Long-term forecasts of alternative drivers of state failure

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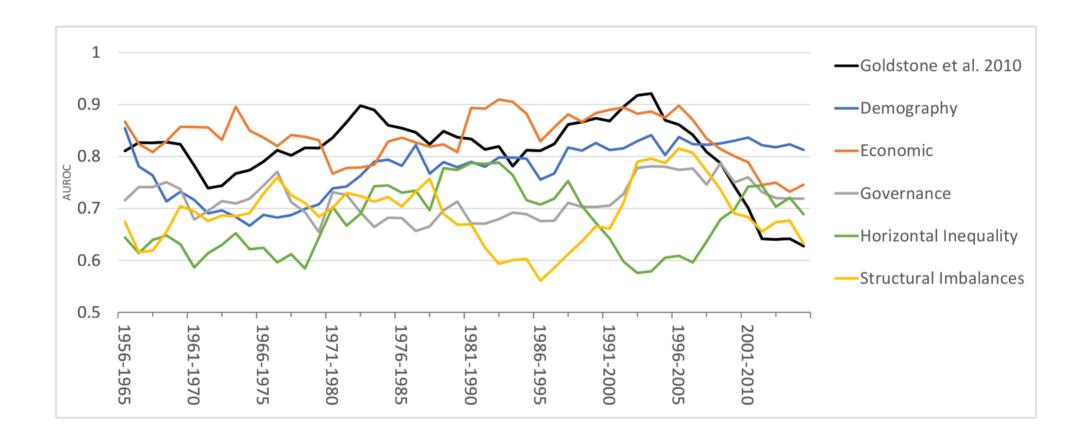
Roadmap

- Identifying alternative drivers to state failure
- The International Futures platform
- IFs forecasts for internal war
- IFs forecast for conceptually distinct models

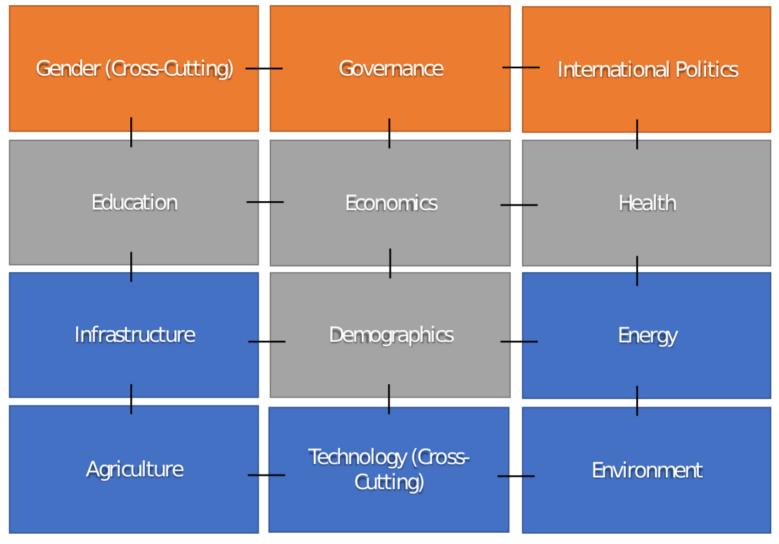
Goldstone et al. (2010) Model

Inputs (i.e. Drivers)		
Regime Type	 Full Autocracy Partial Democracy with Factionalism Partial Democracy w/o Factionalism Full Democracy 	
Infant Mortality	Logged and normalized to each year	
State-led Discrimination	 Binary Indicator 1 = coding of 4 on either indices of political or economic discrimination (Minorities at Risk Project) 	
Neighborhood Conflict	 Binary Indicator 1 = 4+ bordering states with major armed civil or ethnic conflict 	

