

### 1: An Uneasy Partnership Historical Marker

*The city's mayor and the state's attorney general smiled sweetly as the TV cameras zoomed in. There was lots of talk about "partners" and "partnerships," with the mayor declaring the AG "is in the.*

We had just completed a fantastic day of ski-touring over The Arpelistock, enjoying fresh, deep powder on the descents. We arrived at the hut by early afternoon and played a game of cards in the warmth of the final rays of sun. My thoughts drifted to a university assignment I had postponed to come skiing. I voiced my fears: In its 4th assessment report, published in , it produced updated predictions for climate change impacts under business-as-usual scenarios: Forget polar bears, the species whose future we should be fighting for hardest is our own. Es Tresidder and for Africa: Agricultural production, including access to food, in many African countries is projected to be severely compromised. This would further adversely affect food security and exacerbate malnutrition. Every climber recognises the paralysing effect of fear; your shaking legs threaten to wobble the toe of your boots off the small edges, your sweaty hands threaten to grease off the rounded holds, your field of vision narrows to just a few degrees and you miss protection opportunities to the side. When you climb in this state success only comes if you are either way below your physical limit, or with a healthy dose of luck. Instead, the ideal state is one of calm, rational detachment, weighing up the dangers and difficulties ahead, mitigating them with available protection, retreating safely if continuing looks too dangerous, and occasionally, realising you have pushed too far and have no choice but to swallow your fear and push onwards and upwards to safety. Standing beneath the north face of climate change is a sobering and frightening experience. It becomes more frightening when you realise that we are no longer standing at the bottom of the face, we are some way up it, climbing upwards into the heart of the face and wondering if we have the skills to escape before the storm clouds on the horizon roll in. Frightening as it may be, as in climbing, if we are to successfully tackle the difficulties ahead, then neither fear nor denial will play a useful part in the process. One of the first people I interviewed was Patagonia founder and legendary climber Yvon Chouinard, who summed this up nicely: Either way nothing gets done. However, it is the one that bears most responsibility for climate change caused by human activity. Greenhouse gas emissions come from every corner of our economy. So why might it seem in this article that I keep banging on about flying? Of all the things we do in climbing, travelling by plane has by far the biggest impact. To see a comparison chart of carbon emissions during travel to Chamonix by car, train and plane - see this UKC News Item. In addition, there is a philosophical element to my thinking. We know how we could dramatically reduce emissions from road and rail transport through electrification; we know how we could reduce personal car use through improved public transport; there are coherent ideas of how we could move to a form of agriculture involving much lower greenhouse gas emissions; we know a lot about improving the efficiency of our buildings and providing renewable energy. What we lack is a coherent view of how we might substantially reduce the impact of flying – planes are already close to as efficient as they are going to get because the incentive to minimise fuel costs is already a strong one. The only idea on the table that holds water is to dramatically reduce the amount we fly. The present Four years ago I went to climb the north face of the Eiger. The year before I had been on two overseas trips – one to Kyrgyzstan and one to Lofoten, and had begun to feel uneasy with how wedded my adventures were to high emissions of greenhouse gases. I decided that from then on I would travel within Europe without flying. Other mountaineers out there were coming to similar conclusions. I started looking at what the environmental organisations had to say about climate change and tried to verify the facts by looking at scientific journals and information published by the IPCC. She recently rode over miles to link speaking engagements in seven east-coast states in nine days! After four years of climbing exclusively in Europe, I wanted to go further afield, and a trip to Greenland was too tempting to resist. I decided I would try and extend my no-flying experiment to expeditions outside of Europe. Top of the list were a return to Kyrgyzstan but going overland by train, and a return to Greenland by sailing boat. This resolution was quickly met by the twin problems of not finding a partner who was interested in spending a week on a train to central Asia, and instead receiving a very interesting offer of a trip to Patagonia, somewhere that was much harder to get to without

