ETHNICITY, IDENTITY, ACCULTURATION, AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOR IN THE GLOBAL ERA



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## AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS (JULES VERNE, 1873)



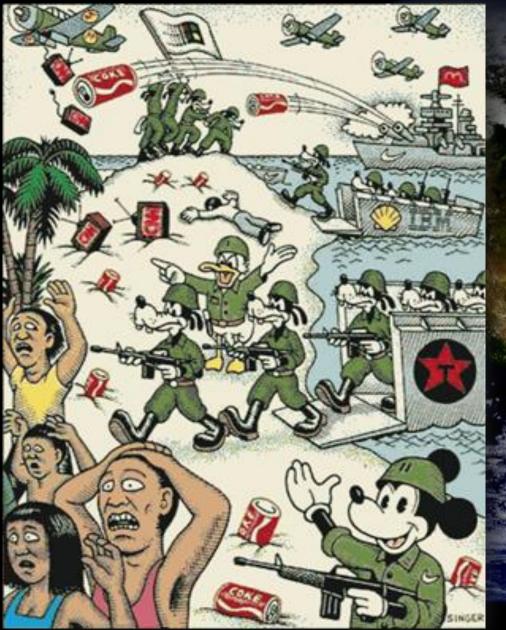
### **GLOBALIZATION & CULTURE**

- Globalization exerts a powerful influence on (all) cultures worldwide (unevenly, over time)
  - Including motivation to resist
- 2. Globalization simultaneously promotes homogeneity & heterogeneity
  - Within & across nation-states
- 3. Globalization creates polycentric identities
- 4. There are several (iterations of) global consumer cultures (GCC), & numerous GCC subcultures
  - GCC: cultural entity transcending nations

Consequently: successful global branding requires appropriate mixture of global themes & indigenous elements.



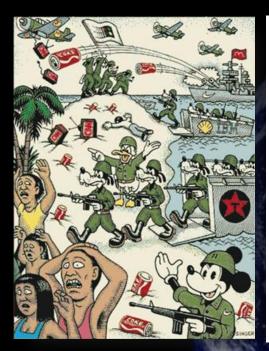
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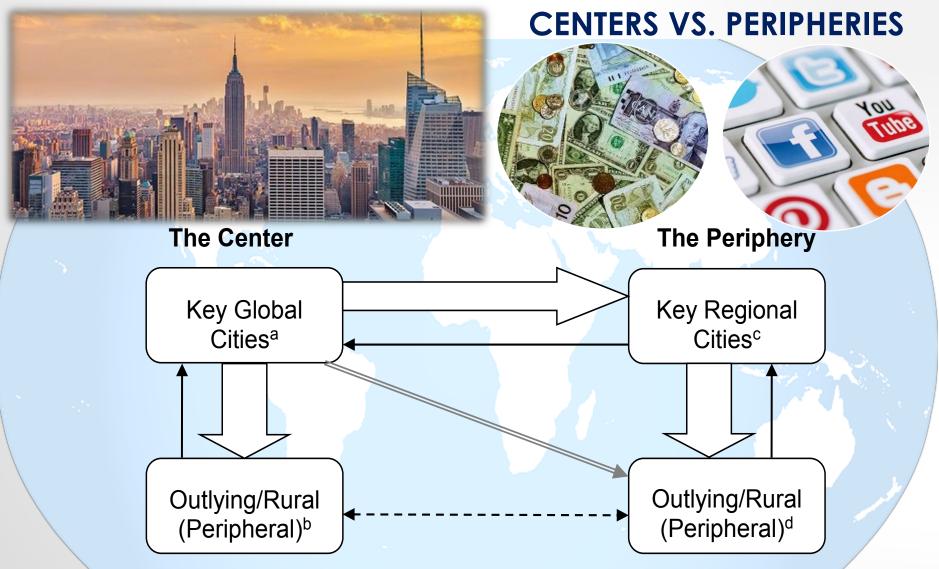
"We can easily conceive of a time when there will be only one culture and one civilization on the entire surface of the Earth..."
"...i don't believe that this [convergence] will happen, because there are contradictory tendencies always at work—on the one hand, towards homogenization and on the other towards new distinctions."

CHUY YANG

Claude Lévi-Strauss (1978, p. 20)

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## **ASYMMETRIC CULTURAL FLOWS:**



\*Magnitude of flow as indicated by relative width of arrows.



For Example: aNew York, Los Angeles, London, Paris; bNebraska, Kansas, Northumberland, Brittany; cSantiago, For Example: "New York, Los Angeles, London, Paris; "Nebraska, Kansas, Northumberland, B Lagos. Tehran. Hyderabad: dChilean. Nigerian. Iranian. and Indian country-sides. respectively.





## **MASS MOBILITY:**

#### Physical movements

- Slackening restrictions
- Inexpensive, & swift transport.



- •As people move about they take with them languages & cultural values, hastening intercultural diffusion.
  - 244 Million int'l migrants (2014)
    - 3% of global pop., up 41% from 2000.
    - # Chinese <u>outside</u> China > # French <u>in</u> France.
    - 20+ cities worldwide w. ≥1 million foreign-born inhabitants
  - 1.13 Billion int'l tourists (2014), +4.3% over 2013.
  - Mass migration: producing a little bit of everywhere, increasingly anywhere.
    - Technology: enables diasporas to maintain contact with counterparts living in far-flung places, & encourage the flow of ideas/innovations across frontiers.



