

ACTORS ON THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SCENE

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***Abstract:** States have been considered for a long period the main actors on the international scene and continue to be the stakeholders of the international relations. Nevertheless, recent developments at the political, diplomatic, economic social and military levels have set up the proper conditions to the emerge of other entities and organizations, that acts as increasingly active actors in international relations.*

In a world of interdependences, the international stage actors tend to rethink and re-evaluate their positions, developing new ways of cooperation and collaboration aiming to reducing or eliminating the current security risks, promoting and defending democratic values and the general interests of the international community

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Introduction

The end of the Cold War and major changes in the international system after 1989 led to major changes in the theoretical approach to international relations. In specialized environments, moved relatively quickly discussion of the theory of realism to the institutionalist theories that attempt to define new realities by the fact that the only source of stability and security in the current system is the international institutions. Realism theory could not explain and provide fully collapse alliances and expanding others, extensive cooperation between states considered rivals and the imposition of a state of relative stability in the international system.

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