The study of Geopolitics has undergone a major renaissance during the past two decades, following a period when it was blackballed by most of the academic and scientific world because of its associations with the German school of Geopolitic and the Nazi regime. Haushoferian Geopolitics was rooted in the organic state theories of Friedrich Ratzel (19th century geographer) and the geostrategic notions of Mackinder (a 20th century geographer and imperialist) which were then combined into the German school of geopolitics which was used to justify policies of expansion and lebensraum.