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This ambitious book provides a new framework for analyzing global international society (GIS). In doing so, it also links the English School's approach more closely to classical sociology, constructivism, liberal institutionalism, realism and postcolonialism. It retells the story of the expansion of international society to explain why the differences amongst states are as important as their similarities in understanding the structure and dynamics of contemporary GIS. Drawing on differentiation theory, it sets out four ideal-type models for international society. These cover the 'like-units' of the classical English School, as well as differentiation by geography, hierarchy/privilege and function. These models offer a systematic way to integrate international and world society and to understand the relationship between the deep structure of primary institutions and the vast array of intergovernmental and international nongovernmental organizations. In this pioneering book, Buzan and Schouenborg present the reader with the first systematic attempt to define criteria for assessing whether international society is becoming stronger or weaker.

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## Preface

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This project came out of the workshop on regional international society held in Roskilde in June 2015 that was organized by Laust Schouenborg and Morten Valbjørn. The link between the two of us goes back to 2007–10, when Schouenborg's PhD thesis was supervised by Buzan at the London School of Economics (LSE). The conversations in Roskilde inspired Buzan to pull together some longstanding, but not very coherent, ideas about the expansion and differentiation of global international society, and what it was we were talking about when we used terms such as 'global-level international society'. Schouenborg accepted this as the basis for a joint book project, and we began to write in July 2015. Our approach to coauthoring was that each of us took first responsibility for drafting specific chapters, with the other writing into them subsequently until we reached an agreed draft. Buzan took the lead on the Introduction, Chapters 1, 3, 6 and 7 and the first part of Chapter 2, and Schouenborg on Chapters 4, 5 and 8 and the second part of Chapter 2. But all have been jointly revised multiple times and are now agreed as coauthored.

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# Acronyms

AOSIS	Alliance of Small Island States
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Development Bank
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CSCE	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
ES	English School
EC	European Community
EU	European Union
FDM	functional differentiation model
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCS	global civil society
GG	global governance
GIS	global-level international society
GUS	global uncivil society
GPM	great power management
GDP	gross domestic product
HPM	hierarchy/privilege model
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICC	International Criminal Court
FIDH	International Federation for Human Rights
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGO	International Nongovernmental Organization
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IPE	international political economy
IR	international relations (the academic discipline)
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature

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ICANN	Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
IS	Islamic State
LUM	like-units model
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières [Doctors Without Borders]
MNC	multinational corporation
NAM	Nonaligned Movement
NPT	Non-Proliferation Treaty
NSA	non-state actor
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NEA	Nuclear Energy Agency
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PI	primary institution
RSM	regions/subglobal model
R2P	Responsibility to Protect
SoC	standard of civilization
TNA	transnational actor
TNC	transnational corporation
UCD	uneven and combined development
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
WANO	World Association of Nuclear Operators
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

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