flying. Global oil demand continues to rise, and thus far oil production has been able to more or less match the increasing demand. Because oil is a finite resource, there will at some point be a peak or plateau in oil production, a point at which we are unable to extract as much one year as we did the previous year. From that point forward demand for oil will far exceed supply, meaning the price will shoot up. There is much disagreement about when this peak is likely to happen and many people believe it will be much sooner than years. Indeed, Fatih Birol - chief economist of the International Energy Agency IEA - conceded in a recent interview that global supplies of conventional oil could plateau as soon as and some believe it will be even sooner than this. Peak oil will kick in and petroleum products and travel will get very very expensive We will all do more climbing and skiing closer to home. Because of the uncertainty of when an oil peak will occur, and because there will still be considerable emissions from oil and other fossil fuels even after a peak in oil production, relying on this as a mechanism to bring about such a dramatic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is a very risky business. Instead many people pin their hopes on some form of global agreement to bring about a controlled decline in carbon emissions. Such an agreement might be in the form of a cap-and-trade scheme, a carbon tax, or an at-source rationing scheme. Such a scheme would no doubt make air travel much more expensive, and eventually all but the most essential journeys would be out of the question. Transcontinental climbing trips will become a rare experience that very few will be able to afford. Es Tresidder Why change now? If we are about to have these dramatic changes forced upon us in the near future, either through the impact of oil production peaking, or through self imposed global restraint, then why should we bother changing what we do on an individual level right now? This question stems from a feeling that whatever we do as individuals is too small to make a difference to a problem that is endemic in every corner of the modern world. You could counter such an assertion by saying that since the problem is caused by the sum of billions of individual actions, it can be solved by persuading billions of people to change their lifestyles, but such an argument is flawed on many levels. So if the changes we can enact as individuals, while important are ultimately insufficient, why change now? The first reason is one of conscience. Yvon Chouinard makes an extreme analogy: You have to do something. What about when I realise the disappearance of alpine glaciers is going to mean a lot more than it ever can to me to the millions of people living in the lands surrounding the mountains who depend on them for a reliable water supply? What about when I realise that water is essential to all the food produced in the foothills, and the further millions of people this supports? What about when I realise that climate change is going to mean a lot more than just the loss of mountain glaciers? The second reason is one of credibility. If, as a society, we are going to call for the sorts of solutions necessary to tackle climate change, and if we are going to ask other countries to follow suit, our voices will be much more persuasive if we are already making some of those changes in our own lives. As many of us do, Steve felt overawed by the enormity of the problems we faced, but realised that he had the opportunity to make a real difference because he ran his own business: So I set out to make the business sustainable. None of this will be easy but I believe that the current crisis calls for ambitious targets. If we can achieve these ambitious goals then it will give a clear message to everyone who interacts with us, from customers and neighbours to all the other businesses that we deal with, that this is something they can all do. It would demonstrate how frighteningly un-ambitious current government target are. While initially nervous about his ideas for The Castle, Steve was amazed and heartened by the reaction of his staff: The reaction was amazing. It was like a cry of joy went up. Everyone was very excited and immediately got stuck in to working out what we needed to do and how to do it It really gives me hope for the future and confidence that we can achieve our ambitious goals. The only plastic I have is base. I feel no need for decorative sidewall or topsheet. I am also using recycled wood as a core material In the future I would like to find a natural-based alternative for the wood glue to laminate the core and the varnish I use to protect the finish of the ski. A more distant change would be to use recycled plastic as a base material, but I think this some time away. As for designs, fads and fashions come and go. But the same technology can within reason be used for any length, shape or flex of ski or snowboard. I love working out how to make the success of that plan as likely as possible. I love the moment when you actually start the adventure that you have spent so long dreaming about. The list is virtually endless. 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### 2: An Uneasy Partnership Chapter 1, a transformers/beast wars fanfic | FanFiction

*Cosmetics testing has created an issue for consumers: the potential cruelty to lab animals of tests meant to ensure product safety.*

