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## Natural Selection

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**Alfred Russel Wallace**  
(1823-1913)

- ✦ Difference in Indonesian Islands

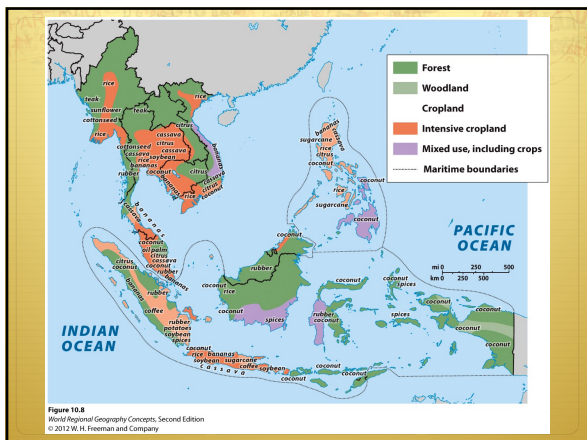
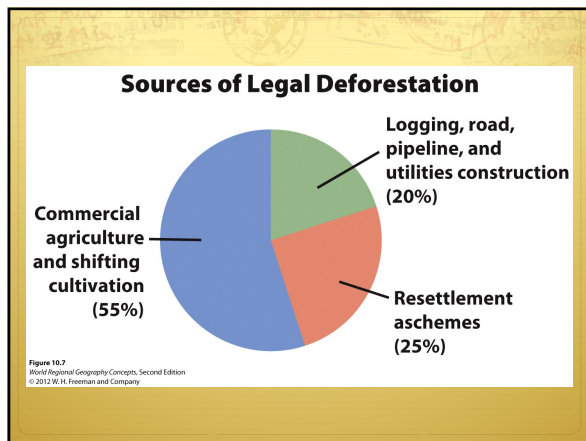
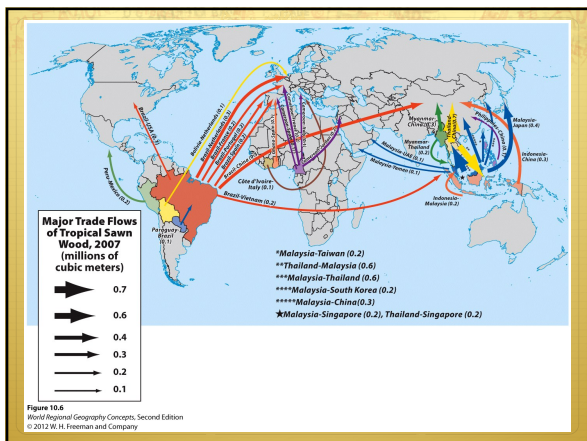
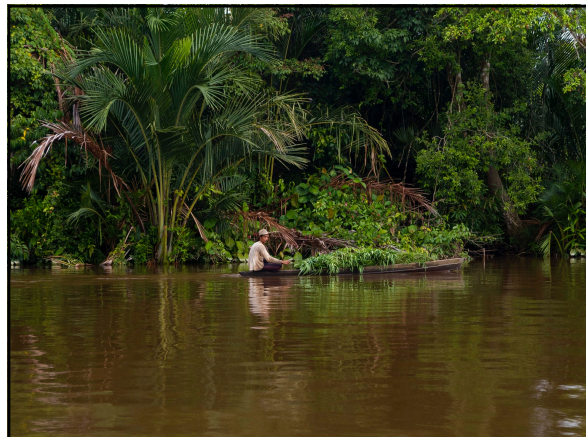


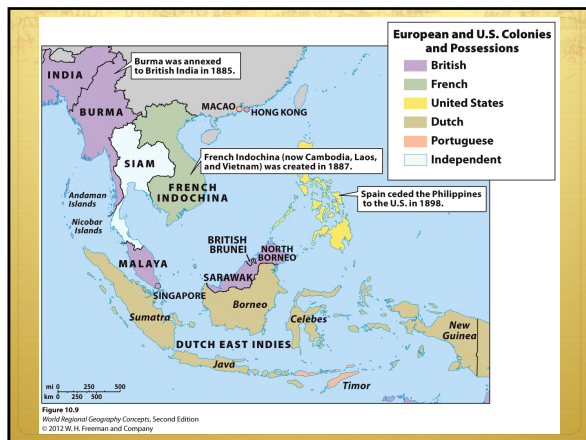
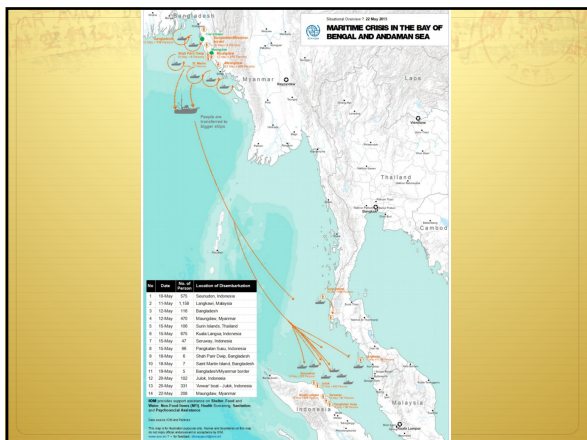

