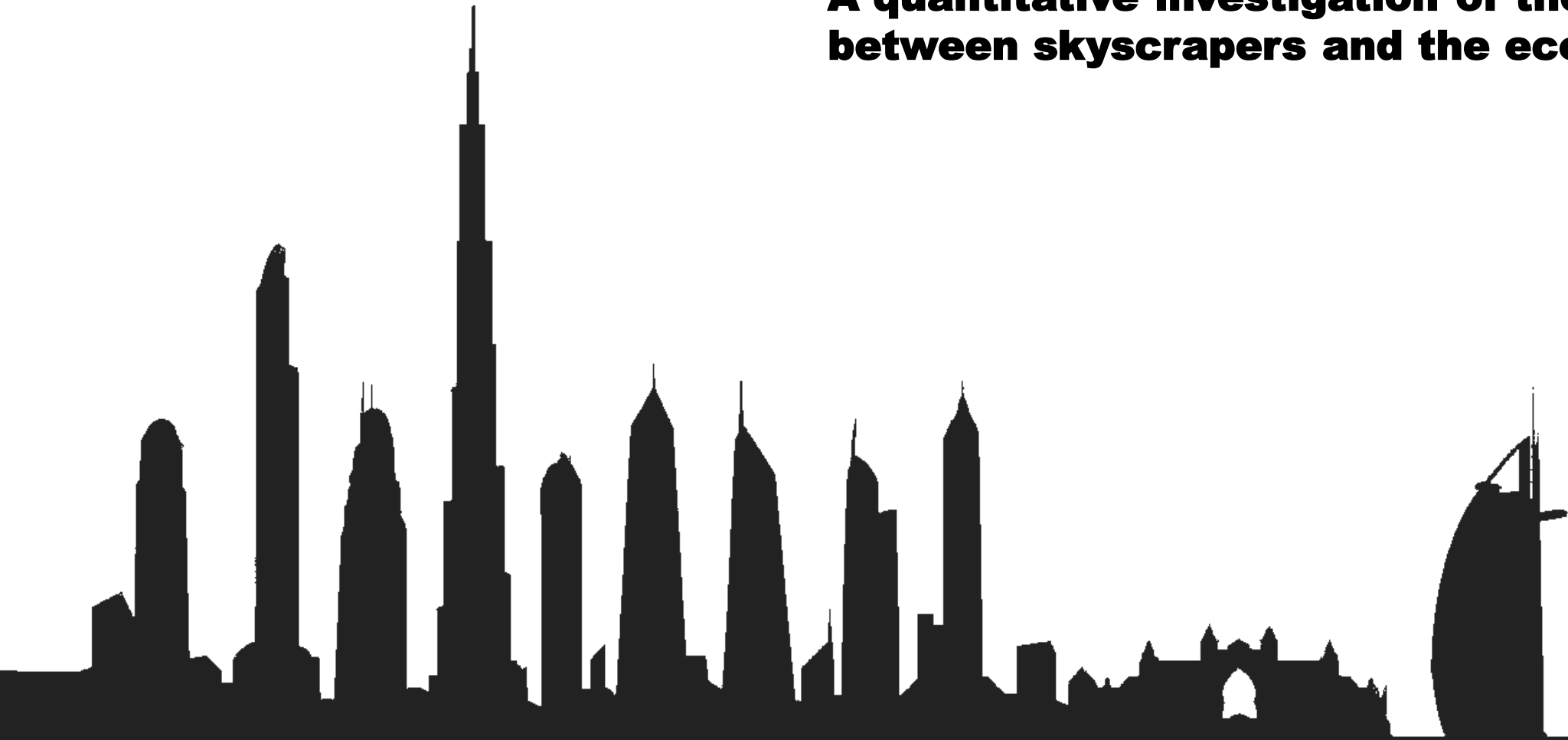


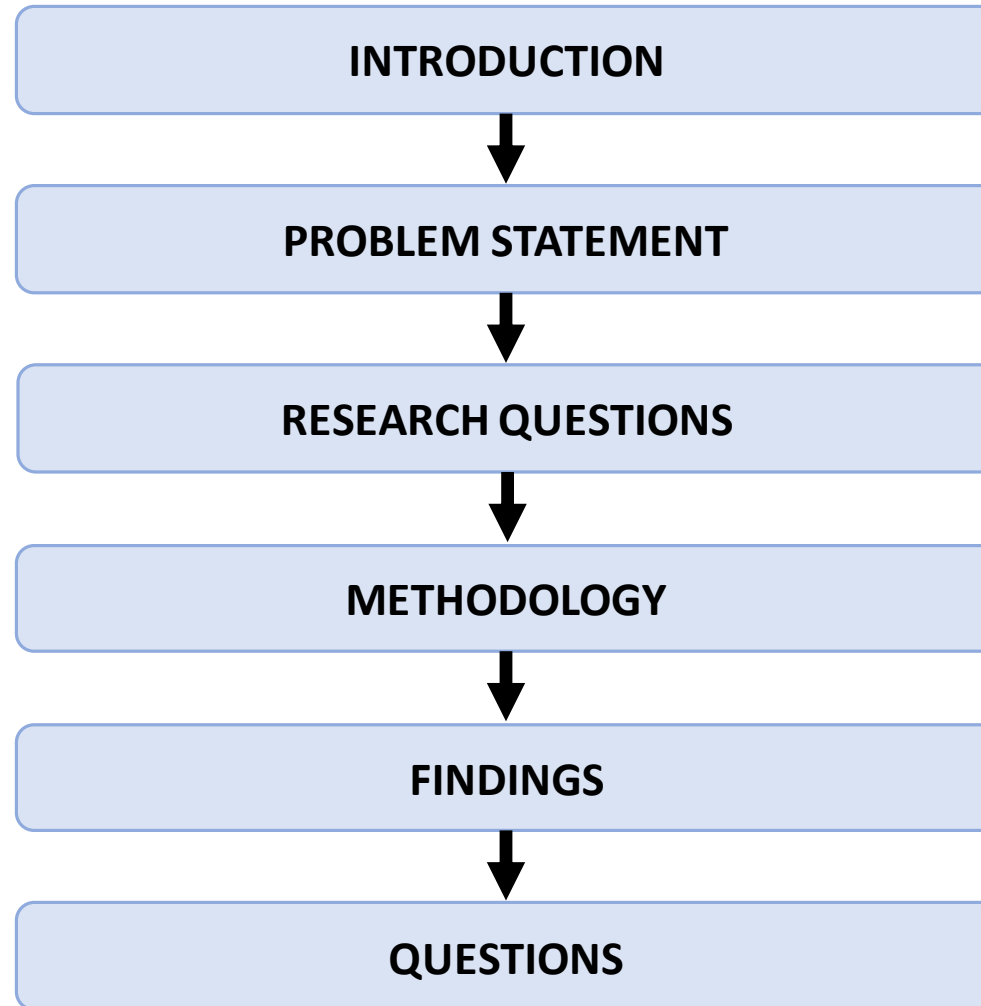
# **Differences in global economic development and skyscrapers construction.**

**A quantitative investigation of the relationship  
between skyscrapers and the economic cycle.**



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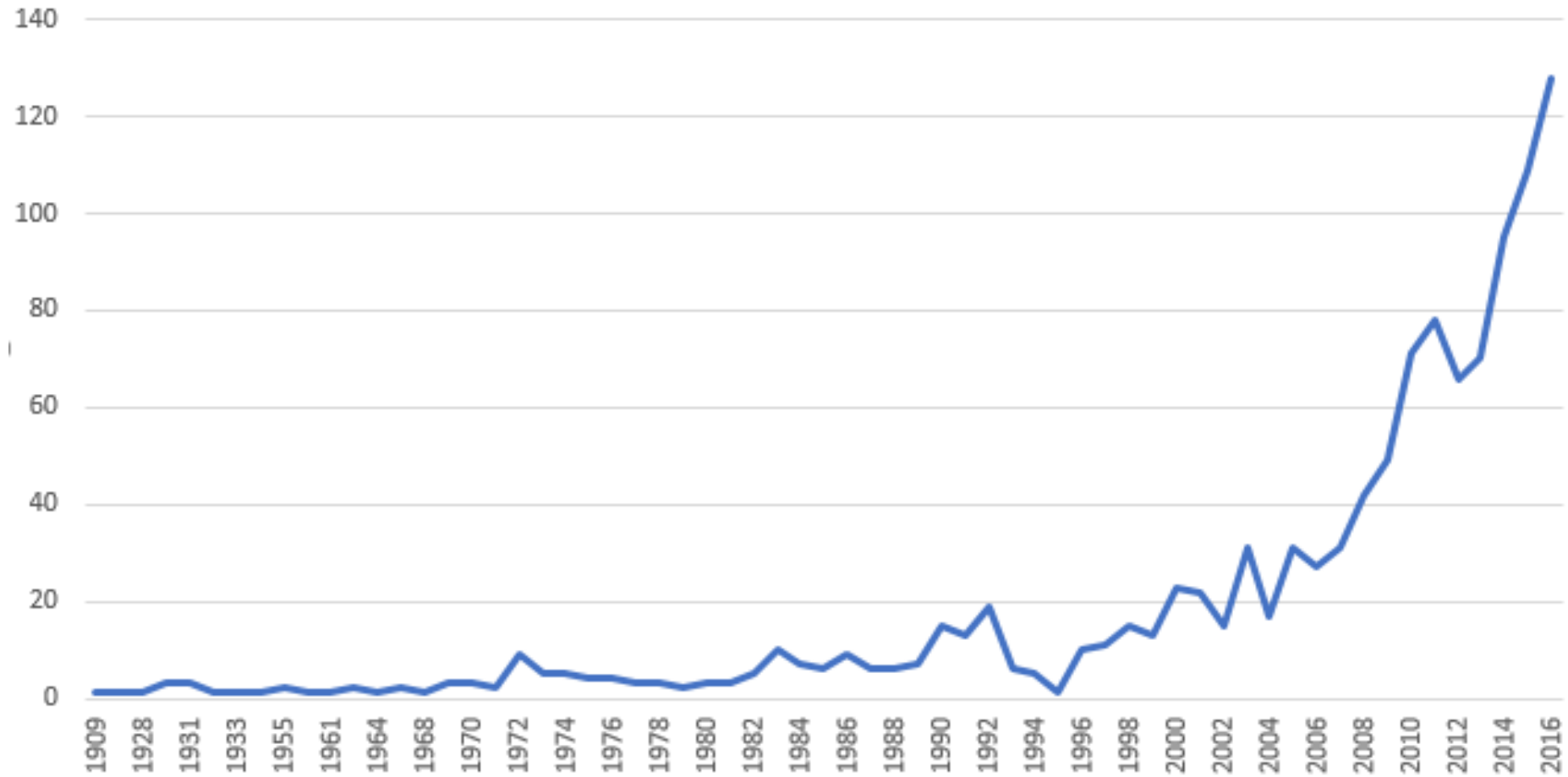


- Consideration of buildings taller than 200 meters worldwide
- Current supply: 1.456 projects
- First project built in 1909
- 70% of global supply was built in last 10 years

# Topics

- Economic cycles
- Geographic distribution
- Vanity Height
- Functions
- Technological cycles
- Construction costs

# Problem statement

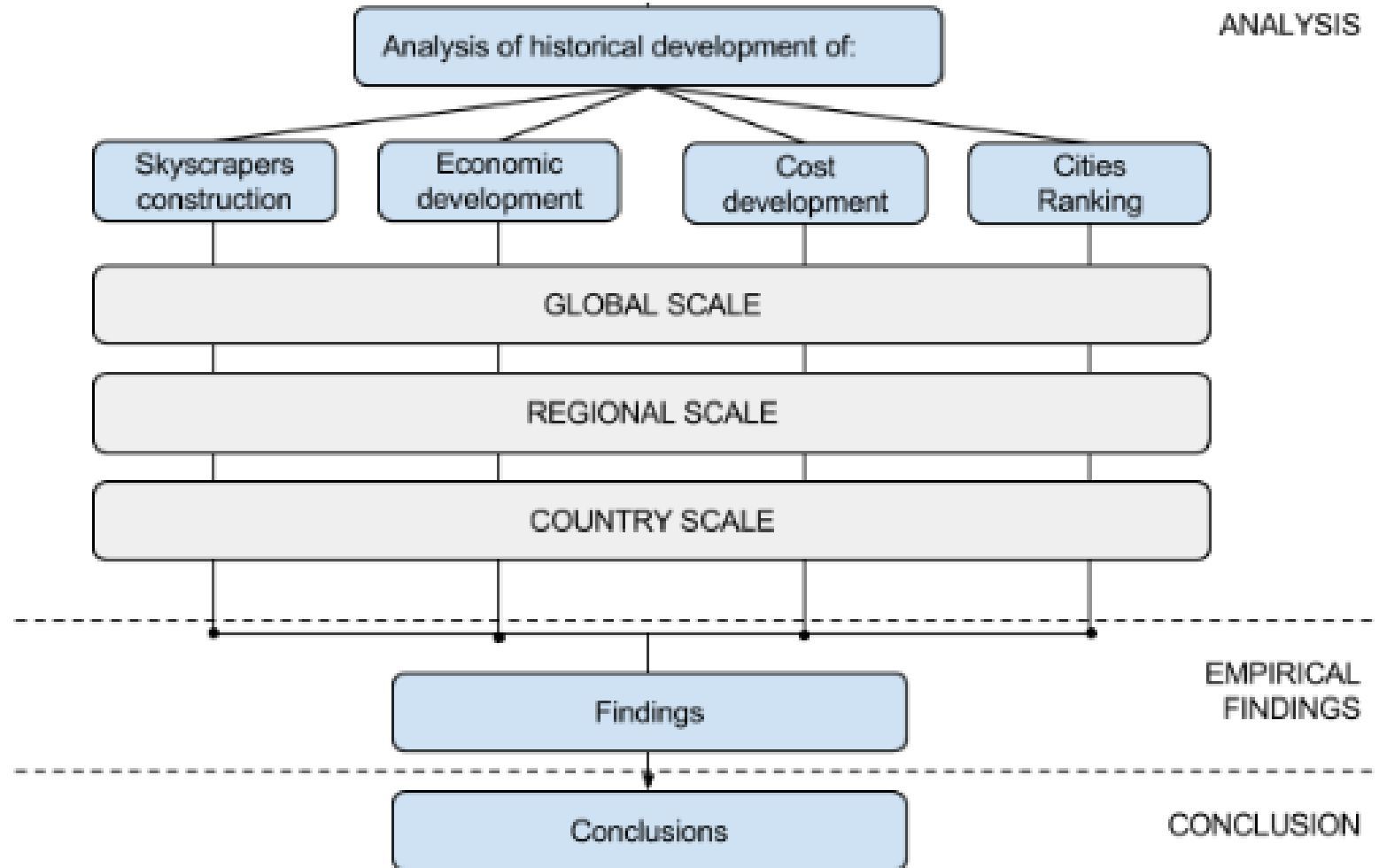


# Research questions

- To what extent do national, regional and international economic cycles influence skyscrapers' construction?

