# Global Economic Trends Jock O'Connell

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- The WTO has upgraded its estimate for growth in world merchandise trade volume this year from 2.4% to between 3.2% and 3.6%.

### Long-Term Economic Forecasts and Astrology

John Maynard Keynes: In the long-run, we're all dead.

Remember Japan as #1?

### World Economic Forecasts

2016	2050 EIU	2050 PwC
USA	China	China
China	USA	India
Japan	India	USA
Germany	Indonesia	Indonesia
U.K.	Japan	Japan
France	Germany	Brazil
Brazil	Brazil	Germany
Italy	Mexico	Mexico
India	U.K.	U.K.
Russia	France	Russia

### World GDP Rankings: 1980-2000

1980	1990	2000
USA	USA	USA
USSR	Japan	Japan
Japan	USSR	Germany
West Germany	West Germany	France
France	France	UK
UK	Italy	China
Italy	UK	Italy
Canada	Canada	Canada
Brazil	Spain	Mexico
China	Brazil	Brazil

## Clusters of Challenges For Forecasting Maritime Trade

Demographics
Trade Policy
Climate Change/Environmental Issues
Technological Developments
WTF?

### Demographics are destiny...up to a point.

Demographic trends will be most powerful factors in shaping the future contours of international trade.

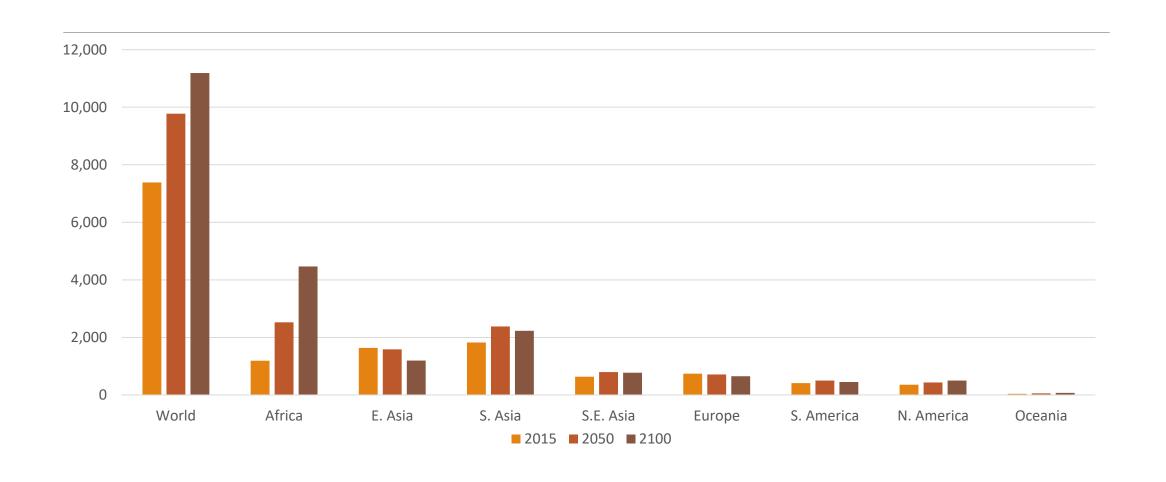
Populations will expand rapidly in some places and decline in others.

- Japan, Germany, and Russia will shrink as will China
- India will surpass China
- Africa will surge. Nigeria is fastest growing (#3 before 2050)
- Canada and Mexico should grow. Pre-Trump, USA expected to grow but now questions
  - Pew Foundation: Without immigrants, there would be an estimated 18 million fewer working-age adults in the U.S. in 2035

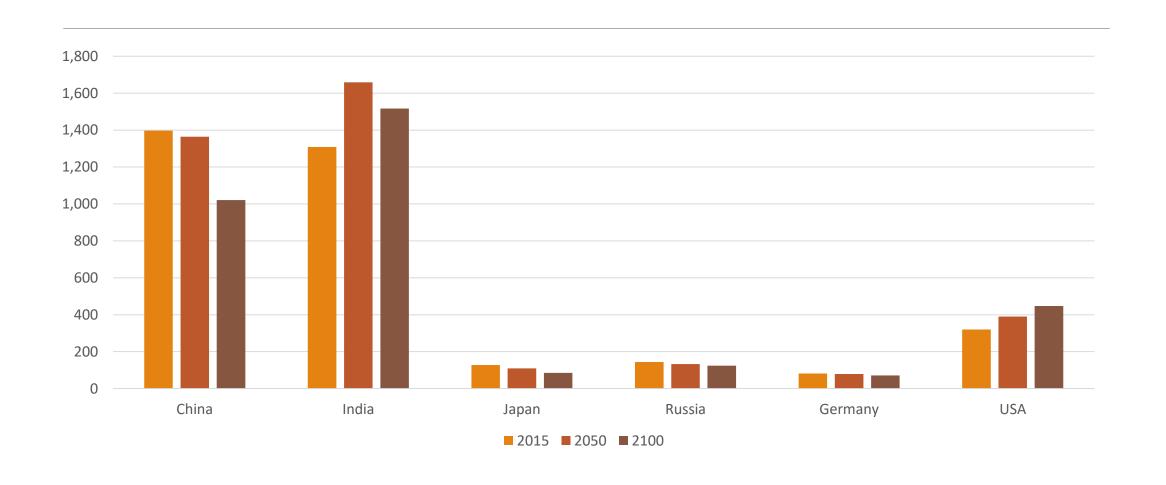
Populations will age, changing consumer spending patterns away from tradeable goods

Millennials are different

### World Population Projections 2015/2050/2100



### Populations of Major Nations: 2015/2050/2100



## Fertility below replacement level in 83 countries accounting for 46% of world's current population.

- China
- USA
- Brazil
- Russia
- Japan
- Vietnam
- Germany
- Iran
- Thailand
- ° U.K.

### **Trade Policy -- Twittered Disruptions**

Post-Bretton Woods consensus has been all but shattered under the Trump presidency.

Rise of nationalism, protectionism, reshoring pressures put maritime trade at risk.

Pulling out of TPP was a special disappointment for California, whose seaports looked forward to expanded trade.

### Climate Change

Rising sea levels threaten anyone with waterfront property.

Prospects of increasing numbers of more violent storms.

More babies named Noah.

Regulatory policies that will prove very costly and, because they will be less than universally imposed, will likely influence where shippers take their business and ultimately where manufacturers decide to locate.

### Technological Advances

Difficult to predict what the next new things or the next transformative technologies will be.

- Amazon, which has harvested a host of innovative technologies, increases imports by being forced to maintain more inventory in more locations.
- Example: Potential role of Additive Manufacturing in disrupting global supply chains. If we can make it here, we can make it anywhere.

WTF?

### Who made the steamship lines God?



#### THERE ARE MONSTERS OUT THERE!



### Quid novi?

Qua nave nihil admirabilius visum in mari certum est...Longitudo spatium obtinuit magna ex parte Ostiensis portus latere laevo.

Pliny the Elder, Naturalis Historia

### So what's new?

It is certain that nothing more wonderful than this ship has ever been seen on the sea...its length took up a large part of the left side of the harbor of Ostia.

Pliny the Elder, Naturalis Historia

# Thank you.

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#### JAMES A. MICHENER'S THE BRIDGES AT TOKO-RI

A Perlberg-Seaton Production

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