## GCC IS BASICALLY AMERICAN & EUROPEAN?



## SO GCC IS BASICALLY AMERICAN & EUROPEAN?









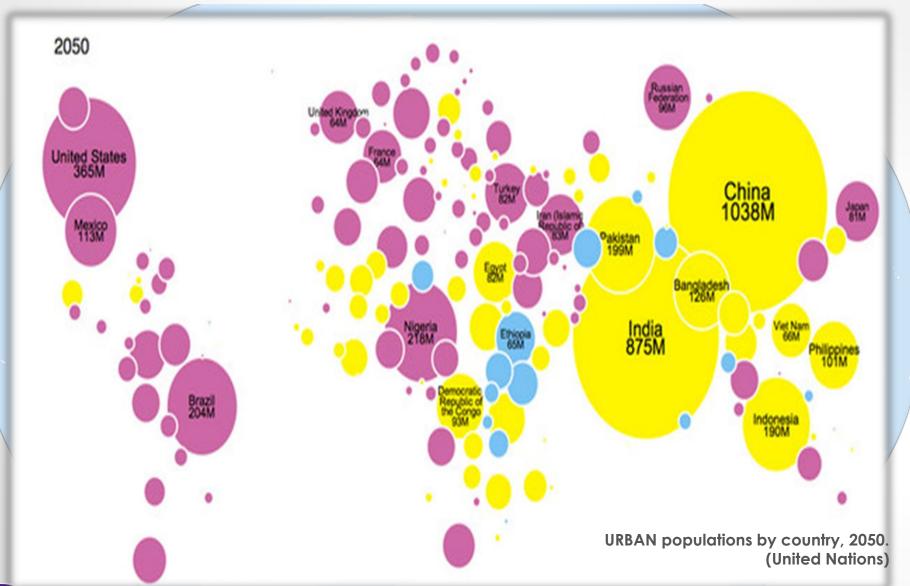


## "SHIFTING SANDS" OF GCC THE GLOBE ACCORDING TO POPULATION





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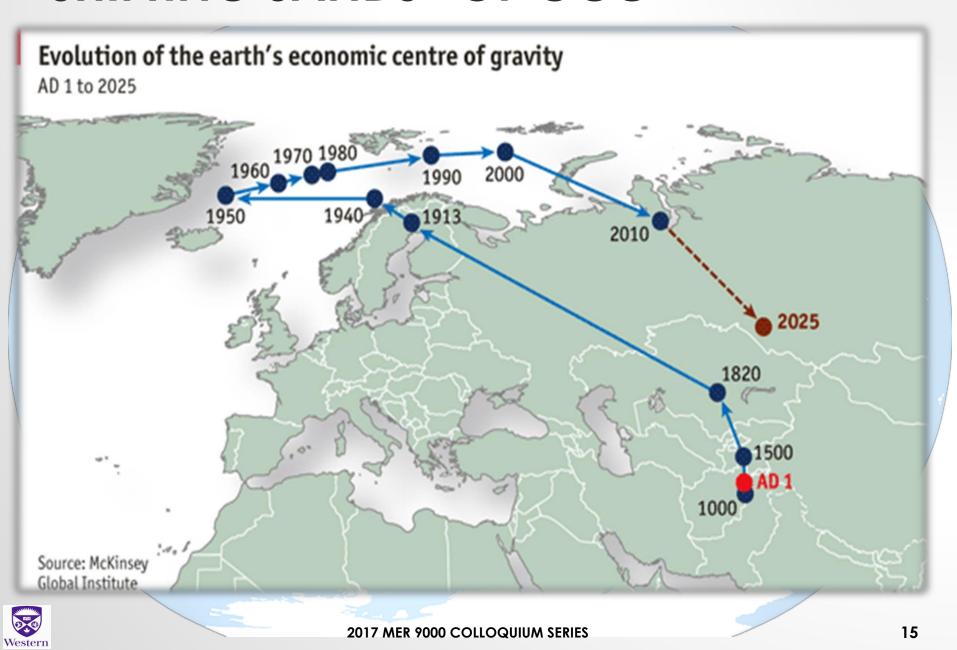


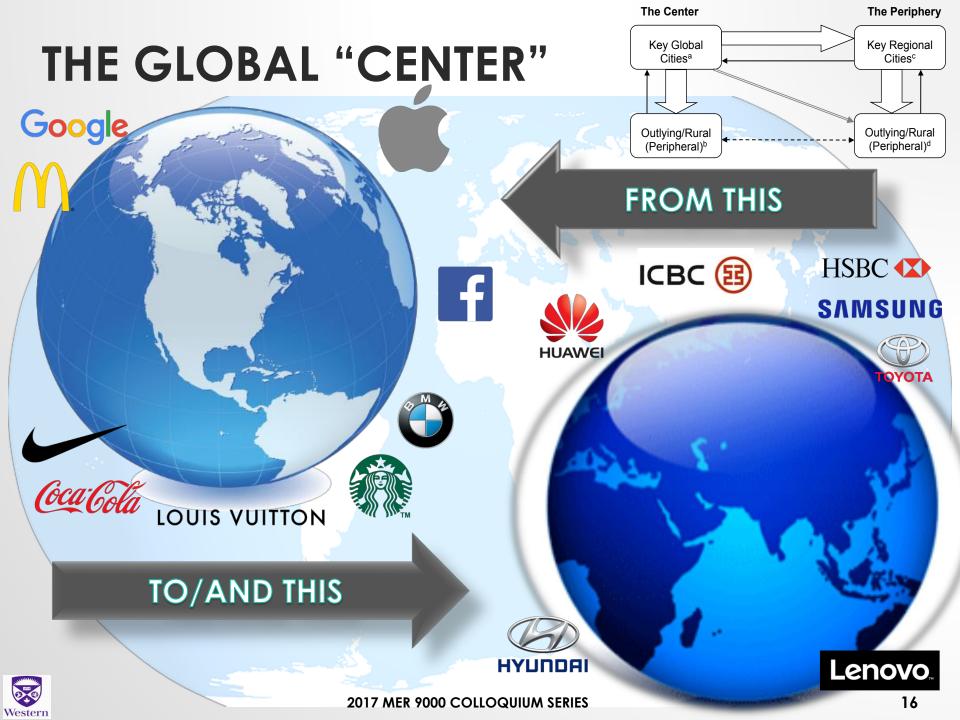


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## "SHIFTING SANDS" OF GCC





# "EAST GCC" EVIDENCE?





## RESEARCHING/APPLYING CULTURAL IDENTITY & CHANGE

- Differences within Nation-States
  - Religion, minorities (ethnic, linguistic), regions, rural vs. urban
- Differences within Ethnic Minorities/Majorities
  - Religion, generation, intermarriage, neighborhood, age, education, occupation
- Similarities across Nation States
  - Global consumer culture, cosmopolitanism
  - Urban youth, global "jet set", ethnic diasporas
- Explanatory Power?
  - Situational, context-dependent influence of culture (and related dispositions)?



# RESEARCHING/APPLYING CULTURAL IDENTITY & CHANGE

- Overwhelming focus on minority groups. Now occurring within majorities (globalization & GCC)
  - Under-researched
- Unprecedented volume of inter-cultural exchanges
   Globalization & loosening of cultural bonds? (Bouchet, 1995)
  - 1. Resistance: accentuating localized values/behaviors?
  - 2. Substituting local with foreign/global?
  - 3. Supplementing traditional cultural narrative with ecumenical/world-minded?
    - Emergence of Creolized/hybridized cultures?
- Individuals possessing bicultural identities, combining (N)EID with one linked to GCC



### **CULTURE CHANGE**

#### Berry's (1980, 1997) Acculturation Strategies:

	Issue 1: Is it considered to be of value to maintain one's traditional identity and characteristics?			
Issue 2: Is it considered to be of value to maintain relationships with larger society?		Yes	No	
	Yes	Integration	Assimilation	
	No	Separation/ Segregation	Marginalization	

#### **CULTURAL TRANSMUTATION**

(Mendoza & Martinez, 1981):

 Unique sub-cultural entity created from alternation (creolization)





## NATIONAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY (N[EID])

- a "self-constructed understanding of oneself in terms of one's group membership that changes in response to developmental and contextual factors" (Phinney 2005)
  - Psychological locus of cultural effects (Markus & Kitayama, 1991)
  - Incorporation of ethnicity into person's self-concept
    - Subtly & systematically shaping thoughts/behaviors of members.
  - Subjective, Multifaceted:
    - Identification with & desire to maintain culture & traditions, Ethnic pride, Participation in cultural events, Interpersonal relationships with fellow ethnic group members, Communications in ethnic language, ethnic media usage & exposure

Mendoza, 1989; Phinney, 1990; Costa & Bamossy, 1995; Cleveland et al., 2009; 2011

- Salience of ethnic identity partly context-dependent
  - Situational Ethnicity



## **ACCULTURATION TO GCC**

Cleveland & Laroche (2007), J.Bus. Res.

