

Note: In medieval times Europe suffered with the long war known as 30 years war. This war ended in the treaty of westphalia in 1648.

Significance,

- 1) The first formal recognition of nation state in international law.
- 2) It was recognised that on a set of a people, living in a particular territory, sovereignty lies with the state.
- 3) Treaty of westphalia also marks the beginning of international politics.
- 4) International politics is still recognises respecting the sovereignty of state, as a fundamental principle.

International politics & its evolution can be categorised into different phases -

Phase-I : from 1648 treaty of westphalia till 2nd world war.
(westphalian world order).

Phase-II : Since the end of 2nd world war till the disintegration of USSR in 1991.
(cold war world order).

Phase-III : from 1991 till 2001.

(Unipolar world order) (USA hegemony).

or (Liberal world order)

↳ capitalist world order, globalisation
(Americanisation).