Sub-questions:

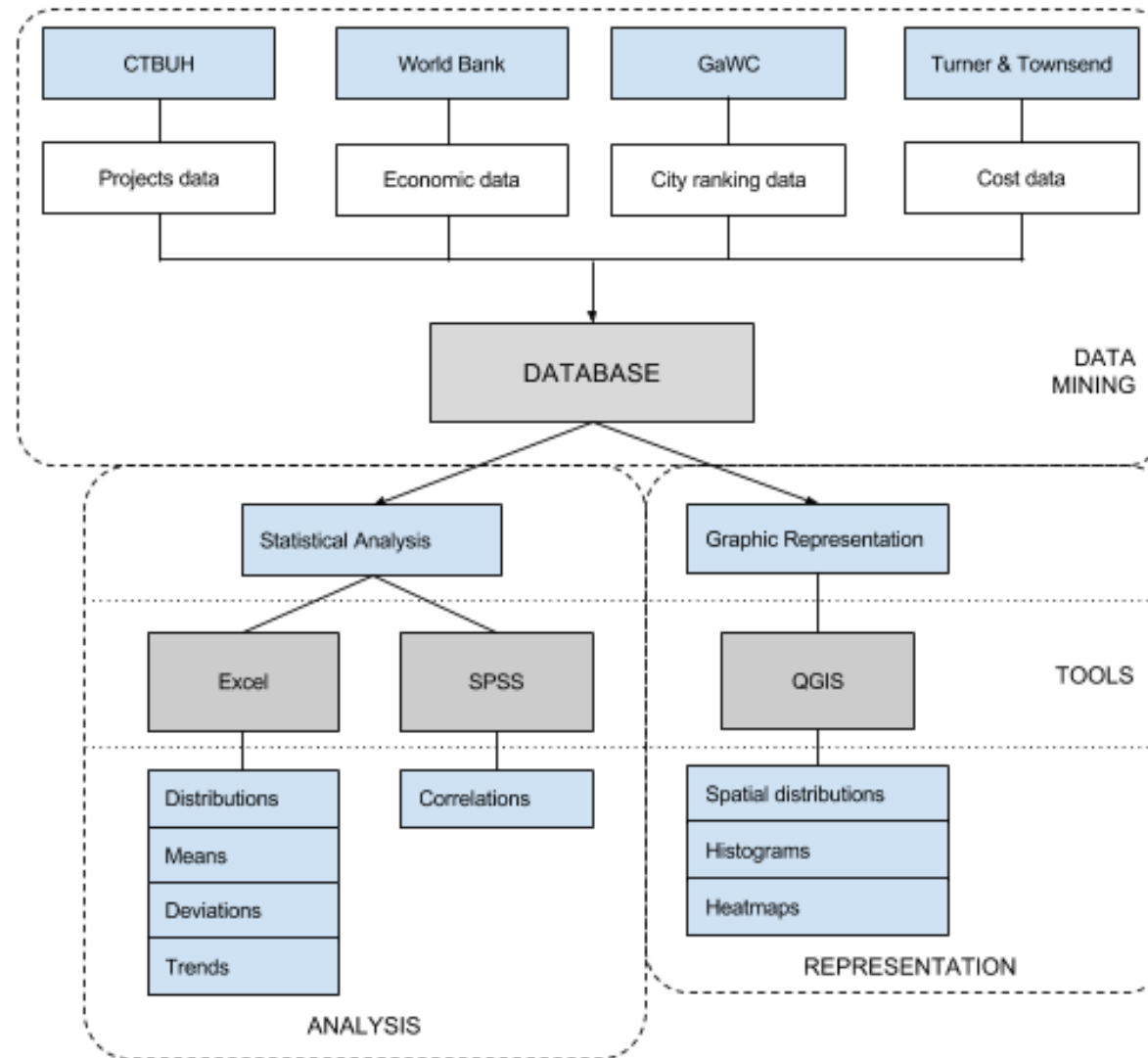
- How are projects distributed globally, regionally and nationally?
- To what extent does Vanity Height influence projects' height?
- To what extent are specific functions employed? How are they distributed?
- To what extent are specific materials employed in skyscrapers' construction?
- To what extent do construction costs influence skyscrapers' construction?



# Indicators

DEVELOPMENTS	SOURCE	TIMEFRAME	INDICATOR
Skyscrapers construction	Council of Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat	1909 - 2016	Project name
			Country
			City
			Coordinates
			Height
			Number of floors
			Height / n. floors
			Function
			Material
			Date of proposal
			Start of construction
Completion			
Economic development	World Bank	1960 - 2015	GDP Level
			GDP deflated
			GDP growth
		Interest rates	
		1970 - 2015	Foreign direct investment
Cities ranking	GaWC	2000 - 2016	Rank
Construction cost	Turner & Townsend	2009 - 2017	Residential high-rise
			Office high-rise





# Economic cycles - World

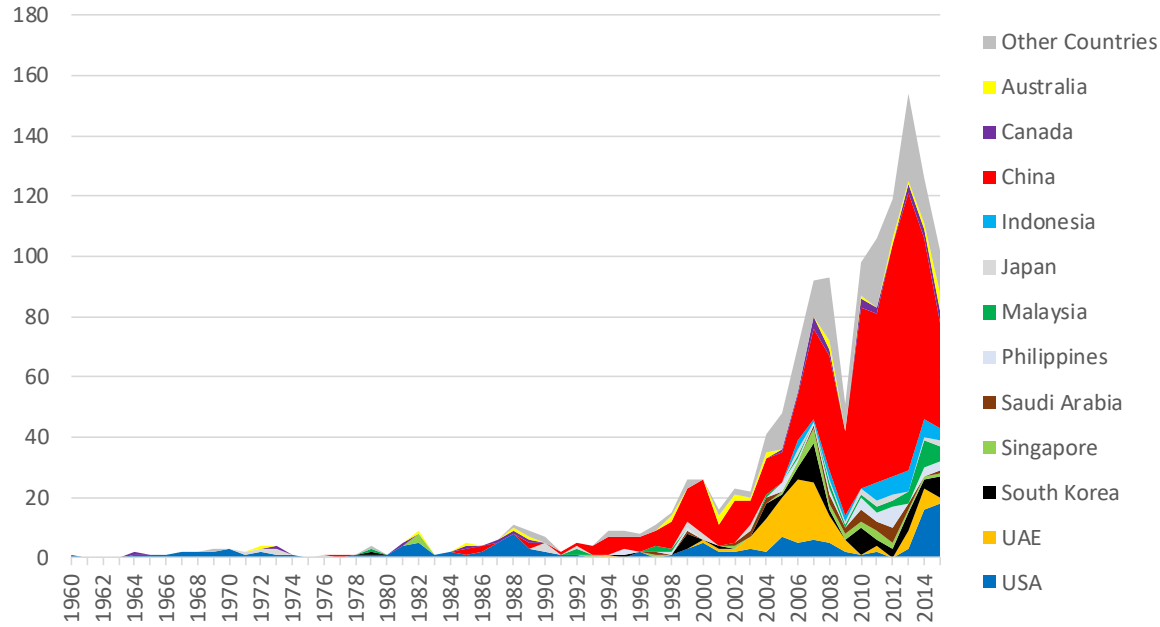
Correlations

		Started	Completed	Avg Height	World GDP %	World GDP Level	Global Investments
Started	Pearson Correlation	1	,908**	-,006	-,231	,921**	,911**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		,000	,964	,103	,000	,000
	N	52	50	52	51	52	45
Completed	Pearson Correlation	,908**	1	,086	-,280*	,898**	,802**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000		,551	,044	,000	,000
	N	50	53	50	52	53	46
Avg Height	Pearson Correlation	-,006	,086	1	-,118	,016	-,042
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,964	,551		,409	,913	,783
	N	52	50	52	51	52	45

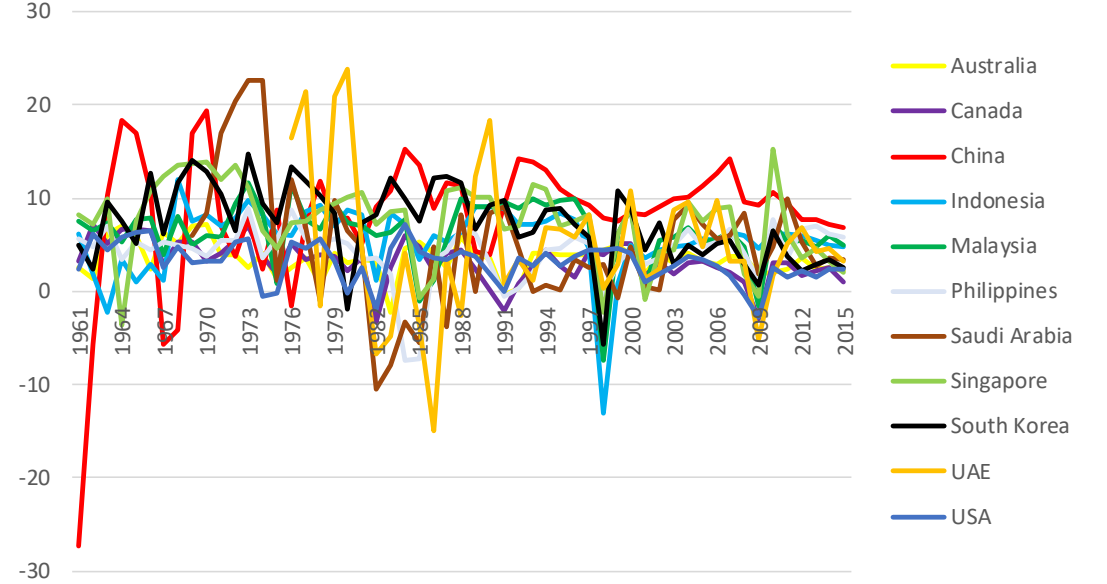
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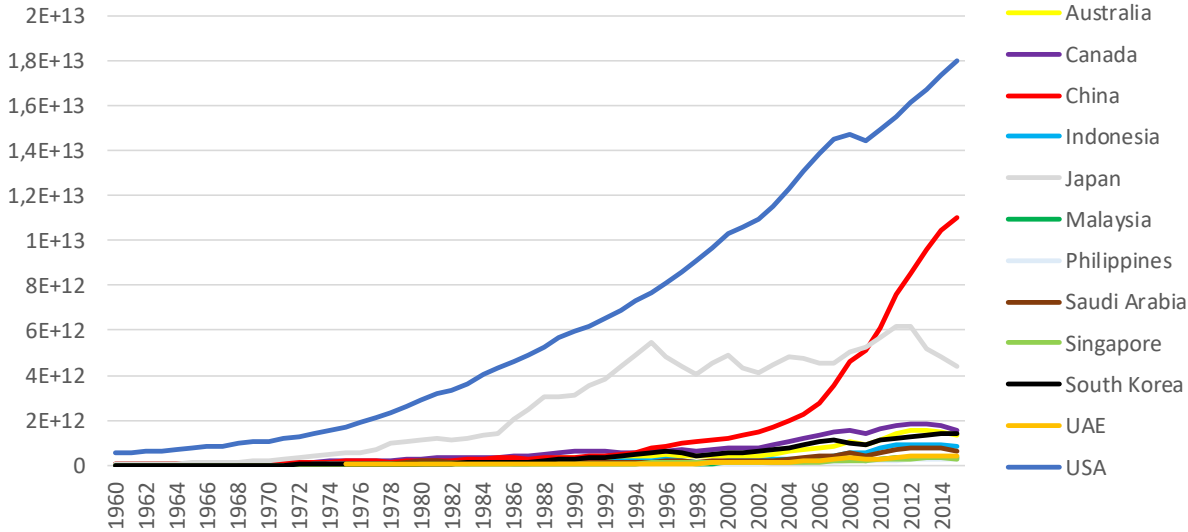
### Global development of projects by country