**AGCC:** "...a subset of acculturation, focusing on how individuals acquire the knowledge, skills, and behaviors that are characteristic of a nascent and de-territorialized GLOBAL CONSUMER CULTURE."

Cosmopolitanism (people who provide points of entry into other territorial cultures)

International Travel (experiences & attitudes towards)

Exposure to Marketing Activities of MNC's (multinational corporations)

Global/Foreign Mass Media (use/exposure to) The English Language (use/exposure to)

Openness to & desire to emulate GCC (appropriating ideas from global "forum/bazaar", e.g., global teens, "jet set")

Self-Identification with GCC (re: Social identity theory)

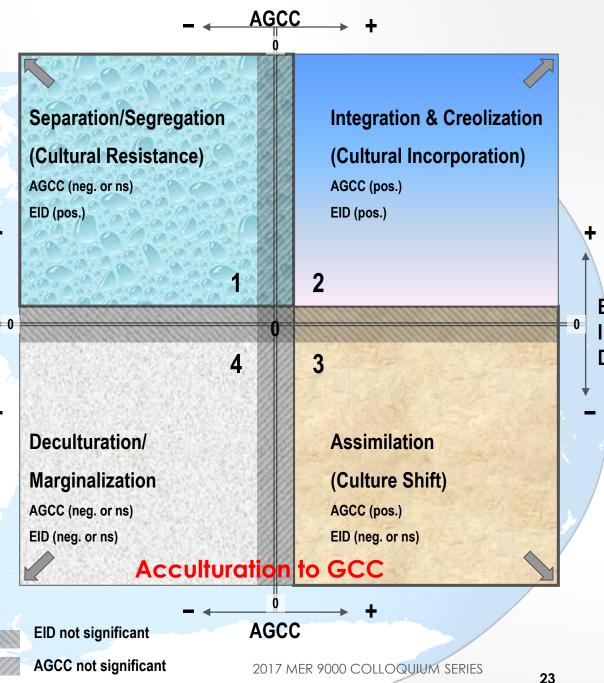
Resistance:
CONSUMER ETHNOCENTRISM

## TYPOLOGY OF **ACCULTURATION PATTERNS**

**ACCORDING TO** GLOBAL & LOCAL CULTURAL INFLUENCES ON **BEHAVIORS** 

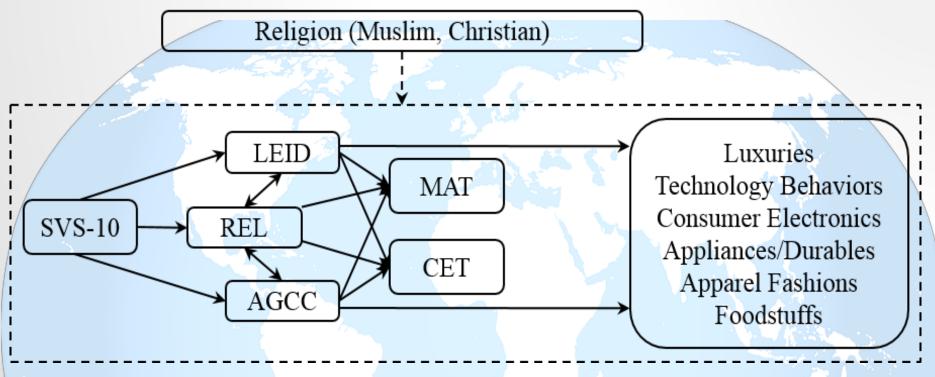
Quantitative operationalization: ational/Ethnic Identity

- Significance,
- Direction (+/-), &
- Magnitude, of path coefficients





Source: Cleveland (2007)



SVS-10=Schwartz Value Survey (10 dimensions), LEID=Lebanese Ethnic Identity, REL=Religiosity,

AGCC=Acculturation to Global Consumer Culture,

MAT=Materialism,

**CET=Consumer Ethnocentrism.** 



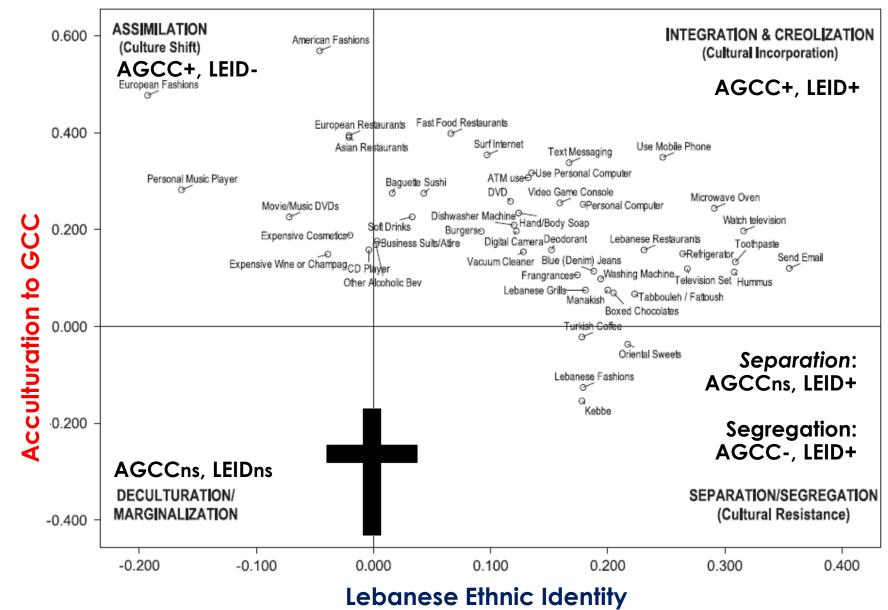




Fig. 3. Lebanese-Christian consumption patterns.

