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#### Conclusion

- Multi-polar World?
  - No, merely a Transition Phase
- West (US) vs. The Rest?
  - Unlikely! Diversity of Interests
- Will China Rule/Dominate the World?
  - Tri-polar(VIP<sup>2</sup>): USSR(27%), EE(37%)
  - Strategic Assets: US stock, Lags(Ec-Str)
  - Attitude/Approach of Power(s):
    - Will to Power (USA, Russia, China; India?)
    - Aggressive Action->Countervailing reaction

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