

Peer Review

Review of: "The Transformation of Sovereignty After the NATO Intervention: From Humanitarian Intervention to the 'Responsibility to Protect'"

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In the abstract, the author(s) did not in any way state the objective(s) of the study, including the methodology. Even if the research is not a case study, there are greater needs for a clear direction in any worthwhile manuscript, and this can only be achieved by a clear objective(s).

The background ought to have discussed the situation in Kosovo prior to the conditions that justified the need for external intervention, then linked to the sovereignty debate and how such led to the transformation from humanitarian intervention to the Responsibility to Protect. All this can be done briefly, as a subsection should be devoted to discussing the situation in full.

Also, it is important that the last paragraph in the background ends with a clear objective(s) about what the research or study intends to do and perhaps how it intends to go about it (i.e., methodology).

After the background, the subsection that should follow is a literature review. In which case, the author(s) have done this but not as accurately and systematically as expected. Hence, I urge the author(s) to consider merging the subsections on "Intervention as a guardian of human rights" and "The 'responsibility to protect' as a re-conceptualization of sovereignty" under a new section subtitled "Literature Review and Theoretical Framework." In this, the author(s) are expected to start by defining related concepts like humanitarian intervention and responsibility to protect. Then go on to review related studies that have discussed the growth of humanitarian intervention to the responsibility.

Then go ahead to do the third subsection to be titled “Kosovo and the NATO Intervention.” This should be used to discuss the Kosovo issue and NATO intervention.

The fourth subsection should be subtitled “Responsibility to Protect in the Post-Kosovo NATO Intervention.” This section should be devoted to looking at the other experiences of the NATO interventions and how this has helped either to solidify or weaken the Responsibility to Protect in contemporary times.

Then the last subsection should focus on “Summary, Conclusion, and Recommendation.”

Lastly, the references need to be updated.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.