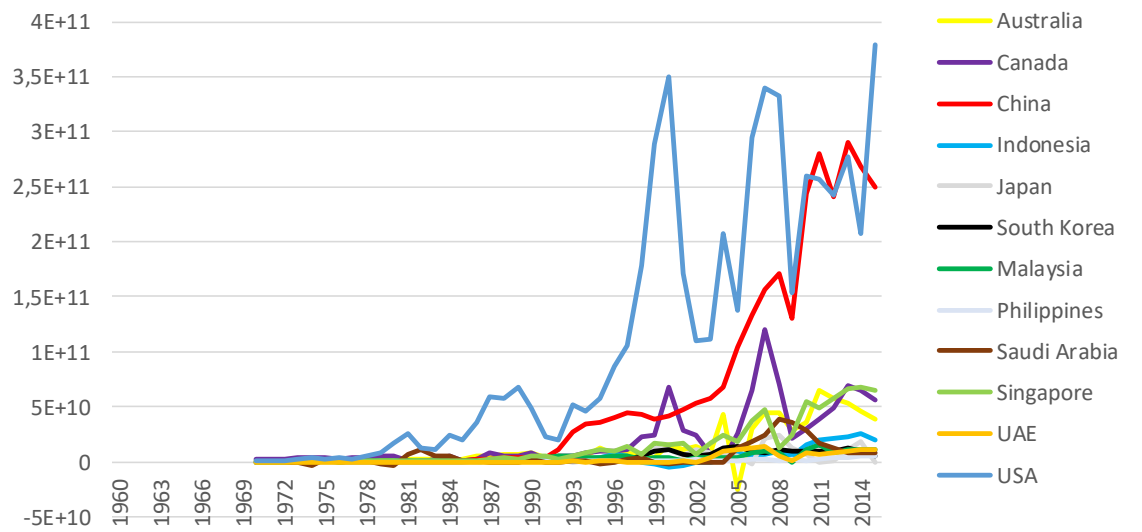
### Growth of GDP by country

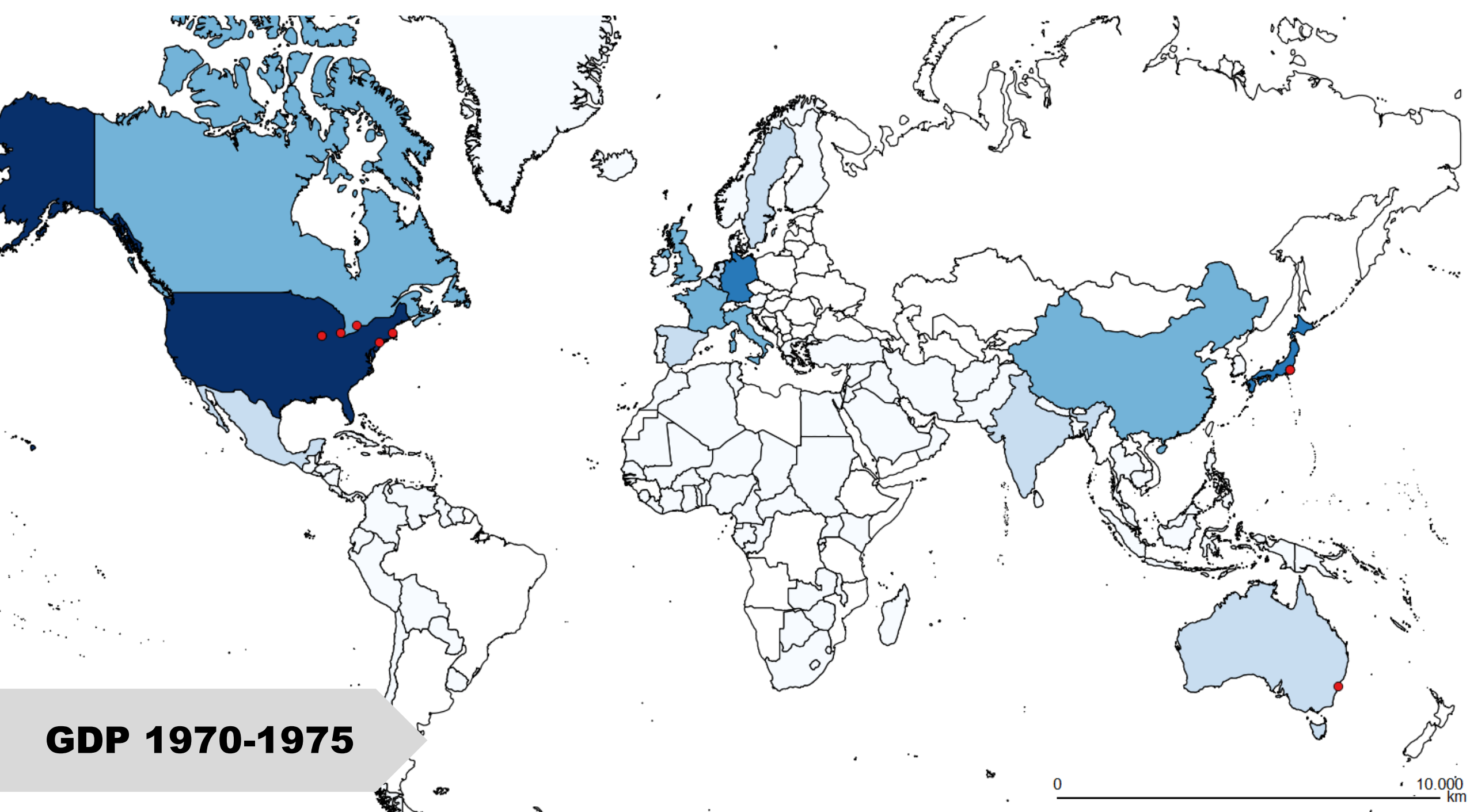


### Changes of GDP level by country



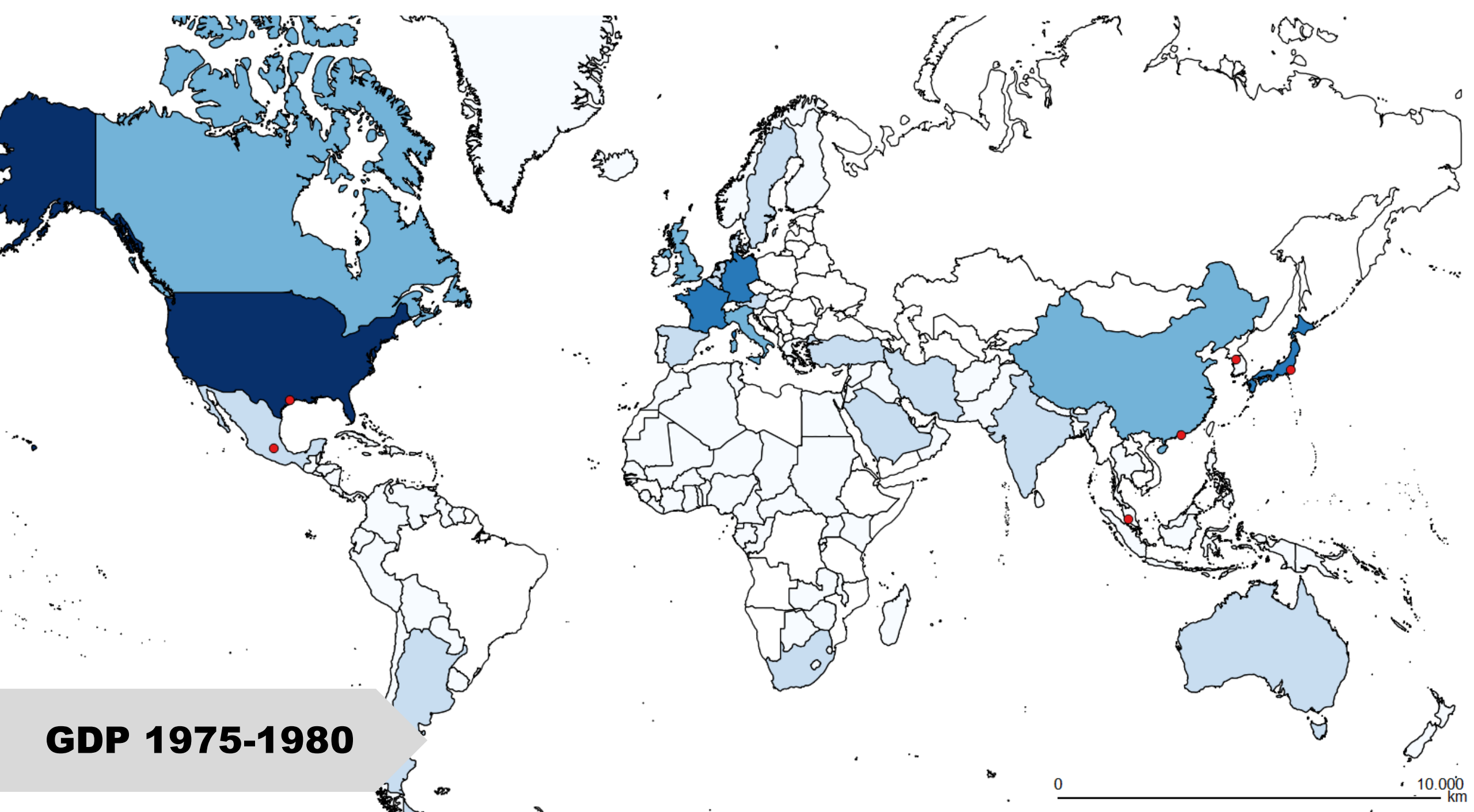
### Changes of FDI by country





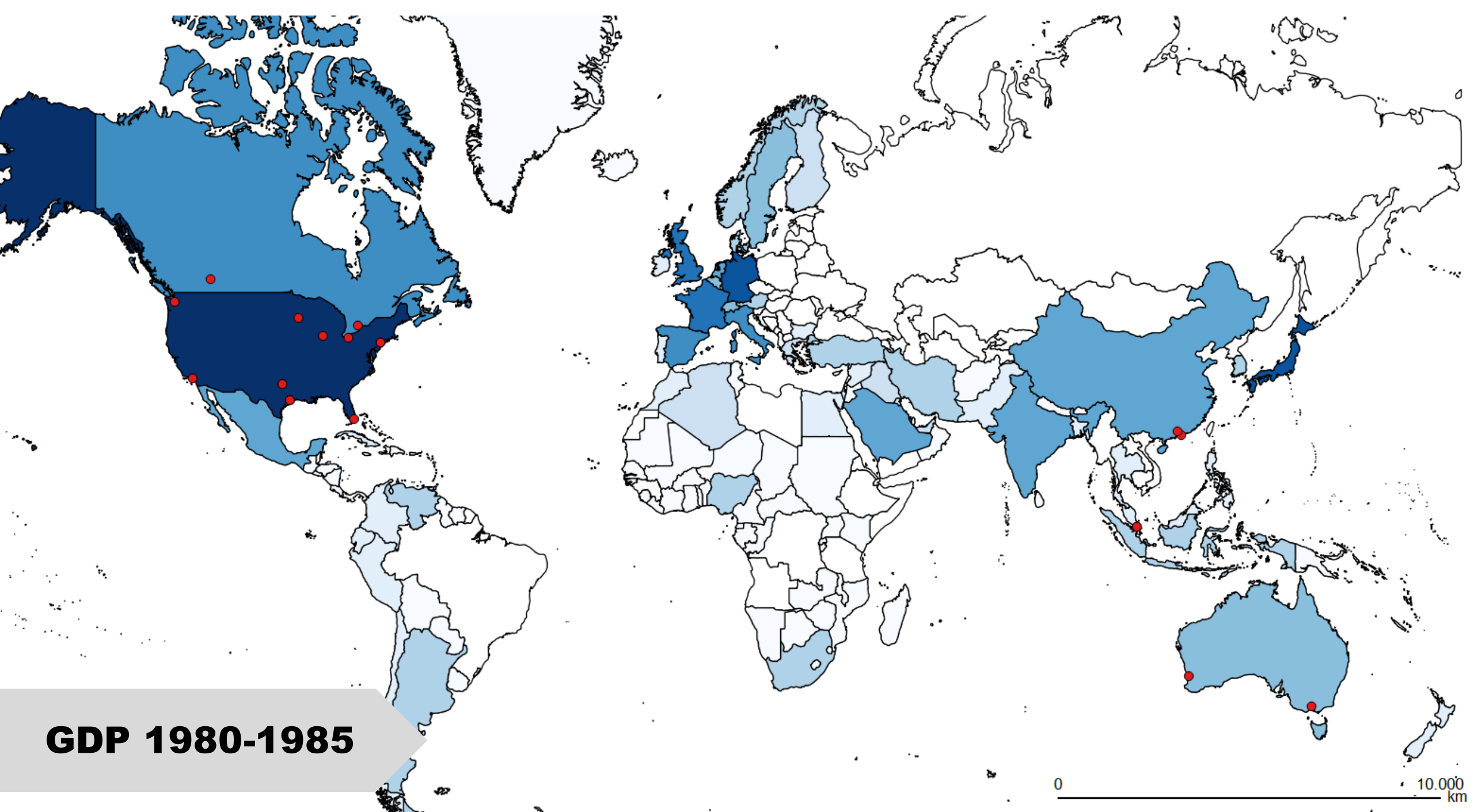
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0 10.000 km



