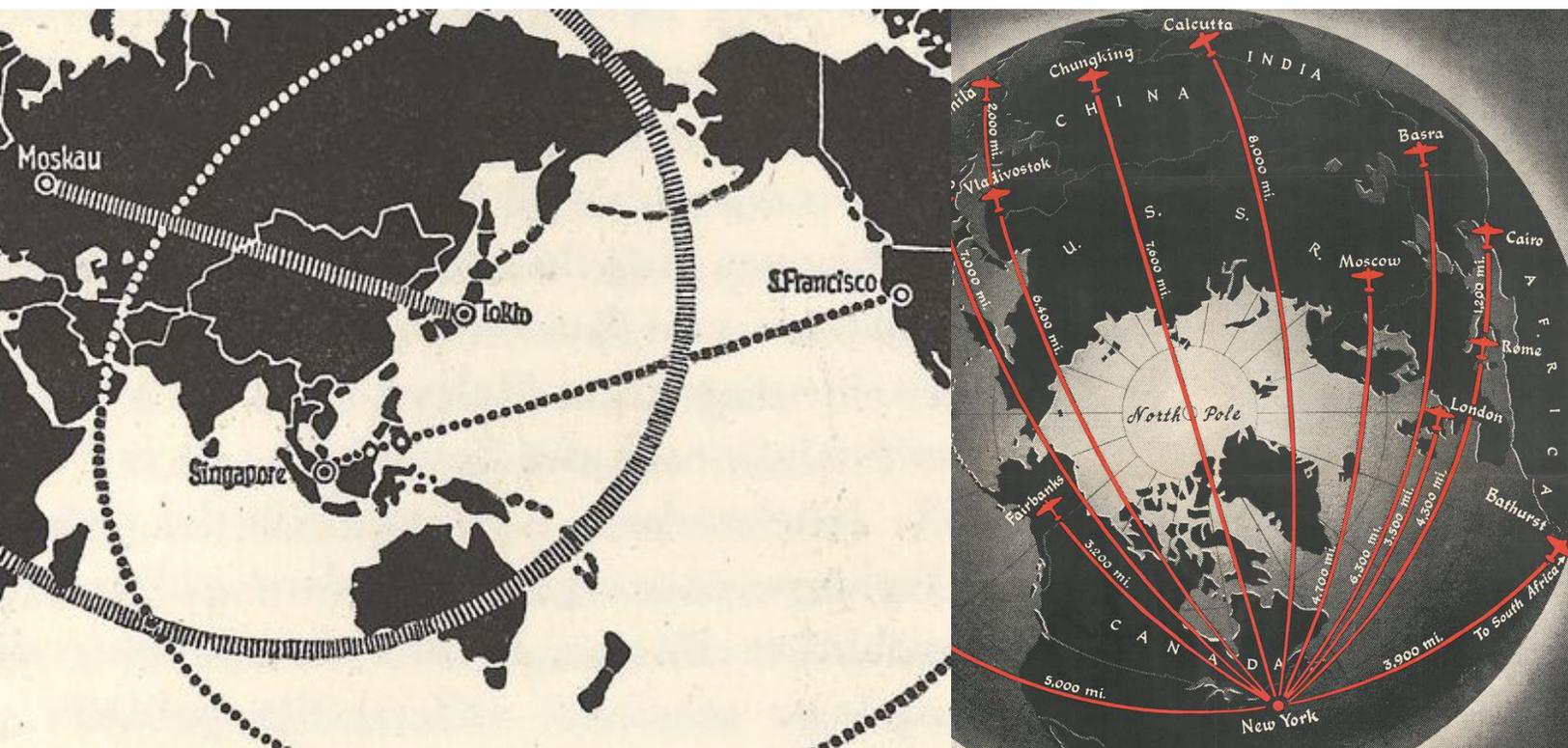


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POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY & GEOPOLITICS

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This course will explore the relations between *space* and *power* in historical and contemporary geopolitical contexts, including topics such as *sovereignty, border making, territorial disputes, and the formation (and dissolution) of nation-states.*

Throughout the semester we will learn about the most puzzling traditions in geopolitics and their various political manifestations, often used by key figures to alter the course of history (*the arcs of the Nazi government, USSR, the New Cold War, and modern border disputes*).