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“The Day After Tomorrow”: International Relations after the ‘Rules-Based International Order’

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The notion that we live in a ‘Rules-Based International Order’ emerged from a post-Cold War attempt to universalize the ways in which the advanced capitalist countries conducted their relations with each other to include now former enemies and the Global South. Always implausible, this conception has now become impossible to maintain. A new, or perhaps an old, world order is emerging, the nature of which is not easy to discern. However, two features can already be identified as important: first, the return to significance of the notion of the ‘national interest’ as a guide to policy, second, and more important, a re-evaluation of the role of international law in the relations of states in which the legal activism of the last three decades is seen as problematic.

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