

THE CHANGING CONCEPT OF STATE AS A RESULT OF GLOBALIZATION IN ASIA: PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

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ABSTRACT

The concepts of nation and sovereignty in Asia are undergoing significant transformations due to the multifaceted impacts of globalization. Unlike the Eurocentric model established by the Treaty of Westphalia, the Asian perspective on nationhood and sovereignty integrates a variety of historical, cultural, and political legacies. In this context, we can argue that the Asian concept of belonging to a specific country or territory is not solely based on a single criterion, but rather shaped by various factors such as religion, tradition, and race, among others. A focus on how India and China developed their ideas about sovereignty and nationhood over time reveals that they differ from one another. This article examines how globalization has affected national sovereignty, with a particular emphasis on what makes Asian countries unique by examining these processes. It concludes that economic interdependence creates opportunities for regional cooperation between nations while simultaneously posing challenges to national sovereignty within the region. The paper discusses various strategies adopted by Asian nations, such as regional integration and economic nationalism, to navigate these complexities. Other contributions from Asian academicians further suggest that a contextual understanding of distinctiveness is essential for comprehending state power in relation to autonomy, which in turn contributes to the process of redefining the global order for this group while maintaining cultural identity.

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