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Traditional security approaches have been state centric. Their sole concern has been the protection of the state from threats. Such approaches focused exclusively on **political - military dimension**. There is an emerging consensus that the **military threat** is only one of the many threats that a state has to face. Therefore, all forms of threats both internal and external must be taken into account to ensure security. In this sense, **state security** is synonymous with **individual security**. Economic vulnerability, ecological threats, and natural disasters are important sources of insecurity for people. Freedom from these threats is what comprises security. This larger conception of security is what has been identified as **human security**. Human security, therefore, is crucial for global security and sustainability, and by extension of global governance.



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