The first story in my series. What happened next? I may do a sequel to this as it would be cool to take it further. Alexis was conscious of glass and grit in her bare feet, but she kept going. Sari ran with a limp, blood streaming from the cut on her leg. Both were bruised and dirty from their encounter with Megatron. What a total, fucking, evil bastard, Alexis thought as she ran. Starscream had shown obvious delight at her shock when he had given them a five minute head start. She had really thought for a moment he was going to spare her, and it must have shown on her face. Fear and anger made her heart pound. Her throat hurt and she was exhausted already from running. They ran past the mall. Sari veered off and ran to the doors. She tugged, but of course they were locked. Both girls paused for breath in the doorway. Dozens of panicked people were running past them, some were shouting and crying into phones. Sari looked at Alexis. They clasped hands tightly and carried on. They merged with the other people fleeing down towards Cathedral Square. Alexis wondered whether they could just stick in the middle of lots of people and hide that way, and whether Starscream and the other robot would just kill the whole lot of them. She was certain she knew the answer to that one. Her leg was soaked in blood and she was very pale. A few yards down the road she stumbled with a gasp. Alexis fell to her knees beside her friend and cupped her face. Summoning her strength, Alexis pulled Sari across the road to an abandoned black hackney cab. The keys had been left in the ignition by the terrified driver. She set her down on the floor leaning against the wheel. She bit her lip and tried to get up. It was empty now, the bars and pubs had disgorged their terror-stricken inhabitants. Debris littered the road and pavements. To his right, there were crashes and more screams. Megatron making short work of the city, by the sound of it. Away in front of him, he saw a square, and over the rooftops, spires stretching into the night sky. Then the wind carried a whisper to his audio receivers. His gaze settled on the black car ahead. Already the blood was starting to seep through, but it was better than before. Alexis slowly rose to her feet and found herself staring Starscream straight in the optics, a sneer curling his mouth. He was about one hundred yards away. Alexis dropped back down. We need to run! The cab shook more and more violently with each step, and Starscream stopped beside it. Then she let out a piercing scream as the roof of the cab buckled, smashing all the windows. Starscream was slowly crushing them under his foot. As the ceiling of the cab groaned and dropped closer, she pressed herself flat, the gearstick digging into her back. Almost there! if I just wiggle like this and then like this! "The music was not pleasing to my audio receptors," the decepticon agreed. Her fingers found the keys to the cab and turned. Starscream yelled in surprise, and as he lost his balance and crashed back into the buildings behind them, toppling them like cereal boxes, the cab mounted the pavement and smashed straight through a shop window. Alexis forged far into the shop, until the cab crumpled into the far wall, covered in glass and clothes. The shop led into the shopping centre. They clambered over the wreckage and ended up in the vast space of the city mall. Her heart was racing and she laughed out loud. After a second Sari joined her and they laughed until they cried, bent double. They had thwarted Starscream, and made him look stupid on top of that. They ran further into the gloom of the empty mall. Sari collapsed into one and Alexis rummaged behind the counter. Alexis had been frowning in thought. Raising her head, Sari saw the huge glass windows in the roof. Alexis hefted a chair at the glass doors and they smashed. After a few seconds, they both cautiously ventured out into the chilly night air. The clock on the city guildhall said 2. And away to the left, across the expanse of the square, was the stone archway to the cathedral. There are cellars and catacombs underneath. Dad and I went on a tour of them last year. I think that cathedral is the safest place to be in the whole city. As they walked they heard sounds of the city descending further into chaos, crashes, shrieks! a boom that shook the ground even where they were. Not that Alexis was complaining. Just then there was a commotion behind them. The two girls turned to see forty or fifty people running into the square. Not good! Nearly there! keep walking! As they neared the archway, Alexis turned her head to the left. There was the street where Starscream had cornered them. She could see the smashed shop-front where she had rammed the

cab. Opposite was the huge hole where he had fallen. Just then the rabble of people drew level with them, and kept running, towards the archway. The cathedral reared above them across the grass, lit from beneath. The front was made up of 3 enormous gothic arches. Several people seemed to have had the same idea as Alexis, and ran flat out across the grass towards the shadows of the mighty building. Just then there was a deafening scream of jet engines, and Starscream shot over their heads in plane mode, close enough to whip up their hair. People fell to the floor on their faces. As the girls watched, he whirled in a huge arc, round the cathedral and out of sight. Starscream plummeted down and transformed, smashing up grass and clods of earth as he landed. He straightened up, and stopped. This building was unlike anything he had seen. It towered over even him, splendid and unshakeable. His attention returned to the humans, who were huddled at the base of the building, trying in vain to get inside. Just then a clicking and whirring sound made them all freeze. They turned to see the Decepticon pointing his weapons at them. As one everybody shrank back. Then Alexis emerged from the huddle. Everyone gasped as Starscream snatched her up. He turned and set off across the grass away from the others. When he stopped, he raised her to optic level and looked at her for a long time. The wind rippled across the grass. Still the jet said nothing.