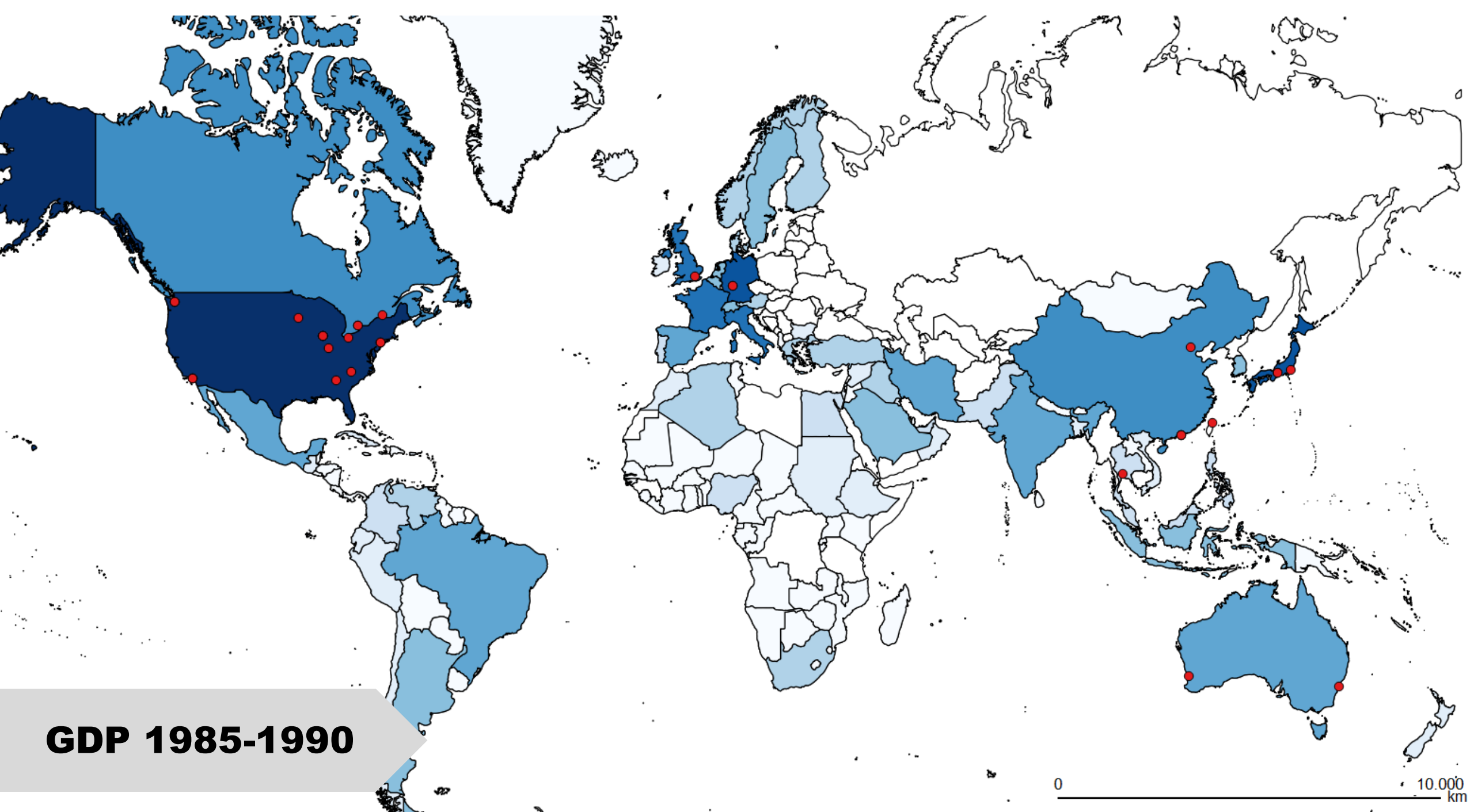
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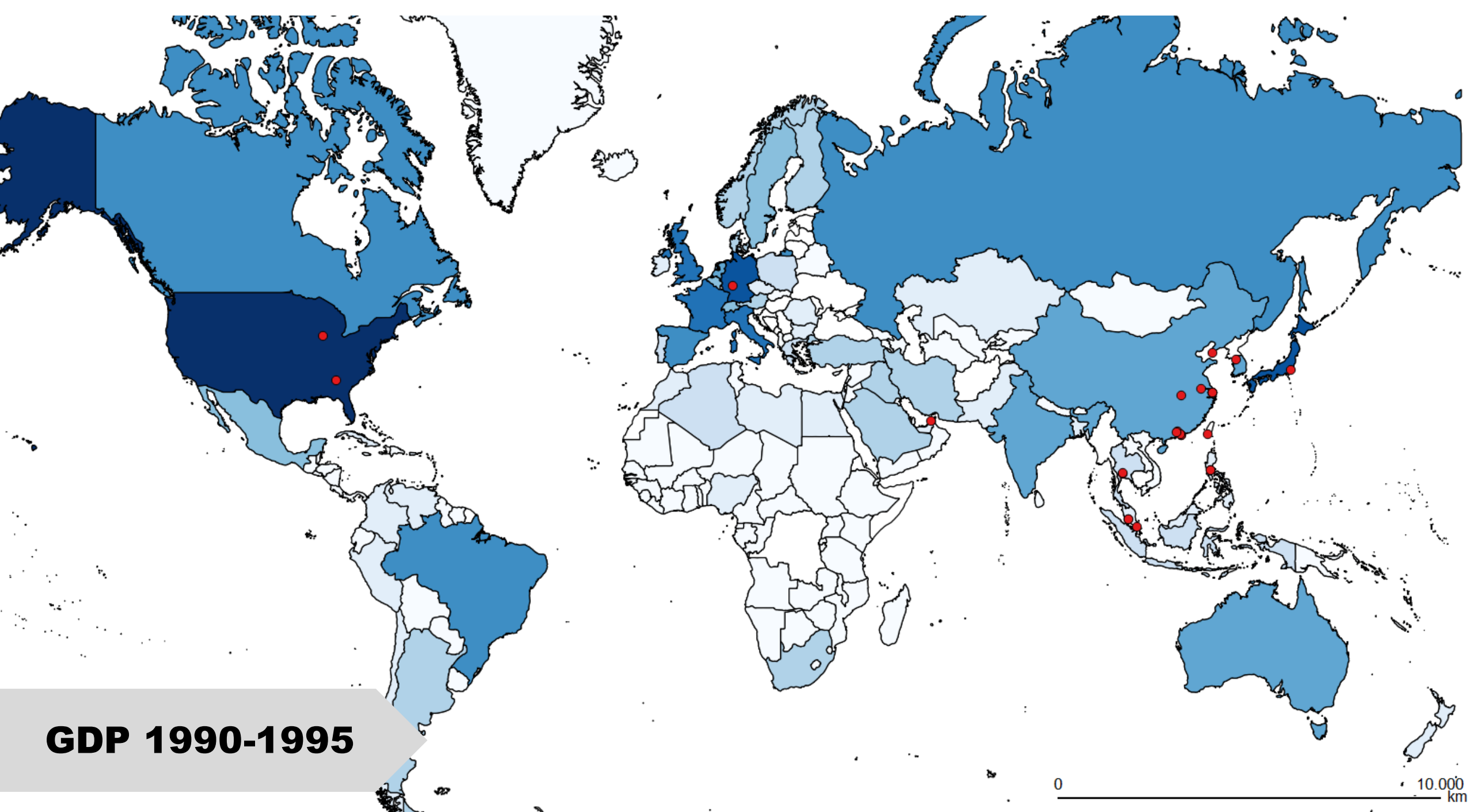
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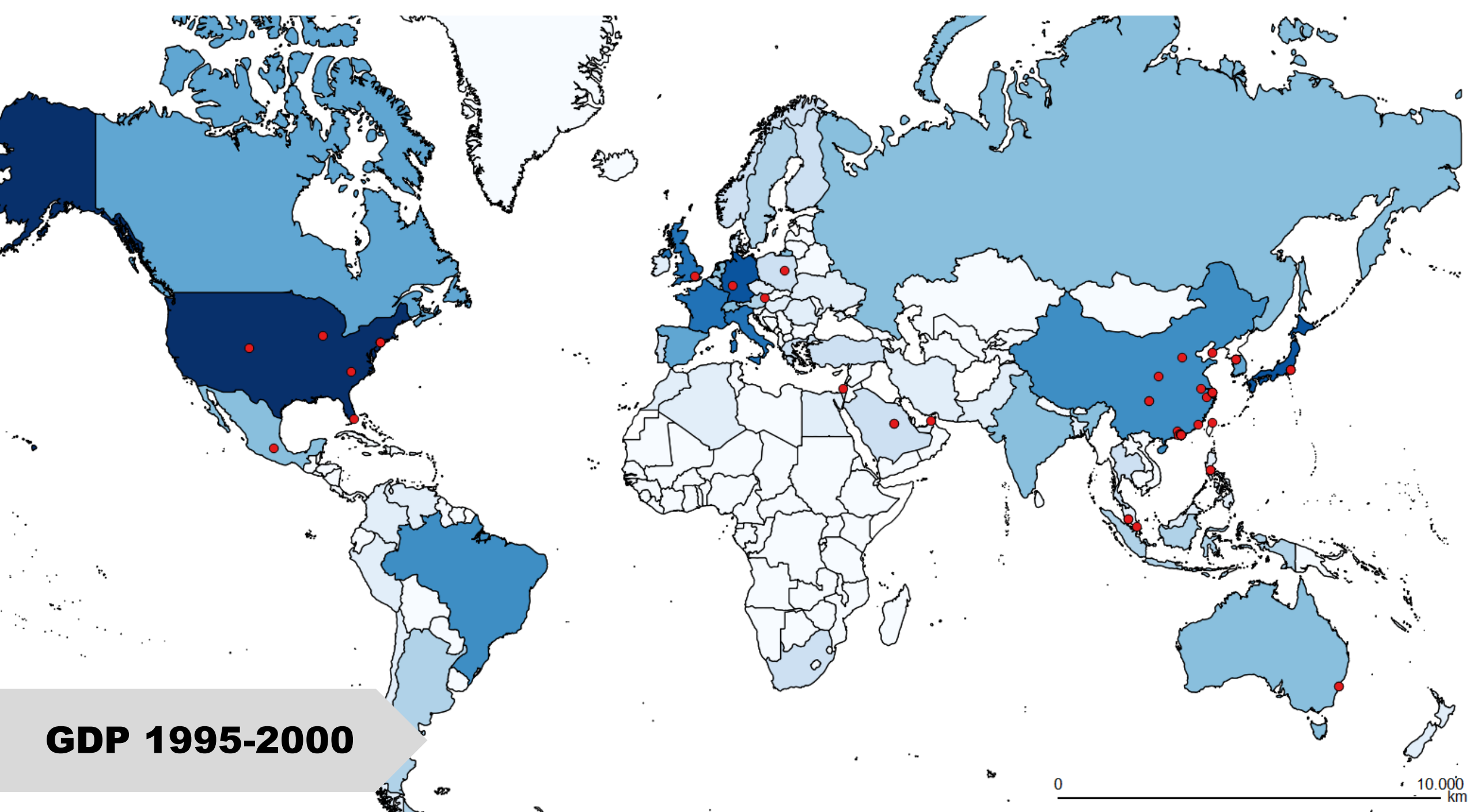
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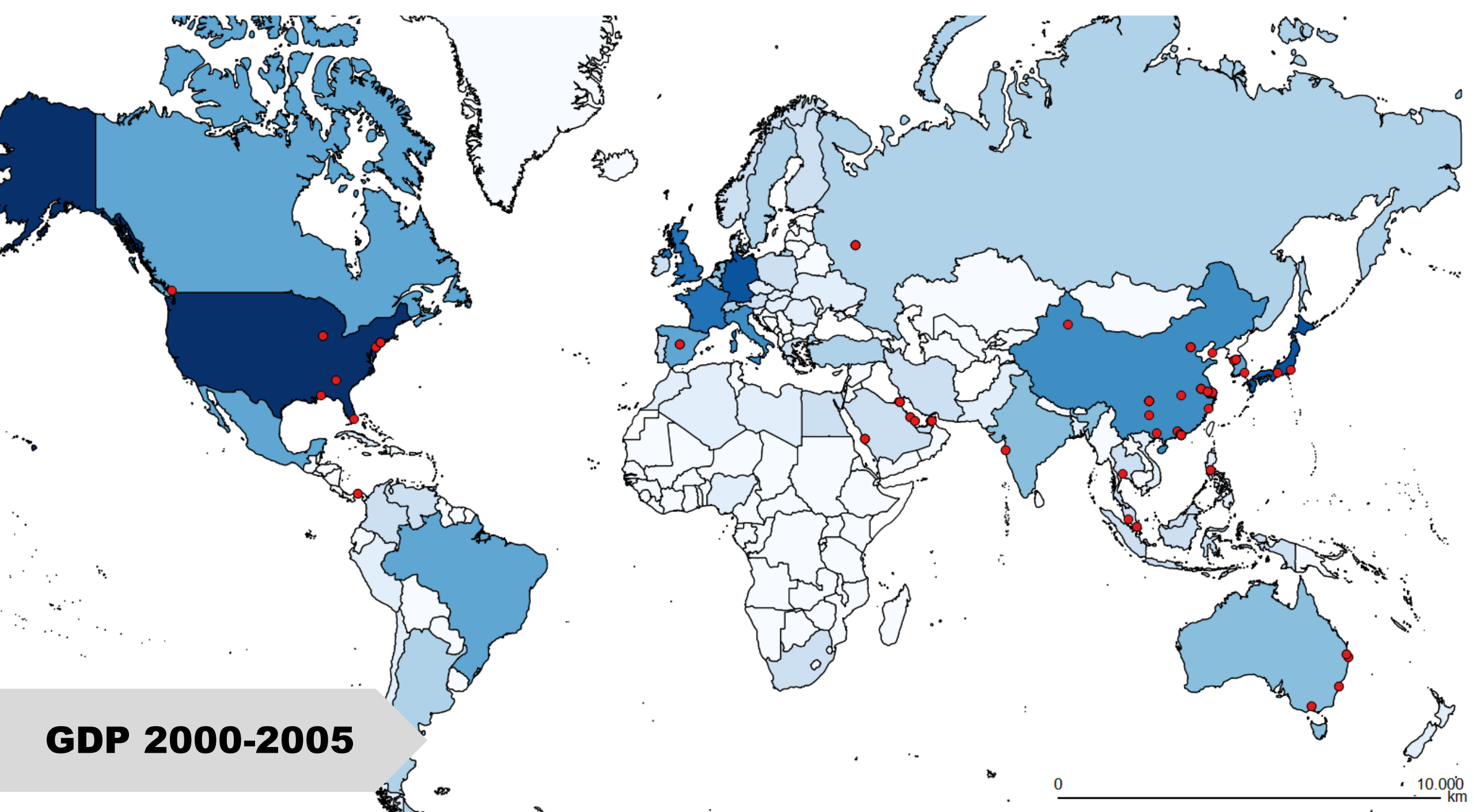
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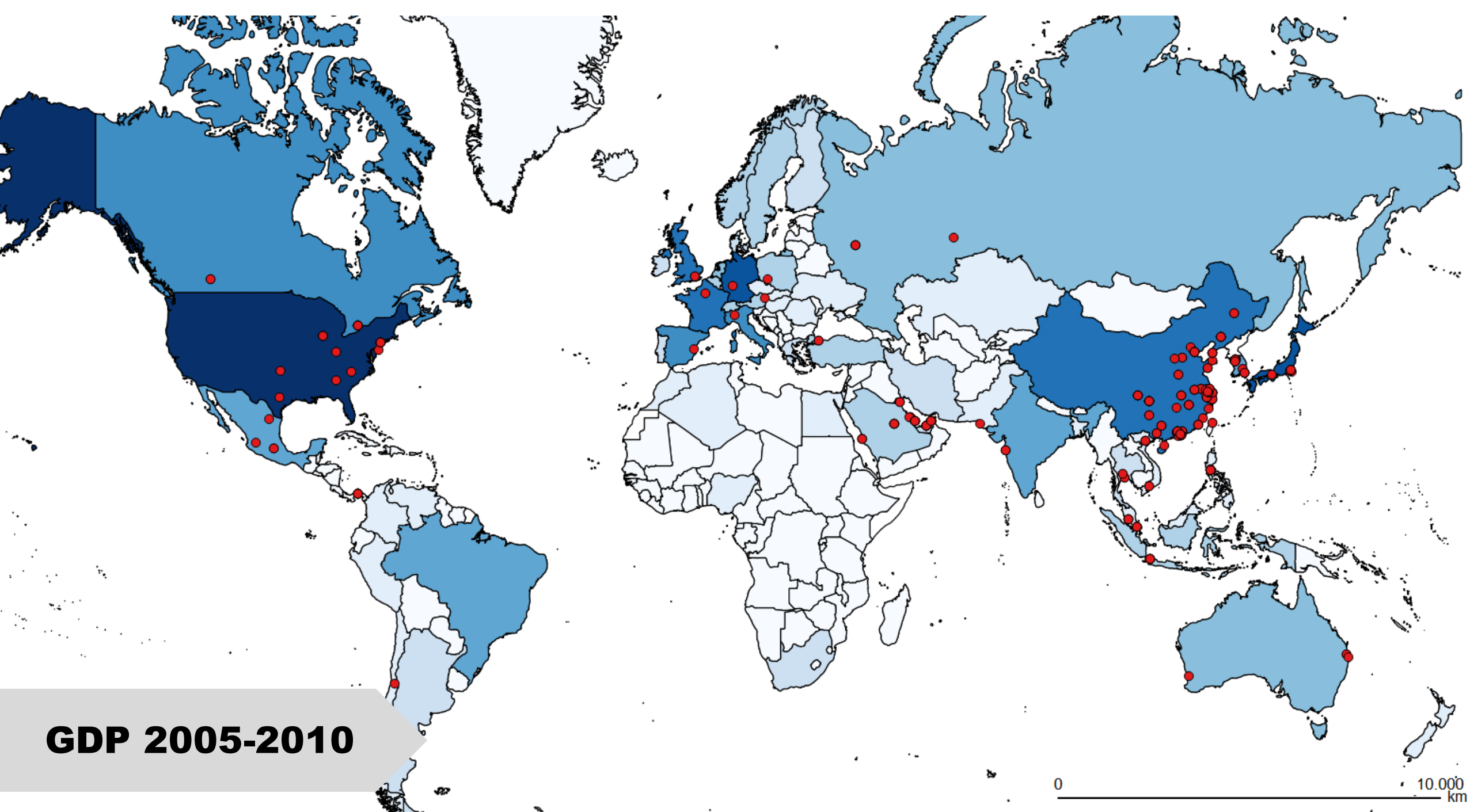
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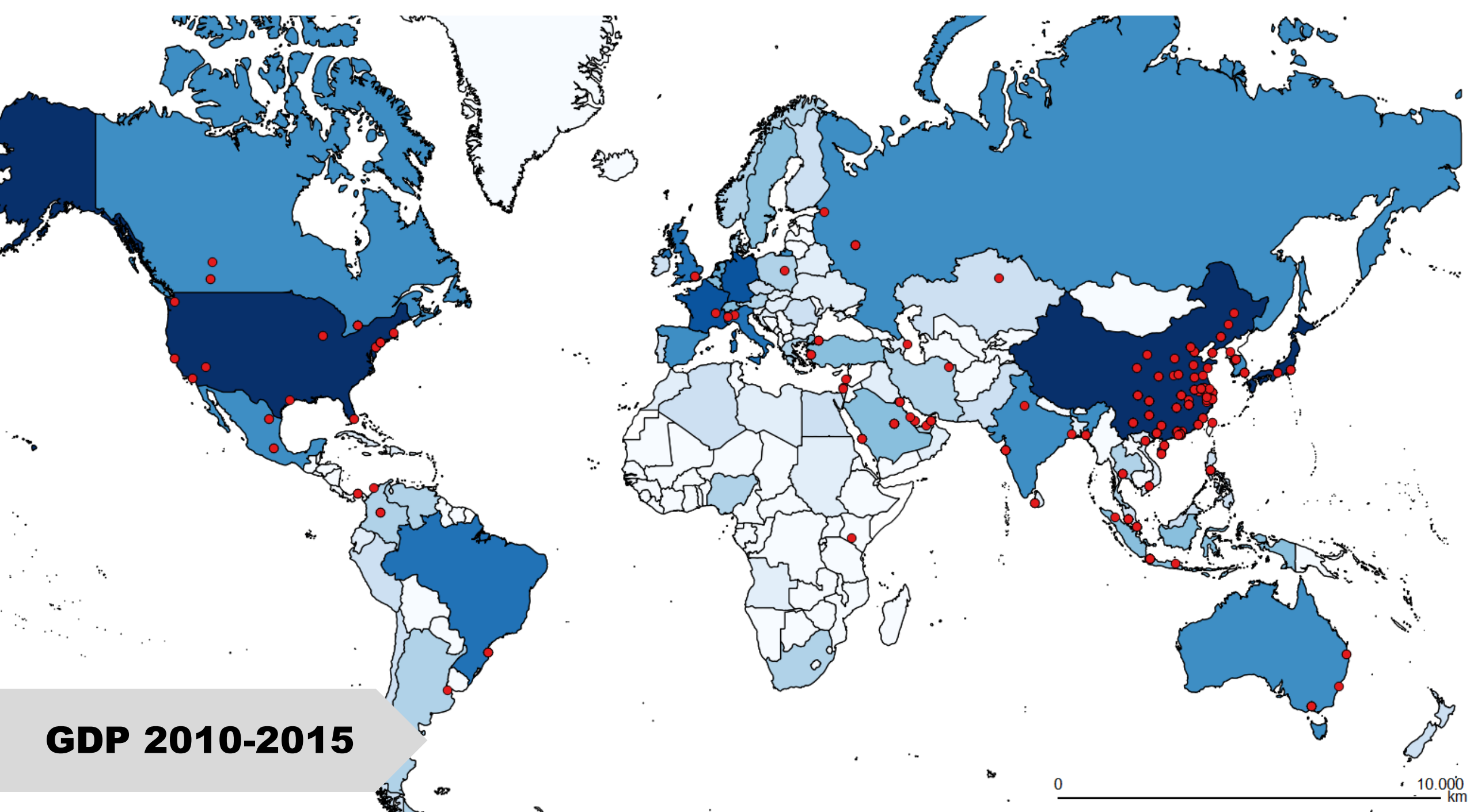
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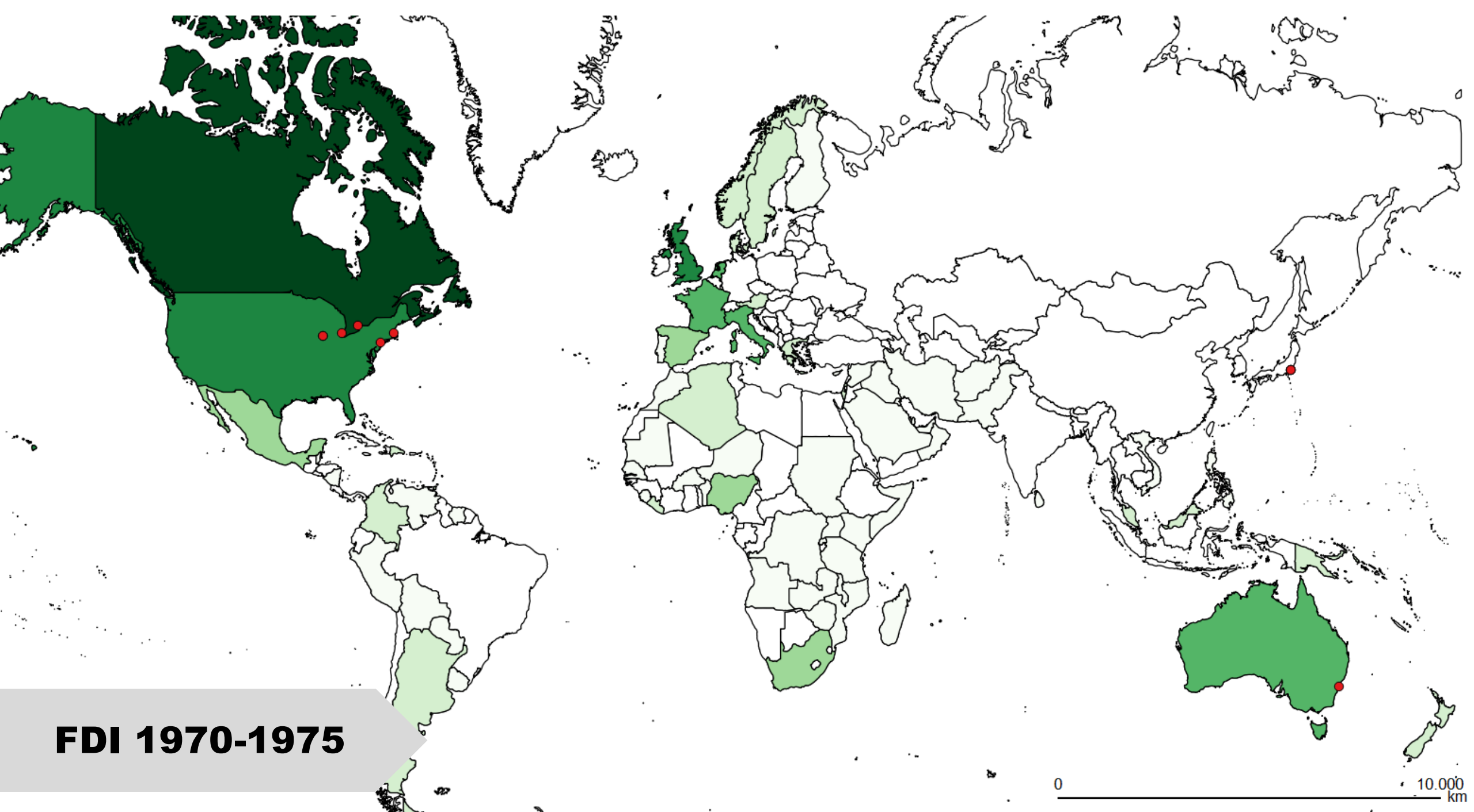
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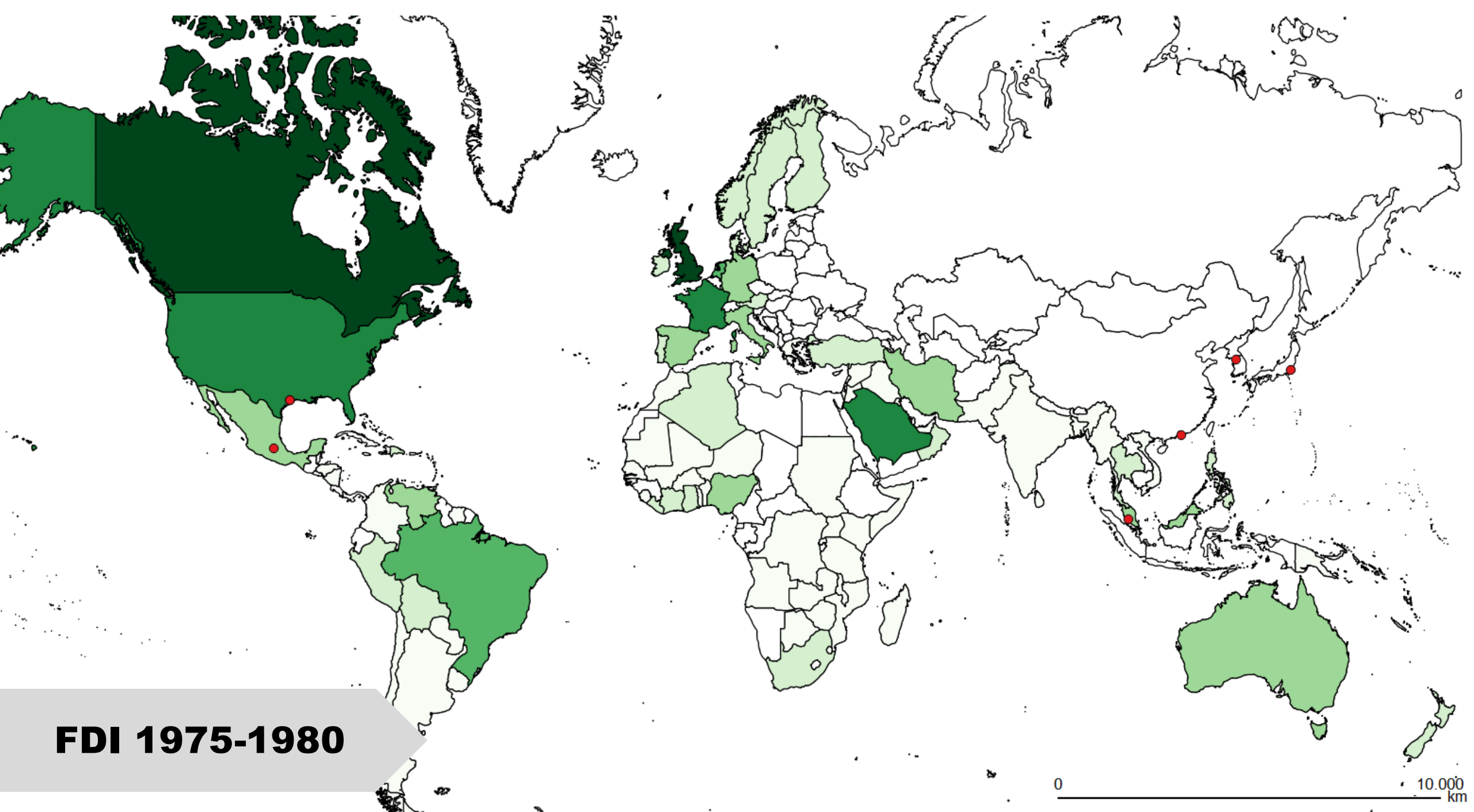
