

CONSTRUCTIVISM AND THE ANARCHY PROBLEMATIQUE IN ‘WESTERN’ INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY

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ABSTRACT

The Mainstream tradition in International Relations theory is typically Western in nature although, in contemporary times, one may notice the resurgence of several strands of Non-Western IR theory from different parts of the Asian continent, that purports to challenge the Euro-centricism in mainstream IR Theory generally and in particular challenge the notion of ‘inter-state anarchy’ on which the Positivist-Mainstream tradition is based. But that sort of a challenge had initially emanated from the very core of the Western tradition itself in the 1980s, as the Cold War was nearing its closing stages.

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