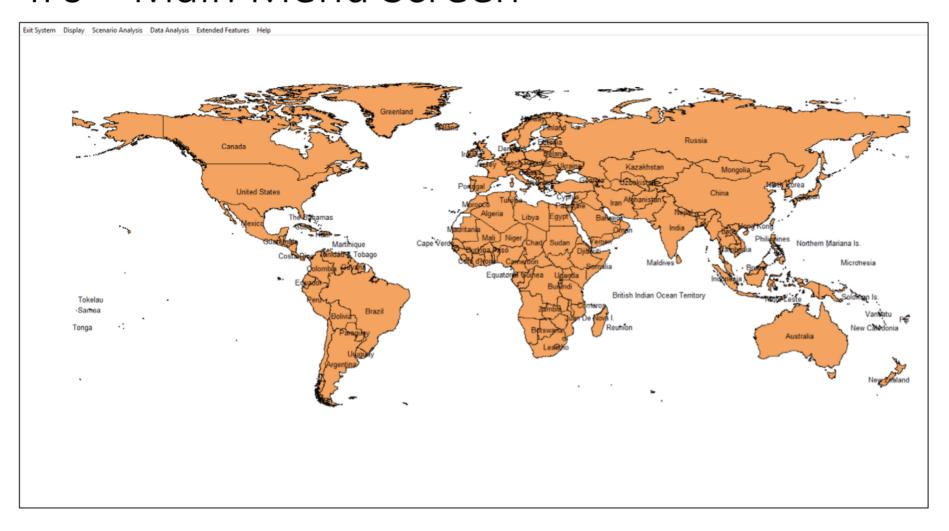
Goldstone Model Performance



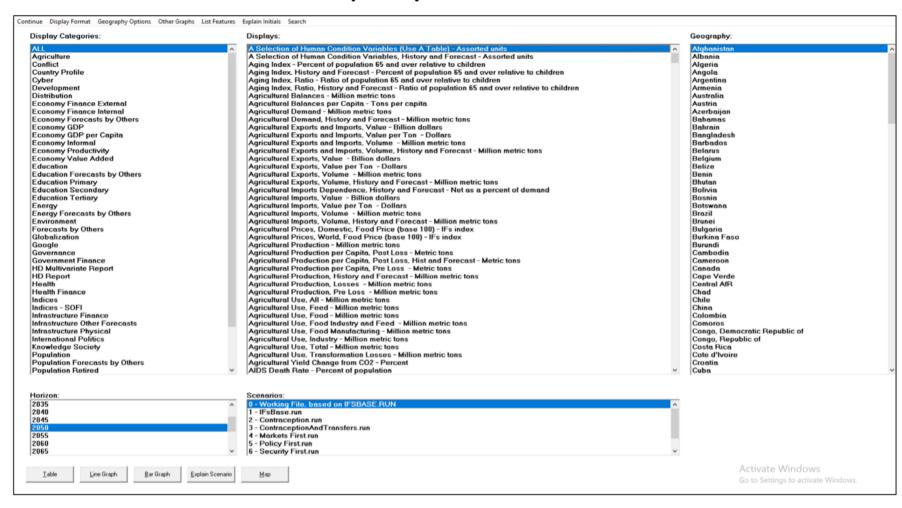
International Futures (IFs)



