

## *Rise of a Cybered Westphalian Age*

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### Reader's Comments

#### **From Ben:**

I've been cornering anyone who will listen recently about another one of the *SSQ* papers, "Rise of a Cybered Westphalian Age". The basic premise is that an open internet is doomed, and that the centuries old notion of Westphalian sovereignty should be applied to the Internet, i.e. segregation and control of the Internet along territorial lines. They use Stuxnet as a justification. It's really fascinating read - in terms of insight into old school strategic thought and how poorly it has adapted to the modern era. They end up basically praising the Chinese model, it's really quite bizarre.

#### **From V-in Europe:**

Would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the authors for a very useful and thought provoking article on the, "Rise of the Cybered Westphalian Age." In May of this year I attended an OSCE conference in Vienna where establishing norms of state behaviour in cyber space was the main focus. The authors idea of states establishing cyber borders is worth pursuing and hope that it will be developed in future international forums.