

Geography of the world

Macro-regions

- World is divided into many regions of different scale and size.
- **Physical map of the world**
 - physical features, i.e. elevation
- **Political map of the world**
 - political features, i.e. countries

Physical map of the world

- Basic principle is the division by characteristics of common **landscape development**.
- => continents such as:
 - *Euro-Asian*
 - *American*
 - *African*
 - *Australian*
 - *Antarctic*

Political map of the world

- Basic principle is the division by characteristics of common **cultural development**.
- => continents such as:
 - *Europe*
 - *Asia*
 - *North America*
 - *Latin America*
 - *Africa*
 - *Australia and Oceania*

Political division of the world

- North vs. South division
- Rich north vs. Poor south
- EMDCs vs. ELDCs
- Christian vs. Other
- Christian vs. Muslim
- Democracy vs. Dictatorship

Political division of the world

- *Europe*
- *Asia*
- *North America*
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Europe

- 1 of the oldest continents
- Determined by Jewish-Christian cultural evolution
- Great national and cultural diversity =>
- Great cultural and historical heritage
- „United in diversity“ = EU

Asia

- The largest continent
- Continent of the oldest civilizations
- Great horizontal zonality
- Great vertical zonality
- Great ethnic, cultural and religious diversity
- Distinctive physical features (mountains, rivers)

North America

- 1 of the most developed regions = the wealthiest
- Politically homogenous continent, USA and CAN only
- The longest mountain range in the world + mineral wealth
- The most powerful region in terms of military and economic development

Latin America

- Christian world
- Spanish and Portugal speaking
- Rainforests and mountains
- Crime and slums

- High rates of urbanization
- Huge gap between the rich and poor population

Africa

- = the poorest continent
- Underdeveloped
- Rural population
- The highest population growth rate
- Variety of climates
- Rich mineral resources
- North Islamic and south Christian region

Australia and Oceania

- The smallest continent
- AUS = the most developed country in southern hemisphere
- Low population density
- Hot and dry climate
- Influenced by immigration from Europe