IFs – Main Menu Screen



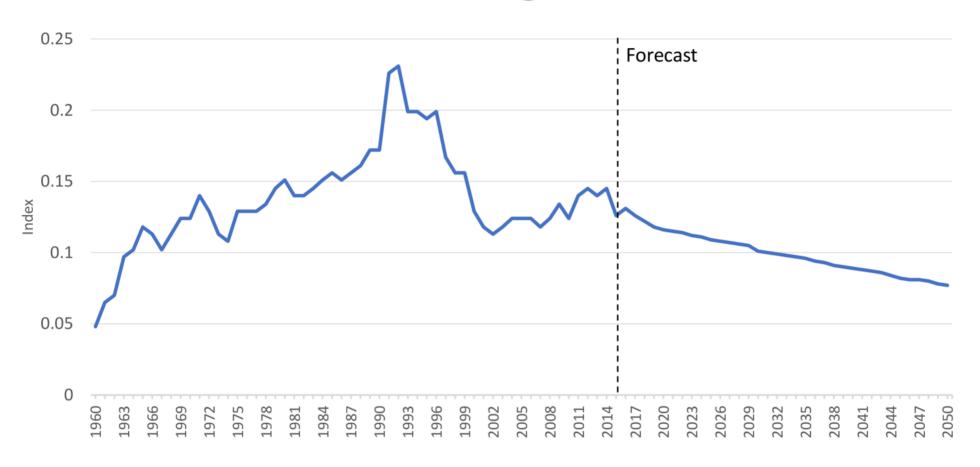
IFs – Flexible Display Screen



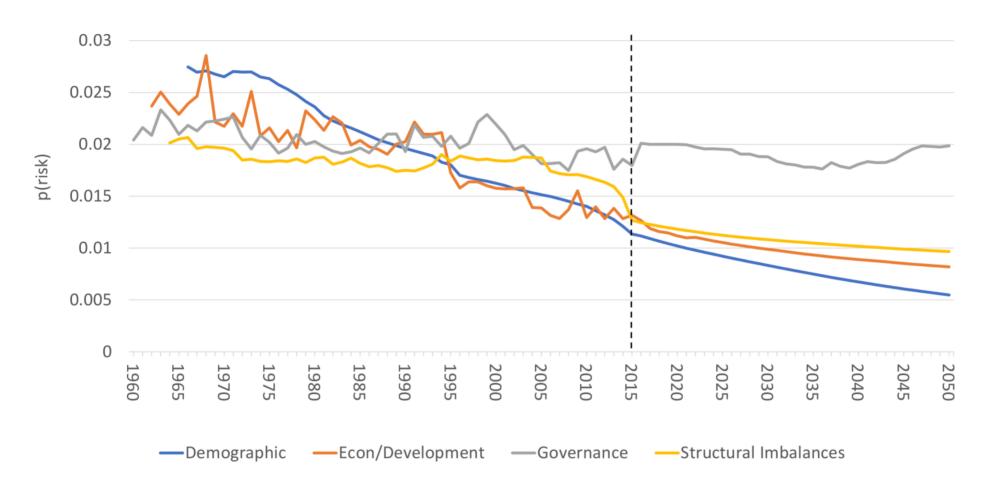
State Failure Models in IFs

Model	Inputs (i.e. drivers)
Internal War Magnitude	Regime type (polity 21-point scale)
(SFINTLWARMAG)	Trade Openness
	Gross Domestic Product
	Youth Bulge
Demographic (SFDEM)	Infant Mortality
	Population (logged)
	Youth Bulge Pop (15+)
Economic/ Development (SFECONDEV)	GDP/cap (logged)
	GDP/cap Growth
	Life Expectancy
Governance (SFGOV)	Polity broken into 6 categories:
	• Full Autocracy (< -8)
	 Partial Autocracy (-6 to -4) & Partial Autocracy (-5 to 0)
	 Partial Democracy (1 to 3) & Partial Democracy (4 to 6)
	Full Democracy (> 7)
Structural Imbalances (SFIMBAL)	Polity v. Gdppc
	Life Expectancy v. Gdppc
	Youth Bulge Population (15+) v. Polity

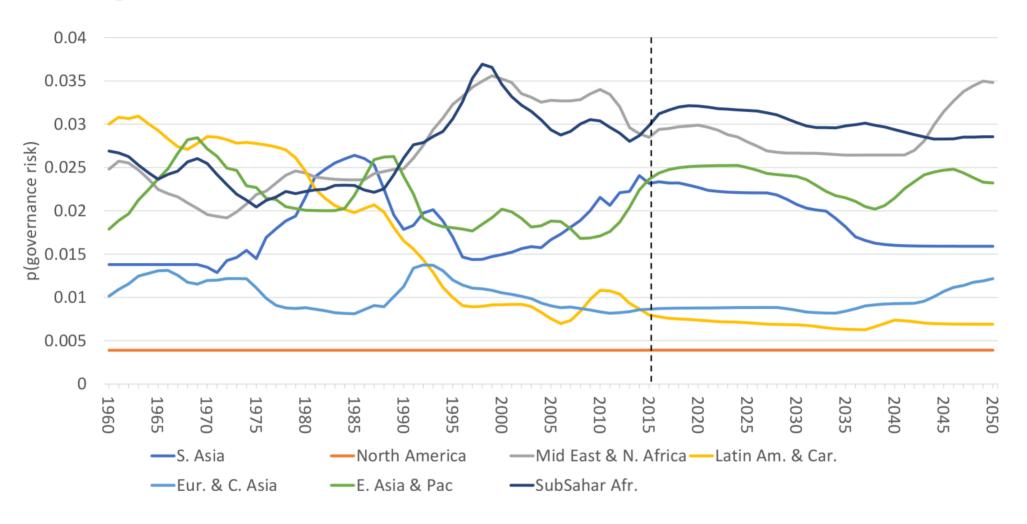
Global Internal War Magnitude Forecasts



Global Forecasts for Conceptually Distinct Models



Regional Forecasts for Governance Risk



Final Takeaways

- Risks of instability may be driven by the existence of multiple pathways to political instability
- The IFs forecasts expect the pressures associated with demography, economic and, development/economic are expected to lessen on the global scale over the long-term
- The long-term forecast in IFs expects states will need to move through the mixed regime space and may be more unstable than either autocratic or democratic governments