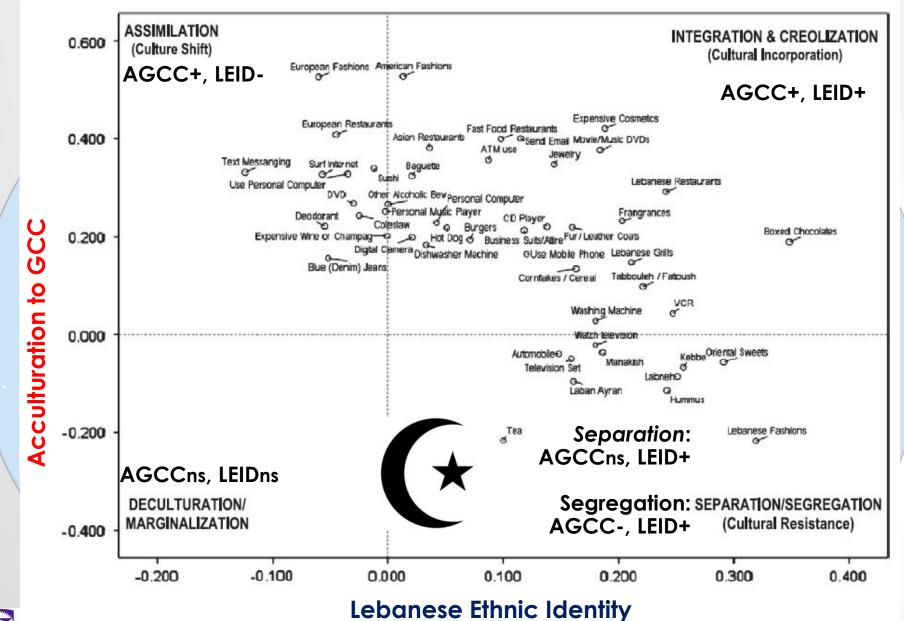




Fig. 2. Lebanese-Muslim consumption patterns.

	ILATION LEID -/n.s.)	INTEGRATION/CREOLIZATION (AGCC +, LEID +)	
Muslims (26)	Christians (18)	Muslims (10)	Christians (19)
(14) Sushi, burgers, bagu Asian restaurants, Europ restaurants, American fa business attire, persona	uette, alcoholic beverages, bean restaurants, fast-food ashion, European fashion, I music player, DVD player, t, champagne	(1) Lebanese restaurants	
(12) coleslaw, hotdog, blue jeans, deodorant, dishwasher, digital camera, computer, mobile phone, use computer, send email, text messaging, ATM usage	(4) Soft drinks, CD player, DVD purchases, cosmetics	(9) cereal, Lebanese grills, CD player, DVD purchases, cosmetics, fragrances, boxed chocolates, fur/leather coats jewelry	(18) Hummus, blue jeans, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, vacuum, videogame console, digital camera, computer, mobile phone, text messaging, ATM usage, watch TV, use computer, send email
	N (LEID -, AGCC n.s.) N (AGCC n.s., LEID n.s.)*	SEPARATION (AGCC n.s., LEID +) OR SEGREGATION (AGCC -, LEID +)*	
Muslims (16)	Christians (18)	Muslims (14)	Christians(11)
	k, shawarma, hair shampoo, cle, antique furniture	(6) TV set, washing machine, manakish, oriental sweets, taboulleh/fattoush, Lebanese fashion*	
(8) Turkish coffee, soft drinks, toothpaste, soap,	(10) Labneh, cereal, tea, laban ayran, coleslaw,	(8) auto, VCR, watch TV, labneh, laban ayran,	(5) Turkish coffee, Lebanese grills, boxed
videogame console, refrigerator, microwave,	hotdog, VCR, auto, jewelry, fur/leather coats	kebbe, hummus*, tea*	chocolates, fragrances, kebbe*
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## MULTIFACETED ACCULTURATION IN MULTI-ETHNIC SETTINGS (Cleveland & Xu, working paper)

- Immigration rapidly changing face of many Western societies.
  - Ethnic minority research: overlooks nature of acculturation occurring beyond majority-minority dichotomy.
- Pluralistic social environments:
  - Minorities acculturate not only to predominant group, but also to GCC, and potentially, coexisting different ethnic minority populations.
    - Canada: 21% foreign-born.
    - Toronto: 46% foreign-born.
    - Largest sources (Canada):
       China, India, Philippines

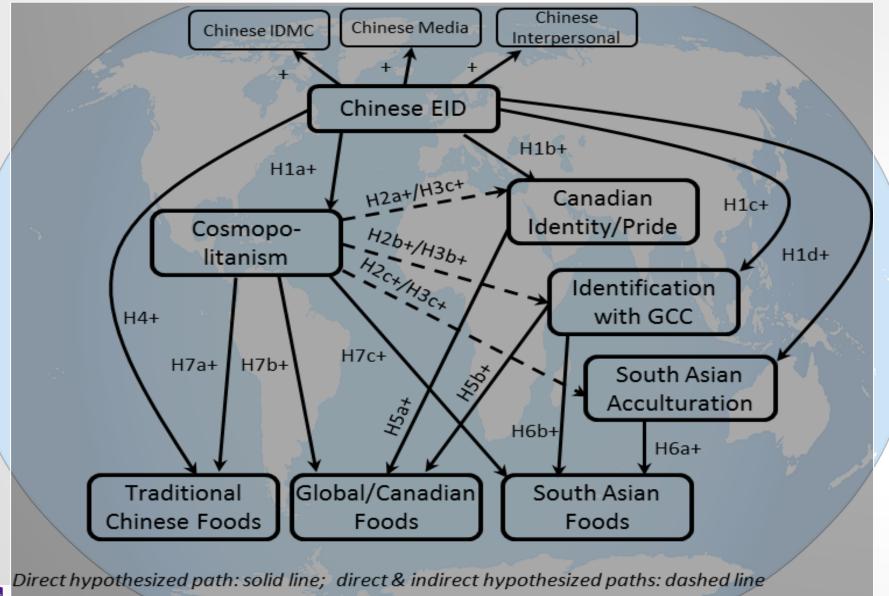


# MULTIFACETED ACCULTURATION IN MULTIETHNIC SETTINGS (CLEVELAND & XU)

- Cultures "...tend to overlap and mingle... [and] the boundaries that we draw around them are frequently rather arbitrary" (Hannerz, 1990, p. 239).
- Shed light on immigrants' cultural adaptation to a host society that is diverse/pluralistic:
  - How members of Chinese-Canadian community maintain their ethnic identity while acculturating to both mainstream Canadian culture & GCC, and,
  - Extent to which these Chinese minority members acculturate to largest minority group living in close urban proximity to Chinese community: South-Asian (SA) culture
  - Mediating role of cosmopolitanism
  - Application to food consumption
    - global/Canadian, Chinese, and SA cultures

