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Australian Foreign Policy and the Westphalian Model: Confronting the Future with the Legacy of the Past

Summary:

The Australian policy community needs to critically re-assess Australia's identity that is based more on its participation in the Asia-Pacific geo-strategic community and less on traditional Anglo-American sources, and in the process establish an Australian perspective of international relations and, most importantly, realistically contribute to regional stability and prosperity. Continued emphasis on a Western perspective, despite proclamations of new policy directions, risks dangerous consequences and the promotion of authoritarian, anti-liberal and anti-democratic processes.

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