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The Problem: The United Nations was established in the wake of the Second World War

The institutional framework reflects the context of that period; it spliced together a concern for human rights with national sovereignty, above all that of the permanent members of the security council.



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Implications: The United Nations is not fit for purpose in the 21st Century



What the world is doing about it: Implementation of new issue areas

Since 1945, the United Nations has expanded its membership, as well as the range of issue areas it deals with.



What the research suggests: The United Nations must reinvent itself to deal with new challenges

Many argue that the United Nations has failed to adjust fast enough to contemporary global challenges.



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