

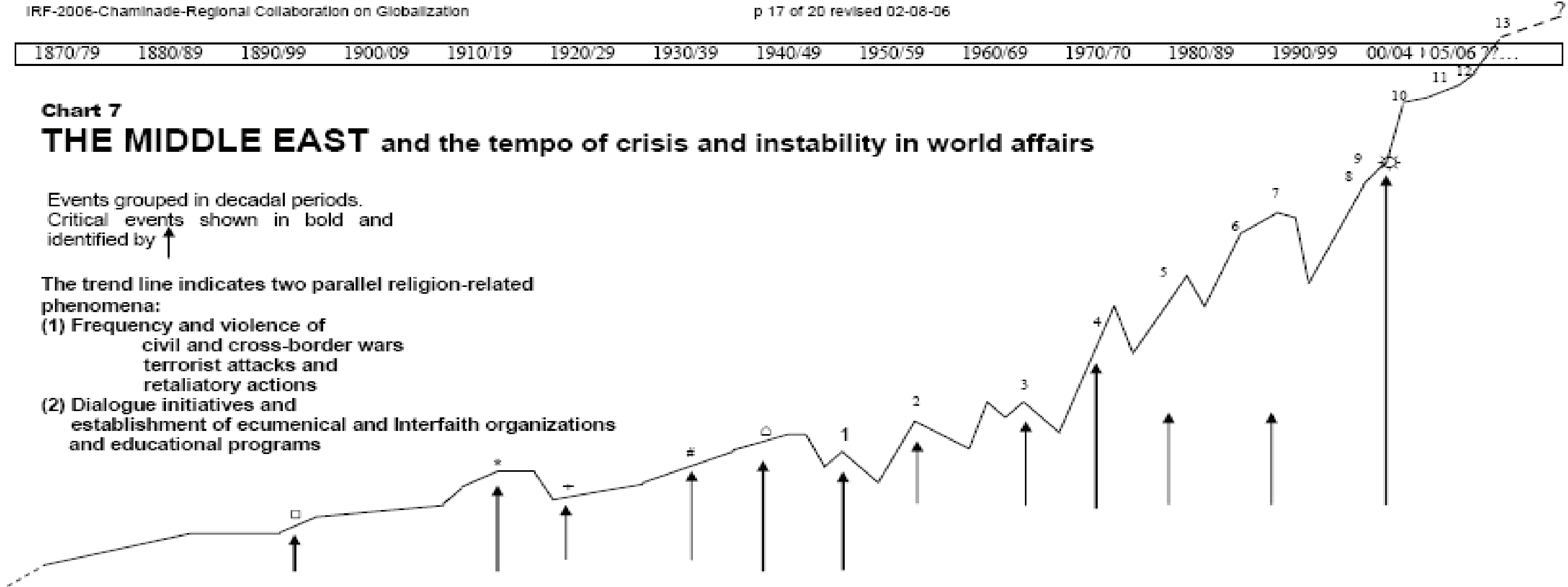


Chart 7 THE MIDDLE EAST and the tempo of crisis and instability in world affairs

Events grouped in decadal periods.
Critical events shown in bold and identified by ↑

The trend line indicates two parallel religion-related phenomena:

- (1) Frequency and violence of civil and cross-border wars, terrorist attacks and retaliatory actions
- (2) Dialogue initiatives and establishment of ecumenical and Interfaith organizations and educational programs



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