

Figure 1a, b, c. Age-structural timelines for three basic development transitions: a) child survival, b) educational attainment, and c) income. Curves show the probability of entering higher categories as median age rises. The NIC's intermediate phase of the age-structural transition (shaded) is used here to estimate the period with highly favorable age structures (the demographic window). Data sources: UN Population Division, 2017; Wittgenstein Center, 2014, World Development Indicators.



Figure 2. The functional forms and 0.95 confidence intervals for three mutually exclusive categories of 4-year conflict history: R_{Abs} (0 conflict years over the past 4 most recent years), R_{Imt} (1 or 2 conflict years), and R_{Per} (3 or 4 conflict years). Youthful (YTH), intermediate (INT), and mature (MAT) phases of the age-structural transition are shown above the graph.



Figure 3. The functional forms and 0.95 confidence intervals for three mutually exclusive categories of 4-year conflict history: S_{Abs} (0 conflict years over the past 4 most recent years), S_{Imt} (1 or 2 conflict years), and S_{Per} (3 or 4 conflict years). Youthful (YTH), intermediate (INT), and mature (MAT) phases of the age-structural transition are shown above the graph.



Figure 5. Individual (not stacked) age-structural functions showing the likelihood of being assessed as FREE, PARTLY FREE, and NOT FREE in Freedom House's annual survey of political rights and civil liberties along the age-structural transition. Data source: Freedom House, 2018.



Figure 6. Two functions describing two distinct changes in regime status along the agestructural domain: the probability of a state that is currently not assessed as FREE, gaining FREE during the next year (Gain FREE); and the probability of a state currently assessed as FREE, losing that assessment in the next year (Lose FREE). Together, the functions suggest that a rise to FREE before α , between median age 26 and 27 years, is unlikely to be stable. Data are drawn from Freedom House data (FH, 2017).



Map 1. The world, 2015 and 2030, divided into the *Global Trends* four age-structural phases: (a) youthful; (b) intermediate; (c) mature; (d) post-mature.