### 3: An Uneasy Partnership Chapter 9, a transformers/beast wars fanfic | FanFiction

*From the marker: An Uneasy Partnership. At the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House, Grant would not only struggle against Lee's army, but also against the conservative, sometimes timid, methods of the Union Army of the Potomac.*

Pdf German-Russian relations might be thawing this spring, but there was a still chill in the air in Sochi on Tuesday. Reuters The smiles were tense and so was the meeting, but at least it was taking place. In the run-up to the meeting, Ms. Russian-German relations continue to be tense, with strong disagreements over the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Syria. The two leaders have held frequent telephone conversations about the Minsk Protocol, the agreement signed in which is meant to be the centerpiece of the now-stalled Ukrainian peace process. The German government hopes a personal meeting might have more impact. The German government is not alone in seeking to warm up relations: Merkel is the latest in a series of European politicians making the journey to Russia. Sharp differences of opinion on Ukraine could not be disguised. For both Berlin and Moscow, the highest priority is the end of active fighting in eastern Ukraine and the separation of the warring parties. Putin came no closer to a breakthrough on these tricky issues. The Minsk Protocol "the peace deal for eastern Ukraine" was invoked almost obsessively, perhaps for want of any other ideas. Putin did confirm that peace talks would continue under the auspices of the Normandy Group, which comprises Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany. At the end of their talks, Ms. Putin emphasized that a stable ceasefire was the prerequisite of any other progress. However, no new proposals were made as to how to bring this about. There are already existing detailed agreements on withdrawing weapons from the front lines, but these have yet to be implemented. Dialogue between Russia and Germany must be kept in place, said Ms. The story was unfounded, but gave rise to widespread anger among the Russian community in Germany, and even diplomatic inquiries. In the press conference following the meeting, the German chancellor said she had raised concerns with Mr. In the run-up to the meeting, German business groups said they hoped it could trigger a new start in Russian-German relations. In , a survey carried out for the German Bilateral Chamber of Commerce in Russia suggested almost 50 percent of executives feared that Russia might permanently turn away from Europe and toward China. However, since then, German-Russian trade has sharply increased: Putin, saying that hundreds of thousands of jobs in both countries depended on it. The two leaders were at pains to prevent further erosion of relation between Berlin and Moscow. But few specific measures were mentioned. Putin may have had his mind on other things, and other countries: To reach the author: We hope you enjoyed this article Make sure to sign up for our free newsletters too!

### 4: Realism and Arab Nationalism: An Uneasy Partnership - Inquiries Journal

*The relationship between realism and nationalism is not clearly articulated in international relations literature. On one hand, realism and nationalism are viewed as contradictory forces, standing against one another as reason to emotion, reality to identity. On the other, nationalism and power.*

