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Regional Security and Global Norms in South America and Southeast Asia

Abstract: Conceptions of security – what security is and how it is to be provided – are shaped by specific ideas on threats, risks or challenges posed to a state or its citizens and by factors such as power potential, national identity and historical lessons. In addition, global norms present an impact factor. When considering regional security efforts, important questions arise: How is security regionally conceived in the face of current transnational security issues? Does some sort of regional security culture exist? How are global norms being reflected in regional discourses on security? The regions of South America and Southeast Asia serve as cases.

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