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Security agents beyond the state

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This panel examines the growing role of non-state actors in global security. While traditionally, the state has been thought of as the primary agent of security, recent scholarsihp has made clear that a diverse range of actors—such as multinational corporations, international organizations, NGOs, and even criminal groups—are increasingly influential in shaping security outcomes. Across this panel, we explore contemporary security politics through the lens of security agents beyond the state, asking what role such actors play in contemporary security, and the extent to which the activities of such actors encourages us to rethink our assumptions about who produces security and how.

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