International Relations Middle East Arab Nationalism Realism Nationalism Pan-Arabism The relationship between realism and nationalism is not clearly articulated in international relations literature. On one hand, realism and nationalism are viewed as contradictory forces, standing against one another as reason to emotion, reality to identity. On the other, nationalism and power politics are inherently intertwined; nationalism often significantly promotes the escalation of war, thus affecting the balance of power. In the context of the modern Middle East, the relationship between realism and nationalism is obfuscated even further as Arab nationalism, a neither particularistic nor singular strain of nationalism, framed through multiple identity discourses and transformations in the state system across time and space Kramer ; Woods This essay examines the extent to which the history and role of Arab nationalism in the Middle East supports or contradicts a realist account of the region. Imprecise definitions and delineations of Arab nationalism make research on the topic more difficult Mabry , For these reasons, studies on Arab nationalism often rely on interpretations of the concept by different Arab nationalist leaders As with all nationalisms, there are several strains of Arab nationalism based on different guiding principles Kramer ; Bitar , According to Albert Hourani, among the three forms of nationalism—religious nationalism, geographic nationalism, linguistic nationalism—the latter is most applicable to the Middle East context qtd. For better or worse, this became the dominant political idea in the Middle East and superseded or absorbed the others; thus in the Arabic-speaking countries the assertion that all who speak Arabic formed a nation and should constitute one State or group of States proved to be the strongest political force, even if it had not yet embodied itself in a political form qtd. To Al-Husri, the concept of race was not only an inaccurate means of describing Arab peoples, but would very well undermine Arab nationalism itself Kramer ; Woods Other Arab nationalists considered the notion of a nationalism based on racial roots to be an imperialist mechanism for division Kramer ; Woods To make sense of the relationship between realism and Arab nationalism, it is necessary to explore the background to which Arab nationalism emerges in the Middle East and then examine the ways in which it is incorporated into political thought across the region. This brief historical analysis sets the context for examining whether Arab nationalism can be rationalised accordingly to assumptions of realist theory, as set out by Kenneth Waltz, Hans Morgenthau and E. Carr, among others realist theorists. This paper will conclude by arguing that while realism cannot account for the ideological tenets of Arab nationalism, it is an adequate framework for explaining the political reality of Arab nationalist thought. Roots of Arab Nationalism The intellectual roots of Arab nationalism can be traced back to the Arabic speaking populations of a weakening Ottoman Empire Shlaim ; Grafton , Traditional wisdom on the formulation of national identity in the Middle East by historian George Antonius points to language as the foundational concept of Arab nationalism Shlaim Antonius distinguishes the linguistic revival as a response to Turkification; after the Young Turk Revolution, the call to return of Standard Arabic to education and administration grew in popularity and intensity among Arab nationalist thinkers Grafton , 91; Suleiman , The promotion of the standardisation of the Arabic language across provinces of the Ottoman Empire took the form of a number of cultural societies, which aimed to popularise the use of Arabic among Arab schools and society. The most active of these societies, Al-Nahda, went to great measures to formulate a number of policy statements in its constitution dedicated to the active promotion of the Arabic language, some of which included replacing Turkish numbers in backgammon with Arabic numbers and refusing to give alms unless beggars asked for in Arabic Suleiman , 9. The promotion of Standard Arabic did not remain exclusive to small groups of cultural intellectual societies. In , a group of Syrian and Lebanese Arab nationalist activists joined Ottoman authorities in an organised conference in Paris to demand Turkish be replaced with Arabic in schools Grafton , The decision to instill Arabic in the educational system can indeed be considered a political one: It is important to note that the for many Arab

nationalist thinkers, Arabic was not the primary language. His linguistic transition to Standard Arabic followed the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, when many faced the dilemma of identity: To Al-Husri, the interaction between common language and common history formed the main tenets of Arab nationalism. The interdependence between the elevation of nationalism via Arabic and Islam as the dominant religion of the region is important for a discussion of Arab nationalism. Construction of this brand of social nationalism is based not only on language but also on a set of normative values to accommodate the multifaceted cultural nature of the Middle East. Even Christian Arabs arguably recognised the significance of Islam in the place of secular Arab nationalist ideology Choueiri . Thus, Islam, like the Arabic language, was seen as a unifying feature of Arab nationalism. Indeed, among Arab nationalist thinkers, the cultural history of Islam was, like Standard Arabic, emphasised as a means of incorporating different forms of identities and accommodating different social groups in the Middle East.

**Realism and Nationalist Ideology**

Does nationalist ideology have a place in realism? In many ways, an understanding of whether Arab nationalism can support a realist account of the region needs to first examine the basic elements which make up each theory. According to Waltz, power is able to provide states with four necessary elements of survival in the international system: First, greater power permits wider ranges of action, while leaving the outcomes of action uncertain. Second, the more powerful enjoy wider margins of safety in dealing with the less powerful and have more to say about which games will be played. Third, greater power gives its possessors a big stake in their system and the ability to act for its sake. An emphasis on power is supplanted by Waltz with a means of measuring it. Natural resources, strong economy, powerful military, and stable political institutions are among the elements Waltz recognises; ideology of any form is explicitly excluded. Machiavelli, in his general description of realism, determines power a more important determinant of political events than ideology. The realist tendency to focus on state power limits the role of national ideology and identity as means of altering the balance of power. Likewise, and perhaps most telling, E. Carr. Considering that the state is the most dominant unit of analysis in realism, the state would also be the main unit of analysis in a realist account of nationalism. The elevation of the Arabic language and cultural Islam as identities was meant to transcend geographical barriers across the region. The rhetoric of Arab nationalist ideology does not emphasise state sovereignty or the centrality of autonomous states so much as it did trans-regional unification. It is, therefore, the inherent nature of the Arab nationalist ideology which reveals a fundamental contradiction with realist theory. The state was not of fundamental importance. The universalistic nature of Arab nationalism indeed stands against the exclusive nature of realism. Coming to Terms With Anarchy and Sovereignty