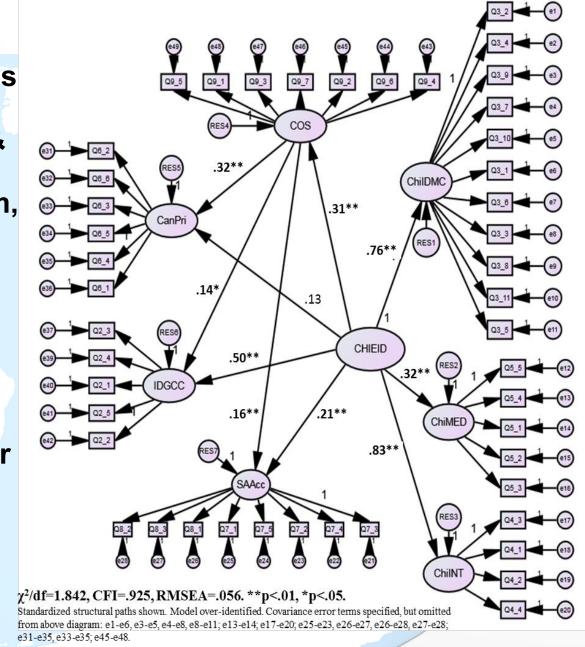


## MULTIFACETED ACCULTURATION IN MULTIETHNIC SETTINGS (CLEVELAND & XU, WORKING PAPER)



### **RESULTS**

- Incorporation of COS as partial mediator between Chinese EID & acculturation constructs (Mainstream, South Asian, IDGCC) yielded significant improvement in model fit
  - $\Delta \chi^2_{(3)} = 30.27$ , p<.001
- Bootstrapped confidence intervals for estimating direct/indirect paths
  - 2000 bootstrapped resamples





#### CULTURAL ANTECEDENTS OF FOOD CONSUMPTION

- H1a ✓ [Chinese EID→Cosmopolitanism+]
- H1b **x** [Chinese EID→Can-Pride (mediated by COS) not sig.]
  - Indirect relationship was sig. H3a ✓
- H2a ✓, H2b ✓, H2c ✓ [absorption of all 3 external cultural forces assisted by COS)
- H1c ✓ [Chinese EID→IDGCC +], H1d ✓ [Chinese EID→SA-Acc +]
- These relationships intensified with incorporation of COS as partial mediator: H3b ✓, H3c ✓



## CULTURAL ANTECEDENTS OF FOOD CONSUMPTION

- H4 ✓ [Chinese EID→Chinese foods +]
  - Waning of Ch-EID associated with increase of mainstream + SA foods
- H5a ✓ [Can-Pride → Mainstream foods +]
- H5b ✓ [IDGCC→mainstream foods +], [IDGCC→Chinese foods +]
- H6a ✓ [SA-Acc→SA foods +], H6b ✓ [IDGCC→SA foods +]
- H7a x [COS→Chinese foods, not sig.]
- H7b ✓ [COS→Mainstream foods +]
- H7c \* [COS→SA-foods, not sig.]



## 中國文化 DISCUSSION

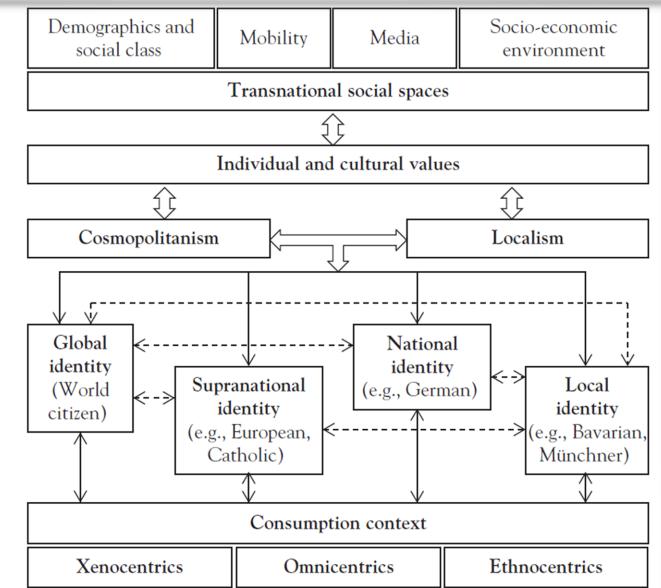


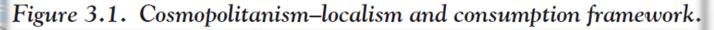
- Builds upon slender literature on ethnic minorities within culturally pluralistic environments.
  - Degree to which each set of multiple social/cultural identities activated depends in part on symbolism within consumption context (possibly, elicited by brands)
    - Differential salience of ethnicity/identity affects type of info consumers attend to
  - Joint positive influence of presumably conflicting bases on consumption, positive correlations
    - Thus, reinforcing, and enhanced by cosmopolitanism
    - Young, affluent and urban Chinese consumers "are shifting from collective values to greater individualism, and have aspirations of modernizing, but on their own terms" (Douglas & Craig, 2010)
  - IDGCC → Chinese foods (integration)
  - IDGCC→ Mainstream & South-Asian foods (assimilation)



## CLEVELAND & LAROCHE, 2012

Chapter 3:
"Becoming
and Being a
Cosmopolitan
Consumer"







# GLOBALIZATION CREATES POLYCENTRIC IDENTITIES

Polycentrism: Multiple bases of identity

- 'HERE' IDENTITIES (national, ethnic, religious, etc.) & associated dispositions (consumer ethnocentrism, animosity, patriotism, etc.)
- 'THERE' IDENTITIES
   (xenocentrism, "anglophilia",
   etc.)
- 'EVERYWHERE' IDENTITIES
   (global, cosmopolitanism, etc.),
   & associated dispositions (e.g.,
   global consumption orientation)

