

THE NECESSITY FOR A NEW PARADIGM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Abstract: *This article argues for a new paradigm of international relations and power in global politics. In the era of Globalization 4.0, the challenges to global security are both military and transnational. The network society is changing the structure of international relations and the actors on the world stage. We need a theory that accounts for this change and has explanatory power that combines the best of realism and liberalism and provides a comprehensive view of the role of power in international relations.*

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