

Civil Society in An Uncivil World?

Policy Reform, Regime Change, and the Social Construction of Non-State Actors in World Politics

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- What does it mean to be an independent civil society actor?
- What is the role of the state in constructing identity and action of non-state actors?
- Who defines public interest? What are the sources of international legitimacies?
- What are key challenges faced by contemporary non-state actors?



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