

The Impact Of Very Small Size On The International Behavior Of Microstates

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An introduction to the 'small' and 'micro' states of South Asia

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ABSTRACT *To date, there is no systematic, general study of small and micro states in South Asia. This introductory article to a special themed issue of Contemporary South Asia explores the definitional issues relating to small and micro states. In particular, it seeks to identify the key characteristics of these states and enquire about their attributes. Although the classification and categorisation of states undermines the sovereign equality principles of the United Nations, such labelling is crucial in order to identify small and micro states' standing in relation to their medium and big counterparts, and focus on areas of deficiencies affecting these polities. The present article proposes that small states are hostage to some of the same uncertainties that affect medium-sized and large-sized states, including nation-building. This article also brings under scrutiny the inter-state relationship and the role of regional forums such as the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. In this context, it posits that not only big powers but also regional organisations need to redefine their relationship with small states and pay extra attention to the needs of these actors.*

How are small states defined in the larger international context? Several international institutional bodies have their own specific yardsticks to define the status of a state. Both the World Bank and the Commonwealth Secretariat use the 'population principle' to place states in different categories.¹ The most widely employed strategy to classify states, however, uses population, physical area, and economy to appraise the position of the state.² While the aforementioned definitions are useful, they do not constitute standard scales of measurement and there is no generally accepted definition of 'small' states. Therefore, 'the criterion or combination of criteria, chosen depends largely on the purpose for which the definition is to be used'.³

If we use the population principle, two of the political entities in South Asia—the Maldives and Bhutan—qualify as a small state.⁴ Similarly, if we use population and physical area, Nepal is not considered a small state although, in this special themed issue, it is categorised as such. Certainly, in terms of economy of scale, size of population and physicality in relation to their

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