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1, danger and risks are effects of interpretation. Some are interpreted more risky; certain mode of representation crystallize around referents marked as dangers; there need not be a real action or event provide grounds for interpretation of danger.

2 eg, gulf war decision. Epistemic realism (realism and Marxism) assume object distinct from interpretation. But there is nothing beyond interpretation and discourse.

3 our analytical form: history of present. Asking how terms and concepts have historically functioned within discourse. This refuses any distinction between discursive and non-discursive i. Idea of external reality is always internal to discursive.

4 post-cold war us foreign policy is viewed as representation of novel challenge in terms of cold-war analytics.

5 drawing analogies from body and sex, state is depicted as having ontological status apart from the various acts which constitutes its reality. masculine/femine regime can be extended to analyze state. Body-state analogy.

6, conventional thinking about nationalism and identity is wrong. Nationalism is a construt of the state in pursuit of its own legitimacy. State precede nationalism. Constant articulation of danger is thus essential for states legitimacy.