The relationship between the centrality of the nation-state and concepts of anarchy and sovereignty is critical in realist theory. According to realist theorists like Waltz, the anarchical system fosters antagonistic conditions in which there is no central world government, setting nation-states as the most important sovereign actors in a self-help system. Carr. According to tenets of the ideology, the elevation of Standard Arabic, with its enduring relationship to Islam, in particular, represents a solidarity among Arabs across the region. Transnational recognition of a common Islamic heritage and common language, which were meant to overcome conflicting identities and competing tribal, ethnic and religious interests, would achieve a national consciousness of political unity and cooperation. Therefore, the implications of Arabic language and Islam as unifying forces in Arab nationalism—allegiance and loyalty to the common Arab nation—contradict basic realist assumptions of anarchy and sovereignty. Hence two fundamental beliefs of Arab nationalism which contradict realism: Arab nationalism and realism possess irreconcilably different understandings of anarchy and sovereignty.

**The Gap Between Ideology and Reality**

Despite a number of fundamental disparities between Arab nationalism and realism, a realist examination is able to reveal a sizable gap between ideology and reality in the role of Arab nationalism in the Middle East. Arab nationalist solidarity envisaged a community of individual Arabs linked through transnational, rather than intergovernmental, institutions. This belief materialises via the formation of a number of short-lived Arab Federations, including the union between Jordan and Iraq; the United Arab Republic, which involved Egypt and Syria; and the Federation of Arab Republics, which involved Egypt, Libya and Syria. Macdonald. Likewise, the Arab League Collective Security Pact establishes inter-Arab cooperation over anarchy as the definitive guiding force. Insofar it

acknowledges that states establish institutions that may encourage cooperation, a constructivist framework may thus better account for Pan-Arab nationalism than realism. A realist analysis of Arab nationalism in practice reveals realpolitik and the pursuit of national interests by Arab state leaders. In many cases, the political reality of Middle Eastern states in the twentieth century reveals that sweeping nationalist calls for leaders to pursue the interests of the Arab nation over the interests of their separate states being put aside Macdonald , A cursory examination of the United Arab Republic reveals realist assumptions at work. Despite initial commitments, Iraq then refused to join the Republic. In this case, the national interest of the Iraqi state trumped Arab nationalist ideology. Nationalist Arab regimes have often hijacked nationalist rhetoric to pursue power politics. That Arab leaders pursued balance of power politics under the guise of calls for Arab solidarity reveals a primacy of power over idealist nationalist rhetoric, thus supporting a realist account of Arab nationalism. The gap between ideology and reality is further unravelled when we consider that Arab nationalism was installed at the behest of the domestic government. Finally, Arab nationalism is often considered to be a balancing mechanism against Western power Nugent et. Solidarity as characterised by common language and history is often interpreted as defensive retreats into linguistic and ethnic identity Nugent et. A root motive behind these ambitions was the emergence of a disquieting realisation among a number of Arab intellectuals who recognised that Arab societies were significantly weaker than those of the West. While many thinkers blamed imperialist forces, many suggested an inherent weakness in Arab culture and society. Under these considerations, balance of power politics is able to provide a more coherent account of Arab nationalism than constructivist notions of cooperation. While not wholly irreconcilable, realism and Arab nationalism qualify a shaky relationship. Nonetheless, Arab nationalism has often reinforced the realist assumption that states must balance against states whom they share an ideological affinity. To that end, the history and role of Arab nationalism in the Middle East is able to support an account of realism, insofar that the ideological foundations of Arab nationalism break down. Case Study of Palestine. Nation and State in the Arab World. The Christians of Lebanon: Political Rights in Islamic Law. Stateless Nations and Nationless. Nationalism, Language, and Muslim Exceptionalism. University of Pennsylvania Press.. A Study in Dynamics of Regional Organization. The Struggle for Power and Peace, 5th ed, revised. Experimental Evidence from Egypt. The Ideological Dream as Compelling Force. From Triumph to Despair, by Adeed Dawisha. Curzon Press Tibi, B. Between Islam and the Nation-State. University of Michigan Press. Realism and Arab Nationalism: Inquiries Journal 9 12 , [http: Inquiries Journal \[Online\]](http://inquiriesjournal.com), 9.