## Mangrove Swamp

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- ✦ Tropical estuaries
- ✦ Sediment accumulation leads to mangrove trees
- ✦ Visible roots that extend above and below the waterline
  - ✦ Provide habitat for a variety of species
- ✦ Secure enough sediment to create islands



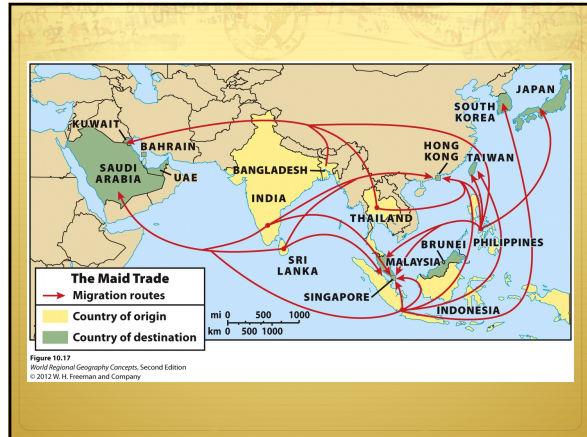




## Southeast Asian Labor



- ✦ Export Processing Zones
- ✦ Preference for female workers
- ✦ Textiles
- ✦ Cannot mechanize



## IMF Report

### Globalized Labor Supply



The global labor supply has shot up since 1980 ... (region-weighted labor force by region, index 1980 = 100)

- ✦ China, India, Eastern Bloc

Sources: United Nations, Population Prospects, The 2004 Revision Population Database; World Bank, World Development Indicators; and IMF staff calculations.  
 \*National labor forces scaled by export to GDP ratio.  
 \*\*Asian Exports, Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

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### ... with advanced countries tapping into it in various ways.

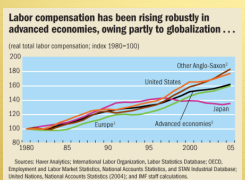


We use it through imports, offshoring, and immigration

Sources: OECD, International Migration Data, Input-Output Tables (1995, 2002, and 2006 editions), and IMF staff calculations.  
 \*Weighted using ratios on GDP in current U.S. dollars. Total imports include both imports of final products and intermediate products (offshoring).  
 \*\*Offshoring data are limited to select industrial countries.  
 †Based on average labor force, weighted using ratios on total labor force.

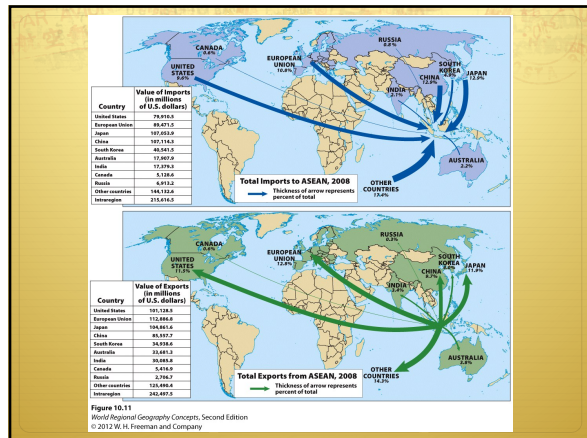
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### Labor compensation has been rising robustly in advanced economies, owing partly to globalization ...



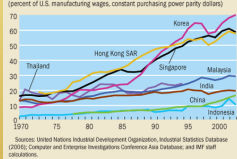
- ✦ Concern of lower wages in US seems to be unfounded
- ✦ Export increase, efficient manufacturing leads to lower costs.

Sources: Haver Analytics, International Labor Organization, Labor Statistics Database; OECD, Employment and Hours Worked Statistics; National Accounts Statistics, and 2000 Inflation Database; United Nations, National Accounts Statistics (2004); and IMF staff calculations.  
 \*Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States; weightings using ratios on GDP in current U.S. dollars.



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... and in emerging markets, especially in Asia, manufacturing wages have also been rising rapidly.

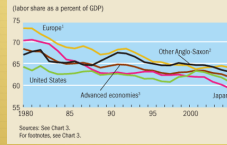


Early globalizers (Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore) have seen wages rising

- ✦ China's are moving slower, but still rising

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The share of income going to labor has declined in advanced countries ...

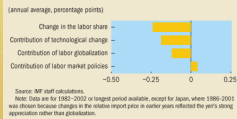


Income to labor ratio declining in developed countries

- ✦ Wages may go up, but not as much as maybe they should...

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... with technological progress the main driving force ...