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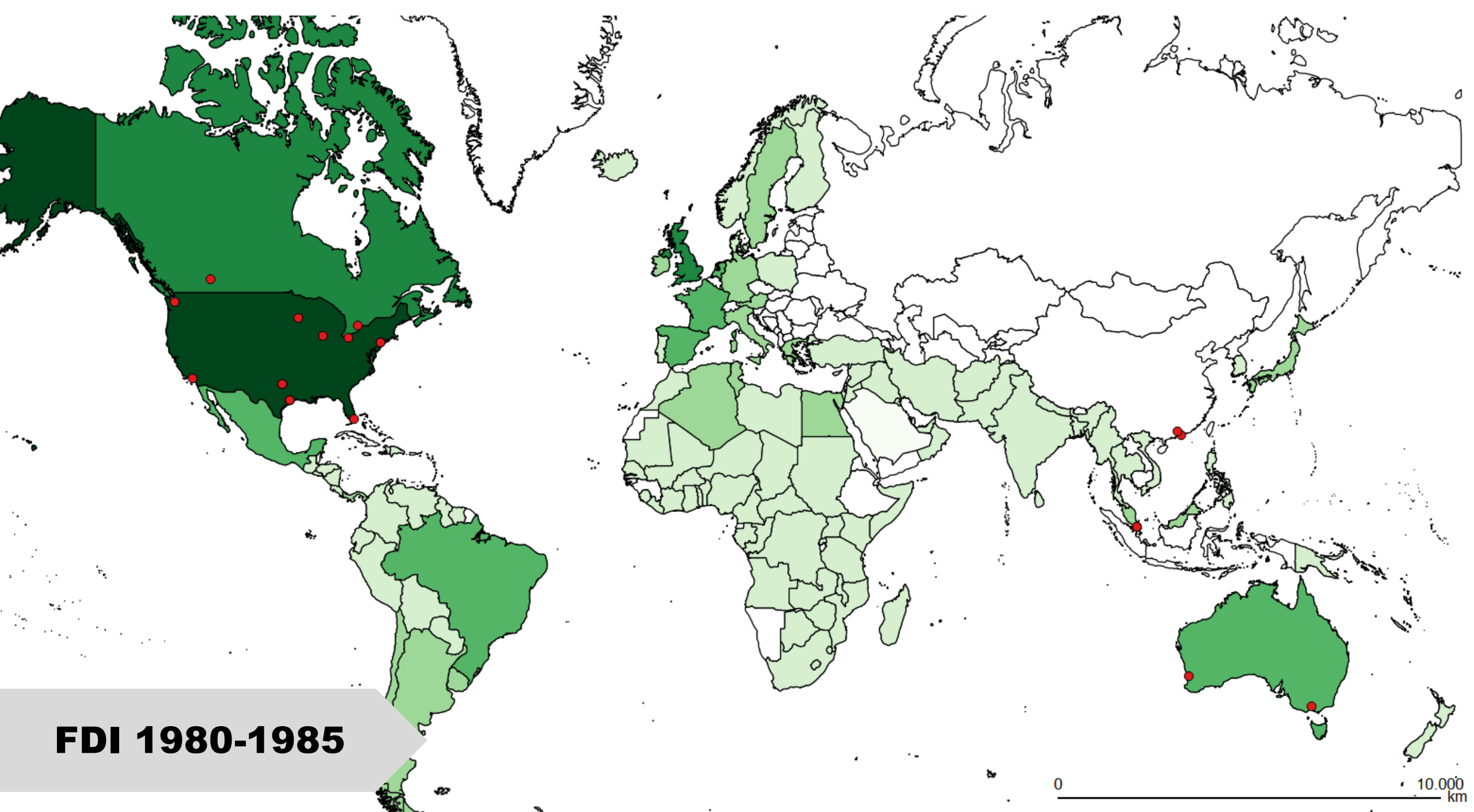
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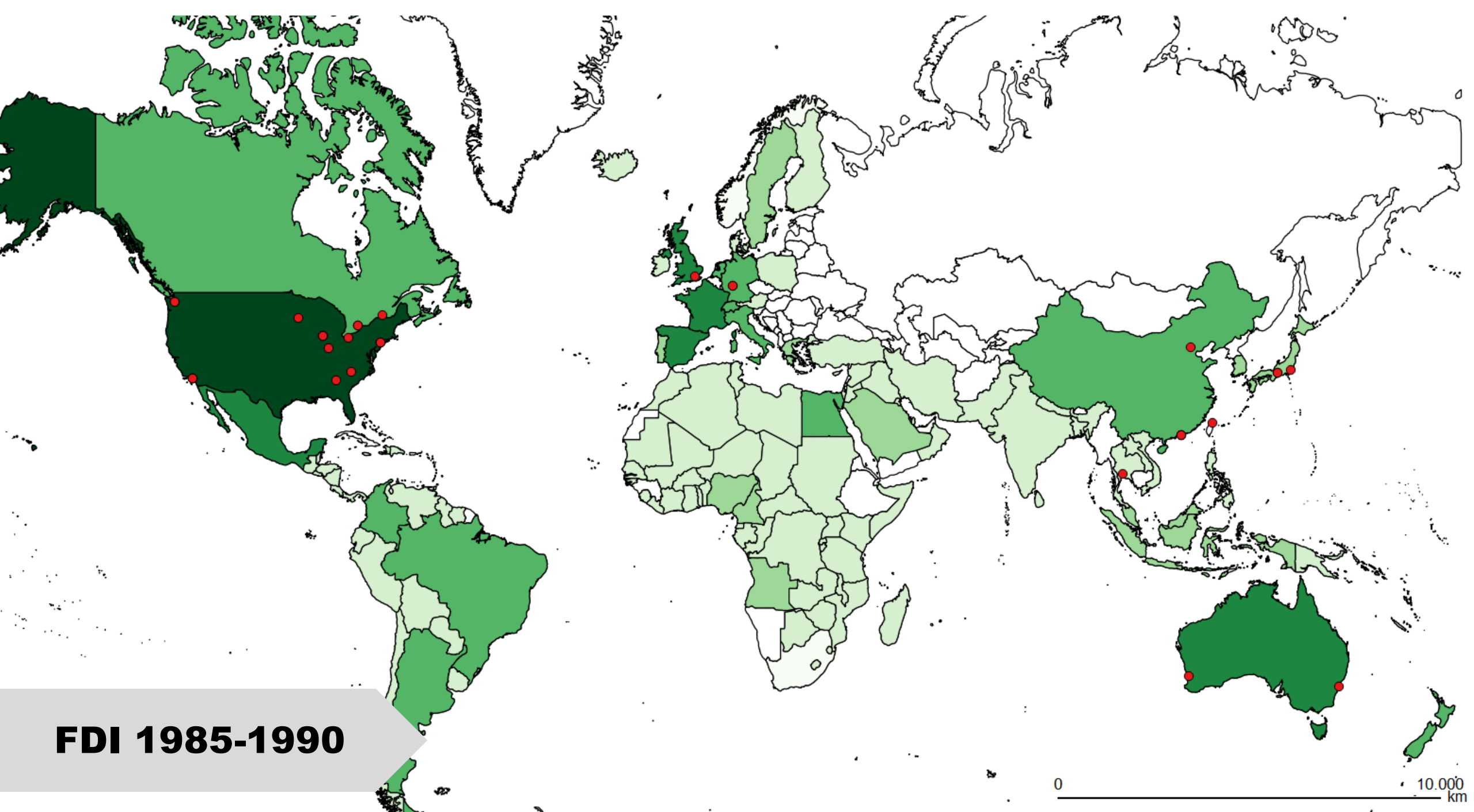
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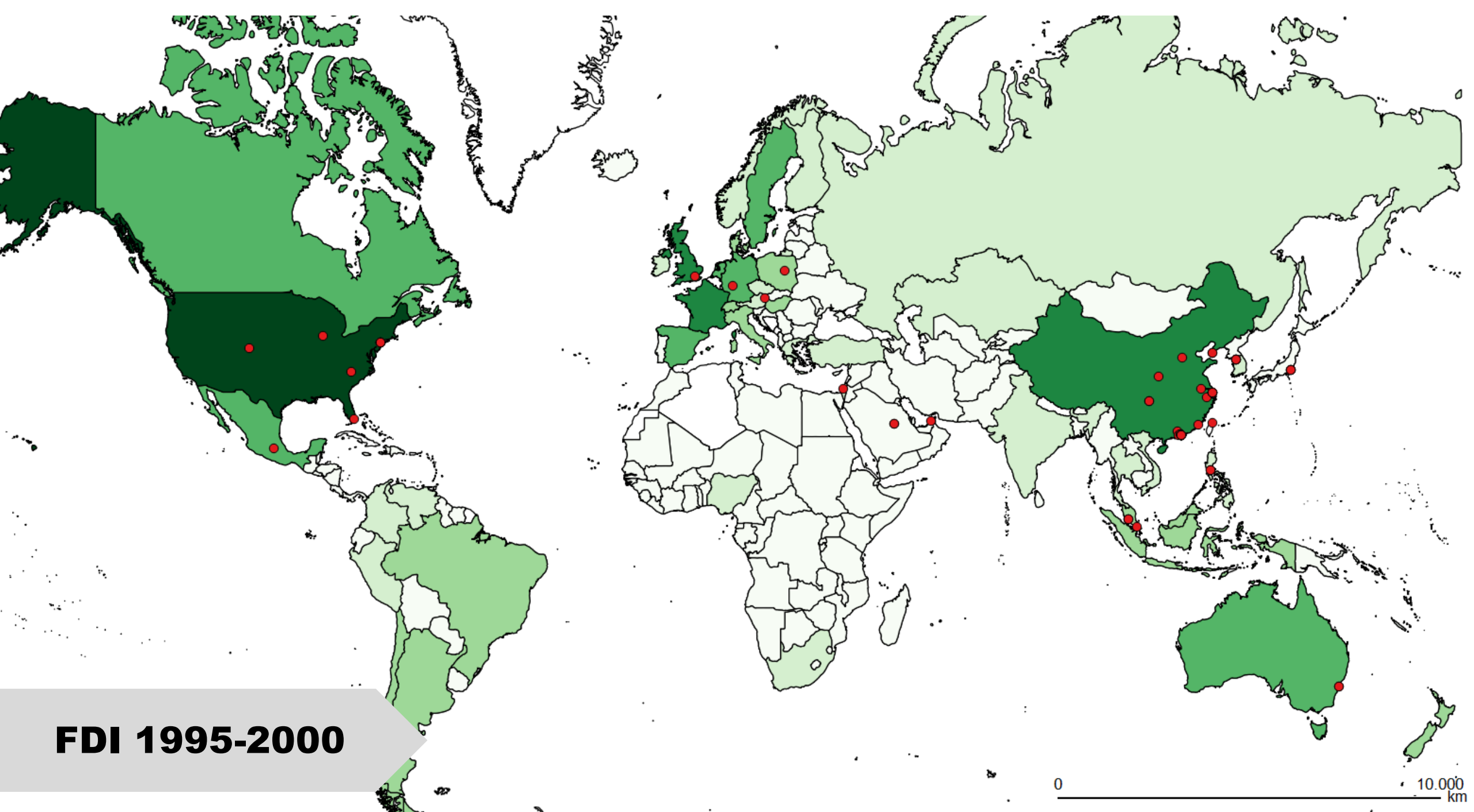
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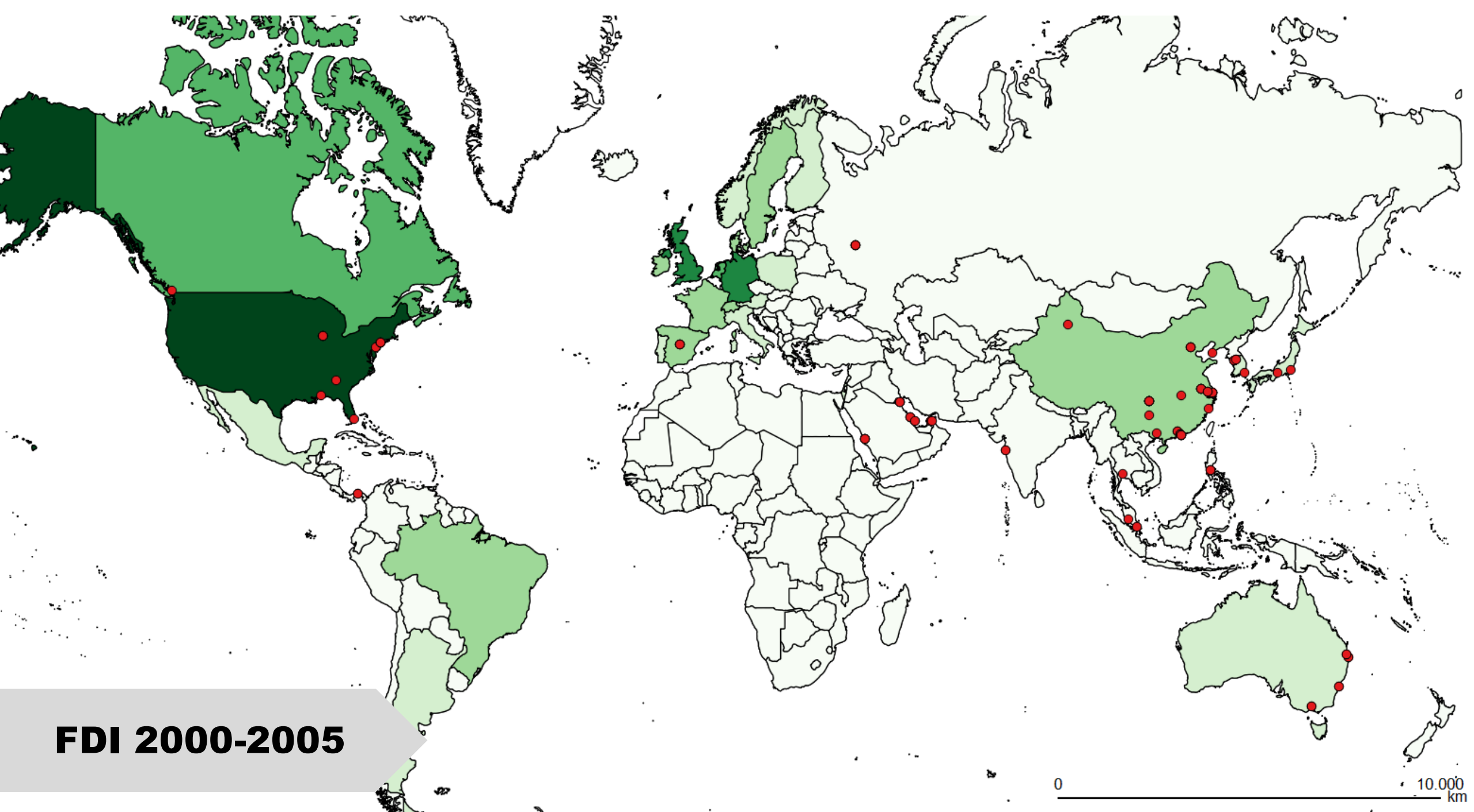
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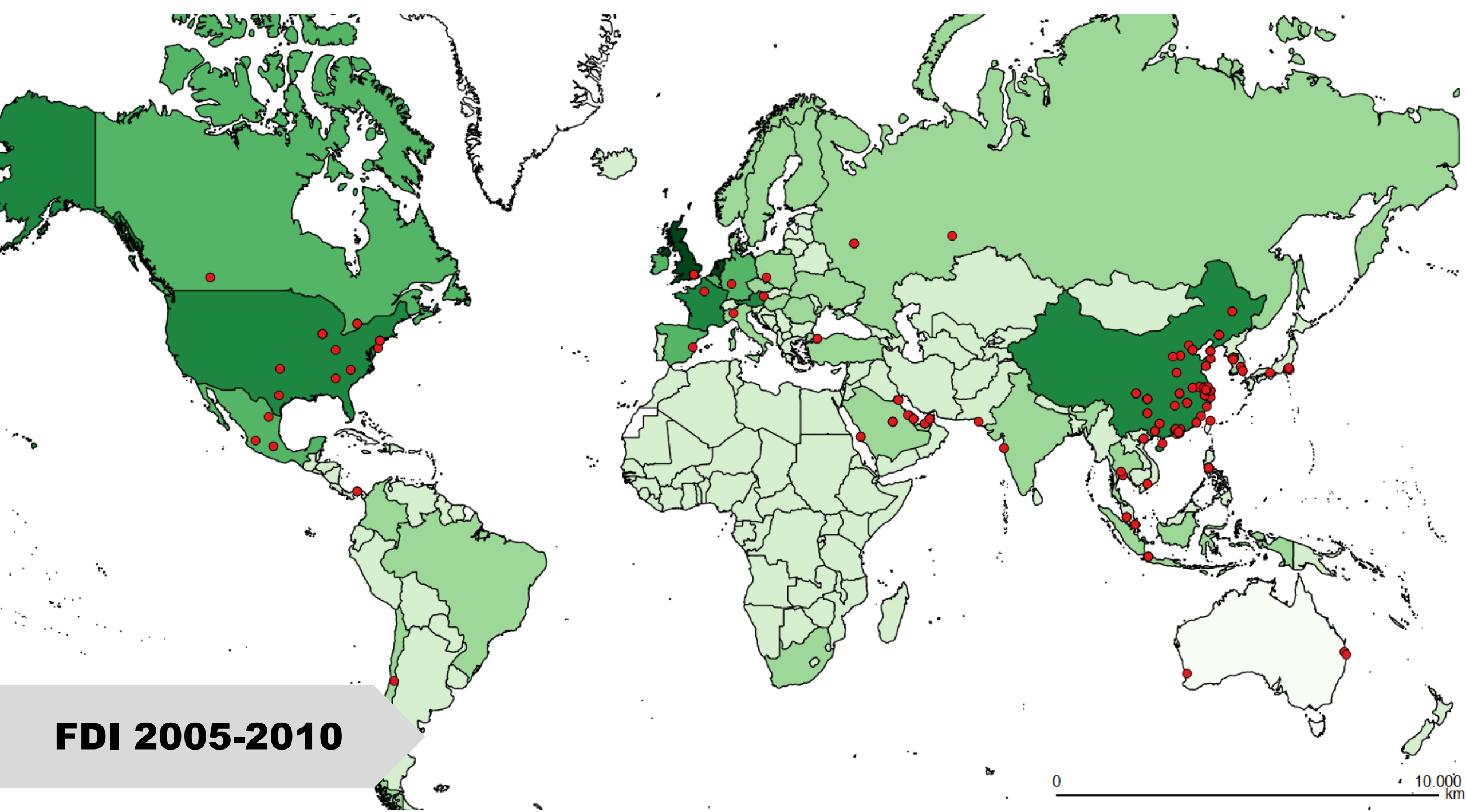
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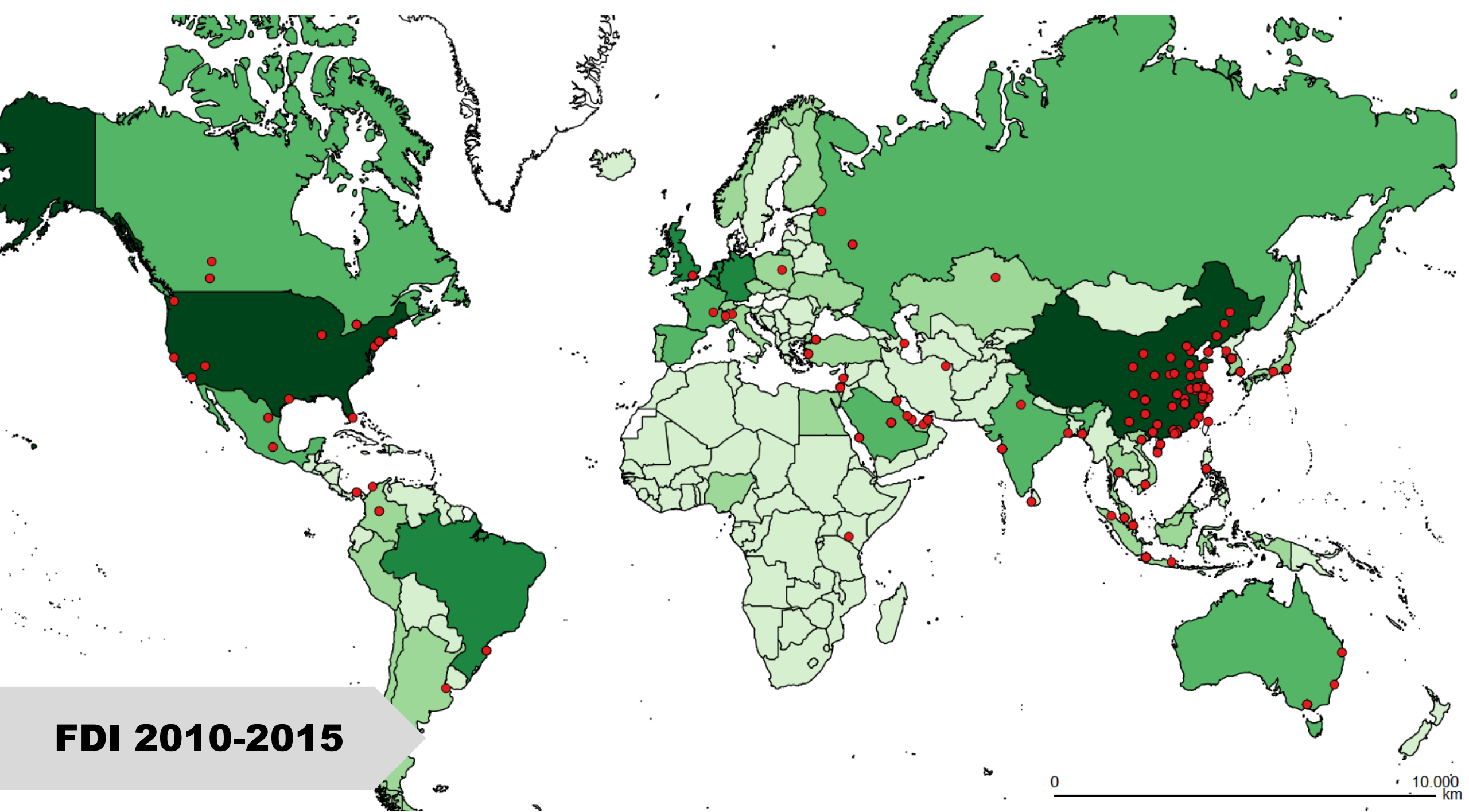
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**FDI 2005-2010**

