

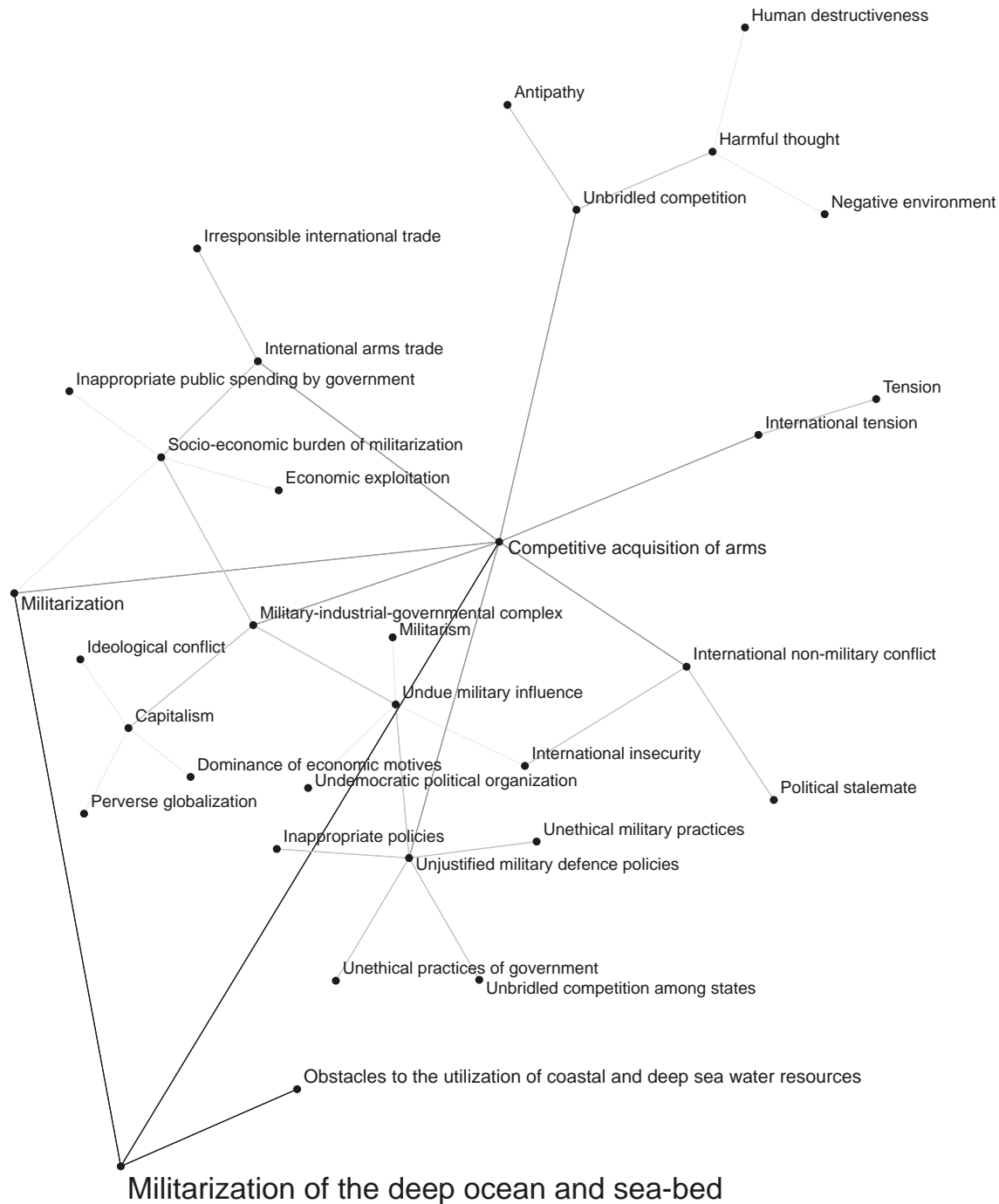
Figure 10.2.8. Militarization of the deep ocean and sea-bed

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Ocean waters below 700 metres comprise an immense volume of space, which is relatively unexploited for military purposes. Marine technology has opened up this territory and its underlying sea-bed for both mobile and fixed weapons systems. This development is desirable for strategic deterrence forces. From a military point of view, the advantage of this environment is that it is opaque to most forms of electromagnetic radiation and the vast spaces provide considerable room for manoeuvre; its use would enable the superpowers to keep their 'second strike' or 'assured destruction' capability secure under most conceivable circumstances.