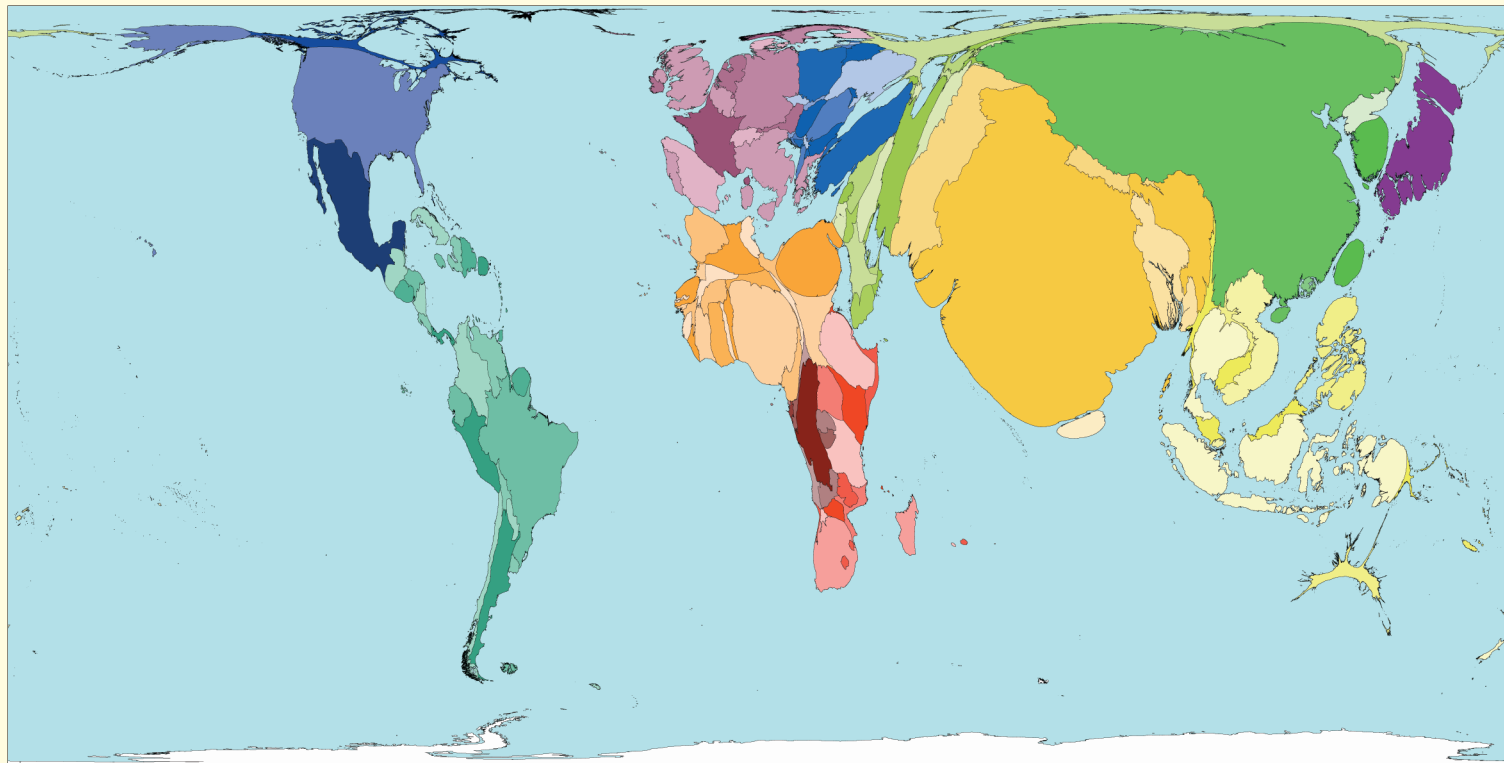


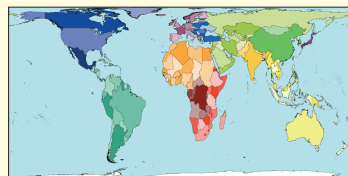
International Justice



The first Geneva Convention was in 1864. The more recent Geneva Convention, announced on 12th August 1949, is mapped here. This convention demands the protection and respect of individuals who do not (and sometimes cannot) take part in hostilities. This is an important part of international humanitarian law.

Unsurprisingly Switzerland was the first to ratify the convention in March 1950 - Geneva being a Swiss city. Other signatories that year were Monaco, Liechtenstein, Chile and India. By 2004 all territories mapped here were signatories (or the territory claiming sovereignty over them was).

Territory size is proportional to the number of years a territory has been a signatory of the 1949 Geneva Convention, up to 2006, multiplied by population.



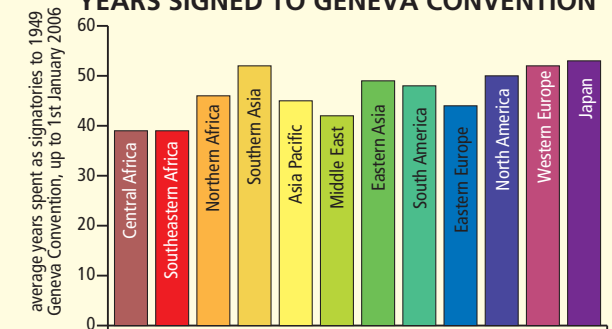
Land area

MOST AND LEAST TIME LIVING UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION

| Rank | Territory | Value | Rank | Territory | Value |
|------|---------------|-------|------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Switzerland | 55.8 | 191 | Andorra | 12.3 |
| 2 | Monaco | 55.5 | 192 | Uzbekistan | 12.2 |
| 3 | Liechtenstein | 55.3 | 193 | Fed States of Micronesia | 10.3 |
| 4 | Chile | 55.2 | 194 | Palau | 9.5 |
| 5 | Austria | 55.1 | 195 | Lithuania | 9.2 |
| 6 | Estonia | 54.9 | 196 | Eritrea | 5.4 |
| 7 | Germany | 54.7 | 197 | Cook Islands | 4.6 |
| 8 | Hungary | 54.6 | 198 | Serbia & Montenegro | 4.2 |
| 9 | Kyrgyzstan | 54.6 | 199 | Timor-Leste | 2.7 |
| 10 | Latvia | 54.5 | 200 | Marshall Islands | 1.6 |

years spent as signatories to the 1949 Geneva Convention, up to 1st January 2006

YEARS SIGNED TO GENEVA CONVENTION



- Technical notes**
- Data are from the International Committee of the Red Cross.
 - Despite being signatories to the convention, territories do not always uphold it, especially when acting outside what is considered to be their borders.
 - See website for further information.

“He who commits injustice is ever made more wretched than he who suffers it.”

Plato, roughly 400 years prior to the Current Era