

The Power and Pathology of Security: Creating a New Global Agenda for the 21st Century

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Nation-states are beset by new global forces (WMD's, transnational terrorism, panoptic surveillance), transborder flows (financial, population, environmental, viral), international regimes (tribunals, advocacy, sanctions) and complex networks (media, criminal, terrorist).

The ubiquity and velocity of media-driven global events further undermine state-centric efforts to manage global security. Security issues can no longer be confined to a single domain (the individual, state, or system), nor comprehended by a single field of study (like psychology, political science, or international relations). Exceeding comprehension and remediation by single actors, disciplines, or beliefs, security needs multi-disciplinary, multi-perspectival, multi-national as well as multi-media approaches. Global Security – in the broadest sense of how we understand, manage, and better an endangered world – has become the most pressing challenge of the 21st century.