Three Elements of Sovereignty

- International legal sovereignty: recognize juridically independent territorial entities which can then enter into international agreements
- Westphalian/Vatellian sovereignty: do not intervene in the internal affairs of other states
- Domestic sovereignty: Authority structures and their effectiveness

Three Worlds of World Politics (after Robert Cooper)



- Modern world:
 - Fully sovereign states with international legal,Westphalian/Vattelian, and reasonably effective domestic sovereignty
 - 85 countries
- Postmodern world
 - States that have effective domestic sovereignty but have used their international legal sovereignty to compromise their Westphalian/Vattelian sovereignty
 - Mostly European Union
 - 33 countries
- Premodern world
 - Badly governed states that enjoy international legal sovereignty and may, or may not, have Westphalian/Vattelian sovereignty
 - 37 to 73 countries, depending on which source is used

Outlines of a Settlement for a Palestinian State are Clear



- Borders
- Some kind of arrangement for Jerusalem
- No right of return to Israel
- Provisions for linking West Bank and Gaza

The Challenge: Creating an Effective Palestinian State



- International legal sovereignty
- Almost certainly not Westphalian sovereignty
- Ideally a competent and democratic domestic authority structure

Policy Tools

- Trusteeship or Conservatorship
 - Intl Legal and Westphalian/Vatellian sovereignty eliminated for an extended and indefinite period
 - Executive authority exercised by an external actor
 - Unacceptable—no international legal sovereignty, no state

Transitional Administration

- Usually authorized by UNSC: Executive authority exercised for a limited period by external actor; e.g. East Timor, Bosnia
- Would have to be very time delimited no international legal sovereignty, no state

Policy Tools (cont.)



- Governance assistance
 - Assistance and training for judiciary political parties, etc.
 - Necessary but not sufficient
- Economic Incentives
 - Trade, aid, investment
 - Will be weak because threat to withdraw may not be credible

Policy Tools (cont.)

- Recognition bargain
 - Conditions for offering international legal sovereignty
 - Useful for some security arrangements
 - Over-flight rights
 - Limited utility for domestic authority structures
- Contracting Out
 - Government sets policies
 - Contracts with external actors for implementation.
 Plausible and, perhaps, inescapable

