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Foreign policy by a small power can be dealt with succinctly: There is no such thing. Small nations are only props on the world stage, not independent actors, and thus of little interest to the student of world affairs. This remark by a Bismarckian theoretician of Great Politics is referenced in a book on Dutch foreign policy by Joris Voorhoeve, a former defense minister, but also a student of small power foreign policy. (He probably was referring to Henry Kissinger.) This suggestion reflects a largely held opinion amongst scholars of international relations, including some originating from small states.

It is however possible to offer a different perspective, whereby foreign policy is considered a full political activity of states, great and small alike. Studying the foreign policy of any given state is as valuable a study of any other political interaction. It similarly implies identifying actors, interests, trends and dissecting intricate power, bureaucratic and other relationships within, but also between, states. That leads to the question raised in a major study on small states' international behavior: are small powers something great powers writ small? (see Rothstein, *Alliances and small powers*, 1968). The jury is still out.

Jeanne Hey's collection of studies on foreign policy behavior of a wide range of small states is a most welcome reminder that this question is still unresolved. The comparative analysis of small states' foreign policies was off to a very promising start in the 1970s, but unfortunately this academic effort was not maintained. Hey's volume is all the more timely, since she rightly points out that today's world is increasingly made up of small states. It could be argued – a similar point is raised by Paul Luif in the Austria chapter – that smaller states usually are more sensitive to ongoing developments in the international system, since they are more vulnerable than great powers. The study of small powers' international behaviour might then shed some light upon similar behaviour by greater powers in a not so distant future.

Hey's design is original and very ambitious. She intends to reach out to common characteristics of small states ranging from a still reclusive Laos over the English-speaking Caribbean states and to tiny Luxembourg, firmly integrated in the European Union. In order to be able to distinguish between idiosyncratic and systemic characteristics, she proposes as a conceptual framework the – slightly adapted – levels-of-analysis approach offered by James Rosenau 35 years ago. All chapters are organised along the respective importance of the international, state (domestic or national) and individual level as the conducts for explaining the international behavior of a small state.

Since human science is necessarily a never ending story, Hey's volume should not be seen as the final study on the subject of small states' foreign policy. The absence of a guiding theory, and also the absence of comparisons with non-small states' foreign policy – Hey recognises both points – make it difficult to consider our unresolved question as finally settled. Hey offers a wealth of comparative material, but also many interesting points and partial conclusions, such as the importance of economics in most of the countries under study (but may also be seen as of the utmost importance to great powers) and the willingness of most of the small states to consider joining regional arrangements and regimes as a means of safeguarding against undue interference from neighbouring great states (but does Joseph Nye

Have the changes of the past decade made this an easier or a more difficult world for small states as they pursue their foreign policy goals? To understand the. Jeanne A.K. Hey is associate professor of political science and director of international studies at Miami University, Ohio. She is coeditor of *Foreign Policy. Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior* [Jeanne A. K. Hey] on aceacademysports.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. With the end of the. Full-Text Paper (PDF): *Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior. Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign. Policy Behavior* is an accessible and insightful introduction to the foreign policy behaviour of small states. A. *Small states in world politics: explaining foreign policy behavior. Responsibility*: edited by Jeanne A.K. Hey. Imprint: Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner Publishers. *International Affairs Departmental Honors Thesis .. foreign policy behavior of small states focused on their inherent 'weakness' within the. HEY, Jeanne, A. K. Small States in World Politics. Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior. London Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Jeanne A. K. Hey. The international system has undergone fundamental changes in the past fifteen years, with strong implications for small state foreign policy. The tourism industry is arguably one of the most important sources of income and foreign exchange, and is growing rapidly. However, national and international. Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior Jeanne A. K. Hey It tells us that small states rely on superpowers for resources and protection, indicating an alliance, but. aceacademysports.com: *Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior* () and a great selection of similar New, Used and Collectible. of international relations; realism, constructivism and dependency theory. Hey (Ed.), *Small states in world politics: Explaining foreign policy behavior* (pp. State Political Science Association, and the International Studies Association. .. advantage in explaining small state behaviour. 2 Assertions that international. Tommy Koh, *Foreign Affairs*, in *Singapore: The Year in Review*, , ed. Policy, in *Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior*, ed. Get this from a library! *Small states in world politics: explaining foreign policy behavior*. [Jeanne A K Hey];. Jeanne A.K. Hey is associate professor of political science and director of international studies at miami university ohio she is coeditor of foreign policy analysis. *Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior*. Education WorldBook Center. WorldBook ID dff. Education WorldBook Center. *Small States. Non-Western small states, rather than being mere survivors constrained to the world's .. Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior. Lilliputian Choice Explaining Small State Foreign Policy Variation* , Soft power: The means to success in world politics - Nye - , Taking. Buy *Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior UK ed.* by Jeanne A.K. Hey (ISBN:) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday. interacted in the Icelandic foreign ministers policy discourse after. ? *Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior*, London. intra-state politics: a level the authors seem to demand much of and deliver*

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