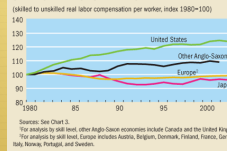


It can be cheaper to use technology over labor

- ✦ Countries implementing laws to reduce tax cost to businesses have seen a slower decline in labor share

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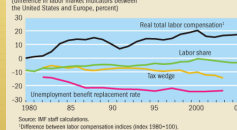
... especially in the unskilled sector, leading to a growing earnings gap in Anglo-Saxon countries.



- ✦ Goes back to Friedman's warning about being competitive in a global economy...

## IMF Report

Labor market reforms can help protect income.



- ✦ The point is that globalization can be a good thing, but governments need to be assist these threatened industries
- ✦ A good lesson for Asia too



## Introduction

Charismatic leader branded a 'fundamentalist' and later a 'liberal reformer'

*"What was politically marginal in the 1970s became mainstream by the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century"* (Esposito and Voll 2001, p. 177).



## 13 May 1969 riots

- ✦ Ethnic rioting based on perceived status of Chinese
- ✦ Resulted in government making improvements to Malay status
- ✦ Anwar & others see Islam as important moral component for Malay rights



## Student Activism

"I grew up in a time of social transformation wherein the interplay of ideas and events coincided with the rise of student activism, religious revivalism and political turmoil. Not content to be a mere bystander, I chose to be an active participant instead. I emerged from all this convinced that, while a life of contemplation and solitude can indeed be invigorating to the mind and the soul, a life of contemplation coupled with action and fraternity can be even more so."

- Anwar Ibrahim, quoted in Esposito and Voll, p. 178

## Role of the Student

"In the early 1970s, Anwar's importance and visibility increased as student activism became an important part of the Malaysian political context" (Esposito and Voll 2001, p. 179)

*Protesting has a long history in Malaysia*



## Baling Protests



## Opposition to Establishment

"An important part of Anwar's evolution as an activist intellectual has been the shift from the role of the 'charismatic leader of opposition,' whose intellectual positions were presented through specific activities like the Baling demonstrations, to that of the political leader who gave special attention to defining broad policy principles while a member of the cabinet"

(Esposito and Voll 2001, p. 183).

## Political ideology

- ✦ Action-oriented intellectual
- ✦ Social justice & equality founded on Islamic fundamentals
- ✦ Gradual transition to Islamic State
  - ✦ "SE Asian Muslim prefer to concentrate on the task of ensuring economic growth and eradicating poverty instead of amputating the limbs of thieves" (p. 193)
- ✦ Women, while different from men, have freedoms and duties in society
- ✦ Asian traditions – 'philosophy of symbiosis' (p. 194)
  - ✦ "A dialogue of civilizations, not a clash" (p. 197)

## Firing and Arrest

- ✦ Fired from Cabinet in 1998 amid allegations of corruption and sexual misconduct
- ✦ Came at a time Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohammad being accused of corruption, economy failing in SE Asia



## Firing and Arrest

- ✦ Jailed until overturned in 2004, then charged and arrested on sodomy charges in 2014.
- ✦ Internationally seen as silencing political opposition



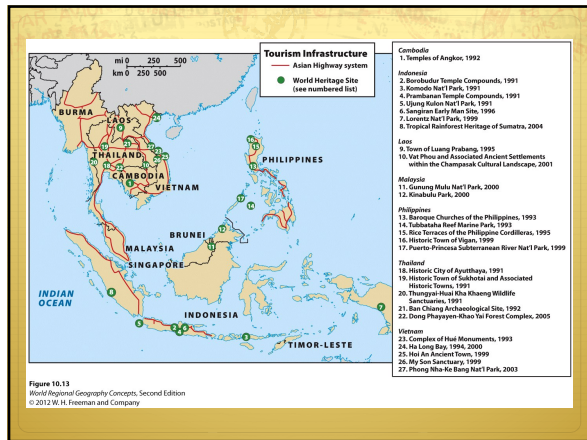
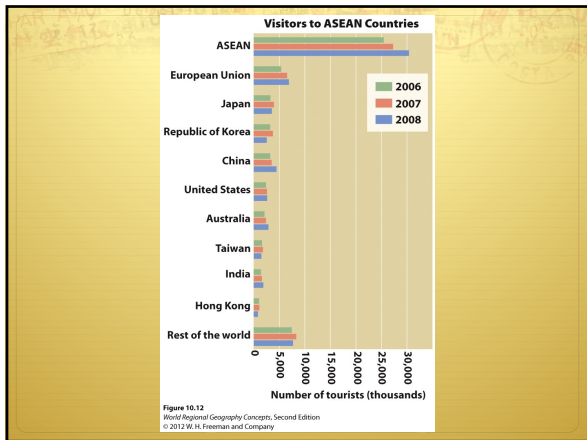
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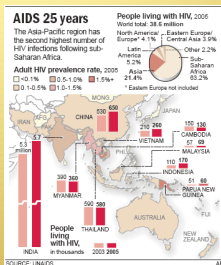




# HIV/AIDS

Sex tourism in Thailand, SE Asia

- Legacy of soldiers fighting wars here in 20<sup>th</sup> Century



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# Condom Salad

"Cabbages and Condoms" Restaurant

