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AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND THE WESTPHALIAN MODEL  
CONFRONTING THE FUTURE WITH THE LEGACIES OF THE PAST

Introduction

These are difficult times for International Relations (IR) communities around the world. The end of the Cold War and the onset of globalization has rendered obsolete the old systems of identity constructed and reconstructed. Analytical sectors, moreover, struggle to find an adequate lexicon of understanding for a world which, in the wake of the Cold War and with the onrush of globalization, has rendered problematic many of the ideas, concepts and frameworks of meaning which for so long seemed enduring and fundamental components of international reality. Indeed the end of the great struggle between the post WW2 superpowers and the accelerated influence of extraterritorial actors in global affairs represents the end of post-Westphalian state system in its traditional form and the beginning of a new global order, one with the potential for a new and opportunity of a revolutionary age.

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