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## Understanding Foreign Policy making within Area Studies

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The increasing importance of regional politics in the formulation of the foreign policy theory and practice is outstanding. Traditional perspectives focus on the three levels of analysis within the FPA theory. The aim of this issue is to create a closer nexus between area studies and foreign policy as a sub field of IR. In specific, this issue demonstrates how different regions inform theory through an examination of non-state actors as agents of foreign policy. It, therefore, argues about the non-state level and aspires to reach certain research findings through the examination of a variety of case studies. The impact of non-state entities is demonstrated here through the lenses of their direct role as decision-makers. The examples are drawn from the African continent and the Middle East, to Europe and Asia.

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