### 5: An Uneasy Partnership: Microsoft Employees Pressure Company to End Ties with ICE | The Source

*Inter-party relations after the recent general election are in flux. With by-elections imminent two of the major players are being forced by circumstance to consider a partnership that would have.*

May 27, June 05, Though the group managed to gather only a small number to join the protests, it seemed to have caught the attention of many people. TCS later dismissed rumours of mass layoffs. The office-bearers of FITE claim that they first came up with this agenda in , when the forum was launched, strangely, to call attention to the state of Tamils in Sri Lanka. The group has also raised its voice in support of the Cauvery issue. FITE is again in news now, as it is trying to register a formal union for techies , which if comes through would be the first for the IT sector in the country. The move comes as media reports of mass layoffs have emerged again. The forum currently claims to have members and has chapters in nine cities, including Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Mumbai, Kochi and Delhi. But the challenge is to get people to join us, because in this sector, people are petrified that they would lose their jobs if they joined a union. Raghava Reddy, a former Tech Mahindra employee, showing the petition submitted to the Labour Department seeking intervention in reinstating the employees who were allegedly forced to resign or issued termination letters, in the city on Thursday. The bigger question is, will unions, which have worked successfully in sectors like automotive, banking and other manufacturing jobs, work in IT industry where the dynamics are very different and where attrition is high. Media reports have suggested that IT firms may fire up to 56, people this year, a number which apex industry body Nasscom has denied. But IT firms have maintained that layoffs are part of the performance appraisal process each year. FITE is representing the case of Cognizant employees , who were terminated, before the Labour Commissioner in Tamil Nadu and Telangana and looking to take the fight to other parts of the country. Professionals working in several software companies gathered outside Tidel Park, in support of the student movement. Karunakaran Despite the increasing demand for unions, the biggest challenge facing such efforts is will they be able to rope in more members, for the strength of the union is in some sense dependent on the amount of mass it is able to gather and sustain. He also said NDLF was in the process of forming branches in Wipro and Cognizant and once that is done, it will seek recognition from the managements for the union. There are not many experienced people to drive union activities and raise labour-related issues. If one draws a parallel, one of the segments of the services sector which has been very successful is the banking industry. He said as job growth and opportunities begin dwindling in the IT sector, people would soon realise the importance of unions. If we find anything wrong, we will raise our issues with the labour department," said Mr. Employees are cautious Some of the techies The Hindu spoke to sounded cautious about joining the union. People have found other jobs. Fighting this with a union does not make sense. Any union should have a strong face that we can look up to. He has the comfort of joining a start-up. An Infosys employee, who works out of the Mahindra World City Office in Chennai, said joining unions and raising a voice collectively really does not help. Will it work Industry officials also expressed doubts over a union working in the IT set-up. He also pointed out that the industry is well networked with people shifting jobs regularly. So employees are reluctant to join the unions. Anshul Prakash of Khaitan explained. Another IT official who is part of the current reconciliation proceedings before Chennai Labour Commissioner claimed that the forums did not turn up for talks on the last three occasions, despite the fact that the company had sent its representatives. This was not professional. Prakash warned that the management of IT firms should not be complacent about these developments since any movement can grow in the years to come. Chandrashekhar has warned that employee activism or stopping work force realignment by resorting to regulations will lead to decline in competitiveness and potential loss of existing jobs. Also it is easy to shift services to other state unlike a manufacturing set up. The forums have sought the intervention of the government. However, they have not found support from the Centre, which has backed Nasscom on the issue. At the State level, PMK leader Ramadoss had urged the state government to look into the concerns raised for the forums. The success of the unions in the IT sector also hinges on the upcoming Industrial Relations Code, which has to become a law. Meanwhile, the IT unions continue to do their bit, hoping that the very same ideals that made unions in

the banking or manufacturing sectors powerful will inspire employees in their sector as well, even as they struggle to appeal to their target group.