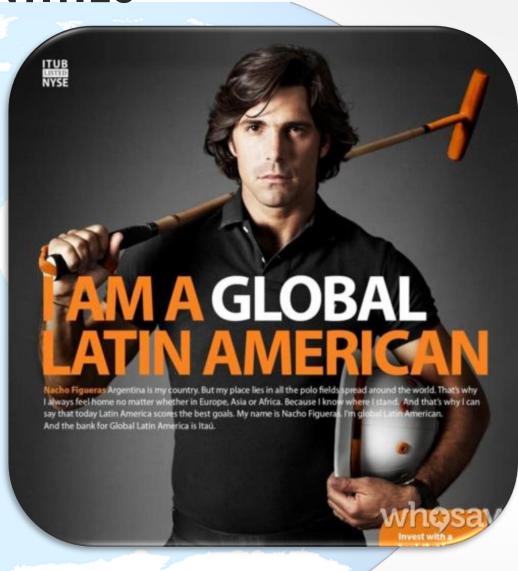




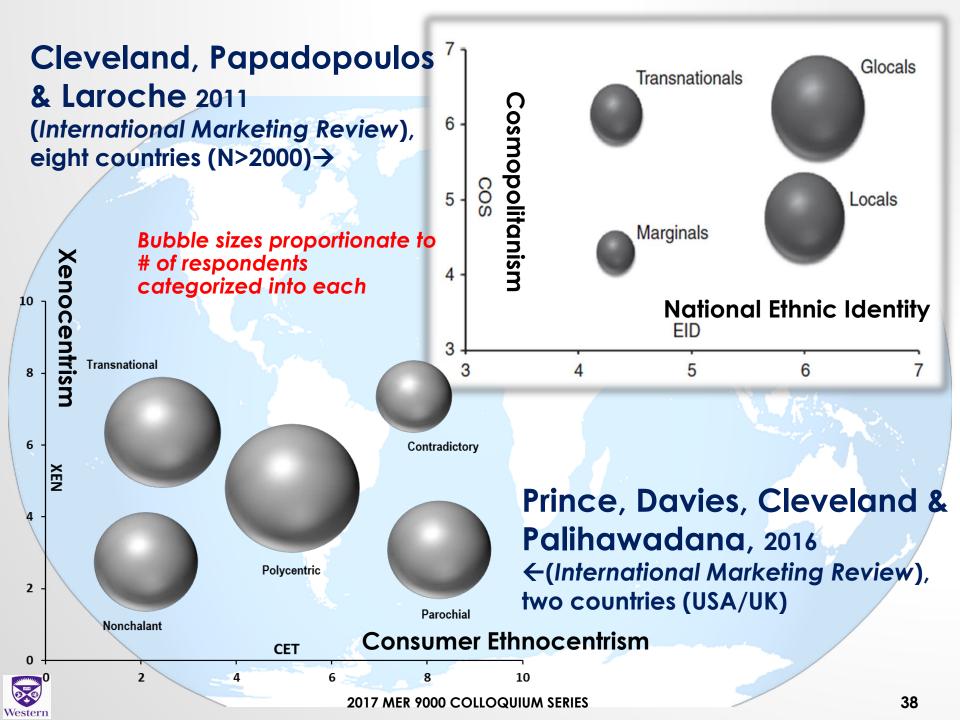
## GLOBALIZATION CREATES POLYCENTRIC IDENTITIES

#### Nacho Figueras.

"Argentina is my country. But my place lies in all the polo fields spread around the world. That's why I always feel at home no matter whether in Europe, Asia, or Africa. Because I know where I stand. And that's why I can say today Latin America scores the best goals. My name is Nacho Figueras. I'm global Latin American. And the bank for Global Latin America is Itaú."







# NATIONAL ETHNIC IDENTITY, GCC & MATERIALISM

Who Die

#### With The Most Toys Wins

Cleveland, Laroche & Papadopoulos, working paper.

- Does globalization promote diffusion of a materialistic GCC?
  - Cultural imperialism hypothesis (Tomlinson, 1991), Coca-Cola-nization (Hannerz, 1992), McWorld (Barber, 1996)
  - Are national/ethnic cultures revitalizing?
    - If so, evidence that nationalistic & parochially-inclined consumers are resisting materialistic tendencies?
- More specifically, how & to what degree do facets of GCC & national/ethnic affiliation drive materialism?
  - Uniformity of relationships across countries/cultures?



#### **GLOBALIZATION & SOCIETY**

- Globalization > Affects societies & individuals
- Materialism:
  - Presumed to be a core characteristic of global consumer culture (GCC)
  - Consumption-related values pertinent for understanding establishment, maintenance, & expression of cultural identity.
  - Advertisers employ materialistic themes:

· luxury, success, accumulation, happiness, glamour,

exclusivity

- Reinforces status, social class, desirability of upward social mobility
- X-cultural studies on drivers of materialism: scarce



#### **MATERIALISM**

- MATERIALISM: ownership/acquisition of material goods, to achieve life goals or desired states (Richins, 2004)
  - 1. Centrality of possessions
  - 2. Acquiring possessions yields happiness & fulfillment
  - 3. Belongings to infer success of oneself/others (Richins & Dawson, 1992)
  - Possessiveness, envy, non-generosity (Belk, 1985)
  - Conspicuous Consumption: Identity/hierarchy signaling within groups (Veblen, 1899, Weber, 1904)
  - Consumer Culture: Individual pursuits/desires to detriment of communal, tribal, religious values.
    - Easy access to foreign goods & media parallel with rapidly rising consumer expectations
    - Spread by mass media, tourism, multinational marketing?
    - Universal, latent? Higher under social change (Ger & Belk, 1990)
    - Contrary to religious teachings, postmaterialism.



#### THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

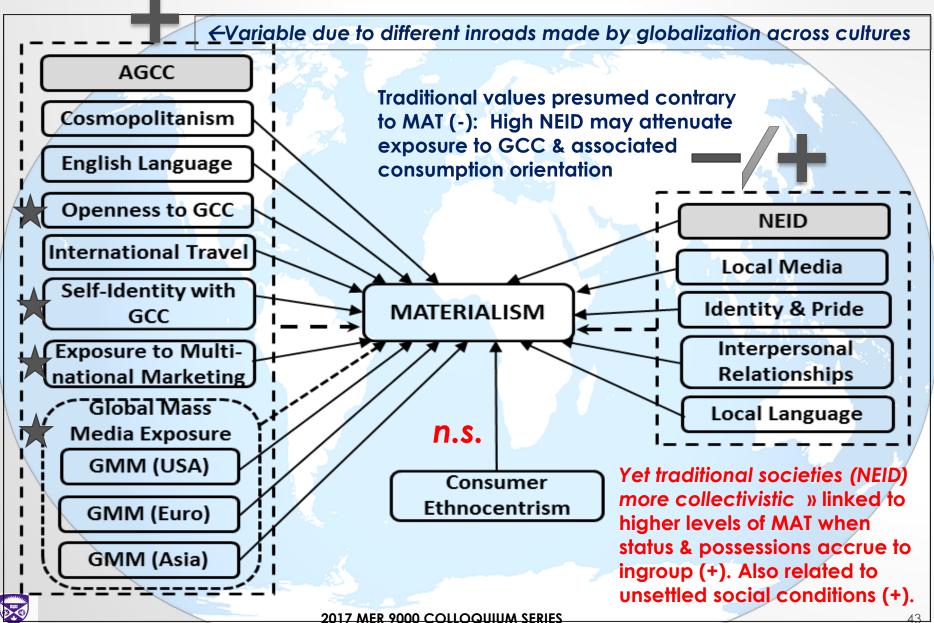
- Innateness of Materialism?
- Independence of MAT & genetics (Giddens et al., 2009)
  - MAT & environmental causes



- Extant literature on MAT:
  - Focus to date: Attributing individual differences (e.g., personality) & social forces
  - Extent to which social forces uniformly affect consumers' MAT levels across cultures/countries indefinite (Cleveland et al., 2009)
  - Certain societies may be prone to embrace or resist materialistic, consumption-based orientation characterizing GCC



