

**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PERSONALITY: PANACEA  
OR PANDEMONIUM? THEORIZING ABOUT THE  
INDIVIDUAL AND THE STATE IN THE ERA OF  
GLOBALIZATION**

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ABSTRACT

*Law is a social phenomenon which finds its genesis in helping to assure the survival of Mankind. This paper seeks to explore the future of international law - via the fundamental concept of international legal personality – in the contemporary context of globalization.*

*In light of ‘interest based’ globalization, it becomes apparent that contemporary human societies will in the future no longer so readily tolerate a derivative international legal personality. The inflexible concept of ‘state’ is thus singled out as the main hindrance to the development of an international society which accords with the direction ‘interest based’ globalization is asking it to take. Thus, both globalization and the ‘first principles’ of legal science are militating for a system which privileges the wellbeing of Man above all else.*

*This direction will, at one time or another, have to be closely examined by practitioner and academic alike in order to ward off the sort of popular revolt the informational and organizational aspects of globalization facilitate.*

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