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**FDI 2010-2015**

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# Economic cycles - regions

		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
		REGIONAL			GLOBAL		
		GDP GROWTH	GDP LEVEL	FDI	GDP GROWTH	GDP LEVEL	FDI
P R O J E C T S  S T A R T E D	EAST ASIA & PACIFIC	0	+++	+++	0	+++	+++
	EUROPE & CENTRALASIA	0	++	++	0	++	++
	LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	0	0	+	0	+	++
	MIDDLE EAST & N. AFRICA	+	0	++	0	0	++
	NORTH AMERICA	0	++	+	0	++	+
	SOUTH ASIA	0	0	0	0	0	0

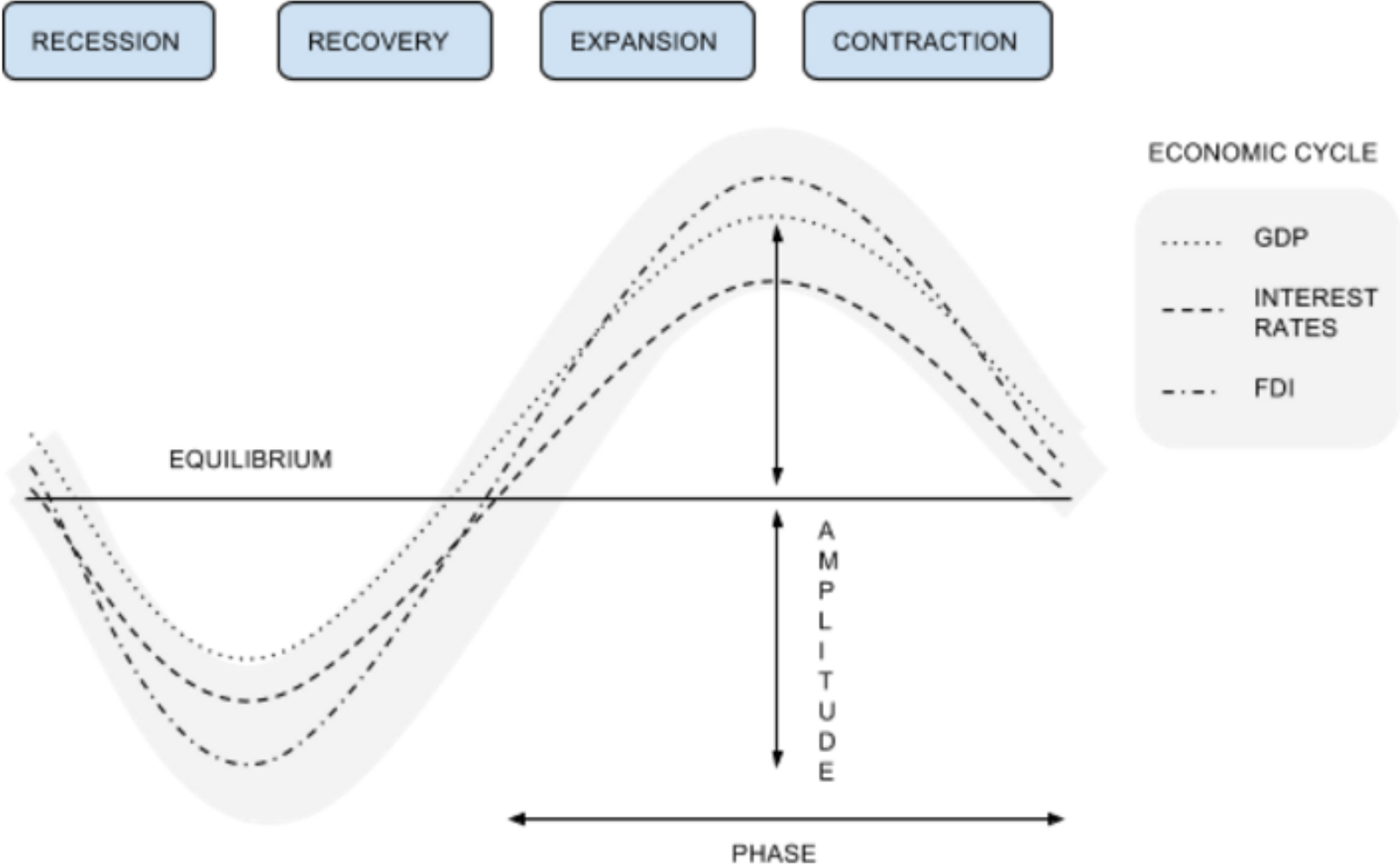
SIMBOL	CORRELATION
+++	High (0.8-1)
++	Medium (0.6-0.79)
+	Low (0.4-0.59)

# Economic cycles - countries

		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
		NATIONAL					GLOBAL		
		GDP GROWTH	GDP LEVEL	GDP LEVEL DEFLATED	INTEREST RATES	FDI	GDP GROWTH	GDP LEVEL	FDI
P R O J E C T S  S T A R T E D	AUSTRALIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	CANADA	--	++	++	-	++	0	++	++
	CHINA	0	+++	+++	-	+++	0	+++	++
	INDONESIA	0	+++	+++	--	+++	0	+++	0
	JAPAN	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
	MALAYSIA	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
	PHILIPPINES	0	++	+	-	0	0	++	0
	SAUDI ARABIA	0	+	0	NN	0	0	+	0
	SINGAPORE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOUTH KOREA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	UAE	-	0	0	NN	0	0	0	0
	USA	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+

SIMBOL	CORRELATION
+++	High (0.8-1)
++	Medium (0.6-0.79)
+	Low (0.4-0.59)
-	Neg Low (-0.44-0.59)
--	Neg Medium (0.6-0.79)
---	Neg High (0.8-1)

# Economic cycles



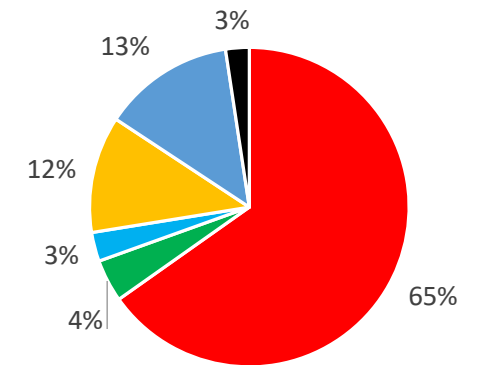




# Geographic distribution

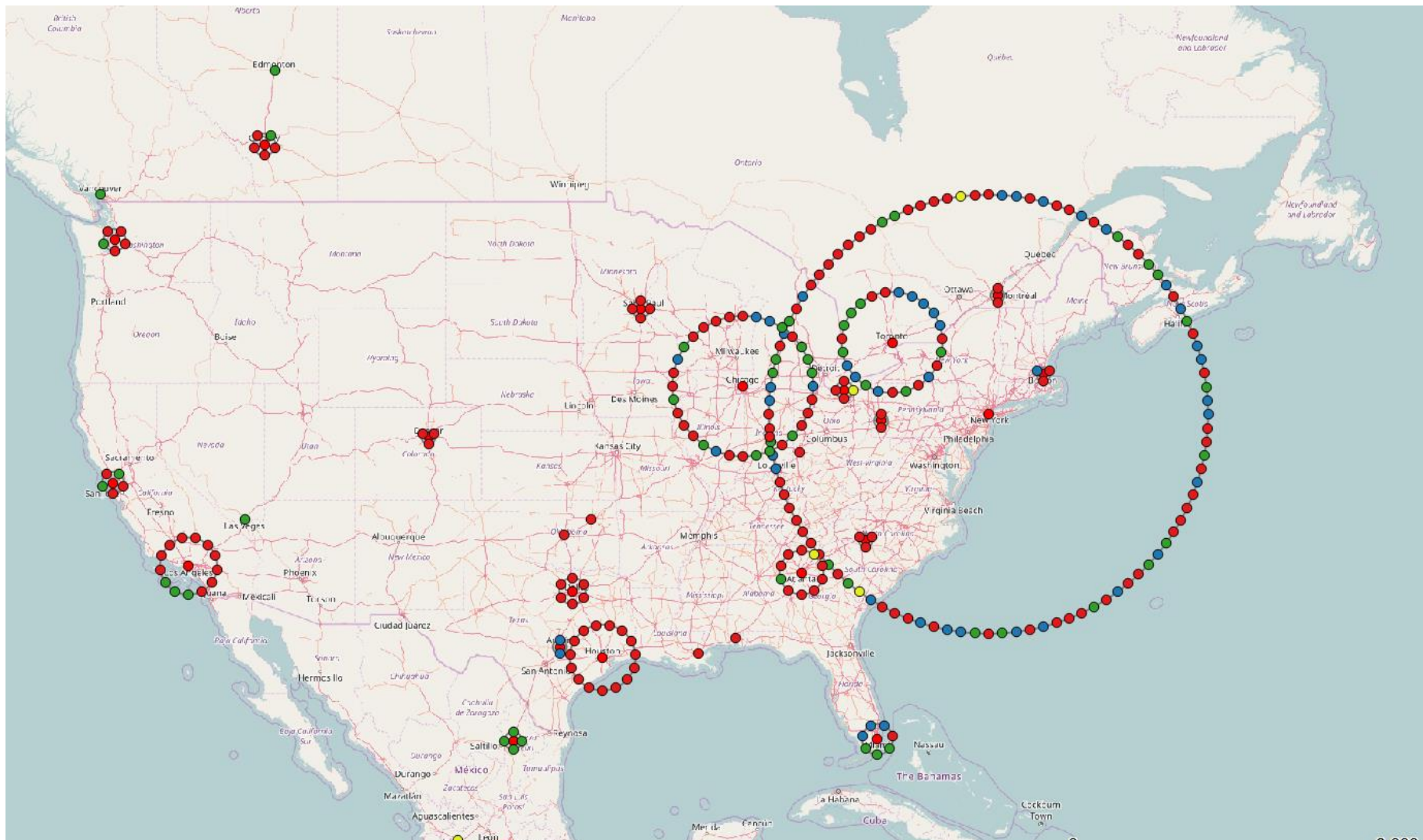


## Regions



- East Asia and Pacific
- Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America and Caribbean
- Middle East
- North America
- South Asia

