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A Plan to Standardize Theses and Dissertations at the Global Scale

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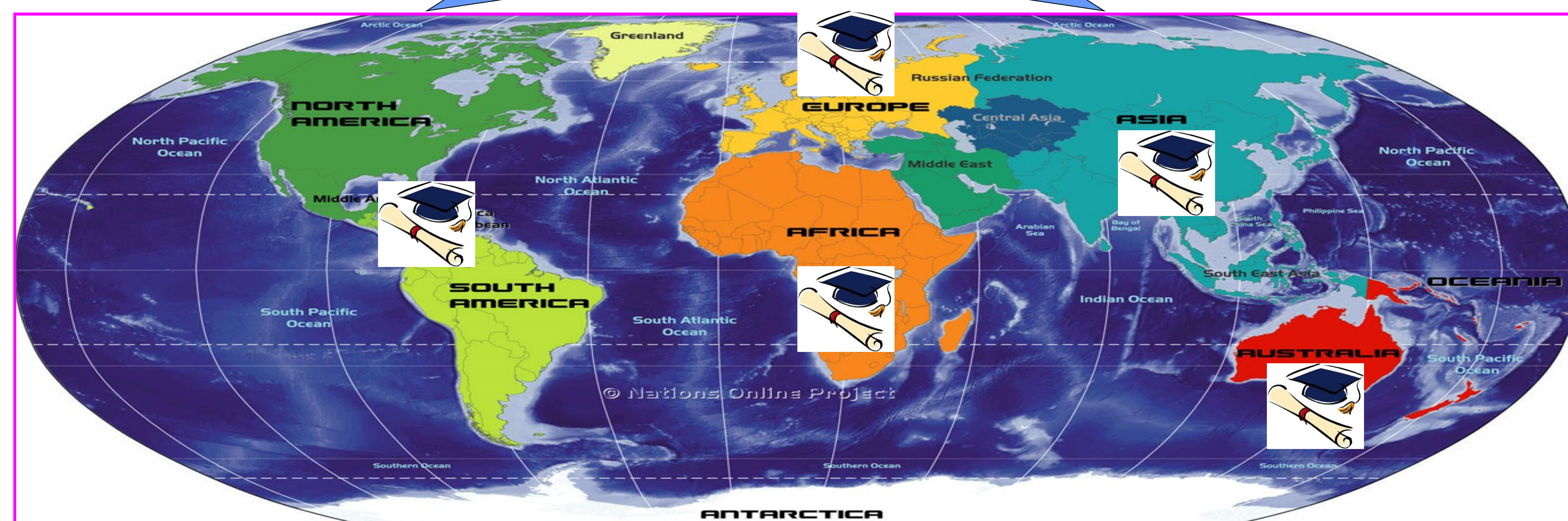
Introduction

- ETDs (Electronic Theses and Dissertations) are faced with many challenges around the world.
- One of the most important challenges is lack of a standard that can be applied on all ETDs globally.
- While NDLTD aims to conduct ETDs around the world, there are currently few coverage and standards than a global scale.
- This poster presents a solution divided in two parts: Infrastructure & Superstructure.
- While different, they are connected tightly and both necessary to establish global ETD center and regulations.

Infrastructure



ETD World Center



Superstructure

Establishing Regional and Global Standards on ETDs

Issues:

- Language:
 - Problem: Writing Theses and Dissertations in many languages other than English
 - Solution: Determining a language (likely English) by ETD World Center as standard
- Copyright:
 - Problem: Possible dissatisfaction of large group of academic identities about publishing their works publicly
 - Solutions:
 - Buying all dissertations and theses by ETD World Center and offering them freely
 - Publishing abstracts of dissertations and theses by ETD World Center and letting individuals to decide how to publish them publicly
 - Developing a network of ETD members and letting them to share their dissertations and theses



Superstructure



Benefits:

- Harmonizing all kinds of dissertations and theses around the world
- Preventing personal opinions in evaluating scientific works and replacing it with an universal standard
- Acting as an efficient method to categorize and store theses and dissertations and to access and recover them later