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- Consolidation of the *state*, 1648-1814
 - Changes in nature of central political actors
 - Power diffused among 7-8 principal actors





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 - Rise of new powers “globalized” system
 - Technological innovations
 - Continuation of nationalist movements





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