### 6: Techies and unions: An uneasy partnership - The Hindu

*Merkel-Putin Germany and Russia - An Uneasy Partnership. Angela Merkel has met with Vladimir Putin in Russia for the first time in two years.*

The first story in my series. He was still flying over water, but where was he? He had flown for miles, his energy levels were low, enough to worry even him. But then he picked up a sense of land ahead. Waves crashing on cliffs, dark rugged land beyond. As exhaustion threatened to overtake him, he flew lower and scanned the area to see where he was. The image filled his vision: The scanner zoomed in, but not towards the United States, the bulky outline of which he had become vaguely familiar with, with growing incredulity he saw the image zone in on a tiny patch of land in the Atlantic, off the western edge of Europe. Starscream suppressed a snarl of rage. Here he was, miles from his comrades, on the edge of stasis lock, on a miserable rock no one in their right processors would bother to waste missiles on! Great Britain- what a joke! But he could go no further. His injuries simply would not allow. As he dipped alarmingly, his scanners alerted him to a large space down below, a small hangar? It would have to do. As his vision dimmed and he touched the wet ground, his only goal was get into that building and hide. Until Megatron found him, Alexis stalked through the small house, grabbing items from the rooms and shoving them into a backpack. The other housemates cringed and exchanged nervous glances as she reached over laps, or bent their heads to be out of the way when she scooped up her photo frames from the shelf behind the sofa. In her wake hurried her boyfriend, Ed, the excuses falling thick and fast as he scrambled to stop her from leaving. "Thanks," she said, the bitter sarcasm like a whip as she crashed down the hall, wrestling a bag over one shoulder. Make that ex-boyfriend, actually. Alexis ducked deftly under his arm that blocked the hallway as he stuttered and protested. Despite the heavy weight on her chest and tears of rage threatening to spill from behind her eyes, she knew she made a pretty impressive exit, black boots and skinny jeans, with the red jacket he thought was cute. Down the steps and into the car. Alexis slung her bags onto the front seat and swung out into the road, narrowly missing a milk float. Her driving wasn't great at the best of times. She floored the accelerator, the growl of the engine in her small car matching her mood. So, that was that then. How could she have been so stupid? What a waste of space he turned out to be! As she sped through the streets and London began to fall behind her, the tears came. She was so angry with herself, allowing Ed to completely pull her in, when in fact he was a standard, cheating, bastard. Ed, who was tall and cheery and had a little bit of a paunch which he enveloped in geeky t-shirts. Who liked going to the pub or snuggling on the sofa for a night of *Spaced* or *Star Trek*. Shows what she knew. No, she would hole herself up while she had time to think. Sari would help her get the rest of her stuff from London in good time. He was currently away somewhere, probably the states, working with something called N. T, whatever that was. They would sometimes go a while without speaking but the bond between them was very strong. He was so proud when he found out she had secured the position. Alexis had remembered laughing at him when he had gently reminded her, half in jest, that it might put her relationship with Ed under strain going long distance. Alexis smiled to herself as she thought of the rambling house and collection of barns next to it, usually full of bits of cars or planes. As familiar to her as her own palm print. Quiet and secluded, perfect. She wound down the window slightly and turned up the music so loud her ears hurt. Your review has been posted.

### 7: UKC Articles - Environmentalism and Climbing: An Uneasy Partnership

*Phoenix Auto Transport Rates and Your Wallet: An Uneasy Partnership? Whether you're moving to Phoenix or out of the city, [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com) gives you the simple, powerful tools needed to find the best deal on auto transport rates.*

### 8: Full Movie: Bounty Hunters () |, Action

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### 9: Chicago Police reform suit filed by Attorney General Madigan

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