
**AUSTRALIA AS A MIDDLE POWER NORM
ENTREPRENEUR IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC
1983-2010**

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Abstract

This dissertation sets out to examine the claims of policy makers and scholars that middle powers can influence the norms of the regional and international system. Using the case study of Australian foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific between 1983 and 2010, over three areas of policy activism, this dissertation tests the ideational influence of middle powers and in particular, whether they can promote or change norms (that is, to be a norm entrepreneur) as a way of shaping the regional international system. The original contribution to knowledge in this research is that middle powers are actively concerned with promoting norms and can fulfil the requirements for norm entrepreneurship. The dissertation also has developed a conceptual framework for identifying norm entrepreneurs and a new definition for middle powers which help to provide theoretical rigour to this and future research into these two areas. This dissertation's findings help to clarify the role of middle powers, such as Australia, including how they seek to influence the international system. It also offers a fresh approach to the study of norm diffusion and norm entrepreneurship that will help to address some of the key questions in the literature.

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List of Abbreviations

AANZFTA	ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
ADF	Australian Defence Force
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Agreement
ALP	Australian Labor Party
ANZUS	The Australia, New Zealand, United States Security Treaty
APC	Asia-Pacific Community
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASNO	Australian Safeguards and Non-proliferation office
CBMs	Confidence Building Measures
CD	Conference on Disarmament
CTBT	Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention
CWRI	Chemical Weapons Regional Initiative
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
EAS	East Asia Summit
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICNND	International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament
ICJ	International Court of Justice
INP	Indonesian National Police (Indonesian: <i>Kepolisian Negara Republik Indonesia</i>)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NGOs	Non-Government Organisations
NPT	Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NWFZ	Nuclear Weapon Free Zones
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PSI	Proliferation Security Initiative
PST	People Smuggling Taskforce
SIEV	Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel
SPNZ	South Pacific Nuclear Weapon Free Zone
START	Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
US	United States of America
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WOT	War on Terrorism
WTO	World Trade Organisation