



State Transformation and the Rescaling of Security: Understanding the Politics of Non-Traditional Security

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The literature on new security concepts and practices suggests we are seeing a shift from traditional to non-traditional security. It is argued here that the emergence of this shift within security and its governance needs to be conceptualised not simply as the 'securitisation' of new threats but in terms of a deep-seated historical transformation in the scale of state institutions and activities. The salient feature of new security issues is to be found in security's relocation from the national level to a variety of new spatial and territorial arenas. Such shifts in the scale of the institutional and discursive production of security challenge the methodological nationalism that underpins the literatures on both traditional and non-traditional security. The rescaling of security and its governance has significant implications for the trajectory of the process of state transformation. In turn, locating the shifting nature of security in the context of state transformation allows for explaining variation in the way security is governed. The argument is illustrated with a case study of environmental security governance in Southeast Asia.

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