# Geographic distribution – North America

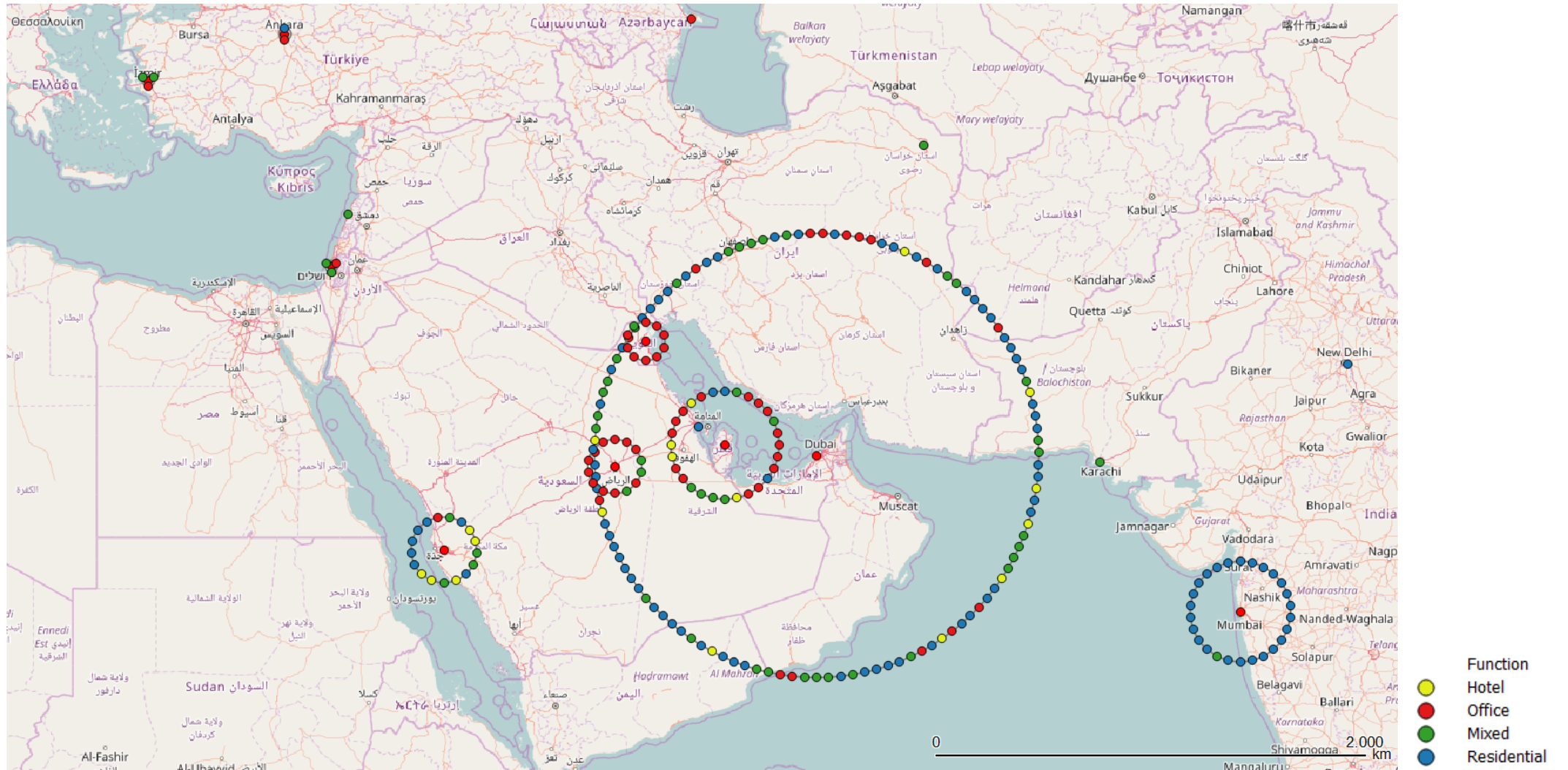


# Geographic distribution – South America & Caribbean

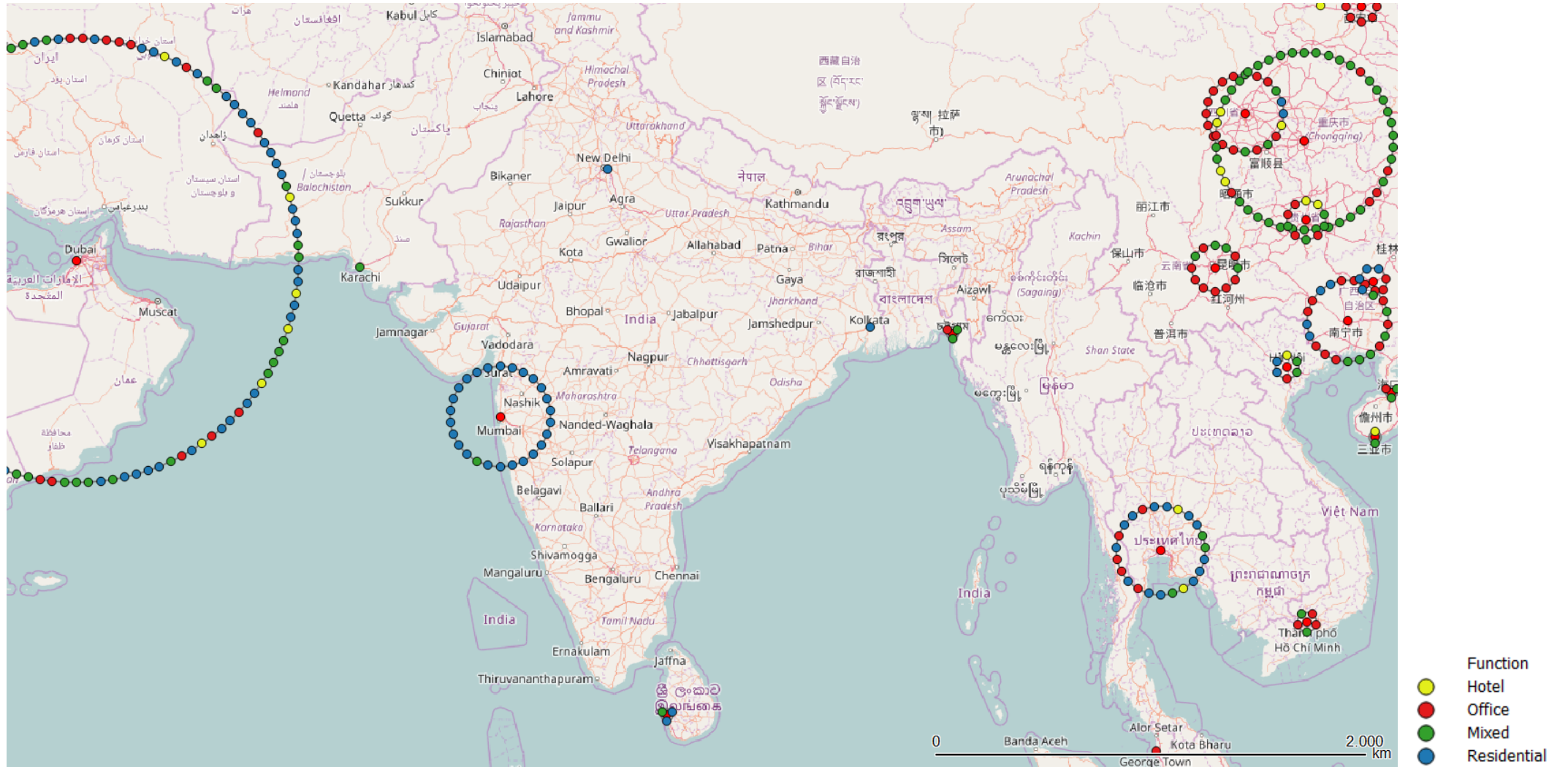




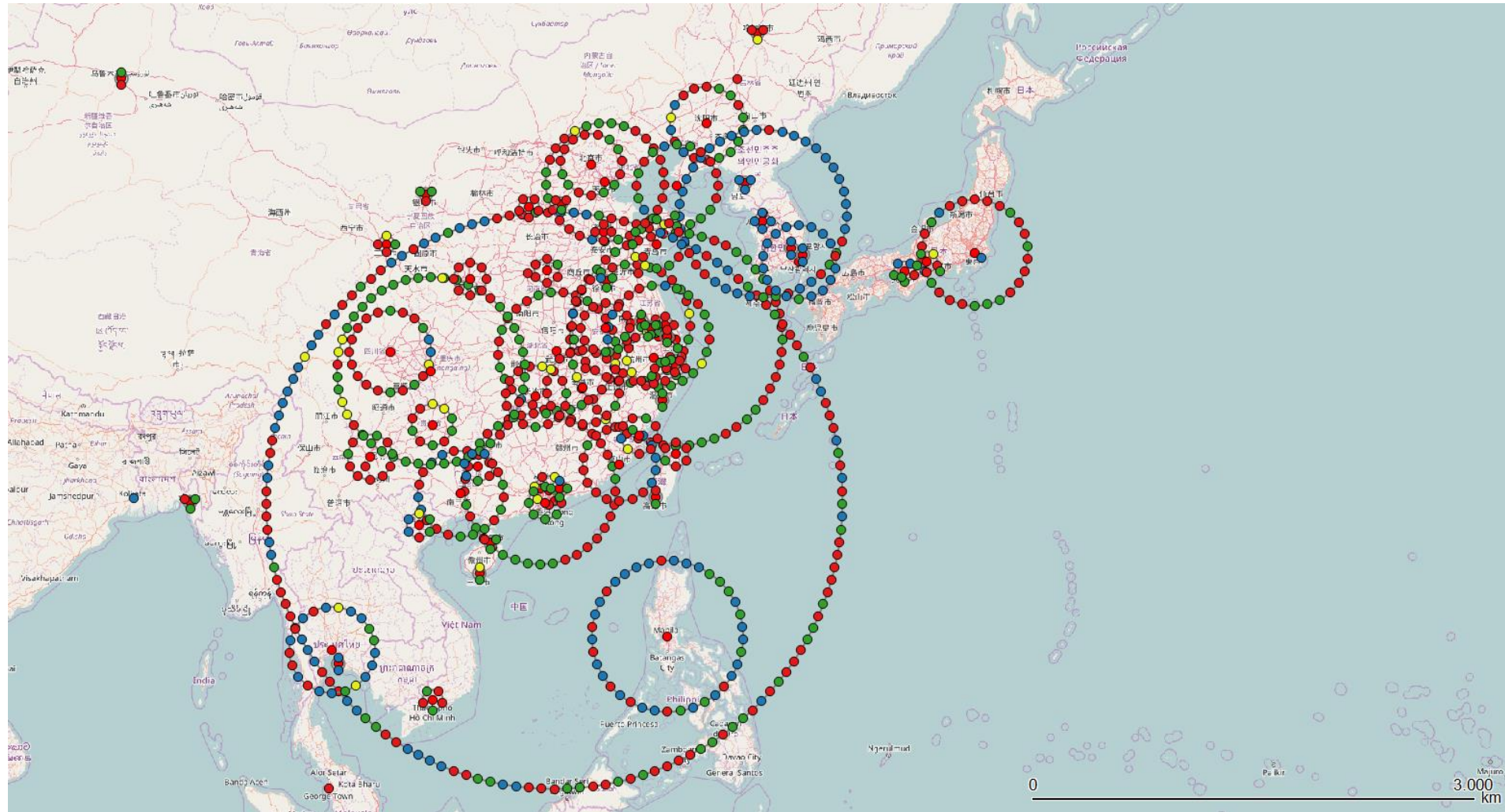
# Geographic distribution – Middle East



# Geographic distribution – South Asia

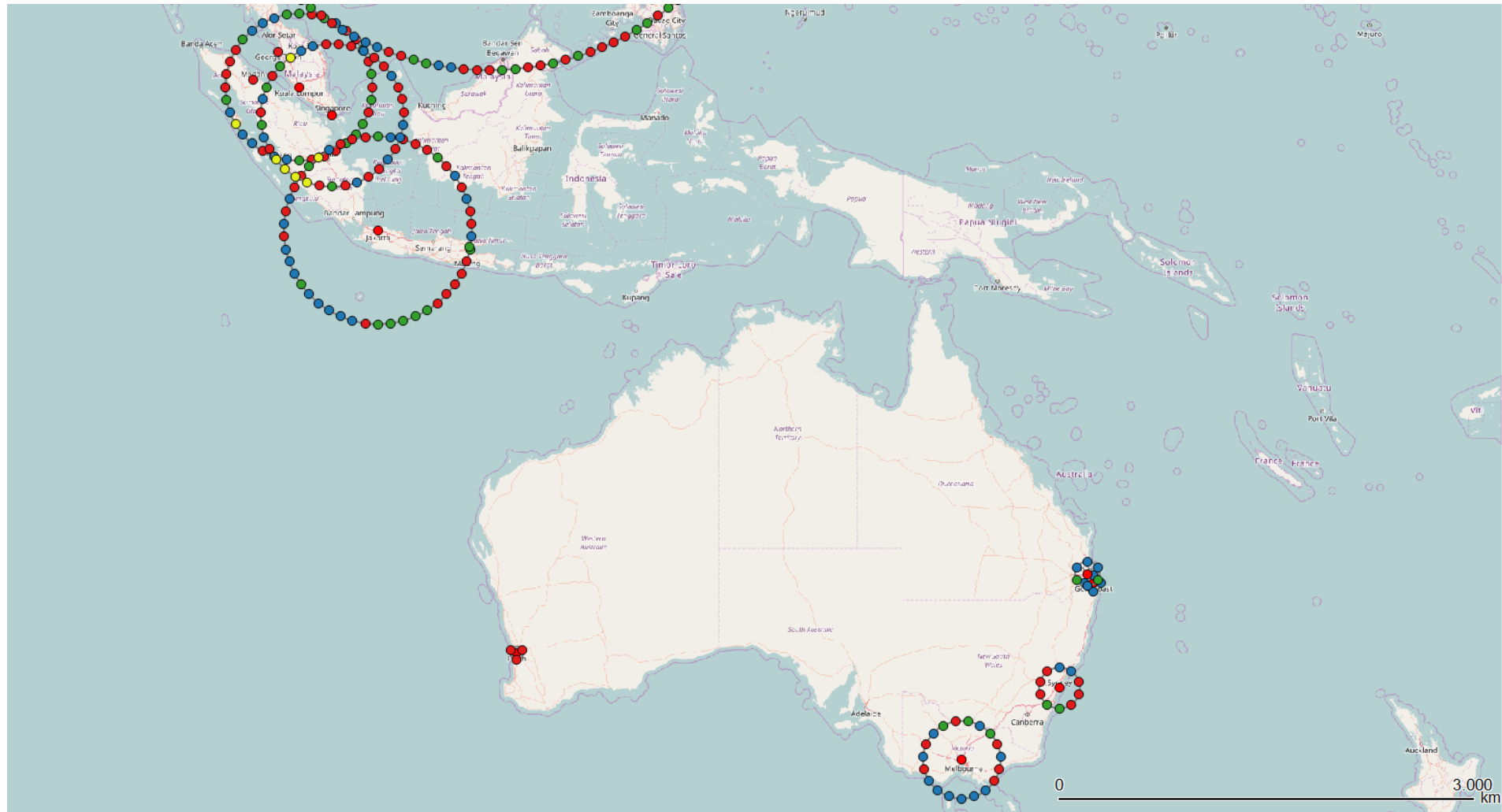


# Geographic distribution East Asia & Pacific 1





# Geographic distribution – East Asia & Pacific 2

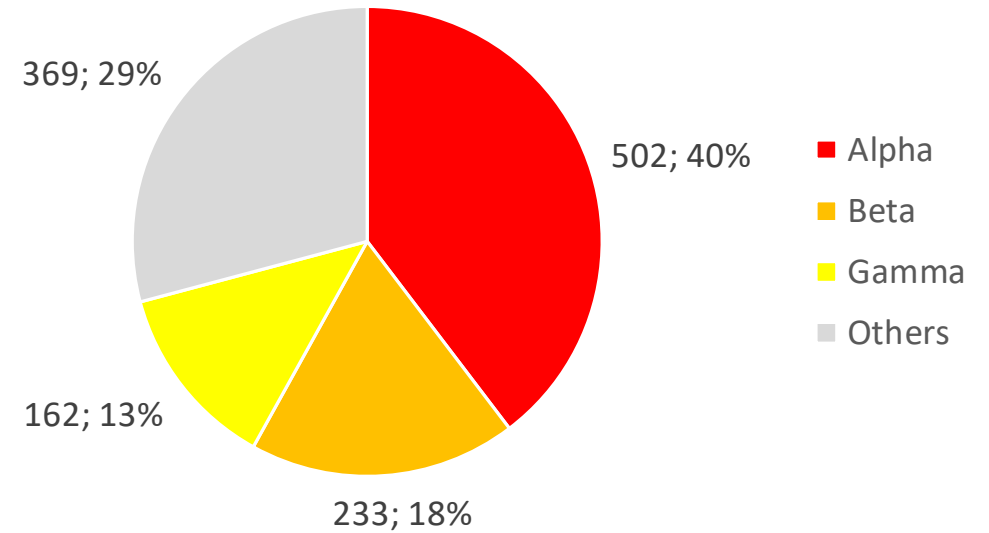


# Global cities

Nodes of the global network

Global City Index 2000-2016

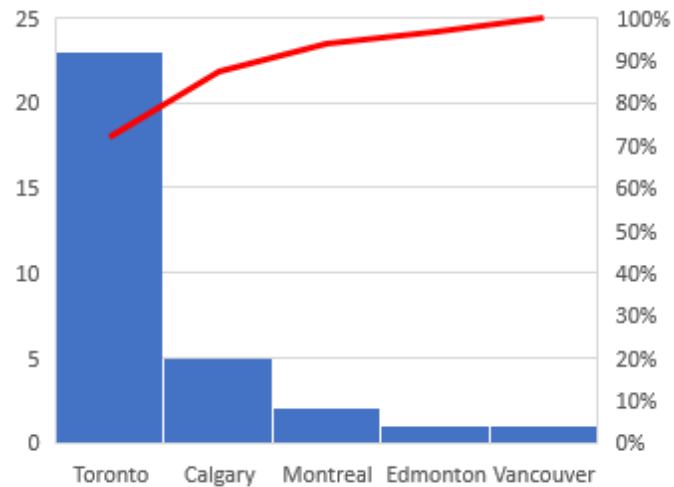
226 global cities



Percentage of projects built in global cities and others (2000-2016).