## HYPOTHESIZED RELATIONSHIPS

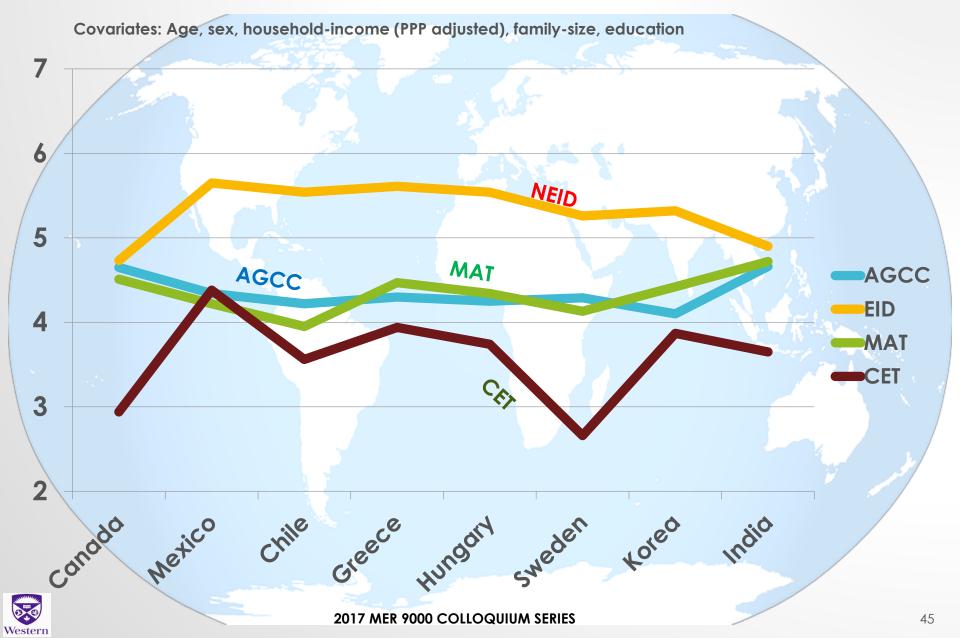


### METHODOLOGY: SAMPLING



- Snowball sampling
  - Grad/undergrad students, Quota (3-5): eligible coworkers/associates, friends/neighbors, etc.
- One urban area per country
  - Montreal, Puebla, Talca, Budapest, Gothenburg, Thessaloniki, Daejeon, Mumbai
- ~2800 dist., 2307 ret., 2015 usable (female %):
  - Americas: Canada=241 (50%), Mexico=231 (53%),
     Chile=192 (60%)
  - Europe: Hungary=332 (59%), Sweden=329 (56%),
     Greece=317 (54%)
  - Asia: Korea=137 (33%), India=236 (41%)
  - Sig. differences for age, sex, household income, family size, education
    - Held constant (i.e., covariates) for all mean comparisons & correlation analyses

### **ADJUSTED MEANS**



#### Multi-group SEM analyses (AMOS)

#### LATENT FACTOR STRUCTURAL PATHS TO MAT

	Americas <sup>b</sup>			Europe <sup>b</sup>			Asia <sup>b</sup>		Overalla	Summary <sup>c</sup>
	Canada	Mexico	Chile	Greece	Hungary	Sweden	Korea	India		
CET	115	.074	.300***	.126*	.009	.082	174	.086	.077***	2+
LOCMED	.106	.095	.141	.150*	.056	114	.126	015	.050*	1+
IDMC	243**	096	.034	028	112*	.183***	.159	.028	.033	1+, 2-
INTPER	.178*	.292**	.262***	.182*	045	.135*	125	.163	.146***	5+
LOCLAN	113	271***	.025	.003	.044	086	.189	085	188***	1-
cos	120	.031	008	012	.033	206***	.239	149	105***	1-
ENGL	.115*	.023	114	108*	.007	093	365***	134*	.019	1+, 3-
OGCC	057	.228***	082	.092	002	.071	.122	.132*	.040*	2+
TRAV	.007	083	.008	002	090	.185**	050	.160	.023	1+
IDGCC	.507***	.518***	.576***	.536***	.556***	.585***	.528***	.533***	.561***	8+
GMM-asia	.064	.176**	.131	103	052	018	.044	004	.167***	1+
GMM-usa	.423***	.234**	.326***	.265***	.462***	.404***	.624***	086	.304***	7+ 🖈
GMM-EUR	.057	.048	.015	045	.141*	.106	392***	.019	058*	1+, 1-
EXM	.075	.061	.000	.136*	046	.043	039	.423***	.120***	2+
#Drivers	4+, 1-	5+, 1-	4+	6+,1-	3+, 1-	5+, 1-	2+, 2-	3+, 1-	8+, 3-	32+, 8-



## CONTRIBUTIONS

- Little known about similarity of psychographic drivers of MAT across countries/cultures.
  - Variable role of specific cultural values associated with traditional identities explanation for equivocal findings.
  - Multi-group CFA/SEM: validating measures/constructs developed in West to different cultures
- MAT/CET: largely independent
- MAT/NEID: pos. more often than neg.
  - Compatibility of parochial feelings & materialism.
  - Value of materialistic themes in product ads/positioning for local & foreign/global goods, although for latter should avoid drawing attention to (or disguise) foreign-ownership/production.



### CONTRIBUTIONS

- Contention of rising (falling) MAT in emerging (postindustrial) economies:
  - Respondents from emerging markets exhibited both the highest and lowest mean MAT scores (India vs. Chile), and no consistent pattern emerged amongst advanced economy respondents (e.g., Canadians vs. Swedes).
  - COS: not a post-materialistic disposition (ns links)
- AGCC drives MAT: robust support.
  - Media, marketing messages, First-hand cultural encounters (TRAV), But not English (except Québécois)
  - Individuals bicultural (EID/AGCC: r = -0.003, p=.91)
    - Notion of competing cultures <u>not</u> supported
  - Possessions & luxury are important to global consumer, who
    is indifferent as to whether these goods are produced locally
    or abroad (AGCC-CET r =-.14, p<.001)</li>

