

to examine how the organization evolved during these key years and the thinking of at least one participating state with respect to that evolution. Second, the immediate post-Cold War period has seen the blossoming of the notion of "cooperative security," which Canada and others made a concerted attempt to put into practice in the CSCE. An examination of how, and how successfully, this was done, may be instructive as states now seek to apply the concept elsewhere. Third, the years in question have seen important changes in Canada's link to Europe, both in respect of the traditional primacy accorded to European relations in Canadian foreign policy and in respect of the character of the European link. A study of Canada and the CSCE since the end of the Cold War is in large part a study of Canada attempting to shape its "role" in Europe when Canadian troops have been withdrawn from the continent and economic issues loom large.

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Though it touches on the question, this study is not an assessment of how well the CSCE has fared in addressing post-1989 conflicts in Europe; nor is it a detailed history of CSCE negotiations, structures and missions. Rather, it is a look at what Canada did during the late 1989-early 1994 period, and why, to help develop the CSCE's institutional capacity to prevent, manage and resolve conflicts in the CSCE area.

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