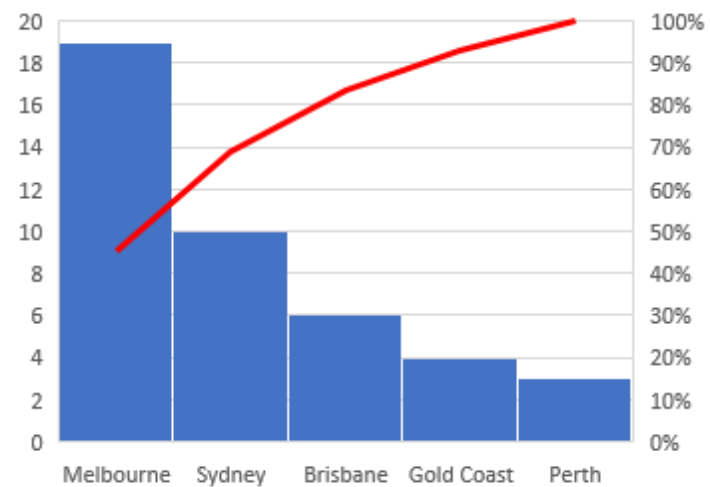
# Geographic distribution - Countries

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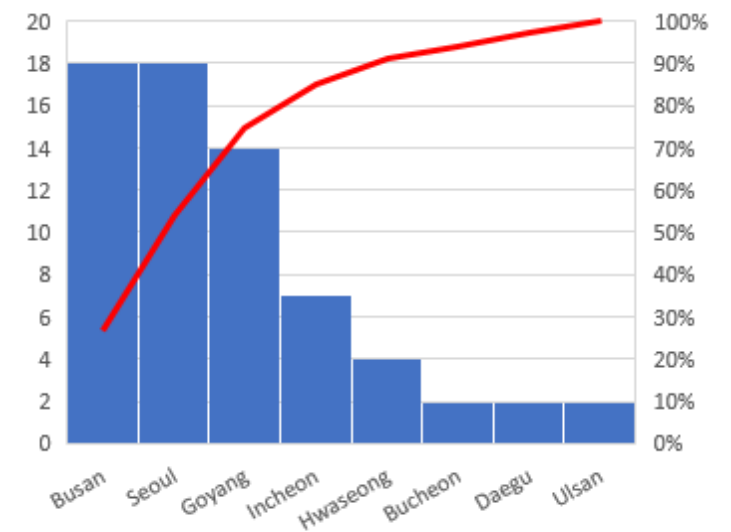
Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, UAE, United States

## RANK SIZE



Australia, Philippines

## SATURATED



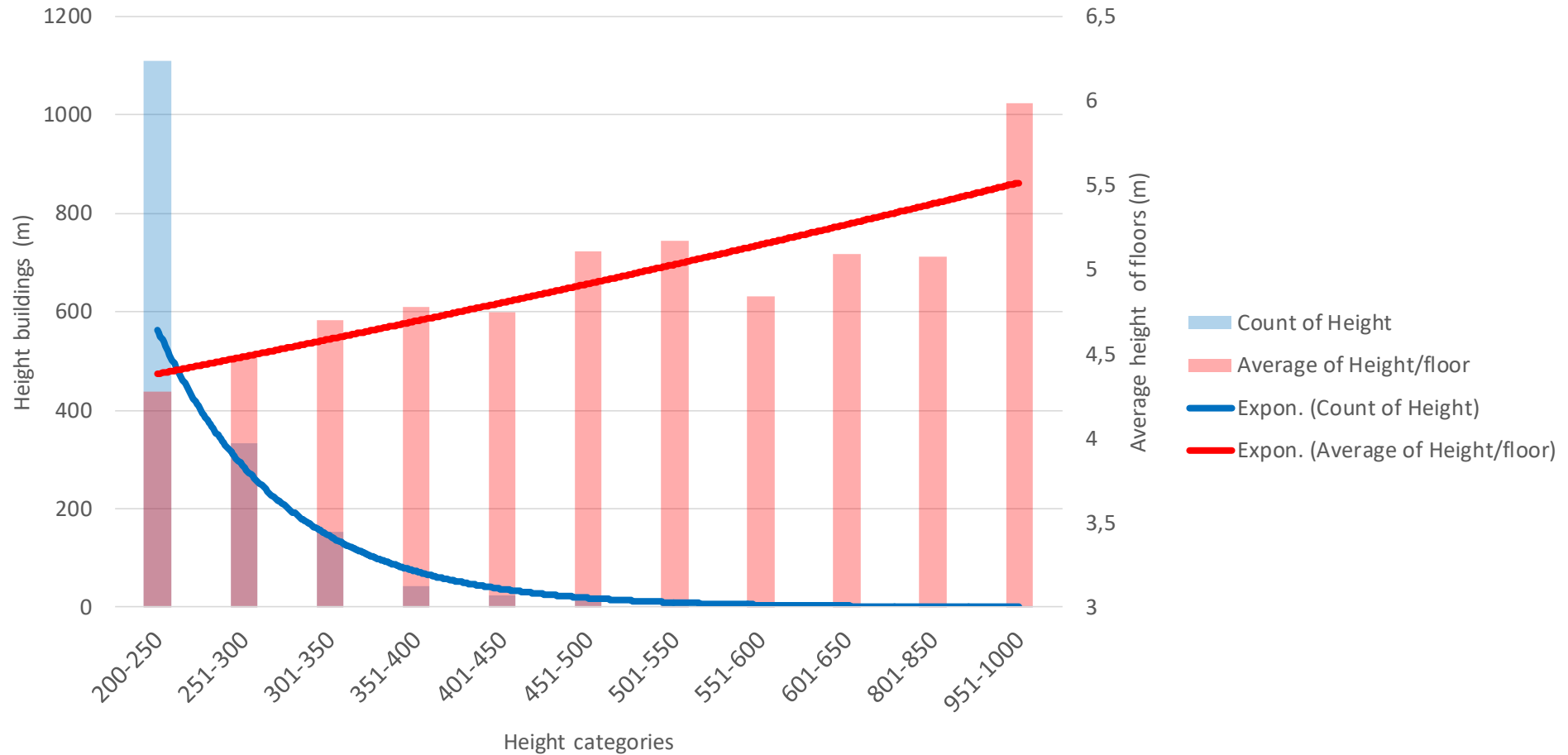
South Korea, China, Saudi Arabia

# Vanity Height

NON-OCCUPIABLE  
HEIGHT - 244 M



# Vanity Height





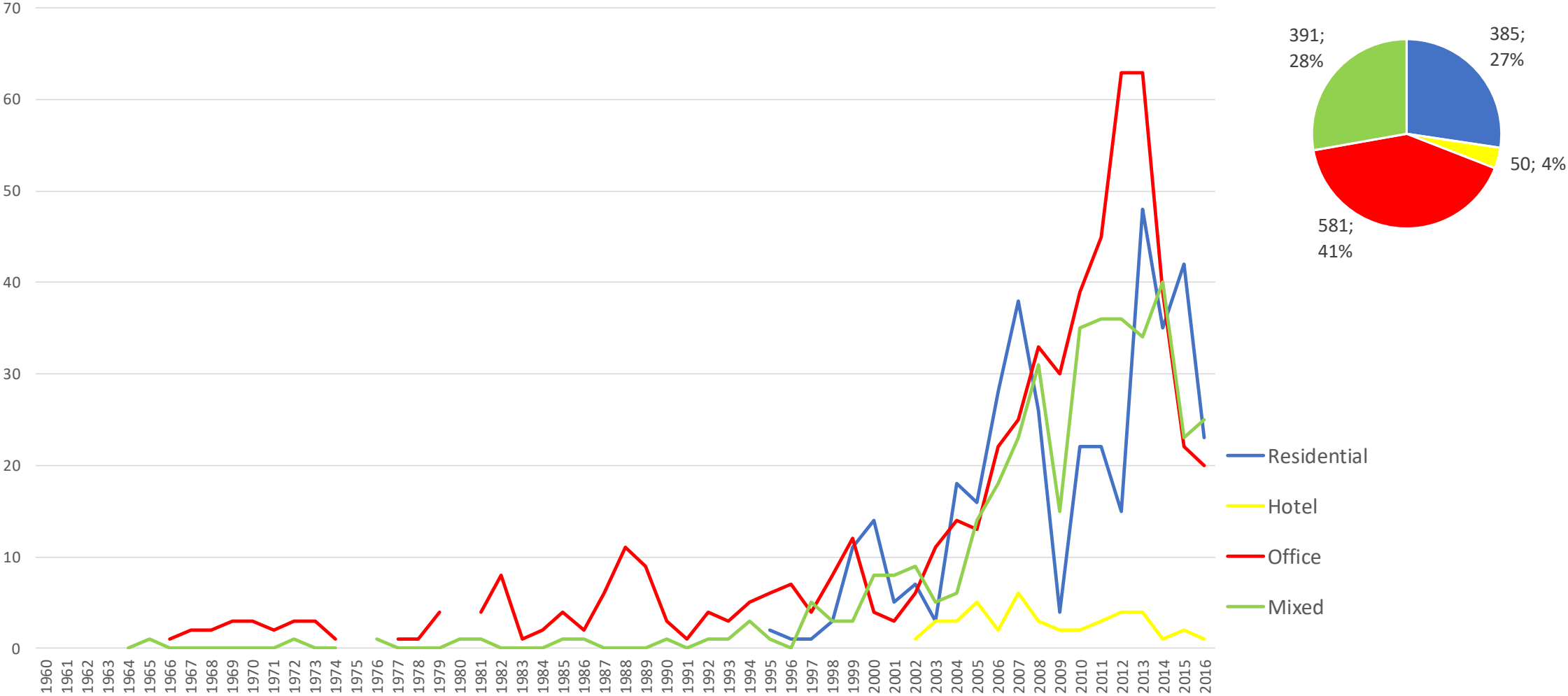
# Functions

Correlations

		Residential	Hotel	Office	Mixed	World GDP %	World GDP Level	Global Investments
Residential	Pearson Correlation	1	,283	,641**	,750**	,227	,791**	,837**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		,288	,001	,000	,309	,000	,000
	N	23	16	23	23	22	22	22
Hotel	Pearson Correlation	,283	1	,418	,322	,110	,435	,628**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,288		,060	,155	,645	,055	,003
	N	16	21	21	21	20	20	20
Office	Pearson Correlation	,641**	,418	1	,921**	-,268	,867**	,805**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,001	,060		,000	,065	,000	,000
	N	23	21	50	50	48	49	43
Mixed	Pearson Correlation	,750**	,322	,921**	1	-,235	,908**	,896**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000	,155	,000		,096	,000	,000
	N	23	21	50	53	51	52	45

\*\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

# Functions





# Technology cycles

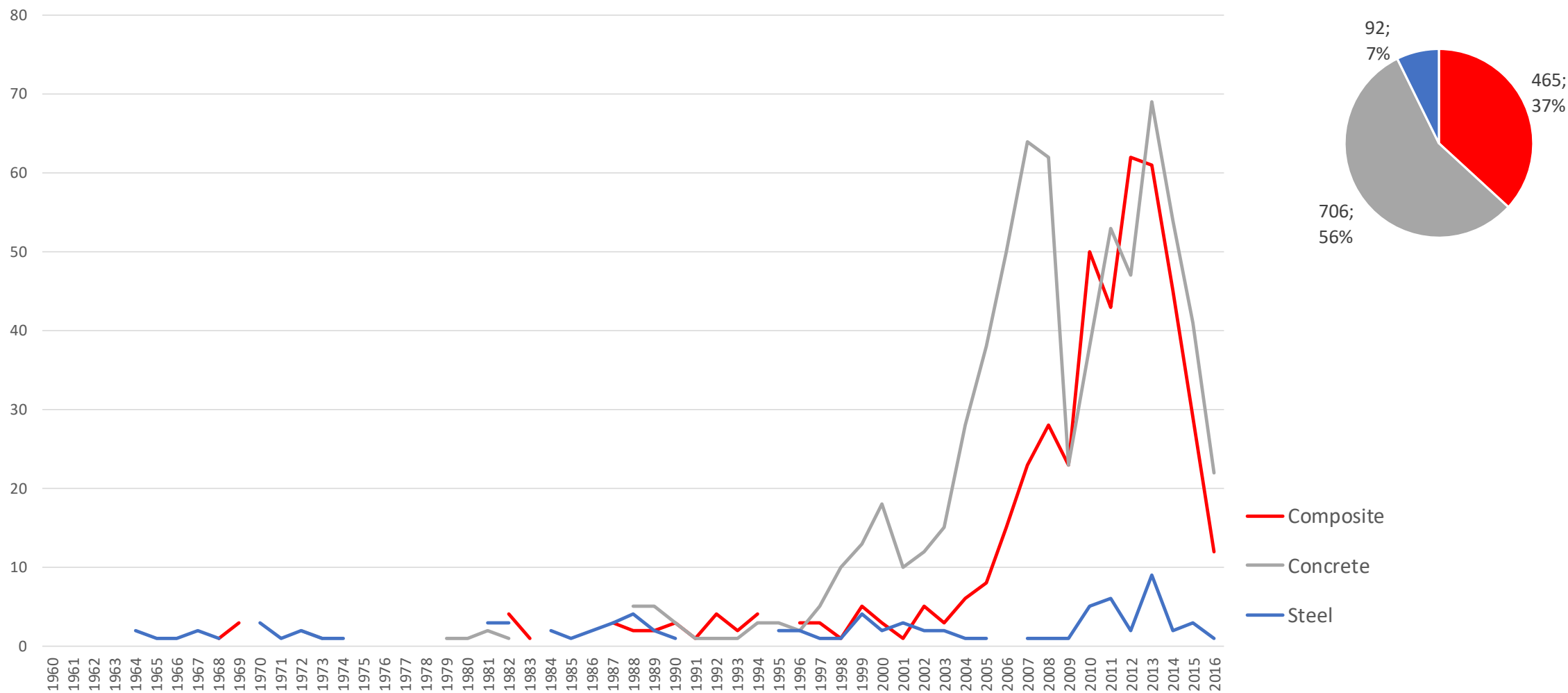
Correlations

		Composite	Concrete	Steel	World GDP %	World GDP Level	Global Investments
Composite	Pearson Correlation	1	,813**	,549**	-,185	,856**	,763**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		,000	,002	,279	,000	,000
	N	37	31	29	36	36	34
Concrete	Pearson Correlation	,813**	1	,334	-,012	,897**	,958**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000		,071	,945	,000	,000
	N	31	37	30	36	36	36
Steel	Pearson Correlation	,549**	,334	1	-,141	,393*	,256
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,002	,071		,385	,011	,137
	N	29	30	42	40	41	35

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# Technology cycles



# Conclusion

Global factors influencing demand

Local factors influencing supply

Height as product of economics and strategies



**Questions?**