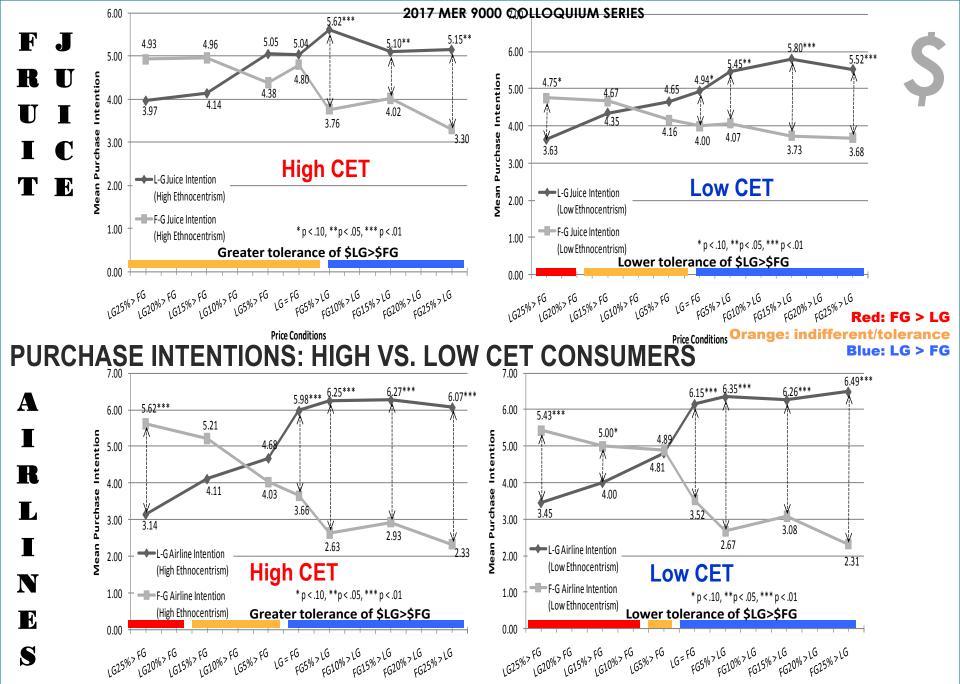


#### **RESEARCHING GCC & ASSOCIATED DISPOSITIONS**

- Dominated by Survey-based approaches
- Experimental research mainly focused on:
  - Country of origin effects, country image, global vs. local brand positioning strategies, etc.
- Little research on other marketing mix elements/combinations, for example:
  - Pricing, in conjunction with brand/positioning, e.g.:
  - To what extent are consumer biases/traits (consumer ethnocentrism, cosmopolitanism, etc.) sensitive to price differences?

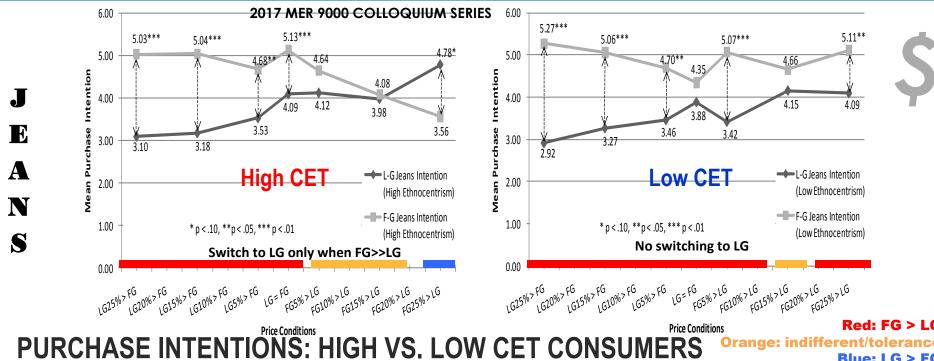




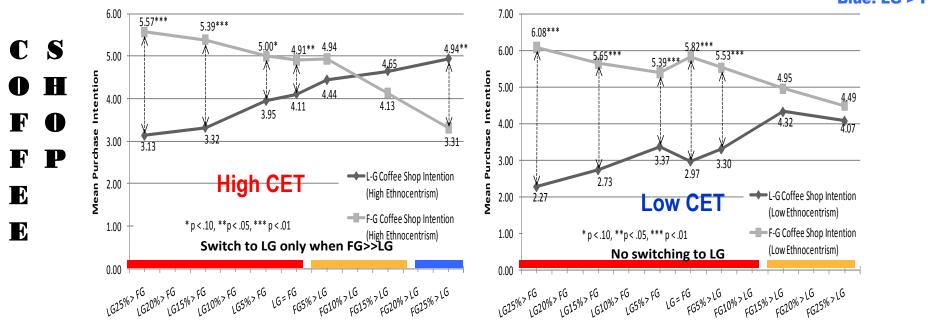


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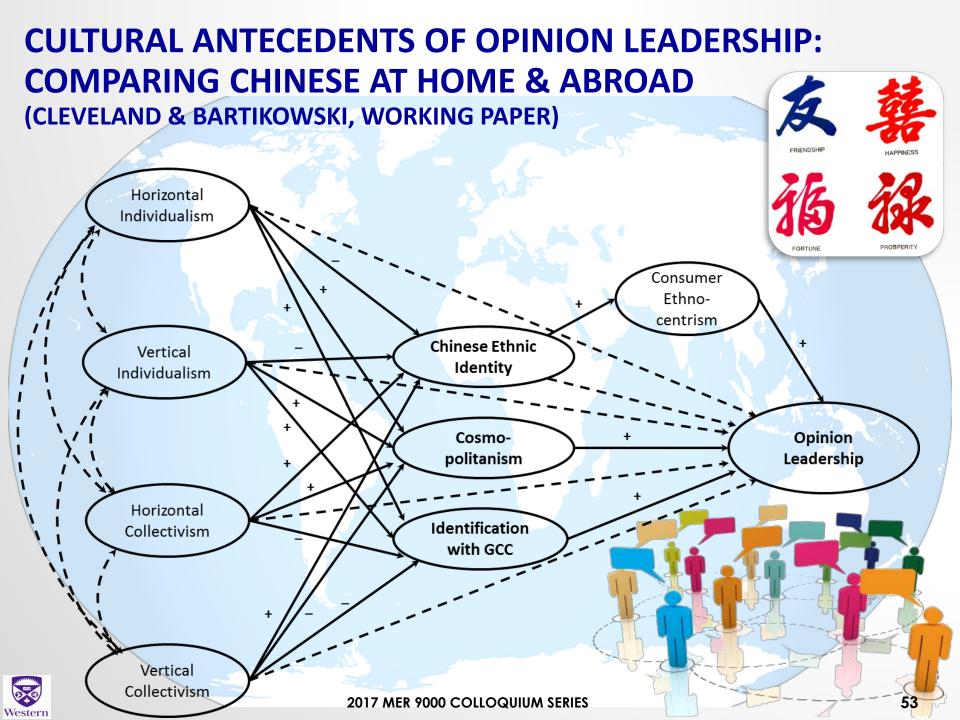
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## ETHNIC MINORITY CONSUMERS AS BRAND







#### GCC: SOME CONCLUSIONS

- Globalization 

  Acculturation
- Worldwide phenomenon
- There are no "pure" cultural groups
- Not a zero-sum game (culture Δ ≠ Assimilation)
- Two-way flow (minorities "talk back")
- Global consumer cultures (forms of, evolving)
- Cultures adapt & thrive, or stagnate & wither
- Widespread effect on dispositions & behaviors
  - Highly context dependent, probably due to:
  - Salience of identity-related dispositions/values, and local/indigenized product/category meanings

